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**AMATEUR RADIO MISSIONARY SERVICE CONSTITUTION
AND BY-LAWS**



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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article 1 - Organization

Section 1-Name

The name of this organization is Amateur Radio Missionary Service (ARMS). The organization was founded on March the second 1957 at the Philadelphia school of the bible, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Section 2-Purpose

A. To operate as a Christian Missionary service organization to include the handling of messages from and to missionaries and otherwise engage in communication services to aid such missionary endeavor with the object of providing fellowship and cooperation among those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their own Savior from sin.

B. To operate with an evangelical orientation consistent with the statement of faith set forth in the by-laws.

C. To direct the radio equipment needs of missionaries and missionary organizations to ARMS members

Section 3-Offices

A. The operating office of this organization shall be the address of the president currently holding office.

B. The organization may have such other offices as the board of director may designate.

Section 4-Publication

The official publication of the organization shall be the BEAM.

Section 5-Net

The official amateur radio net of the organization shall be the 20-meter ARMS Christian Fellowship net (also known as the transcontinental Net), and shall operate at the times and frequency established by the board of directors.

ARTICLE II—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1—Qualification for membership

In order to qualify for membership, a person must (A) Be 12 years of age or older, (B) give personal testimony of his or her faith in Jesus Christ, (C) subscribe to the ARMS statement of faith, and (D) pay the annual dues

Section 2—Termination of membership

Failure to pay the annual dues for three years automatically suspends the membership of a person and places the name of that member on an inactive membership list.

Section 3—Types of members

A. Member - a person who holds an amateur radio license of any grade, and who is interested in Christian fellowship, facilitating the work of the Lord and the activities of this organization.

B. Associate member - a person who does not hold an amateur radio license, but who is interested in radio, in Christian fellowship, facilitating the work of the Lord and the activities of this organization.

C. Missionary member - a person who holds an amateur radio license, who is currently serving with a missionary organization, and who is interested in the activities of this organization.

D. Associate missionary member - a person who does not hold an amateur radio license, who is currently serving with a missionary organization, and who is interested in the activities of this organization.

ARTICLE III-CALLED MEETINGS

Section 1-Membership meetings

Meetings of the membership may be called by the president, the board of directors, or at the request in writing of any ten members.

Section 2.-Notice of meetings

A written notice of a called membership meeting shall be mailed to each member at least 30 days before the meeting date.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Section 1-Elected officers

The elected officers of the organization shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. Their duties and manner of election shall be given in the By-Laws.

Section 2-Appointed officers

The president or the board of directors may appoint other officers as the need arises. Their titles and duties shall be given in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE V-ARMS SECTIONS

Section 1. Geographical areas may be designated by the Board of Directors as ARMS sections.

Section 2. Each section shall elect a section director. The section may elect any other officers necessary for the conduct of the business and affairs for that section.

Section 3. If any section does not elect its own director, the president may appoint a member of that section to serve as its director.

Section 4. The section director shall be responsible for sending news items and a semi-annual report of section activities to the editor of the beam.

Section 5. The section director is a member of the organization's board of directors. If the section director is also an elected officer of the organization, the assistant director of the section then becomes a member of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VI-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1-Members of the board

The board of directors shall consist of the four elected officers of the organization (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), and the directors of the ARMS sections whether elected or appointed.

Section 2-Duties of the board

The board of directors shall manage the business and affairs of the organization, as defined elsewhere in this constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3.-Meetings of the board

A. The president shall call the meetings of the board of directors.

B. The president shall notify each board member orally or in writing of the date, time, and place of such meetings.

C. The board of directors may hold meetings at any place in the United States or Canada, or on the air.

D. One fourth of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum

ARTICLE VII-AMENDMENTS

Section 1.-Amendments to the constitution

The constitution may be amended by a written vote of the membership. The proposed amendment must be recommended to the membership by the board of Directors, and mailed to the members, either directly, or with the Beam, along with a ballot. A two-thirds affirmative vote, of those voting is needed to approve the amendment.

Section 2. Amendments to the By-Laws

The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present at any duly constituted Board of Directors meeting. May alter, amend, or rescind a By-Law or add a new By-Law.

BY-LAW NO. 1-STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe that there is one God, eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible authoritative word of God.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal and visible return in power and glory.

We believe that man was created in the image of God, that he was tempted by Satan and fell, and that because of the exceeding sinfulness of human nature, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary for salvation.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a Godly life, and by Whom the church is empowered to carry out Christ's great commission.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost, those who are saved unto the resurrection of life, and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

[note: in keeping with the original certificate of incorporation, this By-Law cannot be altered or amended]

BY-LAW NO. 2-DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

- A. The president shall have general supervision of the affairs of the organization.
- B. The president shall be responsible for the 20meter ARMS Christian Fellowship Net and shall appoint the Net Manager.
- C. The president shall call meetings of the membership and meetings of the Board of Directors.
- D. The president shall preside at all membership meetings and meetings of the board of directors.
- E. The president shall appoint section directors when Necessary.
- F. The president shall appoint the nominating committee.
- G. The president shall appoint the editor of the Beam.
- H. The president shall appoint other officers and committees when necessary.
- I. The president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- J. The president shall appoint, with approval of the Board of Directors, persons to fill vacated, unexpired elected offices.

BY-LAW NO. 3-DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

- A. The Vice President shall serve in the place of the president when necessary.
- B. The Vice President shall be the communications officer of the organization to compile a list of missionary schedules and to help missionaries find suitable contacts in the U.S. and Canada.

BY-LAW NO. 4-DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

- A. The Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the organization.
- B. The secretary shall record all proceedings of all meetings, including those of the Board of directors, and shall forward a copy of such minutes to the editor of the Beam for possible inclusion in the Beam
- C. The secretary shall be the custodian of the organizations files and records.
- D. The Secretary shall deliver to any successor all books, papers, and records which are the property of the organization

BY-LAW NO. 5-DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

- A. The treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the organization.
- B. The treasurer shall collect all fees and dues.
- C. The treasurer shall issue membership cards.
- D. The treasurer shall keep the membership roll up to date
- E. The treasurer shall keep the president, Vice president, secretary and BEAM editor informed of new members and terminated memberships.
- F. The treasurer shall make such payments for the organization as ordered by the president or the board of directors.
- G. The treasurer shall prepare an annual financial report, to be published in the BEAM.
- H. The treasurer shall receive and tabulate the ballots from any election or other voting done by the membership, and shall convey the results of that balloting to the Board of Directors.
- I. The treasurer shall file all reports required by law.
- J. The treasurer shall deliver to any successor all monies and records which are the property of the organization.

BY-LAW NO. 6-BEAM EDITOR

- A. The beam editor shall be appointed by the president.
- B. The beam editor shall be responsible for publishing and mailing the Beam.

BY-LAW NO. 7-NET MANAGER

- A. The net manager shall be appointed by the president.
- B. The net manager shall be responsible for the operation of the 20-meter ARMS Christian fellowship net and for securing net control stations.

BY-LAW NO. 8-ELECTIONS

- A. The election of officers shall be held every three years, beginning with 1985. the newly elected officers shall take office on the first day of July of the election year.
- B. The president shall appoint a nominating committee, consisting of a chairperson and at least two other members.
- C. The nominating committee shall present to the board of directors a slate of nominees for the four elected offices. The consent of each nominee shall be obtained

- D. A ballot shall be mailed to each member with the spring issue of the Beam of the election year and shall be returned to the treasurer. Only ballots received by the treasurer before the first day of June of the election year shall be valid.
- E. The treasurer shall notify the board of directors of the results of the election.

BY-LAW NO. 9-ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERS

- A. The applicant shall send an application form to the treasurer.
- B. If the application is in order, the treasurer will add the applicants name to the membership roll.
- C. The treasurer shall forward the application to the secretary for filing.
- D. The treasurer shall notify the president, vice president and the BEAM editor of the ne membership.

BY-LAW NO. 10-DUES

- A. Annual dues shall be set by the board of directors and shall be sufficient to support the work of the organization.
- B. Dues shall be sent to the treasurer and shall e due on the first day of June.
- C. Dues payment entitles a member to receive the BEAM and the ARMS directory when they are published.
- D. Failure to pay dues for three years suspends one’s membership.
- E. Missionary members and associate missionary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues, but shall be responsible for submitting annually a notice of continued interest in ARMS.
- F. If excess funds accumulate in the treasury, that excess, the amount to be determined by the board of directors, shall be donated to the U.S. Center for World Missions, world by 2000 Radio Office, 1505 Elizabeth st, Pasadena CA 91104

BY-LAW NO. 11-DIVISION OF SECTIONS

- A. The United States and Canada shall be divided into geographical sections, each with a section Director and any other officers deemed necessary. The sections are encouraged to establish section nets and provide fellowship with the section.

- B. The sections shall include the following states and province's, but may be re-aligned as necessary:
 Eastern—ME, VT, NH, RI, MA, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA
 Central—WI, MI, IL, IN, OH, KY, WV
 Southeast—TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS
 Midwest—ND, SD, MN, NE, IA, KS, MO
 South-Central—AR, LA, OK, TX, NM
 Rocky Mountain—ID, MT, WY, UT, CO
 Southwest—CA, AZ, NV, HI
 Northwest—WA, OR, AK
 Eastern Canada—ON, QU, NL, NB, NS, PEI
 Central Canada—MB, SK, NWT (eastern half)
 Western Canada—AB, BC, YU, NWT (western half)

BY-LAW NO. 12-USE OF THE ARMS NAME AND INSIGNIA

Members of ARMS are encouraged to use the ARMS name and insignia on their QSL cards, name tags, and other personal items. The ARMS name or insignia shall not be used on any other item without the written permission of the president or the board of directors.

BY-LAW NO. 13-DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

- A. If the organization is no longer able to function, it may be dissolved, on the recommendation of the board of directors, by a two thirds affirmative vote of those members who vote, in which case this constitution and By-Laws shall become null and void.
- B. A ballot shall be mailed to each member, either directly or with the beam, and shall be returned to the treasurer within a time frame established by the board of directors. The treasurer shall inform the board of directors of the results of the vote.
- C. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, all funds, remaining in the treasury, after all outstanding bills have been paid, shall be given to the U.S. Center for World Missions, World by 2000 Radio Office, 1505 Elizabeth St. Pasadena CA 91104

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