



COLORADO PLATEAU RIVER GUIDES
BYLAWS
(as of April 1994)

ARTICLE I: NAME

SECTION 1. The organizational name shall be COLORADO PLATEAU RIVER GUIDES, hereinafter referred to as CPRG.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

SECTION 1. CPRG is organized for the following purposes:

- A. To define, promote, and protect the river ecology of the Colorado Plateau through stewardship.
- B. To effect changes in agency river management plans that are designed to improve the wilderness quality of the river experience.
- C. To provide a forum of communication that will encourage cooperation, professionalism, and a sense of community among river guides of the Colorado Plateau.
- D. To participate in studies and programs which will benefit the guides stewardship of the Colorado Plateau.
- E. To promote and provide a better understanding of the Colorado Plateau through the education of guides and the public. This will partly be accomplished by a publication called THE CONFLUENCE.

ARTICLE III: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. The government of CPRG, the direction of its work, and the control of its property and records shall be vested in the Board of Directors, hereinafter called The Board. The Board shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and four Directors. The Directors will serve Bluff, Green River, Vernal and Moab areas. No person may serve on The Board in more than one capacity simultaneously, except during a temporary vacancy.

SECTION 2. The Board shall meet prior to the Spring and Fall meetings and additionally as necessary. Special meetings of The Board may be called by the President or by the request of any two members of The Board with notification made within 10 days. At any properly called meeting of The Board, the presence of a majority of all its members shall constitute a quorum. Issues shall be determined by a majority vote.

SECTION 3. When questions arise which require action by The Board, the President may pool The Board individually by mail or telephone and shall be guided by a majority vote. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the voting.

SECTION 4. The resignation or vacancy of an Officer shall be temporarily filled by a Board member. At the Spring or Fall meeting (whichever comes first), the GUIDE membership shall nominate and elect a Board member to complete the term of office. The Guide membership shall also nominate and elect a Guide member to fill the vacancy of that Board member (election shall be held as per Article 5, Section 1).

SECTION 5. In matters of policy affecting CPRG, The Board may submit questionnaires to the GUIDE membership for approval or disapproval. The Board shall be guided accordingly.

SECTION 6. The Board shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees and their chairmen and make such appointments as necessary.

SECTION 7. The Board shall determine the yearly membership dues for CPRG.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The officers of CPRG shall consist of a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary-Treasurer. They shall be members of The Board. They shall be members of CPRG with dues paid.

SECTION 2. The President shall preside at all CPRG meetings and perform all duties incident to this office.

SECTION 3. The Vice-President shall act in the absence of the President. In the absence of both the President and the Vice-President, The Board shall choose one of its members to act temporarily.

SECTION 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall perform such duties as may be incident to said office, subject to the direction of The Board.

SECTION 5. At the expiration of their terms of office, outgoing Board members shall deliver to the new Board members all books, papers, records, and property pertinent to their offices.

ARTICLE V: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. Each odd year at the Fall meeting, an election for the President and two Directors (Bluff/Green River) shall be held. Each even year the election for the Vice-President and the two remaining Directors (Moab/Vernal) shall be held.

SECTION 2. The position of CPRG Secretary/Treasurer shall have no set term.

SECTION 3. Nominations for Officers and Directors shall come by absentee mail or from the floor at the Fall membership meeting and must have consent from the said Nominee. Candidates shall be GUIDE members.

SECTION 4. The term of each office shall be two years. New Officers shall take office after election at the Fall meeting. Only two consecutive terms shall be held in any one office, except the Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. CPRG membership classification shall be:

A. **GUIDE.** To qualify for GUIDE membership, a person must now be or have in the past worked in the river guiding profession of the Colorado Plateau.

B. **GENERAL MEMBER.** Any person, business, or organization having interest in river running in the Colorado Plateau and who subscribes to the purposes of CPRG (ARTICLE II) may apply to become a GENERAL member.

C. **AFFILIATE.** CPRG may choose to affiliate itself with other organizations whose purpose are in keeping with its own.

D. **HONORARY MEMBER.** The title of HONORARY MEMBER may be conferred by The Board upon individuals who have contributed in an exceptional manner to CPRG, its interests and objectives (ARTICLE II), or who have made significant contributions to river running in the Colorado Plateau. HONORARY members shall be nominated and approved by a majority vote of the GUIDE members.

SECTION 2. Membership applications shall be presented to the CPRG Secretary-Treasurer. The application shall include membership classification and a statement of the applicants qualifications and experience. The Board shall designate the form and type of information desired.

SECTION 3. Each individual GUIDE shall have one vote. Only GUIDES whose dues are current may vote in elections for CPRG officers or for other CPRG business which requires the voting process.

SECTION 4. Expulsion from membership shall require the motion of a least five GUIDES at a membership meeting and a majority vote shall be required from The Board. Notification of intent to call for expulsion will be made to the GUIDE membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which such action is planned.

SECTION 5. Expulsion from The Board shall require the motion of at least five GUIDES at a membership meeting and a majority vote shall be required from The Board. Notification of intent to call for expulsion will be made to the GUIDE membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which such action is planned.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

SECTION 1. The annual membership meeting shall be held each year in the Fall, at a time and place designated by The Board. Notice of the annual meeting shall be given at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The agenda for the Fall meeting will include the election of Board Members.

SECTION 2. A semi-annual membership meeting shall also be held each year in the Spring, at a time and place designated by The Board. Notice of the Spring meeting shall be given at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 3. Additional membership meetings may be called by The Board at times and places designated by them.

SECTION 4. The GUIDES present at any membership meeting shall constitute a quorum, provided that written notice of the meeting shall have been mailed to the entire GUIDE membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

SECTION 5. Election for The Board and the passing of resolutions will be held at the Fall meeting. Absentee ballots by mail from GUIDE members will be accepted if received before the Fall meeting is convened.

SECTION 6. The Board shall hold meetings in conjunction with but prior to membership meetings to draft resolutions for consideration at the meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: REVISIONS

SECTION 1. These by-laws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds majority from the GUIDE members, provided that the entire CPRG GUIDE membership is notified by mail at least 30 days prior to the meeting where bylaw amendment or revision is on the agenda.

