

By-Laws of the Southern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

1. Secretary

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions to the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request. He/She shall maintain a roster of members.

2. Membership

Full membership is open to licensed Radio Amateurs.

Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in a class leading to an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons.

Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to vote for club officers and to hold club office (with an eligible level license).

Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the rights to hold office or vote for club officers.

Charter membership is granted to Individuals who participated in the original formation of SIARA. Charter Member is a permanent title and Charter Members may perpetually claim a 50% discount to their annual club dues fee.

Any member is eligible to chair committees with appointment from the president.

Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings.

3. Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held monthly with specific dates and times to be determined in advance by members. Individual meetings may be postponed or rescheduled, as needed, by the executive officers and in accordance with the general membership's wishes.

Business meetings shall be conducted by the board (officers and chairs). The board may call

additional business meetings as needed. Business meeting minutes will be made available to club members within 7 calendar days of the business meeting.

Any club member may propose activities that support the club's mission at any meeting. Board members will review proposals and may decide immediately whether to proceed or bring the proposal to the general membership for a vote.

Special meetings may be called by the President at any time or upon the written request of any five club members. 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.

4. Dues Fees and Assessments

Annual dues are hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

Fee Schedule is as follows and has three tiers:

1. Regular Membership: \$20
2. Family Membership: \$30
3. Children 17 and Under with adult supervision: \$10

The Fiscal Year shall run from July through June of the following calendar year. Membership dues are payable at the first meeting in July of each year.

Any member whose dues are not paid by September 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.

5. Elections

Officer elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting (in June).

Officers will assume their elected office July 1 (at the start of the fiscal year).

Nominations

During the Annual General Meeting or a special election meeting, any full member may nominate an eligible member to hold office. Upon accepting the nomination, the eligible member will appear on the ballot.

Voting

Voting will be done using paper ballots, electronic ballots, or by verbal/show of hands where applicable. Members may designate one proxy for any club vote. Immediately after voting the ballots will be counted openly in front of the membership. Any candidate may request a recount of the ballots.

6. Interference committee

This committee shall consist of members (appointed). The committee shall direct investigation, invite proper inquiries, establish technical facts and testimony and report its results to the club.

Additional By-Laws may provide for technical, program, publicity and other committees, or other rules provisions not provided for in this sample constitution.

7. Amateur Radio Emergency service – ARES ®

ARES® is a program of the American Radio Relay League -- our club will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL's Field Organization as they may be amended from time to time, and by ARRL policies, rules, and guidelines contained in ARRL publications.