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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
MODERN ARNIS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. This organization shall be known and identified as the MODERN ARNIS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES with address at 2256 Dimasalang St., Sta. Cruz, Manila unless transferred to a permanent place.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section 1. The purpose for which the MAFP is organized are:

- a) To unite, promote, improve and propagate modern arnis in the Philippines under the leadership of the founder of modern arnis Mr. Remy Presas or his successor;
- b) To encourage and establish a more systematic and standardized physical and mental education in the field of modern arnis;
- c) To institute, hold, regulate, and support modern arnis tournaments and award the various championship envisaged in its athletic calendar;
- d) To conduct modern arnis clinics, exhibitions, seminars, examine and grade modern arnis members for the propagation of modern arnis in the Philippines;
- e) To conduct study and research in modern arnis for its continuous progress;
- f) To print a publication for the propagation of modern arnis and other objectives as may be necessary for the accomplishment of its aims and purposes.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership to the MODERN ARNIS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES shall be open to all regional organization. For this purpose the Philippines is divided into (9) nine regions:

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| 1. Northern Luzon     | 6. Eastern Visayas  |
| 2. Central Luzon      | 7. Western Visayas  |
| 3. Southern Tagalog   | 8. Eastern Mindanao |
| 4. M.P.Q.C. & Suburbs | 9. Western Mindanao |
| 5. Bicol Region       |                     |

Section 2. Membership to these regions will be as determined by the respective regions provided that no association clubs, or school shall be admitted unless 60% of its members are Filipino citizens.

Section 3. Any regional association applying for membership shall furnish the Membership Committee a copy of its Constitution and By-Laws and file an application indicating the following:

- a) Name and address of the regional association
- b) Date organized
- c) Officers and their addresses
- d) Such other information as the Membership Committee may desire to have in connection with the processing of their application.

Section 4. Honorary membership can be extended to any person who has served modern arnis faithfully and meritoriously. Past Presidents are automatically honorary members with all the rights and privileges. Provided however, that honorary member does not hold any voting power.

#### ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. The organization and administration of the MAFP shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of elective and appointive officials and two (2) official representatives from each regional organization.

Section 2. The officers of the MAFP shall be a President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and PRO appointive.

Section 3. The officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at the meeting called for the purpose of electing each members and shall serve for a term of two years. In case of vacancies, a special election may be called by the Executive Committee for that purpose.

Section 4. The Board of Directors have the following powers, functions and duties:

- a) To adopt a Constitution and By-Laws.
- b) To determine the qualification for membership and to deny or withdraw it from any person who has been convicted of any crime against persons, properties or the State.
- c) To adopt rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes for which the MAFP was organized.
- d) To suspend or withdraw recognition of a regional modern arnis association provided that 2/3 votes of the entire membership of the Board of Directors is cast in favor of the suspension or the withdrawal of recognition. Reinstatement shall be effected in the same manner.
- e) To appoint its three (3) representatives to the Board of Governors of the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation (PAAF).
- f) To elect two (2) members at large of the Executive Committee, one (1) from government owned or controlled corporation, and one (1) from private industrial and commercial entities.
- g) To authorize the Executive Committee to negotiate and conclude, for the acquisition, selling, disposition, alienation, lesses or encumbrances of any property of the federation be it personal or real as well as the raising of funds for the accomplishment of the purposes of the MAFP and the control of the expenditures of the funds raised.

- h) To approve its budget.
- i) To adopt a training program in preparation for any competition.
- j) In a wider scope, to do all acts necessary or incidental to the purposes for which the MAFFP was organized.

#### ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee is the working committee of the MAFFP. It is composed of the elective and appointive officials and two (2) members-at-large.

Section 2. The executive committee have the following powers, functions and duties:

- a) To implement all the policies and decisions laid down by the Board of Directors.
- b) To adopt rules and regulations to effectively carry out the purposes of the MAFFP.
- c) To prepare an annual budget and submit the same for the approval of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.
- d) To take charge of all inter-region and national modern arnis competitions in the Philippines.
- e) To hear and decide all cases affecting regional association and/or its members.
- f) To act on all new and urgent matters before the meeting of the Board of Directors.
- g) To perform all acts that the Board of Directors may delegate from time to time, and
- h) In general, to perform all acts not otherwise enumerated, necessary to be done to promote modern arnis.

#### ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS, THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The President, is the highest official of the MAFFP. He is the President of the Board of Directors and the Chairman of the Executive Committee. He need not be a member of the Board of Directors at the time of his election provided, that he has shown interest towards the development of modern arnis in the Philippines as well as sports in general. He will represent the MAFFP in all contracts and agreement entered into by the MAFFP. To hire discharge and fix the salaries of its employees subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. To sign all withdrawals of monies of the MAFFP and authorize the expenditures for and in behalf of the association. And in general, to do any and all things necessary or incidental to his office as he may be authorized by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The Vice Presidents, in the order of their ranking, shall have all of the powers and duties of the President when acting as such. The first Vice-President shall become the president in case of the permanent incapacity or death of the latter and in every instances when the presidency is vacated permanently. They shall also perform all acts which the President or the Executive Committee may lawfully delegate them.

Section 3. The Executive Secretary is the highest executive official of the MAFF. He shall have the following powers and duties:

- a) To keep in his custody and control the seal of the MAFF, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Attend all correspondence and keep records as such. All correspondence must pass through him.
- b) To give notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or special committees of which he is an ex-officio-member.
- c) To represent the MAFF in the Board of Governors of the PAAF and to such other deliberations whenever two (2) representatives are allowed.
- d) In general, to do any and all acts necessary or incidental to his office.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep records of all monies and accounts received and disposed by him. Exhibit his books of accounts to the members at a reasonable time upon written request of any member thereof. Deposit all collections in a reputable bank designated by the Executive Committee. Render annual financial report to the Board. At any time upon the request or direction of the President or the Executive committee, book of accounts may be opened by the Auditor. In general to do any and all acts necessary or incidental to his office.

Section 5. The Auditor shall audit the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of the MAFF, as projected in the ledger and other supporting papers. Determine the property and legality approved and countersign all disbursements and checks before they are paid. Certify to the correctness of all financial reports of the Treasurer. Give notice to the President or to the executive committee any discrepancies in the accounting, and render a formal report of his auditing at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 6. The Public Relation Officer shall take charge of the publicity and the information work of the MAFF. Assist and coordinate with the Executive Secretary in furnishing notices of the members. He has the power to vote and participate in all meetings of the Executive Committee and/or Board of Directors.

Section 7. Members-at-large - like other elective and appointive officials, they have the power to vote and participate in all deliberations during the meeting of the Board of Directors and/or Executive Committee. They will submit recommendations as to the course of action to be taken in their respective areas. In general to do any and all acts necessary or incidental to his office.

#### ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS & ELECTION

Section 1. The annual meeting of the MAFF shall be held every second Sunday of June. The Executive Secretary shall notify all members at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 2. Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the MAFF may be called by the President either at his own initiative or upon the written request of at least one third (1/3) of the members of the Board of Directors. The members of the Board of Directors shall be notified at least two weeks before any special meeting, which notice state the time, date, the place and the agenda of the meeting.

Section 3. The Executive committee shall meet every Saturday of every month at the office of the MAFF or at such other place designated by the President. Special meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the President either at his own initiative or upon the petition of two (2) or three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. At all meetings of the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors, the presence of a majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for the valid transaction of the business. Each member of the board of the Executive Committee shall be entitled to only one (1) vote and no vote by proxy shall be allowed.

Section 5. The election of the officers shall be by secret balloting. In case of a tie there shall be another balloting and if another tie occurs, there shall be a lottery or viva voce to determine the winner.

Section 6. The persons having the highest number of votes in a given position shall be declared elected.

Section 7. No member may vote by proxy. Any authorized representative may vote upon approval of his credentials to the member of the Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

##### Section 1. Fees, Dues and Special Assessments:

- a) Fees - Regional Association applying for membership to the MAFF shall pay a membership fee of P50.00 to the Treasurer.
- b) Dues - An annual dues of P10.00 or such amount as may be fixed by the Executive Committee shall be paid by each regional association. This dues shall be paid not later than the 15th day of June of each year.
- c) Special Assessments - The Executive Committee may approve the payment of a special assessment in a reasonable amount by each regional association that the Board of Directors may prescribed.

Section 2. Standing Committees - the following shall be the standing Committees of the MAFF.

- a) Membership
- b) Tournament Committee
- c) Grading & Promotion Committee - Grading and Promotion shall be submitted to the president for final approval. Grading system indicated below shall be strictly observed.

<u>Belt</u>	<u>National Grading System</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
White	Likas	Likas
Brown	Likha	Likha
1st .	Isa	Isa
2nd .	Dalawa	Dalawa
3rd .	Tatlo	Tatlo
Black	Lakan	Dayang
1st Dan	Isa	Isa
2nd Dan	Dalawa	Dalawa
3rd Dan	Tatlo	Tatlo
4th Dan	Apat	Apat
5th Dan	Lima	Lima
6th Dan	Anim	Anim
7th Dan	Pito	Pito
8th Dan	Walo	Walo
9th Dan	Siyam	Siyam
10th Dan	Sampu	Sampu

d) Finance Committee

Other temporary committees may be appointed or created by the President from time to time to assist in any specific project. At least three (3) members shall compose of a committee. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the valid transaction of business. The Executive Secretary shall be an ex-officio member of all standing and temporary committees and shall act as the Secretary thereof.

Section 3. Amateur Rules - The rules promulgated by the PAAF and the decisions of the Executive Committee on amateur status shall be binding upon each member, provided, however, that in case of conflict the rules promulgated by the PAAF on amateur status shall prevail.

Section 4. The MAFF shall supervise and control all foreign or international competitions in modern arnis subject to the supervision of the PAAF and in accordance with the international rules and regulations. No local teams shall be allowed to play or participate in any foreign country without the MAFF. Similarly no team from any foreign country maybe invited to play in the Philippines without the corresponding permission and authority from the MAFF.

Section 5. The Seal - The MAFF shall adopt a seal which shall bear the letters "MAFF" or the words "MODERN ARNIS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES".

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and By-Laws maybe amended, altered or repealed by a two thirds (2/3) majority votes of the Board of Directors present at the annual meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose, provided that at least two weeks written notice of the proposed amendments, alteration or repeal is given to all the members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X - EFFECTIVITY

This Constitution and By-Laws shall take effect upon approval.

OFFICERS OF THE MAFF

**PRESIDENT - RENE A. PRESAS, Hinigaran, Negros Occidental**

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:**

**1st - PAULINO LABOANA, Navotas, Rizal**

**2nd - DR. GUILLERMO LENGSON, Lingayen, Pangasinan**

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY - FEDERICO LAZO, Tayum, Abra**

**TREASURER - ERNESTO A. PRESAS, Manila**

**AUDITOR - DEMETRIO L. PASCUAL JR.**

**PRO - ANTONIO MENDOZA, Manila**

**ADVISER - JOSE GREGORIO, Manila**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

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- 1. EUGENIO AMADOR, Quezon City**
- 2. RODOLFO LESONDRA, University of Iloilo, Iloilo City**
- 3. CAPT. TIMOTEO MARANGA, Cebu City**
- 4. LT. SANTOS MAH, Cebu Police Dept., Cebu City**
- 5. RODOLFO MONGGAL, Mindanao**
- 6. ATTY. FELIPE JAVIER, Bacolod City**
- 7. ATTY. JOSE VILLASIN, University of Visayas, Cebu City**
- 8. BENILDES FAMILLIARAN, Negros Occidental**
- 9. CARLOS AMADOR, Greater Manila**
- 10. EMILIANO YANSON, La Carlota City**
- 11. DR. RICARDO S. LEDESMA, Marikina, Rizal**
- 12. COSTAN ARCA, Negros Oriental**
- 13. LT. COL. LUIS RAMOS, PAF**
- 14. JOSE PRESAS, Negros Occidental**
- 15. ROSEMARIE PASCUAL, Bacolod City**

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