

NATIONAL CAPITOL DX ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the National Capitol DX Association, wish to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio and DX. In August 1972 we enact this Constitution as our governing document It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of DX information and cooperation between amateurs, to promote amateur radio, DX knowledge, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

A. The Association is primarily DX oriented. To be accepted for Regular membership, each applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

1. A minimum of 100 countries confirmed (Associate members 50 countries confirmed), any combination of modes being acceptable, with the establishment of a membership committee to verify QSL cards. The ARRL Countries list shall be used for this purpose.
2. Each applicant must be nominated by two Regular members.
3. Each applicant must attend three out of five consecutive meetings.
4. Each applicant must be approved by two-thirds of those members voting. A quorum, as defined in the By-laws (Article III), must be present. All voting shall be by secret ballot.
5. Each applicant shall be a member of ARRL and shall maintain that membership while a member of the Association.

B. Membership Categories: There shall be six types of membership:

1. Charter Members: The following Charter members of the Association shall be considered Regular members for purposes of this document:

John R. Boyd, W4WWG (W4WG)
Burt C. Cohen, W3CRE (W3GG)
Morton H. Cohen, K3EH
Theodore J. Cohen, W4UMF (N4XX)
James A. Douglas, W3ZNH (W3ZN)
Robert D. Edmonston, K4BEO (N4VV)
George A. Grant, K3EJ
Peter L. Huber, WA3KSQ (K3ZR)
John S. Jarrett, K4CFB (K4FJ)
Ray C. H. Johnson, K4DXO (K5RJ)

Richard M. Klein, K4GKD
Layfield L. Lamb, W3BWZ (W4NL)
Owen J. McReynolds, K3GKU (W4DPS)
William B. May, W3RX
Joseph S. Mikuckis, K3CHP
Richard G. Price, W3DBT (K3RS), deceased
Wallace H. Raymond, K4EKJ (N4KW)
Paul D. Rockwell, W3AFM
Donald B. Search, W3AZD
Raymond E. Spence, W4QAW

2. **Regular Member:** Any amateur who meets the membership criteria and who has been duly inducted into the Association. These members shall have full voting privileges, shall maintain ARRL membership, and shall receive all Association mailings. Regular membership is valid for one year and is irrevocable (except as stated in ARTICLE I.C) upon payment of established dues.
 3. **Associate Member:** An amateur licensee who has met all current membership criteria except the aforementioned country total and who has been inducted into the Association in the same manner as have been Regular members. Associate members must show proof of having conducted two-way communication with at least 50 countries as shown on the current ARRL Countries List. Associate Member status automatically converts to Regular Member status upon proof of having conducted two-way communication with 100 countries from the current ARRL Countries List as authenticated by the Membership Committee. Associate members shall only retain that status for a maximum of two years from the date of becoming an Associate Member, after which they must qualify for Regular membership. Associate Members shall have no voting privileges, but shall receive Association mailings.
 4. **Member-At-Large:** Any amateur or contributor to the betterment of amateur radio who has expressed an interest in NCDXA but who, for reason of location, cannot fulfill the meeting requirement of ARTICLE I, A.3 (3 out of 5 consecutive meetings) is eligible to be a Member-At-Large. All other requirements relative to membership apply. Members-At-Large have no voting privileges, shall be recommended by at least one Regular member and shall receive Association mailings.
 5. **Honorary Member:** Any amateur may be nominated by two Regular members for this category of membership. Two-thirds of those members voting are required for acceptance. A quorum must be present. Honorary members shall have no voting privileges and shall not receive Association mailings.
 6. **Life Member:** Any Charter or Regular Member, upon the payment of a single sum equivalent to a multiple 14 times the then current Regular dues, and its acceptance by the Association, shall be eligible for designation as a "Life Member" and shall, as such, thereafter be exempt from the requirement that they pay dues or assessments of any sort in order to maintain Regular membership in the Association. All other requirements relative to continued membership shall still apply. The "Life Member" designation may be bestowed upon a Charter Member, without the required payment, upon approval by a majority vote of the Members present at a Regular meeting.
- C. **Expulsion:** All Regular members must be polled, in writing, and a two-thirds majority of those voting is required for expulsion. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
- D. **Termination of Membership:** A Regular, Associate or Member-at-Large who is delinquent 90 days in payment of dues from the due date as defined in the By-laws shall have membership discontinued and shall be subject to payment of an assessment as a new member, plus dues, upon application for reinstatement of membership.

ARTICLE II

OFFICERS

- A. **The officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.**
- B. **The officers shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the Regular members present and voting. A quorum is necessary. The new officers will assume their duties on the day of their election.**

- C. **Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by a special election at the next business meeting, provided a quorum is present and voting.**
- D. **Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote of those Regular members present and voting, provided a quorum is present.**

ARTICLE III

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. **The President shall preside at all Association meetings and conduct same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-laws, decide all question of order, sign all official documents, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President. He shall sign the membership certificates.**
- B. **The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence. He shall, with the assistance of the membership, arrange special events and meetings and chair committees as set forth in the By-laws.**
- C. **The Secretary shall keep a current record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a current roll of the various members as defined in ARTICLE I, receive applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, notify members of meetings, and keep current the "Countries Needed List". He shall, at expiration of his term, turn over to his successor all items belonging to the Association. He shall sign all membership certificates and maintain all historical records of the Association.**
- D. **The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Association. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended. He shall provide dues and assessment notices for each member to the Secretary for mailing. He shall provide a written report to each officer at the end of each fiscal quarter, and shall present a report to all members at each general membership meeting. He shall disburse all funds up to \$100.00. Over \$100.00, the President's written authorization is required. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over to his successor everything in his possession belonging to the Association.**

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS

The By-laws shall provide for meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE V

DUES

Dues and assessments shall be as set forth in the By-laws.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution or the By-laws may be amended at a regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of those voting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted

on at the next business meeting, provided all members eligible to vote have been notified by the Secretary by mail of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or By-laws at said meeting. Should the foregoing criteria be met and a quorum fail to assemble for voting on the proposed change(s), the President will direct the Secretary to poll the Regular membership within 15 days by mail. To be counted in the vote, ballots must be received by the Secretary within 30 days from the date of the mailing.

ARTICLE VII

AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated with the American Radio Relay League and each NCDXA member shall be a member in good standing in ARRL.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES

Standing committees are identified in the By-laws. Adhoc committees may be appointed by the President when deemed necessary and shall serve until the special purpose for which they are appointed has been fulfilled or until such committees are dissolved by the President.

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BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization shall be NATIONAL CAPITOL DX ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

Meetings shall be called by the President with a minimum of four meetings per year. One meeting shall be held during the month of October each year to elect officers for the following year.

ARTICLE III

A quorum shall be a minimum of ten Regular members except for Constitutional amendments which shall require at least 51% of the Regular members.

ARTICLE IV

The initial assessment for Regular, Associate and Members-At-Large is \$10.00. This does not include yearly dues. If, in the execution of NCDXA programs, additional assessments are necessary, members will be assessed by the Secretary.

Dues for members shall be established annually by the membership after approval of the Association's budget. Where necessary, the dues shall be prorated on a monthly basis beginning October 1, which begins the Association's fiscal year. Honorary members pay no dues. Associate and Members-at-Large must contribute a minimum of 50% of the dues established for Regular members.

In the event the Association disbands, for whatever reason, all liabilities shall first be satisfied and the remaining funds in the treasury shall then be divided on a prorated basis to all dues paying members. Donations shall be returned to the donor in total, or, if partially spent, the residue shall be returned to the donor.

ARTICLE V

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to be custodian of the Constitution and the By-laws of the Association. He shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted therein, the date they were enacted, and permit same to be read by members upon request.

ARTICLE VI

Association members are encouraged to exchange DX information on both the DX spotting frequency, 147.420 MHz and the 145.590 MHz packet DX spotting cluster. Members are also encouraged to join the "on-the-air" weekly meetings held on 147.420 MHz to stay current on matters affecting the Association as well as "hot scoops" on DX in general.

ARTICLE VII

The Association shall have the following standing committees:

- A. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Ascertains qualifications of prospective members, certifies they have met membership requirements, and introduces prospective members to the Association. Membership committee shall be chaired by the Vice-President, who will select two Regular members to serve with him for one year. Membership applications will be provided by the Secretary upon request.**
- B. PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE: Responsible for recording photographically the events and activities of the Association. The chairman shall be appointed by the President.**

ARTICLE VIII

The outgoing administration shall prepare and submit a proposed budget for the coming year at the annual election meeting. Following the election of officers, the Association shall approve a budget for the next fiscal year.

This printing of the Constitution and By-laws includes all amendments adopted before September 15, 1995