

CENTRAL MISSOURI RADIO ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

(Approved October 10, 1995)

Preamble

Wishing to secure the pleasures of the association of persons interested in Amateur Radio, the Central Missouri Radio Association is formed, and this Constitution is its governing law. It is among the purposes of the Association to further the exchange of information between members; to promote radio knowledge, fraternization, cooperation, and individual operating efficiency; and to so conduct Association programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio and the community.

ARTICLE I: **Membership**

All persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership. Application and election shall be as the bylaws provide.

ARTICLE II: **Officers**

Section 1 - Officers shall be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2 - Officers shall be elected for a term of one year by vote of the members present (provided there is a quorum) at the regular meeting in January of each year. Nominations shall be presented by a nominating committee, and additional nominations will be accepted from the floor. The nominating committee shall consist of five members. Three shall be elected at the November meeting prior to the election; the other two shall be the President and the most recent and available past President.

Section 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled at a special election held at the first regular meeting following occurrence of the vacancy.

Section 4 - Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

ARTICLE III: **Duties of Officers**

Section 1 - The **President** shall preside at all meetings of this Association, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and bylaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the Association; and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President

Section 2 - The **Vice President** shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Section 3 - The **Recording Secretary** shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, read communications at each meeting, perform such other duties as are customary to the office and, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary, shall serve in his place.

Section 4 - The **Corresponding Secretary** shall carry on correspondence, receive applications for membership, mail official notices to each member, and, in absence of the Recording Secretary, shall serve in

his place.

Section 5 - The **Treasurer** shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Association; shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. The Treasurer shall pay no bills without prior authorization by the Association or the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office.

Section 6 - Officers, at the expiration of their terms, shall turn over to their successor all items belonging to the Association.

ARTICLE IV: Meetings

The bylaws shall provide for regular and special **meetings**. A minimum of five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V: Dues

The bylaws shall provide for regular **dues**. The Association, by a majority vote of those present at any regular meetings (provided advance notice has been given by mail), may levy upon the general membership such assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments may be cause for expulsion from the Association.

ARTICLE VI: Member Assistance

The Association will provide technical assistance to members to assure compliance with the rules and regulations governing the Amateur Service. The Association shall also maintain a program to foster good public relations.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

Proposals for amendments to this constitution or the bylaws shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting, and voted upon at the next regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend. A two-thirds vote of the members present is required to amend.

ARTICLE VIII: Rules

Roberts Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

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BYLAWS

1. Recording Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep the constitution and bylaws of the Association and have the same with him at every meeting. He shall cause all amendments, changes, and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request.
2. Membership. Membership is open to licensed amateurs and those with an active interest in Amateur Radio. Members have all Association privileges including the right to hold office and vote for Association officers. Voting on the application shall be in the absence of the applicant, at the subsequent regular meeting and shall require a simple majority. Membership renewal shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 3. Meetings.** Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall determine. Upon written request of any five Association members, the President shall call a special meeting. Notice shall be sent stating the time and place of any special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business will be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that in the ordinary postal delivery they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting time.
4. Dues. In accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution, the dues shall be twenty dollars per year for individuals and twenty-five dollars per year for families residing in the same household, prorated quarterly for new members.
5. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers, the immediate past President and one member elected from the rest of the membership. The last member will serve a term of two years. The Executive Committee will conduct the affairs of the Association between business meetings. They will, upon the advice of the Committee Chairman, annually prepare a budget for approval by the membership at the March meeting. No single official of the Association will expend more money than is budgeted, or otherwise approved by the membership. All actions of the Executive Committee shall be reported at the next meeting for action by members.
6. Technical Committee. The President shall appoint a Technical Committee, which shall be responsible for the operation and maintenance of any repeaters that the Association shall sponsor. It will also be the custodian of any Association-owned equipment.
7. Steering Committee. The President shall appoint a Steering Committee to consist of five members, no more than three of which will be replaced in any one year. This Committee shall advise the President and is responsible for the short and long term planning of the Association.
8. Other Committees. The President may appoint such other committees, as he deems expedient.
9. Educational Programs. It shall be the duty of the Vice President to arrange an educational program for each scheduled meeting as desired by the membership.
10. Unbudgeted Expenditures. Any proposal for unbudgeted expenditures shall be approved by a unanimous vote of all members of the Executive Committee that are available, providing that at least four of them vote.