



**OTTAWA NATIONAL WING**  
**Of The**  
**MARITIME AIR VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**BY-LAWS**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The role of The Maritime Air Veterans Association (MAVA) and its Ottawa Wing is to provide fraternal comradeship and support of veteran RCAF, RCN, and CF Maritime Air Veterans. The Association will also speak out and advocate to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and others on issues that are relevant to the support of Maritime Air Veterans.

**OBJECTIVES**

The following are the key aims and objectives of the Maritime Air Veterans Association:

- a. To provide fraternal comradeship and support of Maritime Air Veterans.
- b. To speak out as necessary to Veterans Affairs Canada (VAC) and others on issues that are relevant to the well-being of Maritime Air Veterans.
- c. To establish and sustain close links with the RCAF and RCN leadership.
- d. To establish and sustain close links with the War and Aviation Museums and to assist in their operation and continuing development as able.
- e. To establish and sustain close links with the RCAF Association, RCN associations, CNAG, VPI and other Veteran organizations.
- f. To promote and perpetuate the proud heritage of Maritime Aviation.

**MEMBERSHIP**

By definition, the MAVA has determined that the term “Maritime Air Veteran” includes all retired Maritime Aviators and all retired military technical and support personnel who have contributed to the support and maintenance of Maritime Air operations and facilities.

The Ottawa National Wing of MAVVA will offer membership to any eligible applicant in accordance with the direction incorporated in the Association's Constitution. Membership will be granted to eligible candidates located anywhere in the world but should other Wings join the Association at some time in the future such candidates outside the peripheral area of Ottawa may be redirected to another Wing if appropriate by location.

Regular membership in the Association may be granted to any Maritime Air Veteran as defined.

Current serving RCAF Maritime Air aviators and associated serving military technical and support personnel shall be welcomed into the Wing as full Regular members.

Associate membership in the Wing may be granted to civilian personnel who have also contributed to the effectiveness of Maritime Air Operations, Systems and equipment.

Until such time as the membership determines otherwise, there is no requirement to issue a Membership Card upon enrollment. Recorded documentation by the Membership Chairman and Treasurer shall suffice as evidence of enrollment.

## **ORGANIZATION**

The Ottawa National Wing of MAVVA shall organize member meetings at least twice each year. Attendance by a minimum of 20% of members living within a 30 mile radius of the Ottawa city centre shall constitute a quorum.

Starting with the first elections in 2015, follow-on elections for Officers of the Executive shall be organized at least every 3 years but not less than every 2 years. The Executive of the Wing shall be composed of the following officers as a minimum:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Chairman
- Holy Mackerel/Meeting Coordinator
- Sports Officer

An extraordinary election may be called to replace the sudden departure of one or more of the Officers of the Executive.

Additional Officers such as Vice President(s) may be nominated and elected to office at the discretion of the membership.

The Membership Chairman shall record and retain the name, address and e-mail (and other contact information as may be determined) of all members. A separate list of Founding Members is to be retained for posterity. A listing of Wing Members is to be forwarded to National Office each year.

The Wing Treasurer shall retain a formal record of Accounts within a Chartered Bank, a listing of Membership fees paid or unpaid, and shall advise delinquent members of their dues as required.

In accordance with the Constitution of the Association, and until such time as the Association expands in the number of its Wings beyond that of the Ottawa National Wing, the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Ottawa National Wing shall stand as the designated Officers of the National Office.

### **FINANCES**

Members shall each pay an annual Wing membership fee to help support the activities of the Wing. The initial annual membership fee of \$20 for the Ottawa National Wing was determined by the Founding Members. The specific amount of future membership dues, as proposed or recommended by the Executive, shall be determined by the members by formal vote at the same meeting, in the same year, that regular elections to office are held.

The Wing shall be prepared to forward a membership assessment fee per member to the National office as may be determined by the Association membership at a General Meeting of the Association.

### **AMENDMENT**

Amendments to these By-Laws shall be made only with prior notification to the membership of at least 30 days. Such amendments will require a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority vote of members present at a Wing general meeting.