

M A A C

**a lot more than
Insurance.**

What is MAAC?

- MAAC is the governing body for all aspects of model aviation in Canada.
- Founded in 1949, MAAC is now in its sixty-second year and doing more for its members than ever before. MAAC exists for you.
- The most important thing to remember is that **YOU are MAAC**. The members form the association, and you are its strength.

The Overall Picture

- The Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) governs all sport aviation world wide.
- CIAM is the Aeromodelling branch of FAI.
- Aero Club of Canada (ACC) governs all sport aviation in Canada and is affiliated to FAI.
- MAAC, a member of ACC, is affiliated through this chain of associations to the world.
- All modern countries have a similar structure.

MAAC Today

- We own our own office building in Burlington.
- We are debt free with some cash reserves.
- We have a dedicated office staff of three great ladies – Linda, Diane and Rachel.
- Linda Patrick, the office manager has been with MAAC for over thirty years and is very knowledgeable, helpful and efficient. The office is in good hands and current overhauls to the data base will make things even better.
- Diane is an effective and bilingual assistant manager.

Corporate Structure

- President
- Executive – President, Past President, Vice President and two directors
- Board – who are the thirteen zone Directors
- Deputy Zone Directors, one per zone
- Assistant ZDs, as many as are needed
- Committees and advisory groups that report directly to the Chair of Chairs on the Board. Each committee and group has a chair of its own.

Role of the President

- The President is the CEO of MAAC.
- He makes few decisions and has only a tie breaking vote.
- He represents MAAC to the members and to the world.
- He oversees the running of the office.
- He chairs meetings of the Board & Executive.
- He is a signing authority for the association.
- He prepares the AGM Agenda.

Role of the Vice President

- Assists the president.
- Assumes the presidency temporarily, or for the remainder of the term, if the president is unavailable, resigns or dies.
- Is currently the Chair of Chairs.
- Is a second signing authority.
- Is a second face of MAAC when needed.
- Should work in close harmony, but not always in agreement, with the president,.

Role of the Secretary/Treasurer

- The two roles are currently combined, but need not be.
- Is a third signing authority for MAAC.
- Neither Secretary nor Treasurer may be a Board member under our current by-laws.
- Linda, the current Secretary/Treasurer, maintains the books of the association, keeps all minutes and records, attends all Executive meetings, and follows the directions of the Executive.

Role of the Executive

- The Executive is responsible for the day-to-day running of the association and the MAAC office.
- The Executive members make no policy decisions and are limited in how much money that can spend on capital items without Board approval.
- Decisions are largely made by the membership through the Board. The job of implementing these decisions falls to the Executive. “Making it happen” is the job these people do.
- The Executive meet face-to face three or four times annually.
- Electronic conferencing is usually done every two weeks.
- It is very important that the Elected Executive forms a group that can work well in unison.

Constitution, Bylaws & Policy Manual

- These are the documents that provide the rules by which MAAC operates
- Changing the rules can only be done on a resolution from a zone meeting that is accepted at the AGM by a 2/3 majority.
- The Constitution Chairman attends all meetings of the Board and Executive.
- He rules on disputed matters and ensures that the rules are meticulously followed.

Board Members

- Board members are the Zone Directors
- Their first responsibility is to MAAC. Their second responsibility is to the people in the zone.
- This is a huge job, requiring hours of time and a dedication to duty. They are owed a debt of gratitude
- All aspects of running the zone, its clubs, members, contests, fun flys, field approvals, sanctions and paperwork are the ZD's job.
 - Safety.
 - Promotion of MAAC.
- This is a thankless job – try saying “Thank you” to your Zone Director. I am sure he would appreciate it.

Deputies and Assistant ZDs

- The Deputy is elected to replace the ZD if he steps down mid-term or retires.
- The Deputy CANNOT substitute temporarily for the ZD on the Board of Directors.
- The Deputy should be the right hand man for the ZD.
- The ZD may appoint as many Assistant ZDs as he wishes. This is not an elected position.
- Assistant ZDs are especially needed in zones of a large geographical area.
- Good assistants make the zone run smoothly.

Committees & Advisory Groups

- This is where the rubber hits the road!
- These people do much of the work within MAAC and do it quietly and efficiently in most cases.
- Each committee or group has a chair who is appointed by the Board, usually on the advice of the group or committee members.
- The Committees are listed in the front of Model Aviation Canada and on the website. Specific questions should be relayed to the appropriate one.
- To join a committee, submit your name at your AZM. You will be appointed at the next AGM. Two members per zone.
- Chairmen require nomination and seconding.
- Advisory groups, dealing with highly specialized areas such as insurance, are Board appointed. Once appointed, you stay appointed until the Board decrees otherwise, or you resign or you die!

The role of the MAAC office

- Accounting Services, Address Changes, Aero Club of Canada Liaison, Budget and expenditures, Communicate to all levels of the Assn., Compilation of Zone Reports, Contest Calendars, Contest Director Applications, Contest Sanctions, Coordination of Committee Activities, Department of Transport Liaison, Email Communications, Fellowship, Field locations and club contacts, Film and Video Tapes, Flying site information, Frequencies, General Coordination with MAAC, General, inquiries, Incorporation, Industry Liaison and

More Office Duties

- Insurance, Interclub Liaison, Issue Membership Cards and Badges, Leader, Membership Applications, Legal Matters, Liaison with the A.M.A., MAAC Rule Books, Advertising in the Magazine, Magazine. Policy and Editing, Magazine Publication, Maintain Club Charters, Museum, National Competitions, Receive Membership Applications, Records, Special Events, Subscriptions, Team Selections, Trade Shows, Training Programs, Trophies and Awards, World Championships, Youth Programs, plus a host of other things.
- The ladies are kept busy. We owe them a lot.

Zone Meetings

- All resolutions and recommendations that are discussed at the Annual General Meeting of MAAC start out at various AZMs. They must be accepted there before moving further.
- If you want a say in how MAAC is governed , the Zone Meeting is your chance to make a difference.
- To be valid, an AZM requires a quorum of 5% member participation including proxies.
- Proxies make up a quorum, but people make a meeting. The best zones are the ones with high attendance.
- If you do not make an attempt to attend your AZM, you will have to live with other people's ideas
- You may or may not like these ideas.
- GET INVOLVED.

Resolutions & Recommendations

- Know the difference!!!
- A Resolution changes the Constitution, Bylaws or Policy Manual of MAAC. Resolutions must be correctly worded, passed at an AZM and later at an AGM. They require a two thirds majority to pass in the case of Bylaws or Constitution.
- Recommendations deal with all other matters.
For example, rule changes for SIGs would be recommendations whereas a motion to move a zone boundary would be a resolution. If in doubt, contact the Constitution Chairman for clarification. You do not want your carefully considered motion tossed out on a technicality.

AZM Agenda

- The usual agenda consists of:
 - Call to Order.
 - Establish Quorum.
 - Minutes and their approval.
 - Old business.
 - Zone Director's report.
 - New business.
 - Elections for ZDs and Deputies in the years these are scheduled.
 - Nominations for committee members and chairs.
 - Award nominations.
 - Resolutions & Recommendations
 - Closing remarks & Adjournment.
- *The order of these items can be altered at the discretion of the ZD.*

The MAAC Annual General Meeting

AGM

- The AGMs are usually held in late March or early April.
- The location is changed annually to allow member attendance.
- Your ZD carries the weight of his zone, less the closed proxies, for voting purposes.
- A good ZD will poll his members on their wishes before the AGM. Club presidents meetings are a good way to do this. He should split his votes if there is dissention in the zone.
- This is the only face-to-face meeting of the Board each year.
- There are three and a half days of Board and Executive meetings immediately before the AGM.
- Any open MAAC member may audit any of these Board and Executive meetings except where office performance and salaries, or the censure of a member are discussed.
- The Sunday AGM encourages member participation.
- That MAAC holds an AGM is a legal requirement.

Competition

- This is not a dirty word. MAAC was formed initially for competitive purposes and competitions of all kinds stimulate our hobby/sport.
- Levels of competition range from World Championships, through Nationals and Zone contests to club events. Try competing, it will make you a better flyer
- MAAC provides limited support to International Competitors, but they themselves pay the bulk of their expenses.
- Canada has a good record in International competition. We have won on several occasions.
- The Computer radio was initially invented by a Canadian competitor trying to get an edge on the rest of the world.
- FAI competitions are held every year, with each discipline occurring every second year.
- Voluntary contributions to the FAI travel fund are gratefully received.

MAAC Protects YOU

- MAAC arranges liability insurance for all of its members at club fields, sanctioned events, and at any site where the landowner's permission has been obtained.
- MAAC belongs to the Radio Advisory Board of Canada to protect the frequencies you use.
- MAAC Belongs to CARAC which advises Transport Canada on air regulations (CARS) – we thus protect your right to fly.
- MAAC has had many meetings with Transport Canada, is having more right now, and maintains close ties.
- MAAC has negotiated successfully with various levels of government to protect flying fields, and the right to fly. This is ongoing.
- MAAC retains legal counsel for use when necessary.

Your role

- John F. Kennedy once said:
 “Ask not what your country can do for you—
 ask what you can do for your country”.
- That applies strongly to your membership in MAAC.
- MAAC is its members. Every officer of MAAC is a modeller like yourselves.
- We need dedicated people who are willing to help run this organization.

What to do

- Attend your AZM if at all possible
- Address your questions to your ZD or other MAAC official.
- Read the Magazine.
- Refer frequently to the website.
- Do not post uninformed statements about MAAC on Forums. If you want to post, get the facts first.
- Join Committees.
- Run for office.
- Help your ZD any way that you can.
- Recruit new members.
- Fly responsibly and safely, make others do the same.
- Do not post videos glorifying dangerous activity.
- Promote MAAC wherever you go.

That's it folks

- Thanks to all of you for your attention. Your Zone Director is your point of contact with MAAC. Keep in touch with him..
- Support the Association – the officers and staff work hard on your behalf.
- Fly Safely. Retaining our insurance is dependant upon a low accident rate.
- Promote MAAC. Associations grow or die.

Are there any

QUESTIONS???????

You can get additional answers from:

- Your local zone director
- The MAAC office
- The MAAC Website
- The MAAC magazine, Model Aviation Canada
- Any member of MAAC's Board of Directors
- Any member of the Executive.