

As amended on January 1, 1980

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF
THE STANISLAUS AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**

I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association, hereinafter referred to as S.A.R.A.

II. BASIS (Reserved for use in case of Incorporation)

The S.A.R.A. shall be organized as a non-profit corporation under such laws of the United States and the State of California apply.

III. PURPOSE

The purpose of S.A.R.A. is to maintain and operate an amateur radio repeater in the public interest and service amateurs and visiting amateurs of Stanislaus and other central California counties.

IV. GOVERNMENT

A. Officers

The following shall be filled by election:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasure

The S.A.R.A. shall be governed by the President.

B. Elections

Each of such Officers shall serve until his/her successor is duly elected. Vacancies among the Officers by reason of death, illness, or resignation, shall be filled by special election at the next meeting after such vacancy occurs. Secret ballot of full members present shall be conducted. Officers elected by special Election serve only for the remaining portion of the term of the person replaced.

C. Appointed Positions

The president shall be empowered to appoint suitable persons to non-elective positions of service.

D. Powers

President:

The business and affairs of the S.A.R.A. shall be managed by the President who may exercise all the powers and do all the things which may be exercised or done by the S.A.R.A., subject to the provisions of the State of California (and articles of Incorporation) and these By-Laws.

Vice-President:

Shall assist the President in all his/her duties and serve in the President's place in his absence.

Secretary:

Shall keep and maintain a history, record and minutes of all meetings. Shall carry out such activities as may be necessary to publish or print written communications, bulletins, list, and directories as necessary.

Treasurer:

Shall keep the fiscal accounts of the S.A.R.A., including an account of all monies received or disbursed. Shall present financial statements at Meetings. Shall have authority to deposit in the S.A.R.A. accounts such monies as may be received and to pay all debts of S.A.R.A. from said accounts. Maintain membership records and lists as deemed necessary by the President.

Technical Director:

To be appointed by the President. Supervises and / or carries out such activities as may be necessary to build, purchase, repair, maintain or modify and auxiliary equipment belonging to or used by S.A.R.A., Shall appoint committees to assist in such activities as is deemed necessary.

V. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The membership year shall run from January 1st through December 31st.
- B. Amended 1980 (no other date) see attachment hereto. The membership dues are acceptable for the current membership year through December 1st. Dues are acceptable for the following year beginning December 31st. Persons joining the club for the first time shall have their dues pro-rated from the month they join the club through the following December. Any old member who decides to join the club after one or more years of absence, is entitled to the pro-rated schedule for the first year of the remainder thereof.
- C. General dues are due and payable January 1st and must be submitted by the last day of February to maintain continuous membership.
- D. Types of Membership
 1. Full Member:

Must hold a valid FCC Amateur Radio License. Only full members may be elected as officers or vote on S.A.R.A. matters.
 2. Associate Member:

Need not hold a license. Dues are one-half of the full rate.
 3. Student Member:

A person who is qualified for Full or Associate Membership but is enrolled in school in a grade through 14 (14) (sophomore in college), dues are one-half the full rate.
 4. Family Rate: (Amended April 1987. See attached hereto)

Subsequent members of a given family residing in the same residence may become a full member for one-half of the appropriate rate. If a given family membership shall exceed three (3) members total, then the total amount of the dues paid shall not exceed the amount for a family with three (3) members. Thus, a given family, living together in the same residence with, for example, seven (7) family members would pay the same total dues as a family of three (3) members.

5. Out of Area Rate

A person who is otherwise qualified for the Full or Associate Membership, but resides more than 150 miles from Modesto, dues are \$10.00 per year.

The full rate shall be determined by vote of Membership (full members) in November of each year for the following year. The determination shall take into account the state of the treasury and predicted budget for the following year.

VI. MEETINGS

A meeting open to all persons shall be once a month. The meeting shall be presided over by the President. The proper concerns shall be the property, business, affairs and procedures necessary to fulfill the Purpose as stated in Article III. Proceedings shall be reported at the following meeting.

VII. AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended by approval of a petition for amendment. The petition may be presented at the Meeting by any member and must bear the signatures of ten (10) members. Approval shall be 2/3rds of the members present at the following meeting.

VIII. RATIFICATION

These By-Laws shall be considered to be ratified when at a meeting, 2/3rds of the members present vote by secret ballot to accept them. The By-Laws shall be in full force and effect from that time forward.