

**BY-LAWS**  
**Grande Voiture du CALIFORNIA**

**ARTICLE I**  
**INITIATION**

Section 1. All members of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux shall be initiated in accordance with the National Ritual Manual. It is strongly encouraged that all new members be afforded the opportunity to participate in an Active Second Degree Wreck. In the case of new Voiture Locales, a neighboring Voiture Locale that has a Formal Wrecking Crew shall perform the work. The names of the approved candidates for membership shall be furnished to the Chairman of the Wrecking Crew fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled wreck. Expenses of a wreck shall be born by the host Voiture Locale.

**ARTICLE II**  
**GRAND CHEMINOTS**

Section 1. Written notice of all meetings of the Grandes Cheminots shall be given by the Grand Correspondant at least one (1) week prior to the meetings.

Section 2. The Grand Cheminots are authorized to approve the expenditure of such monies as may be necessary in the advancement or promotion of La Societe. They are authorized to approve the expenditure of monies for the expenses of conducting Grande Voiture activities, Grande Promenades and Grandes Cheminots Meetings, provided such expenditures are within the limits of the budget as authorized by Article III, Section 2, of these By-Laws.

Section 3. The Grande Cheminots-at-Large shall require that an annual audit be made of each Voiture Locale, and a report of same be transmitted within thirty (30) days after such audit to them. Such audit shall include a check of memberships paid, and records of the Voiture Locale. The Grand Cheminots-at-Large shall then submit to the Grande Voiture Correspondant a summary of the conditions of each individual Voiture Locale.

Section 4. Delegates to the Grande Promenade from a Voiture Locale shall not be seated until such Voiture complies with Section 3 of this article.

Section 5. There shall be a registration fee as determined by the previous Grande Promenade chargeable to each accredited delegate from Voiture Locales to the Grande Promenade. Said registration fee must be paid prior to the delegates being seated and/or accredited by the Grande Promenade. Said funds are to be allocated in the annual budget to the expenses of the Grande Promenade.

**ARTICLE III**  
**BUDGET AND FINANCES**

Section 1. The Budget & Finance Committee will be comprised of three (3) Members-at-Large, each serving a three (3) year term, and an Alternate Member-at-Large serving a one (1)

year term. The immediate outgoing Grand Chef de Gare shall normally be appointed to the three (3) year term.

Section 2. This committee shall be charged with the duty of determining the financial resources of the Grande Voiture, budgeting expenses in connection therewith, and apportioning funds to carry out the programs, as designated by the Grande Voiture. The committee shall, upon call, determine the necessity of expending monies from the reserve fund, and upon its recommendation, the Grande Cheminots shall have the authority to order the withdrawal of such amounts from the reserve fund.

Section 3. A majority of the Grande Cheminots are hereby authorized upon ten (10) days notice, to make demand upon the Grand Commissaire Intendant and/or Grand Correspondant for the production of all books, records, funds, including cash and securities, and/or any other property belonging to the Grande Voiture, or having to do with the conduct or activities of the Grande Voiture. Failure of the Grand Commissaire Intendant and/or the Grand Correspondant to comply with said demand shall be construed as sufficient cause for his or their suspension and removal from office. Further, authorization is provided for the removal and transfer of all funds or records whatsoever kind or nature to such person or persons as the Grande Cheminots may designate.

Section 4. The depository of funds of the Grande Voiture can be changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Grande Cheminots duly assembled.

Section 5. Demand for production of information/funds upon the Grand Commissaire Intendant and/or Grand Correspondant heretofore referred to in Article III, Section 2, shall be in writing, designating the time and place for delivery of the records, books, cash, and/or other things which are to be produced. Said written demand shall be given not less than ten (10) days prior to the date for their production.

Section 6. No compensation shall be paid for attendance at Grand Promenades or Grandes Cheminots Meetings by any Grande Voiture committee.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF GRANDE PROMENADE

Section 1. In the event of a declared National or Local Emergency that requires the cancellation of the Promenade, the following shall apply:

a. An Executive Order promulgated by the Grand Chef and approved by the Grandes Cheminot shall outline procedures for the nominations of Grand Officers, elections, Constitution & By-Law changes, and disbursement of required funds that will be via on-line communication. Written Notice shall be provided to all Locales, Grande Officers, and Past Grand Chef's of the intent to hold an on-line Grande Promenade. A quorum shall be 1/3 of the Locales. Written ballots shall be provided to all Locales, Grand Officers, and Past Grand Chef's. Ballots must indicate "oui", "non", or "NV" not voting. Grand Officers and Past Grand Chef's ballots must SIGNED and sent to the Locale Correspondant. Locale Correspondants must tabulate the SIGNED Ballots, sign and transmit the Locale Ballot, and transit it to the Grand Avocat with copy to the Grand Correspondant per the Executive Order deadlines.

ARTICLE V  
NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF GRANDE CHEMINOTS

Section 1. When, in the judgment of the Grand Chef de Gare and a majority of the Grande Cheminots, it is necessary that any non-voting Grand Officer, Grand Directeur, or any member of the Forty and Eight (40 & 8) should be present at any Grande Cheminots meeting, other than the Grande Promenade, the Grand Correspondant shall notify said Voyageur in writing, and when so requested to appear, he shall be allowed travel allowance and compensation, and not under any other circumstances.

ARTICLE VI  
AMENDMENTS AND/OR CHANGES

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended and/or changed at any Grande Promenade by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting.

Section 2. By adoption of these By-Laws, all previous By-Laws are revoked and/or annulled. Any provisions herein which are in conflict with the National By-Laws of this organization are hereby annulled.

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Approved

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