

ATHENS RADIO CLUB, INC.

Athens, Georgia

BY-LAWS

Effective February 7, 2017

Section 1 -Purpose, Policy

1.A. The objectives of the Athens Radio Club shall be as defined in the Federal Communications Commission's Rules and Regulations Part 97 §97.1:

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications,
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art,
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art,
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts, and
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur's unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

These objectives will be exercised by the promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation, the relaying of messages by radio without charge, the furtherance of radio amateur participation in civic events, providing training in the radio art, conducting volunteer examination sessions, the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct among its members, and the promotion of such other activities as are called for and allied with the above objectives.

1.B. It shall be the policy of the Club to associate with other local, national and international non-commercial amateur radio societies of kindred aims in furtherance of the purpose stated above.

Section 2 -Membership

2.A. All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership and, once accepted, a member shall have equal rights and privileges with all other members except as specifically prohibited by these By-Laws or by federal law and regulation.

2.B. Applications for membership, accompanied by yearly dues recommended by the executive committee and approved by the club membership shall be submitted to the Club Secretary. If no objections are raised from the Club membership, the applicant will be accepted as a full member. If objections are raised, the membership shall be resolved by a simple majority vote of members present. Additional members of the same family or household may join the Club at no additional fee.

Full-time students from The University of Georgia and Athens Area Technical Institute may become full members with full voting privileges by paying yearly dues at a rate of one-half the regular member dues. Athens area elementary through secondary school students who are not covered by a family membership will be afforded membership without dues.

Section 3 -Meetings

3.A. Regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each calendar month at 7:30 p.m.

3.B. Special meetings may be called by the Club President, the Executive Committee when deemed necessary, or by request of the membership.

Section 4 -Officers

4.A. The officers of this Club shall be the following and serve as the Executive Committee:

1. The President,
2. The Vice-President,
3. The Treasurer,
4. The Secretary,
5. The Public Information Officer,
6. The Public Service Coordinator,
7. The Club Amateur Radio License and Repeater Trustee (when required), and
8. The past two presidents of the club who are continuous in membership.

The President shall have been a member of the Club for the two contiguous years immediately preceding his/her term of office. The Vice-President shall have been a member of the Club one-year immediately preceding his/her term of office.

4.B. All officers of this club shall be licensed amateurs at the time of their election and for the term of office.

4.C. Regular elections shall be held at the regular November meeting, and they shall be held in the following order:

- President,
- Vice-President,
- Treasurer,
- Secretary,
- Public Information Officer,
- Public Service Coordinator.

Nominations may be presented by a nominating committee and/or be taken from the floor and the winner of each election shall be determined by ballot. The nominee with the highest vote count shall be elected.

4.D. A Club Amateur Radio License and Repeater Trustee (when required) will be appointed by the Executive Committee and will serve on the Executive Committee ex officio. Such appointment will normally run concurrently with the club station license.

4.E. The term of elected officers shall begin January 1 immediately following their election, or as soon thereafter as possible, and shall end December 31 of the term year or as soon thereafter as possible and as successors may be qualified and elected. Officers elected at special elections shall hold their office until December 31 of the same year in which they are elected or as soon thereafter as their successor may be qualified and elected.

4.F. An office may be declared vacant for any reason by a majority vote of the Club membership.

Section 5 -Duties of Officers

5.A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the elected Club officers plus the past two club president of continuous membership in the club, and the club amateur radio license and repeater trustee as an ex officio member. Five members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum, and no less than four votes shall be required to pass any item of business the Executive Committee is authorized to conduct. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to decide all club business, to plan Club affairs, and to act in the interest of the Club on all matters except the amount of dues, the election of officers, and amending of bylaws. The Executive Committee shall meet at a time and place designated by the President near the beginning of each quarter to review club activities and resolve Club business it is authorized to conduct.

5.B. The President shall:

- preside at all meetings of the Club and conduct the same according to the rules adopted
- shall enforce due observance of the Charter and the By-Laws

- shall decide all questions of order, sign all orders and official documents that are adopted by the Club and Executive Committee, and none other
- shall be ex officio a member of all committees
- shall perform all contemporary duties pertaining to the office of President.

5.C. The Vice-President shall:

- assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the President
- shall be ex officio a member of all committees;
- shall be responsible for planning programs for scheduled meetings
- shall appoint such assistants as may be necessary to aid him/her in specific activities
- shall direct club emergency activities in coordination with the assigned Amateur Radio Emergency Service Emergency Coordinator in case of disaster.

5.D. The Treasurer shall:

- receive and receipt all monies paid to the Club
- keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended
- shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Club or its officers constituting a business committee
- shall give a report at each regular meeting of the income and outgo of Club funds for the past month and
- shall give a report of the financial status of the club at the end of each quarter of the year
- shall, at the end of his/her term, turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Club to his/her successor.

5.E. The Secretary shall:

- keep a record of the proceedings of all Club and Executive Committee meetings
- shall thank in writing all guest speakers and such organizations which obligate the Club by their favors
- shall, at the end of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the Club to his successor.

5.F. The Public Information Officer shall:

- be responsible for the publication of the Club Bulletin and shall appoint a bulletin staff of qualified members to assist in publication
- shall make use of all appropriate means to publicize the Club, its members, and its activities
- shall maintain a record of all Club activity and publicity, including newspaper items, the Club Bulletin, and other such materials as shall provide a record for future members of the Club.

5.G. The Public Service Coordinator shall:

- receive requests for Amateur Radio support for events and/or identify events where Amateur Radio support would enhance safety and security for participants in an event;
- evaluate events on the basis of public service and support of the objectives of the Club;
- provide recommendations to the club regarding public service opportunities;
- coordinate selected event participation directly and/or by designating coordinators for specific events.

5.H. The Club Amateur Radio License and Repeater Trustee shall:

- be responsible for the Club station(s) and repeater(s);
- hold an Extra class license or as high a class of license as is possible;
- solicit and appoint club members to serve on a club station and repeater committee.

If for any reason the Trustee should vacate his office, it will be his/her successor's responsibility to notify the F.C.C. and renew such licenses as required.

Section 6 -Appointments

6.A. The President or the Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint such committees as deemed advisable for the welfare of the Club, and the Executive Committee shall have the power to dissolve such committees at any time.

6.B. At any time the need is recognized, the President shall appoint an electromagnetic interference committee consisting of a chairman and as many members as deemed necessary. It shall be the duty of this committee to give assistance to Club members who request technical advice and assistance in addressing electromagnetic interference complaints or who experience interference from external electromagnetic sources. It shall be the further duty of this committee to call on individuals troubled with interference from a Club member's station to explain likely causes of the trouble to the individual and to take whatever steps the committee considers necessary to aid in clearing up the interference.

6.C. The Emergency Coordinator or a designated representative for the Clarke County Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) shall be invited to serve the Executive Committee as a Liaison to ARES at all meetings of the Executive Committee.

6.D. The Executive Committee may appoint other Liaison positions to attend and advise the Executive Committee in matters related to the Liaison's representation.

Section 7 -Finances

7.A. Annual dues as approved by Club members. shall be collected at the beginning of each calendar year.

7.B. Dues not collected within ninety days shall be considered overdue and the member shall be considered a member without privileges for a period of ninety days, at the end of which time he shall be dropped from the roll of the Club.

7.C. Proration of Dues in 1/12th increments may be allowed by action of the Executive Committee for new members.

7.D. The Club may, by a majority vote of the Club membership, levy upon the general membership such special assessments as shall be necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and in Section 1.A. of these By-Laws.

7.E. The Treasurer may purchase without further authorization with Club funds specifically such items as stamps, paper, and generally such items as are necessary for the efficient administration of the Club and make payment for legally binding debts such as corporation fees and taxes.

Section 8 -Amendments

8.A. Amendments to these By-Laws shall be effected by a two-thirds vote of Club members present at the regular meeting in which they are considered. Unless otherwise specified in particular amendments, all amendments shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the Club.

Section 9 -Rules of Order

9.A. Unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws, the rules of order for proceedings of the Club shall be Robert's Rules of Order.

Incorporated September 9, 1997