

# Articles of Association

## Malayan Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society

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1. The name of the Society the Malayan Amateur Radio Transmitters' Society.

1A. The registered address of the Society shall be :-

*15, Jalan Telawi Enam  
Bangsar Baru,  
59100 Kuala Lumpur.*

and postal address shall be:-

*PO Box 10777,  
50724 Kuala Lumpur.*

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :-

- (a) To promote the general advancement of the science and practice of Radio Communication, and to facilitate the exchange of information and ideas on these subjects among its members and obtain the maximum liberty of action consistent with safeguarding the interest of all concerned;
- (b) To hold meetings of the Society for reading and discussing communications and to issue a monthly newsletter bearing upon radio science or the application thereof or upon subjects relating thereto;
- (c) To form sections of its members united in the pursuit of some common interest, and branches throughout Malaysia as and when considered desirable;
- (d) To affiliate with other association or societies with similar objects, as may be desirable;
- (e) The doing of all such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects;
- (f) To accept any bequest gifts or donations made to the Society;
- (g) To enter into negotiations with the Government in all matters affecting the terms of licences issued to members.

3. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Articles of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise however by way of profit to the members of the Society.

4. No addition, alteration or amendments should be made to or in the regulations containing these Articles of Association for the time being in force, unless the same shall have been previously submitted to and approved by members by not less than two thirds of votes in general meeting.

5. If upon winding up or dissolution of the Society there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Society, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions, having objects similar to the objects of the

Society.

6. True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and expenses by the society and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place, and of the property, credits and liabilities of the Society, and subjects to any reasonable restrictions as to the time and manner of inspecting the same that may imposed in accordance with the regulations of the Society for the time being shall be open to the inspection of the Members, once at least in every year the accounts of the Society shall be examined and the correctness of the balance sheet ascertained by the Council.

6A. All payments will be made by cheque. Signatories to cheques shall be the Secretary, Treasurer and President. Each cheque must bear at least two signatures, one of which must be of the Treasurer.

### MEMBERSHIP

7. The Society shall consist of:-

- (a) Honorary Members,
- (b) Members,
- (c) Associates.

8. The rights and privileges of every Member of any class shall be personal to himself, and shall not be transferable or transmissible by his own act, or by operation of law.

9. The Society may admit such other persons as may be hereafter qualified and elected in that behalf as Honorary Members, Members and Associates respectively, and such persons shall sign such application form as may from time to time be authorised by the Council.

9A. The Council may approve full membership to applicants holding amateur licences in Malaysia.

10. Honorary Members shall be persons who have rendered acknowledge service to the Science of Radio Communication in general or to the Society in particular, and shall be elected by the Council.

### MEMBERS

11. Candidates to be eligible for election as members must hold or have held Amateur Radio Transmitting licences issued by the Licensing Authorities of Malaysia.

### ASSOCIATES

12. Candidates who do not fulfil the forgoing conditions but are interested in the Science of Radio Communication, are eligible for Associate Membership and enjoy the full facilities offered by the Society except that they will not entitled to vote or to hold office on the Council.

## ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

13. Honorary Members shall be proposed at one meeting and elected by ballot at a subsequent meeting of the Council, and every such election shall be announced at the next meeting of the Society. Not more than one Honorary Member shall be elected in any one year.

14. The name of every candidate shall be submitted to the Council, who shall approve or reject him. The Council may, in their discretion, reject any candidate. A candidate whose application has been rejected shall have his name submitted for election within twelve months of the rejection.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

15. The subscription will be RM50.00 for Transmitting Members, and RM25.00 for Malaysian, Singapore and Brunei Associate Members, RM32.00 for Overseas Associate Members, Family Membership that is, spouse, unmarried children with 9M/9W callsign RM25.00. Family Membership that is, spouse, unmarried children without 9M/9W callsign RM12.50. All memberships are payable in advance. There will be entrance fee of RM20.00 for all categories of membership payable in advance on initial admission or re-admission after lapse or cessation of membership. All subscription will become payable on the 1st of January of each year; such membership fee to be paid by 31st March each year. Any member not having paid up his fees by that date shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member as from that date. New members joining between 1st January and 30th June will pay the full subscription and those joining between 1st July and 31st December will pay one half of Annual Subscription. The Subscription will cover the cost of General Management of the Society including the distribution of QSL cards to and from members and overseas members.

16. Under such regulations as the Council may deem necessary, Members shall be entitled to the use of such instruments and books as the Society may possess.

## EXPULSION

17. The Council may, at a meeting especially convened for the purpose, expel any person who shall have acted wilfully in contravention of these Articles, or who shall be in the opinion of the Council, have been guilty of such conduct as shall have rendered it undesirable in the interests of the Society that he should continue a Member thereof, and the Council may remove the name of any member who is expelled from the register of Members. Furthermore, should the Council think it necessary in the interest of the Society, they may advise the Licencing Authorities of such expulsion. Any person so expelled shall not be entitled to have returned to him the monies paid by him as subscriptions or otherwise. On a motion for expulsion, at least 4 Members of the Council shall vote, unless three-fourths of the votes in favour of expulsion, the motion shall be lost. No Member shall be expelled unless and until he has been given reasonable notice of the Meeting at which his expulsion is to be proposed and a proper opportunity of being heard of such meeting in his own defence.

## OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT

18. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a

Council consisting of a President, Vice-president, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and five elected Councillors.

19. All Council Members shall retire at the end of a 2-year term and shall be eligible for re-election. Council Members who do not attend for two consecutive meetings of Council without a reason satisfactory to the Council will be considered to have resigned and others will be elected in their places.

The Committee will have power to co-opt members to temporarily fill vacancies as required by vacation of office for reasons of leave, sickness, courses, resignations or any other protracted absence. Such tenure of office to terminate on return of the elected member or by the following General Meeting.

## MEETINGS

20. The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in February each year. The date and venue of the Annual General Meeting shall be declared in writing by the Council not later than 14 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting. The business of the Annual General meeting shall be:-

- (a) to adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- (b) to receive the Council's report on the working of the Society during the previous year.
- (c) to receive the Treasurer's report and the audited accounts of the Society for the previous year.
- (d) to declare the election of the Council by the Chairman or President.
- (e) to deal with such other matters as may be brought before it.

21. The president of the Council shall have power to call Special General Meetings at such time as he or the Council shall see fit, but at least seven clear days warning must be given.

22. At a Special General Meeting no business other than that specified in the Notice calling the Meeting shall be transacted.

23. Ordinary Meetings shall be held, at times and places appointed by the Council, to discuss and practise the business of the Society, and to hear and discuss lectures and papers relating to the Science of Electronics and Radio Communications.

24. The Chair at any meeting of the Society, inclusive of Council meetings, shall be taken by the President, and in his absence by the vice-president. In the event of both being absent, an ad-hoc Chairman shall be elected amongst the Council Members present.

25. At general meeting each Member shall have one vote, which shall be given personally or by proxy. Five members shall form a quorum.

26. The Chairman of any Meeting shall, in the case of equality of votes, have a second or casting vote.

27. An attendance book shall be kept which all Members and visitors shall be required to sign.

## **VISITORS**

28. Each Member whose subscription is not in arrears shall be at liberty, to introduce visitors at Ordinary Meetings, and to the Society's premises, provided such visitor has not been expelled from the Society or refused membership.

## **NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF COUNCIL**

29. Not later than the 31st October in each year of the expiry of term of the Council, the Council shall send to each Member entitled to vote, a list of duly qualified persons whom they nominate to the Council for the next term.

30. After the issue of the Council's list, and not later than the 15th November following, any two members (but not more than two members) may nominate any other duly qualified person by delivering their nomination in writing to the Secretary, together with the written consent of such person to accept if elected, but each nominator shall be debarred from nominating any other person for the same election.

## **BALLOT FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL**

31. If any nomination in accordance with Article 29 has been made, then and only then not later than ten days before the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Council shall send to each member entitled to vote a ballot paper containing the names of all persons duly nominated, stating which persons are nominated by the Council and giving the names of the Members by whom every other person (if any) is nominated.

32. Each member voting shall erase sufficient names to reduce the number of names on the ballot paper, after such erasure, to the number required to be elected to the Council. The ballot papers shall be returned so as to reach the Secretary not later than 3 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.

33. At the Ordinary Meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting, the Members present shall choose two scrutineers for the purpose of the ballot. These scrutineers will report the result to the President or Chairman.

34. In the event of an equality of votes the President or Chairman of Annual General Meeting shall determine by casting his vote or votes which candidate or candidates having equality of votes shall be elected.

35. The President or Chairman of the Annual General Meeting shall announce the result of the ballot and declare the new Council elected. The councillors elected shall from among themselves elect the President, Vice-president, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

36. The persons elected shall take office as from the date of the Annual General Meeting immediately at their election.

## **MEETING OF COUNCIL**

37. The Council shall make provision for carrying out the objects of the Society, and for conducting its affairs in accordance with the Articles of Association. They shall,

subject to the Regulations of the Society for the time being, have the sole control and management of income, property, and affairs of the Society.

38. The meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Secretary, under the direction of the President. Three members shall form a quorum.

39. The Council shall meet at least once every three months.

40. The Council shall, at the Annual General Meeting, present to the Society a report on the position of the Society, financially and otherwise, and on the affairs and proceedings of the Society generally during the previous year.

41. The Council shall have the power to make from time to time such regulations not being inconsistent with these Articles, as they may deem to be for the well-being of the Society.

## **ACCOUNTS AND AUDITS**

42. The report of the Treasurer shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting duly audited. A copy of Report and Accounts shall be sent to each member at least seven days before the date of the Meeting.

## **SECTIONS**

43. The Council may authorise the formation within the Society of sections, consisting of groups of its members, united in a pursuit of some common interest.

## **NOTICES**

44. Notices shall be delivered by the Honorary Secretary to Members or Associates either personally or by post to the address registered in the Society's records.

45. It is the responsibility of each Member or Associate to ensure that his present address is known to the Secretary.

46. Members or would-be members seeking same shall be entitled to apply for Life-Membership of the Society, such membership being restricted to Transmitting Members only. The fee for Life-Membership shall be fixed at ten times the Transmitting Membership Fee in force at the time of application, and shall be payable in full. The decision to approve any Life-Membership shall be made by the Council who shall have the right to revoke such decision under the provision of Rule 17.