

# **ACE AVIATION HOLDINGS INC.**

## **CHARTER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

This charter describes the role of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of ACE Aviation Holdings Inc. (the "Corporation"). This charter is subject to the provisions of the Corporation's articles of incorporation and by-laws and to applicable laws. This charter is not intended to limit, enlarge or change in any way the responsibilities of the Board as determined by such articles, by-laws and applicable laws. Directors are elected annually by the shareholders of the Corporation and together with those appointed to fill vacancies or appointed as additional directors throughout the year, collectively constitute the Board.

### **II. ROLE**

The Board is responsible for the stewardship of the Corporation and its business and is accountable to shareholders for the performance of the Corporation.

The Board establishes the overall policies for the Corporation, monitors and evaluates the Corporation's strategic direction, and retains plenary power for those functions not specifically delegated by it to its Committees or to management. Accordingly, in addition to the duties of directors of a Canadian corporation as prescribed by applicable laws, the mandate of the Board is to supervise the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation with a view to evaluate, on an ongoing basis, whether the Corporation's resources are being managed in a manner consistent with ethical considerations and stakeholder's interests and in order to enhance shareholder value. In discharging their duties, directors must act honestly and in good faith, with a view to the best interests of the Corporation. Directors must exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

### **III. COMPOSITION**

#### *Selection*

The Board shall be comprised of that number of directors as shall be determined from time to time by the Board upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee of the Board.

The Nominating Committee of the Board maintains an overview of the desired size of the Board, the need for recruitment and the expected skill-set of new candidates. The Nominating Committee reviews and recommends to the Board candidates for nomination as directors. The Board approves the final choice of candidates for nomination and election by the shareholders.

Board members must have an appropriate mix of skills, knowledge and experience in business and an understanding of the industry and the geographical areas in which the Corporation operates. Directors selected should be able to commit the requisite time for all of the Board's business.

### *Chairman*

A Chairman of the Board shall be appointed by the Board.

### *Independence*

A majority of the Board shall be composed of directors who must be determined to have no material relationship with the Corporation and who, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, must be unrelated and independent under the laws, regulations and listing requirements to which the Corporation is subject.

### *Criteria for Board Membership*

Board members are expected to possess the following characteristics and traits:

- (a) demonstrate high ethical standards and integrity in their personal and professional dealings;
- (b) act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interest of the Corporation;
- (c) devote sufficient time to the affairs of the Corporation and exercise care, diligence and skill in fulfilling their responsibilities both as Board members and as a Committee members;
- (d) provide independent judgment on a broad range of issues;
- (e) understand and challenge the key business plans and the strategic direction of the Corporation;
- (f) raise questions and issues to facilitate active and effective participation in the deliberation of the Board and of each Committee;
- (g) make all reasonable efforts to attend all Board and Committee meetings;
- (h) review the materials provided by management in advance of the Board and Committee meetings.

### *Retirement Age for Directors*

The policy of the Board is that no person shall be appointed or elected as a director if the person exceeds 75 years of age. The policy allows for an exception where the Board determines it is in the interest of the Corporation to request a director to extend his/her term beyond the regular retirement age, provided however that such extension is requested in one-year increments.

#### **IV. COMPENSATION**

The Board has determined that the directors should be compensated in a form and amount which is appropriate and which is customary for comparable corporations, having regard for such matters as time commitment, responsibility and trends in director compensation.

#### **V. RESPONSIBILITIES**

Without limiting the Board's governance obligations, general Board responsibilities shall include the following:

- (a) discussing and developing the Corporation's approach to corporate governance, with the involvement of the Governance and Corporate Matters Committee;
- (b) reviewing and approving management's strategic and business plans on an annual basis, including developing an in-depth knowledge of the business being served, understanding and questioning the plans' assumptions, and reaching an independent judgment as to the probability that the plans can be realized;
- (c) monitoring corporate performance against the strategic business plans, including overseeing operating results on a regular basis to evaluate whether the business is being properly managed;
- (d) appointing the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, ensuring a succession plan is in place and developing his or her position description with the recommendation of the Governance and Corporate Matters Committee;
- (e) reviewing, through the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer;
- (f) identifying the principal risks of the Corporation's businesses and ensuring the implementation of appropriate systems to manage these risks;
- (g) ensuring that appropriate structures and procedures are in place so that the Board and its Committees can function independently of management;
- (h) ensuring the proper and efficient functioning of its Committees;
- (i) providing a source of advice and counsel to management;
- (j) reviewing and approving key policies developed by management;
- (k) reviewing, approving and as required, overseeing compliance with the Corporation's disclosure policy by directors, officers and other management personnel and employees;
- (l) overseeing the Corporation's disclosure controls and procedures;

- (m) monitoring, through the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, the Corporation's internal controls and information systems;
- (n) ensuring that members of management possess the ability required for their roles, are adequately trained and monitored and that planning for their succession is ongoing;
- (o) ensuring that the Chief Executive Officer and the other members of management have the integrity required for their roles and the capability to promote a culture of integrity and accountability within the Corporation;
- (p) conducting, through the Governance and Corporate Matters Committee, an annual assessment of the Board and the Committees and of individual members of the Board;
- (q) reviewing, through the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, management's succession plans;
- (r) selecting, upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, nominees for election as Directors;
- (s) selecting a Chairman of the Board; and
- (t) reviewing with the Governance and Corporate Matters Committee that the Board as a whole, the Committees of the Board and the directors are capable of carrying out and do carry out their roles effectively.

## **VI. MEETINGS**

The Board will meet at least quarterly, with additional meetings scheduled as required. Each director has a responsibility to attend and participate in meetings of the Board. The Chairman will prepare and distribute the meeting agenda and minutes to the Board.

Information and materials that are important to the Board's understanding of the agenda items and related topics will be distributed in advance of a meeting. The Corporation will deliver information on the business, operations and finances of the Corporation, to the Board on an as-required basis.

On the occasion of each Board meeting, non-management directors will consider if an "in-camera" meeting would be appropriate. Additional meetings may be held at the request of any director.

## **VII. DECISIONS REQUIRING PRIOR BOARD APPROVAL**

In addition to those specific matters requiring prior Board approval pursuant to the Corporation's by-laws or applicable laws, the Board will be responsible for approving the following:

- (a) interim and annual financial statements, provided that the Board may delegate to the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee the responsibility to review such financial statements and make its recommendations to the Board;
- (b) strategic plans, business plans and capital expenditure budgets;
- (c) raising of debt or equity capital and other major financial activities;
- (d) hiring, compensation and succession for the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives;
- (e) major organizational restructurings, including spin-offs;
- (f) material acquisitions and divestitures; and
- (g) major corporate policies.

#### **VIII. BOARD COMMITTEES**

There are four Committees of the Board: the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, the Governance and Corporate Matters Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Human Resources and Compensation Committee. The roles and responsibilities of each Committee are described in the respective Committee charters.

Members of the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee, the Human Resources and Compensation Committee and the Nominating Committee shall be independent as required under the charter of each Committee and the laws, regulations and listing requirements to which the Corporation is subject.

#### **IX. COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD**

Shareholders and other constituencies may communicate with the Board and individual board members by contacting Shareholder Relations.

#### **X. ADVISERS**

The Board has determined that any director who wishes to engage a non-management advisor to assist on matters involving the director's responsibilities as a director at the expense of the Corporation should have its request reviewed by, and obtain the authorization of, the Chairman of the Board.

#### **XI. OTHER MATTERS**

The Board expects directors as well as officers and employees of the Corporation to act ethically at all times and to acknowledge their adherence to the policies comprising the Corporate Policy and Guidelines on Business Conduct (the "Code"). The Board, with the assistance of the

Governance and Corporate Matters Committee, is responsible for monitoring compliance with the Code.

Directors shall disclose all actual or potential conflicts of interest and refrain from voting on matters in which the director has a conflict of interest. In addition, a director shall excuse himself or herself from any discussion or decision on any matter in which the director is precluded from voting as a result of a conflict of interest or which otherwise affects his or her personal, business or professional interests.

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