

OMARC Constitution

OVERLOOK MOUNTAIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club

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1. – **Article VIII** Dissolution clause added January 15, 2015.

2. – **Article IV** revised to provide for proxy voting February 19, 2015.

3. – **Preamble Section 2** revised with a purpose clause referring to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code March 19, 2015.

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CONSTITUTION

Preamble

Sec. 1

We, wishing for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in AMATEUR RADIO, constitute ourselves the Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club and enact this constitution as our governing law.

Sec. 2

It shall be our purpose to further exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and exemplary individual operating practices, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community. The club is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, technical, educational, and public service purposes of amateur radio activities under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article I Membership

Sec. 1

All persons interested in amateur radio communications shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2

New membership shall be by application and majority affirmative vote at any club business meeting (Article IV Sec 2).

Sec. 3

A member may be expelled for conduct not consistent with the purpose of the club as stated in the preamble. Proposals for member expulsion shall be submitted in writing at a regular business meeting and voted on at the next following regular business meeting provided all members have been notified by mail (Article IV Sec 1) of the intent and reason for the expulsion. Expulsion is by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Article II Officers

Sec. 1

The club shall be governed by and have all business conducted by the club officers. The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Directors.

Sec. 2

The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year (January 1 to December 31), except in

the case of the three Directors. Directors will be elected for a term of three years with their terms staggered so that one Director will be elected each year.

Balloting for Officer positions will take place at the November meeting.

Sec. 3

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Sec. 4

An officer not performing the duties of the office in accordance with the wishes of the membership may be removed from office. Proposals for removing an officer shall be submitted in writing at a regular business meeting and voted on at the next following regular business meeting provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent and reason for the removal. Removal is by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Article III Duties of Officers

Sec. 1

The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. He shall enforce due observance of this Constitution, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the club, and none other, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.

The President shall be an ex-officio member of all club committees.

Sec. 2

The Vice President shall assume all duties of the president in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 3

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all, meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, ensure that insurance and other legal matters are in order, cause written meeting notices to be mailed to each member, and maintain a list of rules enacted by the club. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over all items belonging to the club to his successor.

Sec. 4

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; he shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended and keep the secretary apprised of those members that are, or are not, in good standing. He shall pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter he shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over to his successor everything in his possession belonging to the club.

Sec. 5

The Directors, together with the other club officers, form an executive committee whose duty will be to monitor the club operation, decide questions of policy, and present to the membership any changes or procedures which it deems appropriate.

The Directors are ex-officio members of all club committees.

Article IV Meetings

Sec. 1

Regular meetings will be held on a monthly basis for the purpose of conducting club business.

Special meetings may be scheduled by the club officers to handle matters which can not wait until the next regular meeting. Club members must be notified of all regular or special business meetings.

Where member notification by mail is required by this constitution, the notification must be posted at least fifteen days prior to the voting meeting.

Sec. 2

Fifteen members in good standing in attendance or by proxy, or one-third of the membership in good

standing in attendance or by proxy whichever is the lesser, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of club business. Members in good standing are those members whose dues are paid for the current year.

Sec. 3

Copies of the constitution and copies of the club rules shall be present at all business meetings and available to the membership upon request. A copy of the current insurance certificate shall also be available at each meeting for inspection by the membership.

Sec. 4

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings where not superseded by this constitution or club rules.

Article V Dues

Sec. 1

The Club by majority vote at any business meeting may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the preamble. Proposals for new/modified dues and assessments shall be submitted in writing at any business meeting and voted on at the next business meeting provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent and reasons for the new/modified dues or assessment.

Sec. 2

The dues year shall be January 1 to December 31. A member whose dues are in arrears shall continue to be carried on the membership roll, but not in good standing, for a period of two months. If the dues are still unpaid at the end of this grace period, the member is dropped from the membership roll and must apply as a new member if continued membership is desired.

Sec. 3

Non-payment of assessments, other than dues, will be handled on an individual basis by the club officers. The officers may chose to excuse the assessment based on hardship or direct that the matter be handled as for non-payment of dues.

Article VI Membership Assistance

This club shall enact appropriate rules to minimize interference in operation between stations of its members; it shall formulate adequate plans for disposition of any cases of interference to other radio services where reported as caused by any amateur station operation in the area of club jurisdiction. The club through designated Interference, Public Relations and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operating to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from club member stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII Amendments

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds affirmative vote at a regular club business meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular business meeting and voted on at the next regular business meeting provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend and nature of the amendment.

Article VIII Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.



The Overlook Mountain Amateur Radio Club, 501(C)(3), strives to be a leading steward in promoting the future of amateur radio.