

These bylaws were revised based upon the PSR bylaws as amended to reflect 501(c)3 status.

There were a few specific changes intended, as shown below. No other changes were intended, just simplification with an update of methods.

The Director’s election is currently mandated by the PSR to be in the odd years, with the winner taking office at the PSR annual meeting. The other officers’ election and inauguration have been moved to the opposing (even) years, to allow a gradual transition of leadership within the division.

AZD Bylaws comparison

Topic	1988	2023
Balloting	“Officers shall be elected by mail ballot”	“Votes may be taken at any Regular or Special meeting or via the internet”
Election year	not specified	“The AZD election shall be in the years opposite the Director’s election by the PSR”
Inauguration of Director	“Te Director, Superintendent and the Chief Clerk/Paymaster shall take office in the odd numbered years ... take office during the Annual Meeting of Members [of AZD]”	Per PSR bylaws - “beginning at the Annual Meeting of the PSR in odd years”
Inauguration of other officers	“Te Director, Superintendent and the Chief Clerk/Paymaster shall take office in the odd numbered years ... take office during the Annual Meeting of Members [of AZD]”	“beginning at the Annual Meeting of Members of the AZD in the year of their election” - would be even years, to be opposite the PSR Director’s election
Manual of Operations	NONE	Created and details of operations moved there from bylaws
Permanent Vacancy	election within 90 days	appointment until next regular election
Raillette Program	explicitly stated and funded	removed
Review of documents	None stated	Bi-annually
Spur Line	mailed at AZD expense	normally electronic, available to be mailed at member request and expense
Term Limits	“No officer(s) shall continue in office for more than six (6) years less one (1) day”	“No Officer shall succeed himself more than once”