

Ancient Gassers' Constitution and By-Laws  
**As Amended by Vote of the Assembled Membership May 31, 1997**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

SECTION 1. The name of this organization shall be The Guild of Ancient Gassers.

**ARTICLE II  
PURPOSES**

The purposes of this organization are:

- (a) To advance friendship and fellowship among personnel in the propane gas industry who have contributed to the industry's progress.
- (b) To provide opportunities and encouragement for reunions among the members at state, regional, and national conventions and meetings.
- (c) To provide for cooperative efforts in worthy contributions to the development of the future of the propane gas industry.

**ARTICLE III  
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1. There shall be one class of membership. Men and women who have been engaged in the propane industry for a minimum of 25 years shall be eligible.

SECTION 2. Every application for membership shall be made to the Secretary of the organization, in writing, on such form as may be established, together with appropriate fee(s).

**ARTICLE IV  
DUES**

SECTION 1. Dues shall be payable on the 15th day of January each year. New members whose applications and dues are received after October 1 shall be granted membership privileges throughout the following year.

SECTION 2. A member whose dues are in arrears on July 1 shall be dropped from membership. A member who has been dropped for non-payment may be reinstated at any time upon payment of current dues.

**ARTICLE V  
OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATION**

SECTION 1. The officers shall consist of chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, and Chronicles fund steward.

SECTION 2. The officers of this organization shall be elected by a vote of the membership at the annual meeting. Nothing in these by-laws shall be construed as restricting any officers from holding an elective position for more than one term or from holding more than one office.

SECTION 3. At the annual meeting, the chairman shall appoint the following committee chairpersons, who may name the members of their own committees: Nominating, Awards, Historic Preservation, Finance, Scholarship Fund, Regional Coordinator, Publicity, and Activities. The elected officers and chairperson shall comprise the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have jurisdiction over all matters relating to the management and functioning of the organization. The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to their offices.

## **ARTICLE VI VOTING**

SECTION 1. Each member of this organization in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in all matters. Whenever it shall be deemed expedient by the Executive Committee, matters may be submitted to the membership for a vote by mail or FAX or other means of remote communication.

## **ARTICLE VII MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. The annual meeting for the purpose of electing officers and transacting the business of the organization shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Executive Committee, with appropriate notice to the membership.

SECTION 2. Special meeting shall be called by the Executive Committee or by request of at least 25% of the members.

SECTION 3. The majority of the Executive Committee shall be required for a quorum of any meeting of the Committee, but at any annual or special meeting the number of members present shall constitute a quorum.

## **ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1. The constitution and these by-laws may be amended, repealed, or altered, in whole or in part, by a 2/3rds vote of the members of this organization who cast votes on any submitted question. Amendments may be submitted in the form of resolutions by the Executive Committee or by 25% or more of the active membership.

## **ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES**

SECTION 1. The Executive Committee shall establish such other committees as it deems necessary for carrying out the purposes set forth in this constitution.