

WESTERN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I NAME

Section 1 This organization shall hereafter be known as the "Western Amateur Radio Association."

ARTICLE II PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the exchange of information and cooperation among members, and to cultivate the general interest of the Amateur Radio Service and its service to the general community.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership in this Association shall be open to all persons whose interest is the advancement of the Amateur Radio Service and the Western Amateur Radio Association.

Section 2 Membership shall consist of five classes:

Full Member: A licensed Amateur that pays dues, has voting rights, and may hold office.

Associate Member: A non-licensed member who pays dues and does not have voting rights. They may not hold office.

Honorary Member: An honorary member must be approved by the Executive Board and the majority of the membership at a regular meeting. They do not have voting rights, nor may hold office.

Family Member: Shall be a licensed spouse of a full member; or licensed child under the age of eighteen or a full-time licensed student up to the age of twenty-two; has voting rights and may hold office.

Life Member: An honorary member approved by the Executive Board and the majority of the membership at a regular meeting. They do have voting rights, and may hold office.

Section 3 Recommendation for expulsion shall be referred to the ENTIRE Executive Board. The Executive Board shall present their recommendation at the next

meeting of the membership. Expulsion will result upon a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting. Expulsion may be appealed to the Board and if approved, presented to the Membership for approval by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE IV DUES AND FEES

- Section 1 The annual dues will be as established by the membership.
- Section 2 Dues will be due and payable January 1 of each year. New members will be prorated for the balance of the year.
- Section 3 Members whose current year's dues have not been paid thirty days after the beginning of the current calendar year shall automatically lose their membership status.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1 The Executive Board shall consist of all elective officers and Repeater Trustee. No Board member shall have more than one vote regardless of the number of positions held.
- Section 2 The Executive Board shall consist of:
 - A. President
 - B. Vice President
 - C. Secretary/Treasurer
 - D. Repeater Trustee
 - E. Past President, if applicable, otherwise an additional Member-at-Large.
 - F. Member-at-Large
 - G. Member-at-Large
- Section 3
 - A. The President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected in November of years ending in even numbers (i.e. 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, etc...)for a two-year term.
 - B. The Vice President shall be elected in November of years ending in odd numbers (i.e. 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, etc...)for a two-year term.
 - C. Members-at-Large shall be elected every November, for a one-year term.
- Section 4 In the case of a vacancy on the Executive Board, the President shall nominate a member to fill the existing vacancy, subject to approval by the Board. Such appointees shall serve only the remaining term. If the vacancy is the President, the Vice President becomes President for the remainder of the term.
- Section 5 Any Board member not present at three consecutive Board and/or scheduled club meetings without sufficient cause may have his office declared vacant by a majority vote of the Board.
- Section 6 Officer RECALL Procedures:
 - A. A special written notice shall be sent to all voting members, no less than two weeks prior to the meeting, informing them of the vote to be taken.

- B. Recall voting will be by secret ballot, and will require a two-thirds majority vote of the members in attendance.

ARTICLE VI DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1 The President will preside at all General Membership and Board meetings of the Association. He shall call all special meetings, appoint all special Committee Chairmen, and he is Chairman of the Board. He shall be ex officio member of all special committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.
- Section 2 The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in his absence and shall coordinate club activities, equipment inventory, and the maintenance and storage of club equipment.
- Section 3 The Secretary shall take minutes of all General Membership and Board Meetings, and be prepared to read the minutes of the previous General and/or Board Meeting. The Secretary shall keep a copy of all correspondence for the Association.
- Section 4 The Treasurer shall receive all moneys, deposit same in the Association's accounts, and distribute said moneys as directed by the Board. The Treasurer will prepare a monthly report to the general membership; and shall be prepared to submit all books for a periodic audit, or as directed by the Board upon proper notification.
- Section 5 The Repeater Trustee is the legal trustee of the club repeater(s).
- Section 6 The Past President will make recommendations and/or provide guidance to the Executive Board as requested or required.
- Section 7 The Executive Board shall incur no indebtedness beyond the necessary expenses of the Association without approval of a majority at a regularly scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VII STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1 The permanent Standing Committees of the Association are as follows:
 - A. Repeater Committee
 - B. Membership Committee
 - C. Newsletter Committee
 - D. Net Control Committee
- Section 2 All Standing Committees shall make a monthly report to the General Membership.

ARTICLE VIII DUTIES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- Section 1 The Repeater Committee maintains and develops all club communication equipment.
- Section 2 The Membership Committee shall compile and maintain the club's Membership Roster and Meeting Attendance Book.
- Section 3 The Newsletter Committee, chaired by the EDITOR, will be responsible for the editing and distribution of Club news.

Section 4 The Net Control Committee is responsible for Club NET activities.

ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

Section 1 Regular Meetings will be held monthly at an established time and place. No expense shall be inferred to the membership.

Section 2 Special Meetings will be held when called by the President. The membership will be notified at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance.

Section 3 The Executive Board shall meet prior to the regularly scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE X ELECTIONS

Section 1 The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers to the General Membership at a meeting one month prior to the November elections.

Section 2 Members may also nominate candidates from the floor. The candidates must give their consent to serve.

Section 3 Voting shall be by secret written ballot at a regular meeting, and a majority of votes cast shall be necessary to elect candidates to office.

ARTICLE XI QUORUM

Section 1 The attending membership and not less than one-half of the Executive Board members constitute a quorum at a regular membership meeting.

Section 2 A President or Vice President plus 3 additional Executive Board members constitutes a quorum at an Executive Board meeting.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENT

Section 1 These BYLAWS may be amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of this Association by a proposal in writing. All proposals must have prior study by the Executive Board before being presented for vote. A vote of two-thirds of the voting membership present is needed for passage.

ARTICLE XIII AUTHORITY

Section 1 These BYLAWS constitute our governing law, revoking all previous constitutions, BYLAWS, and/or other governing rules of this Association.

Section 2 Robert's Rules of Order, Revised Edition, shall be the Parliamentary Authority on all matters not covered in the BYLAWS

ARTICLE XIV DISSOLUTION

Section 1 Dissolution may be accomplished only by unanimous vote of the Executive Board and approval of two-thirds of the majority of the voting membership present. Notification shall be sent by registered mail to the entire voting

membership no less than thirty (30) days prior to the vote. All property and money belonging to the Association will then be donated to a legally recognized non-religious, nonsectarian, nonprofit making organization or charity.