

Bylaws of the  
GREATER MASON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Incorporated 2005  
Revised May 2003 and 2006

PREAMBLE:

We, the membership, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of a nonprofit association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Greater Mason County Amateur Radio Association and enact this set of bylaws as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to provide community service when needed, to promote radio knowledge by educating the public, to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, fraternalism, improve individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct association programs, and activities to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community.

**Article I - MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1:

Any licensed amateur radio operator of good character is eligible for active membership in the association.

Section 2:

Any person of good character interested in amateur radio communication shall be eligible for associate membership in this association. An associate member shall not be eligible to vote or hold office and shall have no auto patch privileges.

Section 3:

All applications must be announced at the general membership meeting and must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the membership present.

Section 4:

Active membership shall cease on the 16 day of February if the member has failed to pay their dues.

Section 5:

Any member may be expelled from this association by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, and a two-thirds vote of the members present at the general membership meeting. A formal complaint against the said member must be submitted in writing to the president of the association no later than twelve (12) days prior to the general membership meeting.

Section 6:

Any member shall be expelled from this association for actions leading to the loss of a valid Amateur Radio License as specified by the FCC Rules.

Section 7:

Each member of the association shall receive a copy of the bylaws upon becoming a member and shall receive a revised copy if updated or amended.

**Article II - DUES**

Section 1:

The annual dues for active membership of this association shall be fifteen dollars. The total amount payable on or before the membership meeting in January.

**Section 2:**

The annual dues for associate membership of this association shall be five dollars. The total amount payable on or before the membership meeting in January.

**Section 3:**

The dues for family members living under the same roof with an active member shall be five dollars each and such family members shall be considered active members if they are licensed amateur radio operators.

**Article III - GOVERNMENT**

**Section 1:**

The government of this organization shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall be subject to the will of the membership.

**Section 2:**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and the Chairman of the Repeater Trustees.

**Section 3:**

The Executive Committee shall have control and management of the property and management of the organization subject to the will of the membership. Funds of the organization shall be withdrawn from the bank or banks with which they are on deposit by the signature of the president, or other authorized officer and the treasurer.

**Section 4:**

Newly elected officers shall assume their respective duties immediately following the membership meeting in December.

**Section 5:**

If the office of president shall become vacant for any reason the vice-president shall immediately assume the privileges and responsibilities of that office. If the vice-president declines or is otherwise unable to serve as president the body shall elect a replacement at the next regular meeting who shall serve until the expiration of the term. Vacancies in any other elected office must be filled by vote of the body as soon as practical.

**Article IV - ELECTIONS**

**Section 1:**

The annual election meeting shall be held in December. A quorum must be present at this meeting in order to proceed with the election.

**Section 2:**

At the December meeting ballots will be distributed by roll call to all eligible members in good standing. Members paying dues after February 16 shall not be eligible to vote or to hold office in year's election. The election shall proceed in the following order:

- 1) President
- 2) Vice President
- 3) Treasurer
- 4) Secretary

Nominations from the floor will be accepted. Ballots will be collected, tabulated, and results announced before proceeding to the next elected office. All votes shall be by secret ballot and no person shall be allowed to submit more than one ballot.

**Section 3:**

The person with the most votes shall be elected. In the event of a tie a runoff ballot with only the names of the tying candidates will be distributed. If the tie remains after two such runoffs, the office will be decided by the flip of a coin.

**Section 4:**

Ballots shall be distributed with the names of all persons nominated for the office of repeater trustee. The three persons receiving the most votes shall be elected as the trustees. The person receiving the most votes shall serve as chairman.

**Article V - MEETINGS**

**Section 1:**

The association shall hold a business meeting at least once a month. At all such meetings, two of the five elected officers and the active membership present shall constitute a quorum in order to conduct any business.

**Section 2:**

Special meetings may be called by the president, upon the written request of any association members. Notices shall be sent to the last known mailing address or e-mail address of each member not less than four days prior to the meeting. The notice will announce the business to be transacted and only such business shall be conducted.

**Article VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 1:**

The President as chief officer should preside at all meetings of this association and conduct them according to the duties adopted. He/She shall enforce due observance of these bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the association, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of president. The president shall turn over all records to his/her successor.

**Section 2:**

The Vice-president should assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition he/she should organize association activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance association interest and activity as approved by the association. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the section Emergency Coordinator to further association participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. He/ She shall turn over all records to successor.

**Section 3:**

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the association, keep an accurate account of all monies received and is expected to pay no bills without proper authorization (by the association or its officers). He/She shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at each business meeting. At the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the association to his/her successor.

**Section 4:**

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a record of members dues submitted for membership applications, read communications at each meeting and send written meeting notices to each member. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the association to his/her successor. The Secretary shall make arrangements for his/her duties to be performed in his/her absence.

**Section 5:**

The Repeater trustees shall coordinate all repeater repairs, make recommendations to the membership regarding repeater improvements, and one of their members shall represent the trustees on any repeater related committees. The trustees must be active members in good standing and must also abide by Article VIII.

**Section 6:**

An officer of the association may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the active membership.

**Section 7:**

Under no circumstances shall a member be permitted to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office. This term limitation shall not apply to the repeater trustees.

**Article VII - COMMITTEES**

**Section 1:**

The Executive Committee shall determine the committees deemed proper and necessary to fulfill the objective and purpose of the association.

**Section 2:**

All committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the president, subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

**Section 3:**

The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, which includes being a tie - breaker if necessary.

**Article VIII - OBLIGATION**

**Section 1:**

No member of this association shall contract for or incur any debt or enter into any agreement or otherwise obligate this association except by authorization of the Executive Committee.

**Article IX - RULES OF ORDER**

**Section 1:**

The latest revision of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the meetings of the association and its constituent parts except as provided in the bylaws.

**Article X - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1:**

The bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active membership present at a regular meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting provided all members have been notified by mail or electronic means of the intent to amend the bylaws at said meeting.

**FLOWER POLICY**

The Greater Mason County Amateur Radio Association shall send flowers or make a \$25.00 donation (to the charity of the deceased) choice in the circumstances:

- The death of a member of the GMCARA
- The death of a spouse, parent or child or a GMCARA member

End of By Laws.