

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
THE OHIO SINGLE SIDEBAND NET**

Be it known that we, amateur radio traffic handlers in Ohio, associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming a message handling traffic net in the state of Ohio.

Article 1. The name of our traffic net shall be the "Ohio Single Sideband Net" (OSSBN).

Article 2. The purpose of the OSSBN shall be to relay message traffic in the public interest during normal times and communication emergencies and to train net members to accomplish this objective.

Article 3. The principal office of the net shall be the address of the current net manager of the OSSBN.

Article 4. The affairs of the OSSBN shall be under the control of the net manager and an advisory board comprised of three members. The net manager and one advisory board member shall be elected each year.

Article 5. The OSSBN shall meet twice a year. There shall be an annual meeting held in the fall, and a semi-annual meeting held in the spring. In addition, special meetings shall be called by the net manager and advisory board when necessary.

Article 6. A vacancy in the office of net manager, or a member of the advisory board shall be deemed to occur upon the death, resignation, move of permanent residence outside the state of Ohio, or refusal or inability to act.

Article 7. Membership in the OSSBN shall be open to any licensed amateur radio operator, a resident of the state of Ohio, with a sincere interest in the handling of traffic and who has evidenced such interest by becoming active in net operations.

BY-LAWS

1. There shall be no dues. The net manager may, from time to time, ask for donations from net members to help defray such expenses as may become necessary.
2. On March 1st the net manager will appoint a nomination committee of three members with the second year advisory board member as chairman. A slate of nominees for advisory board and net manager shall be presented on March 23. On March 22 the net manager shall appoint a teller who will call for nominations from March 23 through March 31. Nominees must be members of OSSBN and agree to serve if elected. The teller shall call for votes from the members of the net from April 1st through April 7th and shall on April 8th announce the results of the election. The winner in each case shall be that nominee who has received the most votes. Duties of the net manager shall commence on May 1st. Voting may be by radiogram. The net manager of OSSBN must be a member of the ARRL. If not a member upon election, he/she must apply for membership as soon as possible.
3. The net manager shall appoint an Assistant Net Manager to assist in the operation of the net. In the event of vacancy in the office of net manager, the assistant net manager shall assume net managership for the unexpired term of office. In the event of vacancy on the advisory board, the net manager shall then appoint a member of the net to fill the unexpired term of office.
4. The net manager shall operate the OSSBN, shall appoint and remove net controls and other persons required for the operation of the net, and shall arrange liaison with other nets, and shall complete and forward such reports as are required. He shall retain a copy of such reports and other communications in a permanent file belonging to the net, and shall turn over these files to his successor.

- 4a. Duties of the advisory board shall consist of but not be limited to:
 - a) Offering assistance as to the proper procedures of handling traffic.
 - b) Make recommendations in regards to OSSBN net policies or procedures to the net manager.
 - c) Update any additions, deletions or changes in the net roster to be reviewed with the net manager.
 - d) In the absence of the net manager and assistant net manager during any net session shall see that the net starts on time, be sure there is a net control if the assigned NCS is not present and maintain proper discipline.
5. Details of the operation of the net shall correspond to those by the prescribed national traffic system for a directed net. Operation during emergency conditions are as stated in the "Emergency Operating Guidelines".
6. Each session of the OSSBN shall commence with the reading of the following preamble: "This is the Ohio Single Sideband Net, a part of the Ohio Section of the National Traffic System. We meet three times daily to handle traffic. This is a directed net and net control will control the net. Your net control is _____, my name is _____, and I am located at _____. Stations desiring to break the net, please use your callsign."
7. Each net control shall within 3 days following the closing of a net session, advise the net manager, or stations designated by the net manager, of the number of check-ins, the number of pieces of traffic handled, the length of session in minutes, and the calls of the stations handling out-of-state traffic.
8. The OSSBN shall be affiliated with the national traffic system.
9. In net operation, traffic shall be listed by destination. Out of state traffic shall be routed through the national traffic system and/or other recognized outlets.
10. The net manager, or in his absence, a substitute appointed by him, shall preside at all meetings of the membership and shall report on the affairs of the OSSBN to the membership.
11. These By-laws may be amended by submitting five (5) written copies of a proposal for change to the Net Manager, prior to, or at any stated meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The proposal shall be presented at the meeting, and the Net Manager shall assign it to a Committee which shall consist of five (5) persons: the Assistant Net Manager who shall act as Chairperson; the three current Advisory Board members; and one representative for the originator(s) of the proposal. Exception: If any Officer is involved in the origination of the proposal, that Officer shall not assume an executive official position on this committee, and the Net Manager shall appoint a replacement. The Net Manager shall appoint a Teller who shall be responsible for conducting the balloting. The Committee shall review the proposal for purpose, clarity of wording, possible conflict with the Articles of Association or other By-laws, and address any other arguments or concerns. During this process, the originator(s) may modify or withdraw the proposal with the agreement of the Committee. This review shall take place as soon as possible, not to exceed 21 days after being submitted at the meeting. The Chairperson shall deliver the finalized proposal, if not withdrawn, to the appointed Teller. The Teller shall make, or cause to be made, suitable announcements for a minimum of 15 times during the next seven (7) days, with all days and sessions represented, and accept votes during that seven day period. Each announcement shall include the full text of the proposal. For convenience in reviewing, the full text of the proposal may be put onto a web site, but that shall not substitute for the required reading on the air. Ballots should be in radiogram format and addressed to the Teller. The Teller shall honor votes received via any reasonable means in order to permit private voting by those members who so desire. Passage of the amendment shall require that two thirds of the votes cast be affirmative. Example: If 44 members cast votes, then 30 affirmative votes are required for passage. Eligible voters are those listed on the active Net Roster at the start of balloting. The Teller shall announce the results on the day following the close of balloting, and shall send a written summary report to the Net Manager for the record.