

THE DELAWARE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, Inc. BYLAWS

PREAMBLE: We, the undersigned wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Delaware Amateur Radio Association and enact these Bylaws as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

All persons interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for membership. (Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the Association shall in its Bylaws provide.) There shall be three classes of members: Voting, Associate and Family. 1. A Voting member may be any licensed Radio Amateur desiring membership in the Association. 2. An Associate member may be any person interested in Amateur Radio. 3. A Family member may be any person residing at the same address as a Voting member or an Associate member. Only Voting Members who are current in their dues shall be eligible to vote and to hold office in the Association.

ARTICLE II - DUES

The Association, by majority vote of those present at any Business meeting, may establish such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Membership dues are due on the 1st day of January each year. Any eligible Associate or Family member who is a licensed radio amateur may upgrade to Voting member status at any time during the year and will be eligible to vote immediately upon tendering the difference in membership dues to the Treasurer. New Voting Members and former Voting Members whose membership has expired for more than six (6) months are not eligible to vote until after the expiration of one month following receipt of their dues by the Treasurer.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Sec. 1 - The officers of this Association shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A single individual may simultaneously hold the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall begin their term of office the first day of January following their election.

Sec. 2 - The officers of this Association shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a term of one year or until their successors are elected.

Sec. 3 - Vacancies occurring between elections may be filled by special elections or may be appointed by the Executive committee.

ARTICLE IV- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of this Association, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of these Bylaws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents that are adopted by the Association, and none other; and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

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

Sec. 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and send written notices to each member. He/she shall at the expiration of his term turn over all items belonging to the Association to his/her successor and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Bylaws of the Association and have the same with him/her at every meeting. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by the membership upon request.

Sec. 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Association; the Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He/she shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the Association or its Executive Committee). At each "regular meeting" he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He/she shall at the expiration of his/her term

turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Association to his/her successor and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of Treasurer. Inventory records shall be maintained by the Treasurer on any property, equipment, or assets owned or acquired by the Association.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

There shall be an Annual Meeting, a Semi-annual Meeting, and Program meetings. It is the intent of these Bylaws to ensure that most of the business of the Association will be conducted at the Annual Meeting, with some additional business during the Semi-annual Meeting; however, to ensure good order, any Program meeting may become a business meeting where the business of the Association may be conducted in accordance with the limitations set forth in these Bylaws. The Annual and Semi-annual business meetings shall be held at times and places in Delaware County as the President shall order in a written notice sent to Voting Members at least 3 days prior to the meetings. The Annual Meeting shall be held in November. The Semi-annual Meeting shall be held in May. Program meetings will be held at such times and places as directed by the Executive Committee, usually every month except December. Business may be conducted at any Program meeting held in Delaware County, but only when authorized by the Executive Committee, or upon the written request of any five Voting Members, and then only to consider such limited business which must be specifically identified in a written notice sent to the Voting Members at least 3 days prior to the meeting. The lesser of ten Voting Members or 20% of the Voting Members of the Association shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum at an Annual or Semi-annual Meeting, the members present may draft the proposed business for appropriate distribution to all voting members for resolution by those returning ballots within a period of one calendar month. The draft shall permit absentee voting.

ARTICLE VI - MAJOR EXPENDITURES

Major expenditures must be approved by a majority vote. A major expenditure is hereby defined as any expenditure greater than \$50.00.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended at the Annual Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote. Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be communicated to the Voting Members at least 3 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An Executive Committee may be established for conducting routine business. The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers and key committee heads and/or other persons designated by the President. The President shall preside over the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX - RULES

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.