

POSTERRA

Constitution and Founding Charter of POSTERRA.

Preamble:

As living human beings, we have the capacity to focus our reasoning powers on the past, present, and the future. Earth has been the home of humanity, but it need not be so forever. For those who do not believe that enough has been done to move human kind's home beyond the bonds of Earth, **Posterra** is established with the sole purpose of furthering that goal.

Foundation:

People have developed the rudimentary capacity of leaving the Earth and surviving for short periods of time in space. Much needs to be done to extend this ability, including advances in technology as well as expanding the dedication to ensuring that humanity's fire does not extinguish itself on Earth. Many corporations, governments, and interest groups involve themselves in the business of developing humankind's knowledge and technical prowess, much of which is essential for humans living off of our own planet. No one organization can direct all the necessary energies. However, one is needed which can serve as a focus of those dedicated to ensuring that human kind can eventually send at least some of its representatives to live permanently far from their ancestral home planet.

Earth is a home of humanity, but because of the difficulty required in leaving it, the many pressures placed on our civilization endanger the long-term ability of humans to sustain and expand that capacity. **Posterra** is sworn to nurture the notion that humanity's home is the solar system, the galaxy, and the universe. The imperative of **Posterra** is to ensure that the Life flourishing on our Earth may move beyond its current bounds and take up residence in other places as home. **Posterra** affirms itself through action in ensuring that humankind's descendants must have the opportunity to live elsewhere beyond Earth.

Articles of Foundation:

Article 1: Faith in **Posterra**. No action on behalf of **Posterra** should subvert the spirit of **Posterra**. Ensuring the long term future of our descendants as citizens of a world not bounded by a single planet's gravitational well is the prime goal of **Posterra**.

Article 2: **Posterra's** scope. **Posterra** may participate in, but is not restricted to, financial investment in appropriate technology, aiding in the development of space assets, investment in the future prosperity of **Posterra**, and consultation with other active space related organizations and government.

Article 3: **Posterra** and other Space Advocacy organizations. **Posterra** is not a replacement for existing or previously existing entities having involvement in space exploration or development.

Without an expanded awareness and effort, humankind is in danger of not being able to achieve **Posterra's** goal. **Posterra** will work with government, business, and other advocates to further the goal of space development on behalf of humanity.

Article 4: Finances from membership. Recognizing any organization's need for financial resources, **Posterra** sets forth the following rules:

Section 1: Membership. **Posterra** shall levy no minimum membership dues. Any person, regardless of age, race, gender, or nation of origin is entitled to become a member. With no minimum financial commitment, **Posterra** ensures that it will garner the hearts and minds of the broadest segment of humanity.

Section 2: Suggested minimum contributions. **Posterra** asks its members to contribute up to one-one-thousandth (1/1000) of their post-tax income per annum for logistics, organizational overhead, and the minimal foundation of the means for achieving **Posterra's** goal.

Section 3: Recommended contributions. **Posterra** recommends that its members further contribute one-one-hundredth (1/100) of their annual post-tax income for the specific purpose of achieving **Posterra's** goal. Depending upon need and ability, a greater financial investment in **Posterra** may be made.

Article 5: **Posterra** Organization and Functional Scope. **Posterra's** leadership consists of Operations Officers and a Guiding Board. The Guiding Board shall have final authority over all matters.

Article 6: Guiding Board Members. **Posterra** policies and financial direction shall be set by a *Guiding Board*. The Guiding Board shall meet at least once annually to make decisions on rules, investments, Operating Officers, and policies of **Posterra**. The Guiding Board shall consist of up to twenty members and will choose a Chairman from their number by plurality vote. All voting ties are to be resolved by a jointly agreed random tie-breaking method, or a coin toss if no other method can be agreed upon. The Guiding Board membership will consist specifically of the following:

Section 1: Board Membership. Board members shall consist of people from four groups: One fourth (1/4) of the members shall be comprised of the most significant financial contributors, chosen by vote of the current Board members. One fourth (1/4) of the members shall be comprised of individuals elected by and from the general membership. One fourth (1/4) of the members shall be selected at random from the general membership. One fourth (1/4) of the members shall be selected by the Board from the public at large based upon their knowledge, expertise, and contributions in the field of space exploration, leadership, or management. These latter individuals may be chosen without regard to their prior membership in **Posterra**.

Section 2: Guiding Board Activity. No Board member may serve more than 10 years in any 15 year period. The purpose of this is to prevent individual members from dominating **Posterra** policies or deriving their sole income from **Posterra** activities.

Section 3: Board member compensation. The purpose of **Posterra** is not to make its board members wealthy or increase their financial status. No Board member may receive annual compensation for work performed on behalf of **Posterra** that exceeds twice the mean annual income of their nation of citizenship, excluding business expenses. No more than five percent (5%) of **Posterra's** suggested annual membership contributions may go toward compensating the board for its activity, excluding expenses.

Article 7: Operations Officers. All **Posterra** Operations Officers are subject to the same financial rules as those set forth on Board Members in Article 6. Operations Officers shall include a President, Vice President, and Treasurer, and others as needed to fulfill the goal of **Posterra** as determined by the Board. Operations Officers are not necessarily Guiding Board members. Members serving both on the Guiding Board and as Operations Officers shall not be financially compensated for both posts.

Article 8: Changing the Charter. The charter may be amended by petition and approval of three-quarters (3/4ths) of the voting general membership. A vote on a specific petition from the general membership is required with a request of one-percent of the general membership.

Article 9: **Posterra's** Guiding Board shall vote to disband, modify, or extend the original charter with the establishment of the second permanent economically self sustaining human settlement beyond Earth. By requiring at least two independent extra-terrestrial human establishments, **Posterra** ensures that humankind has more than one option for the future.