

CONSTITUTION

Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated
Augusta, GA

We the undersigned, being desirous to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, by furthering cooperation between Members, by development of individual efficiency and emergency preparedness, and to promote interest in Amateur Radio throughout the community; we do hereby constitute ourselves The Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated and do enact this Constitution as our governing law. Whenever pronouns or other gender specific references appear in this document, their meaning shall apply to either male or female, unless otherwise specifically indicated.

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1

The official name of this organization shall be "The Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated" and the corporate charter granted by the Superior Court of Richmond County, Georgia, and the Secretary of State of Georgia on March 21, 1957, is hereby accepted as the corporate authority of this club, a non-profit charitable Georgia Corporation.

SECTION 2

The Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

SECTION 3

The official purpose of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated shall be the promotion of interest in Amateur Radio communication and experimentation; the establishment of Amateur Radio networks to provide electronic communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies; the furtherance of the public welfare; the advancement of the radio art; the fostering and promotion of noncommercial intercommunication by electronic means throughout the world; the fostering of education in the field of electronic communication; the promotion and conduct of research and development to further the development of electronic communication; the dissemination of technical, educational and scientific information relating to electronic communication; and the printing and publishing of documents, books, magazines, newspapers and pamphlets necessary or incidental to any of the above purposes.

SECTION 4

No part of the net earnings of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code."

SECTION 5

Upon dissolution of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Assets may be distributed to the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated or their designee, another non-profit, charitable amateur radio club, or to a State or local government for a public purpose. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1

Any person, without regard to race, creed, gender, age, or physical impairment, interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership in the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated.

SECTION 2

Application shall be in writing and acceptance shall be upon such terms and conditions as the club shall in its Bylaws provide.

SECTION 3

Voting privilege is conferred upon all persons elected to membership providing all dues and assessments are paid, hereafter referred to as a member in good standing.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1

The affairs of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated 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. The four directors shall be chosen as follows: Three Directors shall be elected by the membership, the fourth being the immediate Past President.

SECTION 2

Eligibility of members to hold elected office shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

SECTION 3

At the November meeting officers shall be elected by secret ballot for a term of one year. Each year one Director shall be elected for a term of three years. If a new president is elected the immediate Past President shall serve an appointed Directors term of one year. If the incumbent President is re-elected, one additional Director shall be elected for a term of one year at the same meeting. The above will be done by the members present or represented by signed mailed-in official ballots, provided there is a quorum present They shall be installed and assume their positions and authorities at the December meeting.

SECTION 4

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 remaining term of the person leaving office, with the approval of the membership at the next general meeting.

SECTION 5

Impeachment of officers may be affected on motion by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership after publication and signed mailed-in official ballots have been counted.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1

No salaries or other compensation shall be paid to any officer of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated. No expenses except normal, recurring operating expenses (e.g., electric, insurance, property lease, etc.) may be obligated by any officer or member of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated without prior approval of the membership. The Executive Committee may obligate funds not to exceed 500 dollars for extraordinary or emergency purposes.

SECTION 2

The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, the Board of Directors, and conduct the same within the Rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of the Constitution and all Bylaws, sign all official documents that are adopted by this club, decide all questions of order and precedence, and perform all duties customary to the office of President. He may appoint special assistants and/or committees to aid him in specific areas of activity, as provided in the Bylaws. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, promptly surrender to his successor everything in his possession belonging to the club.

SECTION 3

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the President during his term of office. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, promptly surrender to his successor everything in his possession belonging to the club.

SECTION 4

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, maintain a roster of members, receive applications for membership and present the same for acceptance. He shall file timely Corporate Statements as required by Georgia Law; maintain an established mailing address for the conduct of club business, read communications at each meeting, carry on all correspondence, and respond to all informational requests of the ARRL. He shall file statements of affiliation requirements of the ARRL. He shall note amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, and advise all members of the same, keep a log of all regulations and working rules of this club, and permit members to consult same, and cause notices to reach each member advising every regular meeting of this club, except when excused under the Bylaws. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, promptly surrender to his successor everything in his possession belonging to the club.

SECTION 5

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid to the club, and issue receipts for same, pay all debts incurred by the club as provided for in the Bylaws, keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expended, and permit members to consult same. He shall maintain banking accounts for the sole keeping of all club moneys, and report the financial condition of the club upon request of any member. He shall, at the expiration of his term of office, submit an itemized statement of all receipts and disbursements, and show the source or authorization for same, notify the banking authorities of his successor and change signature authorizations on the club banking accounts, and promptly surrender everything in his possession belonging to the club.

SECTION 6

The Board of Directors shall manage the assets of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated as provided for in the Bylaws; shall make appropriations for specific purposes (no appropriation shall be made exceeding the money in the Treasury) and shall, in general, direct the business of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated, either itself or through its officers and committees. However, it shall at all times be responsible to the membership for its actions. The Board may delegate to committees such of its powers as it may from time to time deem necessary. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly to conduct the affairs of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated, the first meeting is to be called within 90 days after assuming office. Subsequent meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or at the request of any three or more members of the Board. Five of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board. The actions of the Board governing policy shall be reported to the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated for its approval at the next Regular meeting following such actions.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1

The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings.

SECTION 2

At all Regular meetings, 15% of the members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all regular business.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1

Robert's Rules of Order (Modern Edition) shall govern all procedural matters of this club.

SECTION 2

Working rules and regulations may be enacted, amended, or repealed at any regular meeting by majority vote of the members present, provided there be a quorum.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1

The club may levy upon the general membership such dues and/or assessments as shall be deemed necessary to conduct the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble above, by such means as shall be provided for in the Bylaws.

SECTION 2

Non-payment of dues by any member shall be cause for expulsion from the club and forfeiture of voting privileges.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1

This club will provide technical advice and assistance to members concerning equipment design, construction, and operation, to assure clean emission, uniform practice, and full compliance with club rules, and all laws and regulations of the ARRL and the Federal Communications Commission.

ARTICLE IX

SECTION 1

This Constitution may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or part at any duly advertised regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the total membership. Signed written mailed in absentee ballots shall be allowed. Proxies shall not be allowed.

SECTION 2

The Bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered in whole or part at any duly advertised regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present or represented by a signed written mailed in absentee ballot, provided a Quorum is present Proxies shall not be allowed.

SECTION 3

Proposals for amendment repeal or alteration to the Constitution or the Bylaws shall be submitted in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting and voted on at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting. A written notification advising the nature of such amendment, repeal or alteration shall be mailed to each member with a postmark that is no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Vote.

Adopted: 17 April 2001
Revised: 16 January 2015 – Chris A. Clark (KK4NXA)
Amended: 17 February 2015

Accepted and Approved by the Board of Directors of the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta, Incorporated:

President – Chris A. Clark (KK4NXA): _____

Vice President – Ray Gannaway (KJ4HZ): _____

Secretary – Shannon Covington (KK4MED): _____

Treasurer – Tom Brown (KF4ITM): _____

Director – Chuck Teeters (W4MEW): _____

Director – Walter Brumbeloe (W4EFS): _____

Director – Joe Mann (KK4RHJ): _____

Director – Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ): _____