

BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY CONSTITUTION

(Ratified on July 6, 1982, Revised and ratified on November 4, 1996, Revised and ratified on October 8, 2011)

ARTICLE 1

NAME:

Section 1 - The name of this organization is **THE BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.**

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE:

Section 1 - The purposes of this organization are as follows:

1. To promote the pleasures and benefits of associating with persons with common interests in amateur radio.
2. To promote interest in amateur radio communications and experimentation, including new and emerging technologies.
3. To foster and promote intercommunication by electronic means for personal benefit of its members without monetary gain.
4. To relay messages by radio without charge.
5. To participate in public service activities and public education.
6. The organization also strongly supports and encourages an active relationship with emergency and disaster relief organizations.

Section 2 - No part of the assets or income of the corporation shall be the property of any member or members, but such assets and income shall be used exclusively for the purposes listed above.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1 - Any person holding a valid Amateur Radio License shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the Society shall, by its Bylaws, provide.

Section 2 - All new members shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 3 - Any member may be removed from membership as provided for in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE 4

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Section 1 - The **Officers** of the Society shall be: **President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.** There shall also be four **Directors.** All Officers and Directors upon taking office, shall be members in good standing of the BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC., at least 18 years of age, and licensed radio amateurs.

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Section 2 - Candidates for Officers and Directors shall be nominated by a three member Nomination Committee appointed by the BOARD OF DIRECTORS at the August Meeting. Such committee will submit at least one eligible candidate for each Officer and Director at the October Meeting. Nominations from the floor for all Officers and Directors will be accepted at both the October and November meetings. Nominations shall be handed to the President at the October meeting and shall be read to attending Members. Names of Candidates nominated shall be published in the Society Newsletter, which immediately precedes the October Meeting.

Section 3 - Candidates for Officers and Directors receiving the majority affirmative votes of the members in good standing at the November Meeting shall be declared elected.

Section 4 - The Officers of the Society shall be elected for a term of two years. The President and Secretary should be elected during even year elections. The Vice-President and Treasurer should be elected during odd year elections.

a. During the first year of implementation of this change all officers will be elected. If the first year of implementation is an even number year than those officers assigned to even number year elections will serve two years. If the first year of implementation is an odd number year than those officers assigned to odd number year elections will serve two years.

b. A current officer can be nominated for the office of President.

a. This will allow for succession of the President by any currently serving officer but still keeping continuity within the President and Vice-President.

b. In the case of a vacated officer position then the Directors of the board should appoint someone for the opened officer position

Section 5 - The four Directors shall be elected as follows: Two directors should be elected every two years with Director 1 and Director 2 being elected in even number years. Director 3 and 4 should be elected in odd number years.

a. During the first year of implementation of this change all directors will be elected. If the first year of implementation is an even number year than those directors assigned to even number year elections will serve two years. If the first year of implementation is an odd number year than those officers assigned to odd number year elections will serve two years.

Section 6 - Officers and Directors term of office shall commence on December 1 of the electing year and terminate two years later on December 31.

a. By allowing the officers to begin their term on December 1, the new officers/directors can have a joint board meeting to pass any information needed between the incoming and outgoing officers/directors.

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Section 7 - Officers/Directors are allowed to hold only one office at any one time.

Section 8 - Officers/Directors can serve only two consecutive terms in any one position before having to be out of the currently serving position for at least one term. A Director in any position 1 to 4 is considered a director position when it applies to this statement.

Section 9 - In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall succeed for the remainder of the President's term. In the event of a vacancy in any other office or directorship, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term of the person leaving office, with the approval of the membership at the next general meeting.

Section 10 - Any Officer or Director may be removed from office for cause, and accomplished via the described method.

a. $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Board of Directors may make the decision to remove any Officer or Director

b. The vote from the Board of Directors should be forwarded to the membership during the next regularly scheduled meeting and a majority vote of the members in attendance at this meeting to confirm the removal of the Officer or Director

ARTICLE 5

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Section 1 - The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and the Board of Directors. The President shall appoint all Committee Chairmen and be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall enforce the Constitution and Bylaws; decide all questions of Order; sign Official Documents concerning the Society; be responsible to the Board of Directors and perform all other duties, customary and pertaining to said office.

Section 2 - The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the President during his term of office.

Section 3 - The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, including Board of Directors meetings; keep a Roster of all members; carry on required correspondence and perform all other duties customary to the office. The Secretary shall, at the expiration of the term of office, turn over to the new Secretary everything in his/her possession belonging to the Society.

Section 4 - The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the Society. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expended. The Treasurer shall pay all bills upon proper authorization. The Treasurer shall at the expiration of his/her term of office turnover to the new Treasurer everything in his/her possession belonging to the Society.

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Section 5 - At each quarterly Board of Directors meeting the Treasurer shall submit to the Secretary and Board an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements.

ARTICLE 6

MEETINGS:

Section 1 - The Bylaws shall provide for Regular and Special Meetings. At the Regular or Special meetings, ten percent of the current membership roster must be present to constitute a quorum for the transaction of normal business.

ARTICLE 7

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1 - The affairs of the BLUE RIDGE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. shall be managed by a Board of Directors under the guidance of the Constitution and Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and four Directors.

Section 2 - The Board of Directors shall direct the care of the funds of the Society; shall make appropriations for specific purposes (No appropriations shall be made exceeding the money in the Treasury); shall act on all questions of acceptance or expulsion of members and shall, in general, direct the business of the Society, either itself or through its Officers and Committees. However, it shall at all times be responsible to the membership for its actions. Appointees to Committees may be subject to removal only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. The Board may delegate to Committees such of its powers as it may from time to time deem necessary.

Section 3 - The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to conduct the affairs of the Society. A meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President at the request of any three or more members of the Board. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE 8

DUES:

Section 1 - There shall be a fee set forth in the Bylaws for annual dues, payable January 1 each year. Dues are covered in the Bylaws, Sec. 1.

Section 2 - Non-payment of dues for a maximum of 60 days past due date shall be cause for loss of membership and removal from the Roster.

ARTICLE 9

AMENDMENTS:

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Section 1 - Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by an affirmative majority vote of the members present at any regularly scheduled or special meeting provided the board has two weeks prior notice of the proposed amendment. The proposed amendments shall be incorporated into the constitution upon an affirmative majority vote of all members of the Society.

Section 2 - Provided the Board is notified at least two weeks in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the Bylaws may be amended at said meeting by an affirmative majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE 10

RULES:

Section 1 - The rules of the Society are as stated in the Constitution and Bylaws.