

High Appalachian Mountain Amateur Radio Society
Membership Application

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date First Licensed: _____ Current License Class: _____

Current License Expiration Date: _____

Has Your FCC License Ever Been evoked? _____ ARRL Member: _____

Radio Equipment (Check all that apply)

HF: Fixed: _____ Mobile: _____ Portable: _____ Digital: _____

VHF: Fixed: _____ Mobile: _____ Portable: _____ Digital: _____

UHF: Fixed: _____ Mobile: _____ Portable: _____ Digital: _____

Other: _____

Emergency Power: Battery: _____ Generator: _____ Solar: _____ Other: _____

Type of Membership: Regular (\$20.00): _____ Family (\$30.00): _____

I, the undersigned, do hereby agree to abide by the High Appalachian Mountain Amateur Radio Society constitution and by-laws and the Federal Communication Commission rules and regulations. I will support the High Appalachian Mountain Amateur Radio Society in the advancement of amateur radio and public service.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit your application and fee at a membership meeting or to:

Ralph Rognstad Jr.
295 Heck Creek Road
Marshall, NC 28753

BYLAWS OF THE HIGH APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

1. Officers:

- a. President. The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.
- b. Vice President. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL's local AUXCOMM or ARES Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.
- c. Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and e-mail meeting notices to each member. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the Constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the Society to his/her successor.
- d. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Society; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the Society or its officers constituting the Executive Committee). At the ends of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.
- e. Officers: Election. The officers of the Society shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting held in November of each year.
- f. Officers: Term Limits. An individual may not hold the same office for more than two terms. An individual may not simultaneously hold more than one office during the same term.
- g. Officers: Vacancies. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.
- h. Officers: Eligibility. In order to hold the office of President an individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year and hold a valid Amateur Radio license. There are no eligibility requirements for the other officers.
- i. Officers: Resignation. Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the club held by the resigning officer will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

- j. Officers: Removal from Office. Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to the President or Vice President. After investigation the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the Society and a voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership.

2. Elections:

- a. Timing: Officer elections will be held annually at the regular November meeting. Officers will assume their elected office January 1 of the following year.
- b. Ballot Development: The President will appoint a nomination committee three months prior to elections. The committee will be charged with finding qualified candidates to run for office. The committee will present a ballot to the President at the regular meeting one month prior to elections at which time the President will entertain a motion for nominations and to accept the ballot. The final ballot will be published and made available to all club members by e-mail. The President will dissolve the nomination committee after the annual elections.
- c. Voting: Voting will be done using paper ballots. Immediately after voting the ballots will be counted openly in front of the membership. Any candidate may request a recount of the ballots. In the case of an unopposed slate the President may entertain a motion for voting by acclamation.

3. Membership:

- a. General: Membership is open to all persons interested in Amateur Radio communications. The two types of membership are Regular and Family.
- b. Dues: Regular membership dues are \$20.00 per year, and Family membership dues are \$30.00 per year; these are assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses. Membership dues are payable in February of each year. Any member joining after June 30 of any calendar year will be assessed dues at 50% of the full yearly amount. Any member whose dues are not paid by April 1st will be considered inactive and removed from the membership roster. Inactive members have no voting privileges. Termination of membership either by resignation or expulsion will not constitute a refund of dues paid.

4. Meetings:

- a. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each calendar month. It is at the discretion of the Executive Committee to shift a particular month's meeting date or skip it entirely if it is in conflict with a generally recognized holiday such as New Year's Day or Independence Day. In such cases the Secretary will inform members in advance via e-mail.
- b. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club member. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

CONSTITUTION OF THE HIGH APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Article I

Name: The name of this organization shall be the High Appalachian Mountain Amateur Radio Society.

Article II

Purpose: The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of interest in amateur radio communications and experimentation; the relaying of messages by radio without charge; the furtherance of the public welfare; the advancement of the radio art; the fostering and promotion of intercommunication by electronic means for the personal benefit of members and without pecuniary gain; the fostering of education in the field of electronic communications; the dissemination of knowledge and information by electronic means. The Society strongly supports and encourages an active relationship with emergency and disaster relief organizations.

No part of the assets or income of our organization shall be the property of any member or members, but such assets and income shall be devoted exclusively to the purpose herein set forth.

The High Appalachian Mountain Amateur Radio Society is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as defined within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; including the fostering of education in the field of electronic communications and the dissemination of knowledge by electronic means.

Article III

Membership: All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election 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. The classes of membership and amount of dues for each class of membership will be specified in the Bylaws.

Article IV

Officers: There shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer whose duties, eligibility for office, removal from office, succession and terms of office are defined in the Bylaws of the High Appalachian Mountain Amateur Radio Society. These four officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Society. Additionally, an at-large Executive Committee member may be selected from the membership by the Officers.

Article V

Meetings: The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article VI

Committees: Committees shall be established to operate the Society in the most efficient and effective manner possible. The specific committees and their respective duties are defined in the Bylaws.

Article VII

Quorum: No binding action may be taken by the Society unless a quorum is present at Society meetings. A quorum shall consist of forty (40%) of the Society's total voting membership.

Article VIII

Society Radio Station: Radio station(s) for the use of licensed amateur radio operators may be maintained. The operation of the station(s) will be under the jurisdiction of the Trustee named on the station license and the operation of the station(s) must be conducted in a manner satisfactory and acceptable to the Trustee and in accordance with the Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations.

Article IX

Amendments: This Constitution and/or Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend the Constitution and/or Bylaws at said meeting. Absentee ballots will be permitted for this purpose.

Article X

Authority: The purpose of this document, and its Bylaws, is to update and clarify points of possible confusion in previous documents. Upon adoption of this Constitution on this 5th February, 2019, all prior versions of the High Appalachian Mountain Amateur Radio Society Constitution and amendments thereto will become null and void. This Constitution together with the Society's Bylaws will be the primary documents controlling the Society's operations and business.

Article XI

Dissolution of the Society:

Section 1: Termination of Operations: In the event that the Executive Committee votes that the Society should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2: Disposition of Assets: The Executive Committee shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets. All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

This Constitution was approved and adopted on

By:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary