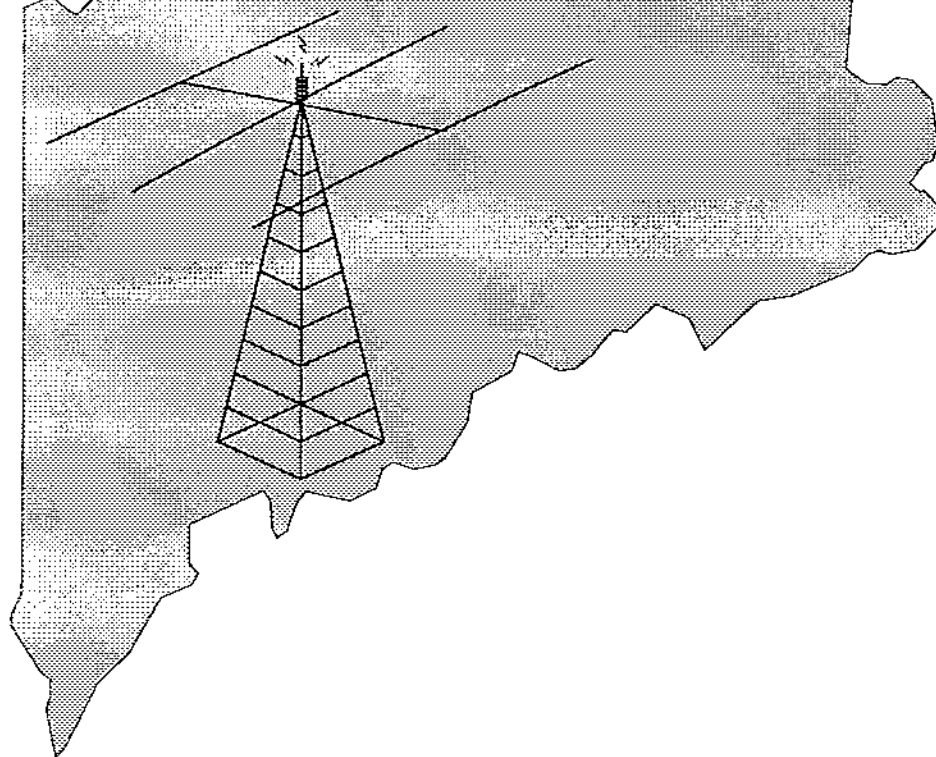


# **MERRYMEETING AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

**OF MID-COAST MAINE**

## **GOVERNING BY-LAWS**



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# ARTICLE I

## NAME

Section 1: *This organization shall hereafter be known as the "Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association" (MARA).*

# ARTICLE II

## PURPOSE

Section 1: *The purpose of this association shall be to promote the exchange of information and cooperation among members and to cultivate the general interest of the Amateur Radio Service and its service to the general community.*

# ARTICLE III

## MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: *Membership in this association shall be open to all persons whose interest is the advancement of the Amateur Radio Service and the Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association.*

Section 2: *Membership shall be of three classes:*

- (1) *FULL MEMBER: A individual that pays dues, has voting rights, and may hold office.*
- (2) *FULL FAMILY MEMBER: A individual that pays dues, has voting rights, may hold office and related to, and living in the same household of a Full Member.*
- (2) *HONORARY MEMBER: An individual that pays no dues, has no voting rights, and may not hold office.*

Section 3: *DEFINITION; A member in good standing is a member who's dues are paid in full.*

Section 4: *Applicants for membership shall be sponsored by a member in good standing.*

**Section 5:** *Honorary members may be proposed by a member in good standing, approved by the Executive Board, and receive a simple majority vote by membership in attendance at a general meeting.*

**Section 6:** *Any member may be expelled from this association who's willful or deliberate acts may discredit the Amateur Radio Service or the Merrymeeting Amateur Radio Association. Expulsion will result upon a majority vote by the Executive Board. Expelled persons have the right of appeal to the Executive Board within sixty (60) days of official expulsion notification.*

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **DUES & FEES**

**Section 1:** *The annual dues will be as established by the General Membership and shall be published in the Association News Letter.*

**Section 2:** *Membership Fees (dues) will be due and payable on the yearly membership anniversary of the individual member.*

**Section 3:** *Special assessments may be proposed by the Executive Board and approved by a simple majority vote of the general membership in attendance at an open general meeting.*

## **ARTICLE V**

### **OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1:** *The Executive Board shall consist of seven (7) elective officers, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Directors.*

**Section 2:** *Members of the Executive Board will be elected for a two year term, four (4) in even years and three (3) in odd years. Executive Board members may serve consecutive terms.*

- Section 3:** *The Executive Board will vote among themselves, elect a President, a Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, annually.*
- Section 4:** *Nominations for directors shall be submitted to the general membership by a nominating committee which shall be appointed by the President. Nominations may also be submitted by the general membership at an open meeting.*
- Section 5:** *In the case of vacancy on the Executive Board, the President shall appoint a member in good standing to fill the existing vacancy. Such appointees shall serve only the remaining term. If the vacancy is the President, the Vice-President automatically becomes President for the remainder of the term.*
- Section 6:** *Members of the Executive Board may be recalled from office. Upon submission of a recall petition signed by ten (10) or more members in good standing of the association, a recall vote will be by secret ballot and will require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members in attendance at a general meeting. A special written notice shall be sent to all voting members informing them of the vote to be taken.*
- Section 7:** *The Club Station (Callsign) Trustee is a member in good standing elected by the Executive Board for a term of ten (10) years. The Trustee may serve consecutive terms. The Trustee is an honorary member of the Executive Board. The Trustee is allowed to vote at Executive Board meetings only to break a tie vote. The Club Station Trustee can be nominated, voted into office and become a full member of the Executive Board.*

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section 1:** *The President will preside at all meetings of the association. The President can call special meetings, appoint all standing committee chairpersons (ie, Technical, Membership, Rules, Program/Events, etc.) and is the chairperson of the Executive Board. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees with the exception of the nominating committee.*

- Section 2:** *The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President during his or her absence.*
- Section 3:** *The Secretary shall record proceedings of all meetings and attend to all correspondence of the association.*
- Section 4:** *The Treasurer shall receive all monies, shall deposit all monies in the association banking accounts as directed, shall pay all association bills as directed, shall maintain account of all receipts and disbursements, and be prepared to submit all books for audit upon proper notification. Only the Treasurer, or the Bank/Savings institution account Trustee can sign association checks.*
- Section 5:** *The Executive Board shall make no single expenditure in excess of fifty US dollars (\$50) for normal operation expenses of the association without approval of the general membership. General membership is defined as one-third of the members for application of this section.*
- Section 6:** *The Executive Board shall arrange for an audit of the Treasurer's books at the expiration of the Treasurer's office. Should the Treasurer be re-elected, the audit shall then be done annually.*

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **MEETINGS**

- Section 1:** *General meetings will be held at an established time and place as determined by the Executive Board.*
- Section 2:** *Special meetings will be held when called by the President. The general membership must be notified at least seventy two (72) hours prior to the special meeting.*
- Section 3:** *The Executive Board meets when called by the President. This meeting shall be held prior to the general meeting.*
- Section 4:** *Annual election of the Executive Board will be held during the last quarter of the calendar year.*

## ARTICLE VIII

### ELECTIONS

- Section 1: *The attending membership and not less than three (3) Executive Board members constitute a quorum at a general membership meeting.*
- Section 2: *Four (4) Executive Board members constitute a quorum at an Executive Board meeting.*

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENTS

- Section 1: *These By-Laws may be amended or replaced at any regular or special meeting. All proposals must have prior study by a Rules Committee before being presented for vote. A majority vote of one-third (1/3) of the membership is needed for passage.*

## ARTICLE X

### AUTHORITY

- Section 1: *This set of By-Laws constitutes the governing law, Amateurl Radio Associations governing law, revoking all previous constitutions, By-Laws, or other governing rules.*
- Section 2: *Roberts Rules of Order (Revised Edition) shall be the Parliamentary Authority on all matters not covered by the By-Laws.*

## ARTICLE XI

### DISSOLUTION

- Section 1: *Dissolution may be accomplished only after a petition is received with the names of three-fourths (3/4) of the members in good standing signed. A special meeting will then be called by the President and a roll call vote will determine the outcome of such action. All property and money belonging to the association will then be donated to a non-profit, non-sectarian organization or charity.*