

By-Laws of the
AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Section 1.

All meetings of the members of this association shall be held in Omaha, Nebraska, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2.

(Amended 2-28-82, 9-5-95, 9-3-96)

The annual meeting of the members of this association shall be held on the second Friday in December of each year. A notice of said meeting shall be mailed 30 days in advance thereof to each member to his or her current mailing address appearing upon the records of the association.

At such annual meeting or at any other meetings of the membership each member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

The President shall designate a nominating committee whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers and members of the executive council to be elected at the next annual meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of the President and at least two, but not more than three other active members who shall be Past Presidents of this association. The nominating committee shall nominate at least one member of the association for each position to be filled at the next annual meeting. Those positions will be: President, Vice President, and four board members, at large. If the offices of Treasurer and/or Secretary are due to be vacated at the end of the current term, the nominating committee will select, as needed, persons from among the 'at large' nominees to run for those offices. The number of elected directors of the corporation shall be ten. Additionally, the immediate Past President will serve as an ex officio member of the board of directors. The term of office for elected members of the Board of Directors shall be as follows: The President and Vice President shall serve for one year. All other elected members shall serve for two years.

Not less than thirty days prior to the annual business meeting of the members of this association, the President shall present to each member of the association in good standing, a written report of the nomination committee's selections. Its report shall be read at the annual meeting of the members of this association and the persons so nominated shall be considered as nominated without any further action. Further nominations may be made by any member of the association during the annual business meeting.

All meetings, either of the Board of Trustees or the membership, shall be presided over by the President, and in his or her absence, by the Vice President, and in his or her absence, by the Treasurer, and in his or her absence, by the Secretary, and in his or her absence by the most recent Past President.

Section 3.

(Amended 6-7-94, 10-3-95)

At all meetings of the members, the following order of business shall be observed so far as

consistent with the purpose of the meeting:

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- (b) Report of the President
- (c) Report of the Vice-President.
- (d) Report of the Treasurer
- (e) Reports of all standing committees.
- (f) Reports of any other committees.
- (g) Election of New Members
- (h) Report of Nominating Committee and election of officers and Executive Council
- (i) Unfinished Business
- (j) New Business

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the procedure of all such meetings.

Section 4.

In case of a vacancy by death, removal or resignation of a member of the Executive Council, such a vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Trustees by selecting a successor from the membership and which successor shall be approved at the next regular meeting of the membership by a majority vote of the members in attendance at such meeting. In case of a vacancy by death, removal or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall automatically fill said vacancy and become the President and the Board of Trustees shall immediately elect one of the members of the Executive Council as the Vice President to serve until the next annual meeting. The board of Trustees shall then select a successor from the membership for the Vice President as a member of the Executive Council and which successor shall be approved at the next regular meeting of the membership by a vacancy by death, removal or resignation of any other officer, his successor as such officer and member of the board of Trustees shall be selected in the same manner as heretofore provided in the case of the vacancy by death, removal or resignation of the Vice President.

Section 5.

(Amended 2-2-72, 11-7-95)

A member in good standing shall be considered as one who has paid all dues and assessments when and as levied by the Board of Trustees who has fully complied with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of this association, and upon failure of any member to comply with the same or to pay such dues or assessments within 60 days after the same are due, such member shall be considered not in good standing. A notice will be sent to the member in lieu of the March newsletter notifying such member that if dues are not paid by March 31 that their membership will become inactive. If member has not paid all dues by March 31, their membership shall become inactive and they will be removed from all mailing lists and active roles. An inactive member may be reinstated by paying the current years dues.

Section 6.

(Amended 6-7-94, 3-5-96, 12-3-96, 12-1-98, 1-6-04)

Membership in this association shall be open to all persons as stated in the Articles of Incorporation. Classes of members are defined as follows:

-Regular. A regular member shall have the following privileges; full voting rights at club meetings, eligibility to hold office and/or sit on the board of trustees provided that said member has reached the age of majority, and will receive all newsletters as issued during the membership term.

-Life, Honorary Life, Charter Life and Spouse Life. A life member shall have the privileges of a regular member and shall receive a club name tag.

-Spouse. A spouse member shall have the privileges of a regular member except that said spouse member shall receive the club newsletter only for notification of the annual business meeting. Upon the death of a Life member, the surviving spouse, may request transfer of the Life Membership to them. Upon the transfer, the surviving spouse will be considered a 'Life Member' with full privileges.

-Minor/Dependent. A minor/dependent member shall be the child or legal dependent through their 18th year residing at the same address of a regular or life member. The said minor/dependent member shall have the privileges of a regular member except that said minor/dependent member shall receive the club newsletter only for notification of the annual business meeting. (This class of membership shall commence on January 1, 1995).

-Student. A student member shall be enrolled full time in an accredited educational institution. Said student member shall have all privileges of the regular member.

Applications for membership shall be submitted at any regular monthly meeting of the members. Each application must express a willingness of the applicant to abide by the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the association. A majority of those present shall approve the application before any person shall be considered as elected to membership. Any person elected to membership shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership set out in this section.

Section 7.

(Amended 6-10-77, 6-02-92)

The officers shall perform such duties as are usually assigned to them. All funds of the association shall be invested in a prudent, discrete, and intelligent manner as prescribed by Nebraska Statute 24-601 and 30-3201 as applicable, otherwise known as the Prudent Man Rule. And all monies and funds shall be disbursed only by check upon the signature or signatures of such officers and members as the Board of Trustees may from time to time designate.

Section 8.

(Amended 10-3-95)

The President shall appoint the following standing committees, each of which shall consist of a Chairman and such other number of persons as the President or chairman may designate:

- (a) Disaster Preparedness Committee
- (b) Education Committee
- (c) Public Relations Committee

- (d) Government Relations Committee
- (e) Repeater Committee
- (f) Publications Committee
- (g) Technical Committee
- (h) Membership Committee
- (i) Program Committee
- (j) Field Day Committee

The President shall have the power to appoint such other committees as may be deemed necessary and proper.

Section 9.

(Amended 3-16-76, 9-13-77, 2-2-82, 12-14-84, 2-14-86, 6-7-94, 10-3-95, 2-6-95, 3-5-96, 12-1-98, 1-6-04)

All classes of membership will be on a calendar year basis. Dues of all members shall be payable each year on January 1 and will be considered in arrears on February 28. Dues of all classes of membership shall be assessed and determined by the Board of Trustees. Persons receiving their first and original amateur radio license shall be eligible for one complimentary membership for the remainder of the calendar year in which the license is issued, upon application to the Club requesting such membership.

Membership will become effective immediately upon approval of the application by the general membership of the Club.

The AK-SAR-BEN Amateur Radio Club recognizes the existing life members, no new life memberships shall be granted. In order to compensate the General Fund for surviving members' annual dues interest earned by the life membership fund may be withdrawn, but the amount of the withdrawal shall not be greater than the annual dues. Unused interest shall be added to the principal amount. The principal may only be withdrawn after the lifetime member becomes deceased. At that time, the Board of Trustees shall have the authority to withdraw the principal amount and any remaining interest on behalf of the deceased lifetime member, and utilize those funds in the interest of the general membership. While nothing shall prevent the membership or Board of Trustees from carrying out their rights and responsibilities granted them by the Articles, the Trustees are encouraged to give careful consideration to disbursement of these funds.

Section 10.

(Added by amendment 12-7-93)

Any expenditures or reimbursements not previously set forth and contained within the club's annual budget be brought before the executive council at its regular meeting and then automatically held over for consideration until the next regular executive council meeting before action is taken. The only exception being is if the expenditure is declared to be an emergency. Emergency expenditures may be declared by the president or by the executive council, and will be reported as such by the treasurer at the next meeting of the executive council.

Section 11.

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees by a majority vote, and may also be amended at any meeting of the membership by a majority vote and any

amendment hereto by the membership shall be binding and the Board of Trustees shall not have the power to amend the By-Laws so amended by the membership, but the membership shall always have the right to amend the same. These By-Laws shall be considered as a part of the Articles of Incorporation of this association.

Certificate.

(Amended 12-21-75)

This is to certify and attest that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the By-Laws of the Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc. of Omaha, Nebraska.

ATTEST:

(s)

Stephen J Schmitz

President

COUNTERSIGNED:

(s)

Secretary