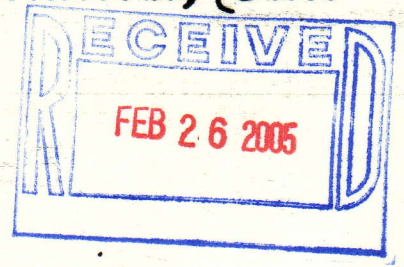


# Wayne County Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Constitution



## Article I Name

- Section 1 The name of the organization shall be the Wayne County Amateur Radio Association, Inc.
- Section 2 The principal office of the organization shall be located in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

## Article II Affiliation

- Section 1 This organization shall be and hereby is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, Newington, Connecticut, in so far as its policies are not in conflict with this constitution.

## Article III Purpose

- Section 1 The purpose of this organization shall be to promote and encourage the interest of its members in Amateur Radio. It shall be the further purpose to encourage and assist persons interested in Amateur Radio to secure an amateur license.

## Article IV Membership

- Section 1 Regular membership is open to individuals holding a valid amateur license.
- Section 2 Associate membership is open to persons with a sincere desire to secure an amateur license and amateurs who are members of the immediate family of a regular member.

**Section 3** Honorary membership is open to persons recommended by the Board of Directors and approved by a 3/4 vote of the membership at the annual meeting.

## **Article II Government**

**Section 1** The government of this organization shall be invested in a board of directors consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Trustee and two members at large.

**Section 2** The officers and directors shall be elected in a manner prescribed in the by-laws and shall hold office for a period of one year, or until their successors are duly elected and installed. The Club Trustee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a 10 year period and this appointment may be renewed to coincide with the FCC license period.

**Section 3** It is the responsibility of this organization to provide that no profit shall inure to the benefit of any individual member, except in consideration for services rendered.

**Section 4** In the event of the dissolution of the organization, all assets will be conveyed to one or more of the types of organizations and institutions as set forth in North Carolina G.S. 105-164.14(B) or to a county or an incorporated city or town or an organization exempt from federal tax in accordance with provisions of Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **Article III Amendments**

**Section 1** This constitution may be amended by a 2/3rds vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting providing that written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments, enclosing a copy thereof has been mailed to the last known address of each member at least 10 days prior to the date of such a meeting.

## **By Laws**

### **Article I Membership**

**Section 1** Any person of good character, holding a valid amateur license shall be eligible for Regular Membership in the organization as provided in Article IV Section 1 of the Constitution.

**Section 2** Any person of good character with a sincere desire to secure an amateur license and persons holding a valid amateur license who are members of the immediate family of a regular member shall be eligible for an Associate Membership as provide in Article IV Section 2 of the Constitution. Associate Members shall not have the right of a vote.

**Section 3** Honorary Memberships are open in accordance with Article IV Section 3, of the Constitution.

**Section 4** All applications for membership other than honorary shall be accompanied by payment of the installation fee and annual dues.

**Section 5** All applications for membership shall be approved by a majority vote of the board of directors.

**Section 6** Any member whose dues are in arrears for a period of 60 days shall be suspended from membership. Any member who shall attend a meeting while suspended shall be prohibited from participating in the business of the organization.

**Section 7** Any member whose dues are in arrears for 90 days shall have his/her membership terminated. Any member whose membership is terminated and desires to rejoin shall submit a written request to the Board of Directors together with payment of all back dues and a new application fee to the Treasurer.

**Section 8** Any member whose conduct or actions are not in the best interest of the organization and the amateur fraternity may have his/her membership terminated by recommendation of the Board of Directors and an affirmative vote of 3/4 of the membership.

**Section 9** Any unlicensed person accepted for an Associate Member in this organization and not securing an amateur license within 12 months shall have his/her membership terminated.

## **Article II**

### **Dues**

**Section 1** The installation fee in this organization shall be set by the Board of Directors and is payable with the application for membership.

**Section 2** The annual dues for Regular membership in this organization shall be set by the Board of Directors and are payable annually in advance.

**Section 3** The annual dues for Associate membership in this organization shall be set by the Board of Directors and are payable annually in advance.

**Section 4** Any person voted a Honorary membership shall be relieved of paying dues and installation fees and shall not have the right of a vote.

**Section 5** Any person desiring membership and being unable to pay fees and dues may be accepted upon recommendation of the Board of Directors and approval of the membership.

## **Article III**

### **Government**

**Section 1** The government of the organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of seven members as set forth in Article V Section I of the Constitution.

**Section 2** The Board of Directors shall have control and management of the property and finances of the organization.

**Section 3** In the event of a vacancy on the Board of Directors, the remaining directors shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term or until the next regular election.

## **Article IV**

### **Elections**

**Section 1** Thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee of three members.

**Section 2** The nominating committee shall decide upon and present to the organization the candidates for election. The committee shall select at least one (1) for each office and shall be regular members with a valid amateur license.

**Section 3** Any regular member not presented for office by the nominating committee may be added to the ballot by nomination from the floor prior to the vote for that office.

**Section 4** At the annual meeting there shall be elected the following officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two (2) directors.

## **Article II**

### **Duties of the Officers**

**Section 1** The President, as chief executive officer shall supervise the organization, affairs, and activities and shall make an annual report thereon to the membership.

**Section 2** The vice-president shall be in charge at all times in the absence of the President and shall perform other duties as directed by the President.

**Section 3** The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall be custodian of all official records and shall perform other duties as directed.

**Section 4** The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees and disburse funds at the direction of the Board of Directors and perform other duties as directed.

**Section 5** The Club Trustee shall secure and maintain a station license for operation of a club station and repeaters. He shall be responsible for supervising the installation and maintenance of all club stations in accordance with FCC regulations.

## **Article III**

### **Meetings**

**Section 1** The annual meeting of the organization shall be held in January each year.

**Section 2** The organization shall hold monthly meetings on such date as may be set.

**Section 3** Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at prescribed intervals. A quorum shall consist of five members.

**Section 4** Special meetings of the membership or Board of Directors shall be called by the President.

## **Article IIII**

### **Profits and Dissolution**

**Section 1** No part of the organizations net earnings is to inure to the benefit of its officers, directors, or members in accord with the provisions of Article V Section 3 of the constitution.

**Section 2** In the event of the dissolution of the organization, the organization assets will be disposed of in accord with the provisions of Article V Section 4 of the constitution.

# **Article VIII**

## **Amendments**

**Section 1** These bylaws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting provided that written notice of the proposed change has been sent to all members at least 10 days in advance.



## AMENDMENT

According to "Article VI" of the "Wayne County Radio Association, Inc. Constitution" it states as follows: **This constitution may be amended by a 2\3rds vote of the membership present at any regular or special meeting providing that written notice of the proposed amendment or amendments, enclosing a copy thereof has been mailed to the last known address of each member at least 10 days prior to the date of such a meeting.**

So below is the following suggested amendments.

Membership Dues for as follows: Individual \$15.00 Family \$25.00  
Family Dues would cover everyone who is a License Ham and resides at the same address.

Honorary Members: One who would no longer pay dues, providing he or she is age 65 and has been a paid member for 10 years. Honorary Members will have voting rights.

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