

Executive Summary – March 9, 2022

Edmond Amateur Radio Society - Constitution & By-Laws Amendment

The EARS Constitution and By-Laws Committee, with the concurrence of the Board of Directors, asks all EARS members to review the Revised Constitution and By-Laws document and attend a Special Membership Meeting to be held on April 12, 2022. The original and revised Constitution and By-Laws documents are available at the following website: On March 8, 2022, the Board agreed to call a Special Membership Meeting to approve the revision. If you have any specific questions or concerns please contact EARS Board Secretary, Dan DuBray - NS5G by email at NS5G@arrl.net.

To simplify your review, this summary narrows the amended language of the new document into three broad categories: 'Housekeeping' – correcting typos and fixing garbled wording, 'Clarification' – making adjustments to clarify a passage's original intent, and 'Procedural Changes' – including amendments to assist with the ongoing function and operations of EARS.

Housekeeping

Simple punctuation and capitalization corrections, as well as revisions for easier reading. For example, the term 'Board of Directors' is amended to 'Board,' and 'Club' to 'Society.'

Clarification

- Article II of Constitution/Article VI of By-Laws – The Board description is clarified.
- By-Laws Section 1.1 – Description of the Society's incorporation status as a 501(c)(3)
- By-Laws Section 5.5 – Stipulations for a Quorum.

Procedural Changes

Constitution

- Article II specifies a Past President will serve only one year on the Board in a non-voting, advisory position.

By-Laws

- Section 4.1 – Society annual dues are due by the first of January; after a grace period, membership rolls are purged March 31.
- Section 4.2 – Deletes any reference to member assessments (remaining sections of Article IV are renumbered).
- Section 4.4 – In the event of the dissolution of the Society, disbursement of any assets is amended to allow for designation to other 501(c)(3) non-profit radio organizations.
- Section 5.2 – Designation of Regular Meetings is amended.
- Sections 5.4, 6.7, and 8.2 – Allows for communication with the membership by electronic means (e-mail). This amendment also affects Article V of the Constitution.
- By-Laws Section V – Official meetings of all members are reserved to November (elections), and January (annual meeting). All members are welcome at all Board meetings as observers.
- Section 8.1 – Calls for an appointed three-person nominating committee, as opposed to an open-ended number equal to a fixed percentage of the membership.
- Section 8.2 – More clearly outlines the procedure for nominations and elections.
- Section 8.5 – Timing of Financial Review Committee report now due at March meeting.

Respectfully Submitted By EARS Constitution & By-Laws Committee:

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