CONSTITUTION OF THE PROPELLER CLUB OF THE UNITED STATES,

Port of Old Dominion University

ARTICLE I. Name

The name of this organization shall be The Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Old Dominion University.

ARTICLE II Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to acquaint its members with matters of interest and importance in maritime matters, domestic and foreign commerce, business administration and economics; to foster group discussions and individual discourses by either active members or experts in these fields; to afford where practical illustrations by visits to Container ships, shipyards, marine terminals, etc.; to provide members the opportunity to come in contact with prominent persons in maritime and allied industries, to hear their practical problems and concerns discussed to in turn give a more practical aspect to the theoretical or academic discussions of the classroom; to promote scholarly research in fields of concern to the maritime industry; and to promote good fellowship among its members.

ARTICLE III Membership

Section 1. Classes of Membership

There shall be two classes of members:

(a) Members who shall be chosen from among part-time and full-time registered students of Old Dominion University

(b) Honorary Members, who shall be chosen from among Old Dominion University and Student Port alumni or persons of prominence in maritime and allied industries.

Section 2. Election of members:

A candidate for membership may be elected at any regular meeting by a unanimous vote of Members present who are in residence at Old Dominion University, providing the name of the candidate shall have been posted at a previous regular meeting.
Section 3. Duties and privileges of members:

Members shall have full voting power and all the duties and privileges of membership in such an organization. The Honorary Members shall have all the privileges of Members except that of voting.
ARTICLE IV. Officer Duties and their election:

Section 1. Officers.

The Officers shall be seven in number:

(1) The Faculty Advisor(s)

(2) The President

(3) The Senior Vice President

(4) The Junior Vice President

(5) The Secretary

(6) Treasurer

(7) Public Affairs Officer

Section 2. Duties of Officers:

The Faculty Advisor shall act in an advisory capacity.

The President shall motivate the members and direct and control the Student Port so that its objectives are carried out to successful conclusions; chair meetings; and act as the official representative of the Student Port.

The Senior Vice President shall function as the immediate assistant to the President in all matters concerning the activities of the Port; chair meetings in the absence of the President; act as the official representative of the Port in the absence of the President.

The Junior Vice President shall act in an advisory capacity to the Senior Vice President and for the Port as a whole; schedule meetings and other events; chair meetings and act as official representative in the absence of both the President and the Senior Vice President.

The Secretary shall take minutes; and in general be responsible for dissemination of information to Members.

The Treasurer shall oversee all financial transactions and maintain all financial records of the Port.
The Public Affairs officer shall oversee all marketing efforts for the port.

Section 3.   Election of Officers:

The President, the Senior Vice President, the Junior Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected at the second regular meeting of the academic year from those members who are in residence at the university, with nominations having been posted at the first meeting. Election shall be by secret ballot. The majority vote of members present is necessary for election of officers. In case of vacancies, the Faculty Advisor may appoint officers until such time as regular elections are held. Removal of officers must be by secret ballot and by unanimous vote of Members present.

ARTICLE V.   Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a four-fifths vote of all Members, with the exception of Honorary Members, provided that a proposed amendment has been submitted in writing and read at a previous meeting. Such amendments will become effective upon arrival at the Propeller Club of the United States.
1. Meetings and places of meetings:

   Meetings shall be at the call of the President as to time and place, or by petition of one-third of the Members in residence at the University.

2. Dues and assessments:

   Dues shall be as decided by the Port.

3. Quorum:

   A quorum shall consist of three-fifths of the members.

4. Committees:

   The President shall have authority to appoint such committees as may from time to time be formed by the Executive Officers to serve the interests of the Port.

5. Parliamentary Authority:

   The Parliamentary Authority shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

6. Amendments:

   By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the Members who are in residence at the University.