



# INDEPENDENT RESEARCHERS' ASSOCIATION for ANOMALOUS PHENOMENA (IRAAP) BYLAWS

## Background:

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) and other anomalous phenomena are being investigated and researched by individuals with a wide range of talent and expertise. In addition, there are many individuals who wish to be kept informed of what is going on regarding UFOs, Bigfoot, crop circles, animal mutilations, the paranormal, and other types of anomalies .

The **Independent Researchers' Association for Anomalous Phenomena** (IRAAP) was founded to fill the need for people who want to investigate and research UFOs and anomalous phenomena. Communication with other organizations or individuals outside of IRAAP may be established as a means of informing interested parties of UFO and various unexplained phenomena..

## Statement of Purpose:

To investigate and research UFO and other anomalous phenomena in a reasonable and professional manner, using scientific methodology as much as possible. To communicate this information to serious investigators and interested parties.

## Goals:

Whereas the ultimate goal of any group dealing with UFOs or anomalies is to find the answer to enigmas, more immediate goals are essential to attain that objective. These are:

1. Independent investigation and research of anomalous phenomena.
2. Sharing of independent findings with other investigators and interested parties by means of a website, <http://iraap.org>.
3. Communication and cooperation with other investigators, should assistance be needed.
4. Keeping interested parties informed about UFOs and other anomalous phenomena.

## Communication

The IRAAP website, <http://iraap.org> is the centralized point where information will be sent for networking. Each investigator / researcher retains his / her independent status, working in his or her own capacity.

## Investigations:

Investigation of UFOs and other reports must be done in a professional manner using down-to-earth, scientific methodology as much as possible. IRAAP investigation forms may be used when submitting information; however, these forms are not absolutely necessary. They are only meant to be used as a guide to assist investigators.

## IRAAP Messenger:

An online newsletter, **The Messenger**, will be published periodically on the website. Readers are invited to submit articles for publication. This newsletter will consist of articles, opinions and information on all aspects of UFOs and other unexplained phenomena. **The Messenger** is available for print / download, free of charge.

## Confidentiality:

Every independent investigator / researcher who contributes to the IRAAP website must act in a professional manner and respect the privacy of individuals who wish to remain anonymous. The welfare of witnesses and their confidentiality must be strictly maintained. Names of witnesses will not be released by IRAAP under any circumstances without the permission of the witness.

## Disclaimer:

All information (including opinions) submitted to IRAAP will be considered those of the individual researcher or investigator. IRAAP cannot be held responsible for any misconduct by contributors. In addition, IRAAP is not responsible for any misrepresentation or misuse of submitted material.