

CONSTITUTION

of the

Columbia County A.R.E.S.

Amateur Radio Club

Preamble

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, do on April 20th, 2020, constitute ourselves the

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And enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community, and to assist the Columbia County Emergency Management and other appropriate authorities in disaster or emergency efforts, in disaster & emergency training, and community organizations when called upon.

Article I Control and Leadership

Control and leadership of the Columbia ARES will not fall under or be managed by any other organization. It will remain a separate entity, welcoming members from surrounding counties.

Article II Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application, initially utilizing the appended Membership Application Form, and election, initially by a majority vote of the Officers, and subsequently upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-laws. Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial. Membership shall last from one Annual Meeting until the next, at which point it may be renewed by written application and affirmative vote by a majority of the assembled membership. Applications for membership after the Annual Meeting may be approved by simple assent of all the extant Officers of the club, as polled by the Secretary and duly recorded.

