

THE St. AUGUSTINE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION
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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 as the ST. AUGUSTINE AMATEUR RADIO SOGETY and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternal-ism and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct society 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 between amateur stations, solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest, shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE II: OFFCERS.

Section 1: The officers of this society shall be as follows: President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and held by one person at the discretion of the membership.

Section 2: The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot or the members present, provided there be a quorum, (see Article IV) at the last regular meeting of the calendar year. A slate of officers selected by a Nominating Committee shall be presented to the membership at the regular meeting immediately preceding the last regular meeting of the year. Additional nominees may be added to the slate provided that a written acceptance of the nomination is available with the signature of the nominee.

Section 3: Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation. All officers must be paid-up for the current year. Any officer absent for more than three times without adequate excuse shall be replaced by vote of a majority of the membership, providing the member first be informed of the step.

Section 4: Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting. Removal of officers, other than by absences, shall require a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting.

ARTICLE III; DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the. society and conduct the meeting according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observation of this Constitution and By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign an official documents that are adopted by the society, and none other, and perform an other customary duties pertaining to the office of president.

Section 2: The 1st vice-president shall assume all the duties of the president in the absence of the latter, and shall serve as Program Chairman.

Section 3: The 2nd vice-president shall serve as trustee of the repeater.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the society and to have them on hand at every meeting.' All amendments, changes, additions and deletions shall be noted thereon, and shall be available to any member upon request. The secretary shall keep a record of the membership approval or correction, carry on all correspondence, read communications' at each meeting, mail written notices to each member as necessary. At the expiration of the term of office, the secretary shall turn over all items belonging to the society to the succeeding secretary.

Section 5: The treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the society and shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the society, or by its officers constituting a business committee. At each regular meeting he should be prepared to inform the members present of all receipts and expenditures, and the balances of any society accounts. He shall provide and accept membership forms, collect dues and assessments, and maintain a current roster. He shall provide a current roster to the officers and to the newsletter editor, unless a Membership Chairman is appointed; in such case the treasurer shall provide a current roster of paid-up members to the Membership Chairman. He shall, at the expiration date of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the society to his successor. The treasurer's records may be audited annually by a committee appointed for the task, and the findings reported to the membership.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS.

The by-laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the regular members, to include at least: two elected officers, one of whom is president or vice-president, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V: DUES.

The society, by majority vote of full members present at the last meeting of the calendar may levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the society within its objects as set forth in the preamble. Nonpayment of such dues shall be cause for removal from the society roster.

ARTICLE VI: MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE.

The society will provide technical advice and assistance to members, concerning equipment design and operation-to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice and absence of spurious radiations from society member stations. The society shall also maintain a program to foster and guide good public relations.

ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS.

This constitution and/or the By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership present and voting. Proposals for amendment shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting, and shall be voted upon at the next regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intention to amend.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE VII: RULES.

Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

1. MEMBERSHIP:

Fun membership is open to licensed amateurs. Associate membership is open to all other interested persons. Lifetime membership maybe granted to members in recognition of services to SMRS. They shall not be required to pay dues. Additional members may be granted Life membership as recognition of their past services or long membership to the Society. Associate members may not vote or participate in active discussions of society business. Full members may vote and participate in society business, but only those who live here year round may hold office.

2. MEETINGS:

Regular and special meetings shall be held at a time and place as agreed upon by a majority of the members at a meeting, and a change shall not be made until all members are notified in writing.

3. DUES:

Dues shall be set per individual, regular member rage. Full family member dues shall be assessed at one and one-half the full member dues. Associate, non-voting membership dues shall be set at one-half the full member dues. Dues for those joining after July 1st, and those who are not in the area more that one-half a year shall be assessed at one-half the rates of a full member.

4. COMMTITEES:

The president shall, at his discretion, appoint such committees as are desirable to the function of the society. Such committees could be, but are not limited to, the following: Interference, Special Activities, Interclub meetings, Swap Meets,. Hamfest, Publicity, Repeater, Membership, etc.

5. ARRL AFFILIATION:

The society urges an members to maintain membership in the ARRL. The society further desires to be an actively affiliated member within the ARRL.