

## **Bylaws of the Aircraft Carrier Industrial Base Coalition (ACIBC)**

### **ARTICLE I: NAME**

1. The name of the organization is the Aircraft Carrier Industrial Base Coalition hereafter referred to as "ACIBC."
2. ACIBC is operated from offices at 733 10<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.

### **ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS**

1. Qualified Shipbuilder: The company certified by the Department of the Navy as being capable of designing, constructing, overhauling, repairing and maintaining nuclear aircraft carriers.
2. ACIBC Administrator: The company responsible for the day-to-day administration of the ACIBC.

### **ARTICLE II: PURPOSE OF ACIBC**

1. The purpose of ACIBC is to communicate to members of Congress, the media and the general public the importance of sustained federal funding for the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier construction and maintenance program to preserve the strength of the aircraft carrier force and the aircraft carrier industrial base.
2. In particular, ACIBC shall:
  - a. Disseminate information on the value of the U.S. Navy carrier force to national defense and on the importance of the U.S. aircraft carrier design, construction and maintenance program.
  - b. Encourage ACIBC members to communicate with members of Congress and the media the importance of preserving the strength of the U.S. Navy's aircraft carrier force.
  - c. Maintain a Web site, <http://www.acibc.org>, and other online forums to disseminate information to ACIBC members, members of Congress, the media and the general public on the importance of preserving the strength of the aircraft carrier force.
  - d. Host an annual meeting in Washington, D.C. at which representatives of ACIBC member organizations will meet personally with members of Congress and Congressional staff and attend briefings on the construction, maintenance, mission and operations of U.S. Navy Aircraft carriers.

### **ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP**

1. Companies, organizations, associations and other business and labor organizations with direct operational interests or assets related to construction and maintenance of United States Navy aircraft carriers are eligible to join ACIBC. An online membership application is available on the ACIBC Web site <http://www.acibc.org>.
2. Membership in ACIBC is at the organizational level. Individuals without an affiliation with a company, organization, association and other business and labor organizations with direct operational interests or assets directly related to design, construction, overhaul, repair and maintenance of United States Navy nuclear aircraft carriers are not eligible for membership.
3. ACIBC member organizations shall designate an ACIBC representative within their organization to serve as a liaison with ACIBC.
4. There is no restriction on the number of ACIBC representatives an ACIBC member organization may designate.
5. The ACIBC representative(s) shall:
  - a. Receive information from ACIBC on developments related to the construction, maintenance and mission of U.S. Navy aircraft carriers.
  - b. Review ACIBC requests for action on behalf of ACIBC.
  - c. Identify a representative of their organization to attend the ACIBC annual meeting in Washington, D.C.
6. By applying for membership and participating in ACIBC activities, all member organizations agree to abide by the provisions of these Bylaws.
7. Final determinations of membership eligibility shall be made by the ACIBC Administrator in consultation with the Qualified Shipbuilder and the Regional Board.

### **ARTICLE IV: OPERATION OF ACIBC**

1. ACIBC Administrator: The day-to-day operations of the ACIBC shall be handled by the ACIBC Administrator which shall be selected and funded by the Qualified Shipbuilder. The ACIBC Administrator's duties shall include, but not be limited to the following:
  - a. Maintain the ACIBC website;

- b. Process membership applications;
- c. Prepare agenda for, organize, and participate in regional meetings;
- d. Provide logistical support for the ACIBC annual meeting;
- e. Develop materials for dissemination by ACIBC members; and
- f. Develop such policies and procedures to regulate the operations of the ACIBC.

## 2. ACIBC Regional Board.

- a. The ACIBC Regional Board shall consist of a Chair and Vice-Chair and one representative each from the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Northeast, Southern and Western United States regions. Regional Board members shall:
  - i. Support ACIBC in its mission to communicate to members of Congress, the media and the general public the importance of sustained federal funding for the U.S. Navy carrier construction and maintenance program to preserving the strength of the aircraft carrier force and promoting the value of the aircraft carrier industrial base.
  - ii. Provide advice to ACIBC Administrator and the Qualified Shipbuilder on ACIBC activities.
  - iii. Recruit appropriate organizations for membership in ACIBC.
  - iv. Support the planning and implementation of the ACIBC annual meeting.
  - v. Participate in Regional Board meetings.
- b. The ACIBC Regional Board Chair, Vice-Chair and regional representatives must be from ACIBC member companies and shall be nominated and selected by the ACIBC Administrator in consultation with the Qualified Shipbuilder. The selection shall be based on the ACIBC member organization's role in the design, construction, overhaul and maintenance of aircraft carriers and ACIBC member representative's leadership role in ACIBC.
- c. ACIBC Regional Board Chair, Vice-Chair and regional representative's terms are for three years. There is no limit on the number of terms a Regional Board Chair, Vice-Chair and regional representative may serve.

2. Other than as specified in these bylaws, neither the ACIBC member organizations nor the Regional Board may act on behalf of or bind the ACIBC to any agreements or contracts without the prior written approval of the ACIBC Administrator, or in its absence, the Qualified Shipbuilder.

#### **ARTICLE IV: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The actions of an employee, officer or board member of an ACIBC member organization that reflects unfavorably on ACIBC, the United States or the United States Navy or that in the reasonable judgment of ACIBC may be detrimental to ACIBC's mission may be cause for immediate termination of membership in ACIBC. The determination to terminate a member organization's membership shall be made by the ACIBC Administrator in consultation with the Qualified Shipbuilder and the Regional Board.

#### **ARTICLE V: FEES**

1. There is no annual fee or other membership charge for membership in ACIBC.
2. ACIBC member organizations are, however, responsible for the cost of their participation in ACIBC activities which include, but are not limited to, the costs of transportation, meals and lodging by their representatives at the ACIBC annual meeting and such other meetings held by the Regional Board.

#### **ARTICLE VI: COMPLIANCE LAWS**

All ACIBC activities shall be in strict compliance with all applicable foreign or domestic laws, ordinances and regulations to include but not limited to the antitrust laws.

#### **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENT**

These Bylaws may be amended from time-to-time by the ACIBC Administrator in consultation with the Qualified Shipbuilder. Notice of any amendment shall be provided to the member organizations before such amendment becomes effective.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: TERMINATION**

The ACIBC may be terminated at any time by the ACIBC Administrator in consultation with the Qualified Shipbuilder.

Executed this 1st day of January 2010 by Greg McCarthy, Powell Tate, ACIBC Administrator