

## By laws for the USS Aarushi

### 1) Purpose

It is the purpose of the USS Aarushi to have FUN! We do this with a focus on, and modeling after Star Trek, and other science fiction, for our organizational and recreational purposes. The intent, structure and only reason for the organization to exist at all is to facilitate that FUN.

- a) Part of that organization is membership to STARFLEET International (SFI)
- b) Part of the fun is community service, and honestly, that can be a ton of fun!
- c) This FUN, shall be organized and run online with individuals participating in community service within their communities.

### 2) Membership

Membership within the USS Aarushi is based upon the above membership to SFI. Youth under the age of 18 will require parent or guardian to also be a member. Those individuals not desiring membership in STARFLEET may participate in ships activities but will have no voting privileges.

- a) Species, race, faith (or the lack there of), age, gender, size, shape, color, nationality, political status, number of appendages, disabilities, or financial means are NOT in any way a limitation to your membership.
- b) Geographical, Astronomical, astrological, or relative locations are NOT a limitation to your membership – we do however ask that you can reliably get to our web site.

### 3) Structure

The structure of the USS Aarushi will be based on the rank and organizational structure of the SFI, which is in turn based on the STARFLEET ranks seen in Star Trek. The Commanding Officer (CO), Executive Officer (XO) will be the chief points of contact for the USS USS Aarushi. They shall organize and manage the ship in a style modeling the that of STARFLEET. This structure will help, never hinder the flow of communication, and the facilitation of the FUN.

#### The Commanding Officer:

It is the responsibility of the CO of the USS Aarushi to organize, manage, and report on the activities of the ship. The SFI required monthly report, due on the 1st of every month, will be compiled and sent out by the CO, or their designated representative. The CO is free to appoint staff positions, within the unit, as they see fit, to include the XO. Via this staff all communication and activity planning will flow.

#### The Executive Officer:

The right hand of the CO. The XO will be capable, and prepared to assume any and all duties of the CO as needed. Additionally the XO is directly responsible for receiving input from the crew for consideration on any topic of official discussion.

#### 4) Succession

The CO serves the ship at the pleasure of the ship's members for a four year term unless a vote of confidence is called for and the CO is removed. A 2/3 majority vote of no confidence is enough to remove any standing CO, and 50% +1 votes will then elect a new CO. A new CO will change/appoint new staff as required. The CO may serve consecutive terms.

#### 5) Communication

The chief means of communication in the USS Aarushi is via the forum currently located on Facebook. All members are expected to monitor the forum(s), generally at least once a week. Other forms of electronic communication may be used, as needed – but all official, public information will be posted on the forum, or the main website.

#### 6) Other Information

Other guidance and information that is more dynamic than this document will be made available on the forums or website. This document is to be considered the 'constitution' and rough structure of the USS Aarushi, but will not, and should not, include every tiny thing that may become necessary to the running of the ship.

#### Promotion System:

The following is the Points awarded for various activities, and the points needed for each promotion. Please remember rank is entirely fictional, and is presented as a way to recognize members for their level of commitment and participation.

Online (meeting) Chats - 1-3

Active and constructive discussion in business poll topic - 2-4

Attending convention (give some brief info/report about it for the ships newsletter) - 5

Participate/volunteer in ships community service activities- 10

Plan and participate in a ship wide community service activity- 15

Other Approved Away Mission - 5

Plan/participate/volunteer for Away Mission - 10

Attend SFI/SFMC event - 5

Participate/volunteer in SFI/SFMC event - 10-15

Recruit member - 3 - 15

15 will be awarded for a brand new membership to SFI. Subsequent members on a family membership will be 3 points - maxing out at 5 members and 27 points (should someone recruit a member family). Likewise, adding to an existing family membership will be 3 points.

Academy courses – 1-5 (cap 20 points per year)

Written article for ships newsletter or CQ - 5-10

Command Staff will assign other points as appropriate for various accomplishments.

Minimum 6 months time in grade, expect a year.

Points are accrued and 'spent' at each rank, removing the total needed to promote. The ranks listed below can be found in SFI handbook.

Enlisted

Warrant Officer

Officer

CRR/PVT - --

CRA/PFC - 25

CRM/LCPL - 30

PO3/CPL - 40

PO2/SGT - 50

PO1/SSGT - 55

CPO/GSGT - 60

SCPO/MSGT - 70

MCPO/SGM - 80

WO - \* 55

CWO2 - 60

CWO3 - 65

CWO4 - 70

CWO5 - 80

ENS/2Lt - --

LT(JG)/1LT - 35

LT/MCPT- 50 (need OTS)

LTCMDR/MAJ - 60 (need OCC)

CMDR/LTC - 70

\*Warrant is in lieu of SSGT, changing tracks from Enlisted

OTS HIGHLY recommended for all members - it's just an intro into SFI and how the organization works. Good info for all.