

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

Articles of Association

ARTICLE I. NAME:

The name of the organization shall be the **GREENWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY** incorporated as a nonprofit corporation, authorized by the state of South Carolina. Federal Tax exemption is approved under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code 501(c) (4).

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES:

Section 1. The objectives of this Society are:

- A. To secure for members the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons with common interests in amateur radio.
- B. To further the exchange of information and cooperation between members
- C. To promote knowledge of amateur radio, fraternalism, and individual operating proficiency.
- D. To conduct programs and activities to advance general interest in and the welfare of amateur radio, and
- E. To provide a program of public relations including promoting the amateur radio hobby, among youth.
- F. To follow the ARRL guidelines for using amateur radio services as an additional source of communication for emergencies, disasters, and as an aid to individuals.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. Membership in the Society shall be open to an individual interested in amateur radio communication and the objectives of the Society.

Section 2. Individual membership in the Society shall be by application and payment of annual dues.

Section 3. Applicant must attend at least one (1) meeting before application will be presented for a vote. If application is submitted at a meeting, that will be considered as fulfilling the requirement, and will be voted on at next meeting.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION:

Section 1. Elected officers of this Society shall be: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Manager.

Section 2. The President shall request a nominating committee of three (3) members to select a slate of nominees for each office. Upon voting, the ballots will be counted by the Secretary and President in front of the membership. An uncontested nominee will, upon a motion from the floor with a 2nd, be accepted for office.

Section 3. The officers of this Society shall be elected for a term of one (1) year by ballot of members present at the February meeting and shall take office at the March meeting.

Section 4. Vacancies occurring between elections will be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

Section 5. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

Section 6. Officers shall be licensed radio amateurs.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS DUTIES:

- Section 1. The President shall preside at meetings of this Society according to the rules adopted, shall enforce due observance of these Articles of Association adopted and Bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the Society and perform other customary duties pertaining to the office of President.
- Section 2. The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and assist the President in other matters when called upon. In case of death, resignation, or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the responsibilities of the President until his successor shall have been elected; which elections shall be held at the first regular meeting after such death, resignation, or prolonged period of complete and continued disability.
- Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of meetings, keep the official list of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all correspondences, read or distribute minutes, and read communications at each meeting. At the expiration of the Secretary's term, all items belonging to the Society will be transferred to the successor.
- Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Society and shall keep an accurate account of monies received and expended. No bills will be paid without proper authorization. At the regular monthly meeting, an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts shall be submitted. At the expiration of the term, all items belonging to the Society shall be turned to the successor.
- Section 5. The Activities Manager shall organize Society member activities approved by the Society. The Manager shall work to promote good community relations as well as social activities for members. Committees or assistants may be appointed to aid the manager.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS AND AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. Business may be transacted or bylaws changed by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE VII. DUES

The Society may levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in

Article II. Nonpayment of dues shall be cause for expulsion from the Society.

ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENT

These Articles of Association may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail of the proposed amendment to the Articles of Association.

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings not covered by the Articles of Association or Bylaws.

ARTICLE X. APPOINTMENT

The incoming President shall appoint a Property Officer to account for all society property. Committee chairman and members and others may be appointed as needed.

ARTICLE XI. DISSOLUTION

In event of the dissolution of this Society, the residual assets of the Society shall be turned over to one or more organizations that themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501 © (3 or 4) and 170 © (2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Review code, or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purpose. The last duly elected Officers shall carry out such dissolution as described herein.

These are the ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of the GREENWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. as approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership at a Regular Meeting of the Society.

Revised May 10, 2016.

President

Fred Pinson K9PIN

Secretary

George Crane W3RXF