

GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

“CLUB BY-LAWS”

ARTICLE ONE

Section 1:

The name of this organization shall be the GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. (hereinafter “the SOCIETY”).

Section 2:

The purposes and objectives of the SOCIETY SHALL BE:

- a) To stimulate and promote an interest in amateur radio.
- b) To further the progress and maintain the traditions of amateur radio.
- c) To promote an efficient emergency network within this area in cooperation with the ARES program and to provide communications and other services requested by the Alachua County Office of Emergency Management.
- d) To provide assistance wherever possible in situations of amateur interference with reception of AM, FM, TV broadcasting services.
- e) To establish when necessary a program of training and examining for amateur licensing.
- f) To provide technical assistance to anyone requesting such when in the interest of amateur radio.
- g) To further the spirit of fraternalism through social activities for the club members and their families and friends.

Section 3:

There shall be several grades of membership in the SOCIETY. The following eligibility and qualifications are applicable:

- a) Full member: Must hold a current, valid Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter “F.C.C.”) amateur radio license and have paid the fees established by the Board of Directors.
- b) Family member: An additional member of family holding a current, valid F.C.C. amateur radio license shall be considered a full member upon payment of a fee established by the Board of Directors.
- c) Student member: A valid amateur radio licensee who attends an Alachua County school full-time may apply for a half-price membership. Such a person shall be considered a Full Member.

SECTION 4:

Voting privileges: Only Full Members in good standing shall be eligible to vote on SOCIETY business.

ARTICLE TWO

Section 1:

The elected officers of the SOCIETY shall consist of a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. Only Full Members shall be eligible to hold office. There will be five elected directors at large. The four officers and five directors shall comprise as the Board of Directors.

Section 2:

Any officer shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself in office.

Section 3:

Should the office of president be vacated, the vice-president shall succeed to the office of president automatically without need for nomination, vote or approval by the membership. In the event of a vacancy in any other office, the remaining members of the Board shall, by majority vote, fill such vacancy until the next regular meeting where an election can be held to fill the remaining term.

Section 4:

Any officer may be removed for cause by a majority vote of the Board whenever, in the judgment of the Board, the best interests of the SOCIETY will be served thereby. Any officer so removed has the right to appeal and reverse such removal by a majority vote of the Full Members present at the next regular meeting where a quorum exists.

Section 5:

Elections shall be held annually at the November regular meeting of the SOCIETY.

Section 6:

Installation of officers: Officers and the Board Members will begin their term of office on January 1 of the following year.

ARTICLE THREE

Section 1:

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the SOCIETY, preside at all meetings, call meetings of the Board of Directors, represent the SOCIETY on all public occasions, enforce the by-laws, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office. The president shall appoint as many standing committees as deemed necessary.

Section 2:

The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in the president's absence.

Section 3

The secretary shall attend all meetings of the SOCIETY and all sessions of the Board of Directors. The secretary shall keep a permanent record of the proceedings of each meeting, keep a roll of the members, carry on SOCIETY correspondence, transmit a monthly report to the ARRL Section Communications Manager, and report on all correspondence received by the SOCIETY.

Section 4:

The treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Directors, shall have charge of the funds of the SOCIETY. The treasurer shall make an annual, as well as a monthly, report of the SOCIETY's financial activities. The treasurer shall be immune from suit by the SOCIETY or individual members thereof, for loss of SOCIETY funds in the treasurer's custody where such loss is not the proximate result of the treasurer's willful and wrongful act, or the treasurer's culpable negligence. The treasurer shall be the custodian of a current list of all equipment owned by the SOCIETY.

Section 5:

The Board of Directors shall manage the property and conduct the business of the SOCIETY. As soon as practical after their election, they shall review and approve Policies and Procedures, and publish any changes on the club website.

ARTICLE FOUR

Section 1:

Quorum: 15% of Full Members as of April 1st every year in good standing, present at any regular meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2:

Good Standing: Full Members shall be deemed to be in good standing and eligible to vote only when their dues are paid or not more than three months in arrears.

Section 3:

Dues are payable as of January 1st of the year, and are considered delinquent as of April 1st of the year. Those members delinquent as of April 1st shall be dropped from the active club membership roster, and shall no longer be considered members in good standing. Additionally, delinquent members shall not be permitted to participate in club events as it presented an insurance liability issue. Such individuals must pay the appropriate individual or family membership dues, plus the amount of five dollars (\$5.00) to return to being a member in good standing.

ARTICLE FIVE

Section 1:

Meetings: The Board of Directors shall set the time and place of regular meetings for the membership, and publish such time and location on the club website.

Section 2:

Meeting procedure: Roberts's Rules of order shall govern the conduct of business at all meetings, except where in conflict with provisions of these by-laws. Nothing in this section shall foreclose the use of informal procedure during the meetings, however upon request of any Full Member in good standing, the provisions of the prescribed parliamentary procedure may be invoked.

ARTICLE SIX

Section 1:

Any equipment given to the SOCIETY shall be considered an unconditional donation. Equipment may be loaned to the SOCIETY only at the owner's risk for damage or loss of that equipment.

Section 2:

If the GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC. is discontinued or dissolved for any reason, all its assets will be transferred to the AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE FOUNDATION (225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111), or some other organization granted IRS section 501 (c) (3) status.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Section 1:

Intent: It is the intent of these by-laws and any subsequent amendments or additions thereto, that they be complementary to and not inconsistent with the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation of the SOCIETY.

Section2:

The members of this SOCIETY may, by a 2/3 majority vote of members present and voting, alter or amend these by-laws at any general meeting or special meeting called for this purpose, provided that notice of intent to amend has been published on the website at least one month prior to the meeting.

Section 3

Exemptions: Any by-law herein and any subsequently adopted or amended by-law in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation of the SOCIETY, the statutes and regulations of the State of Florida and its official agencies, the codes or regulations of the city of Gainesville of the county of Alachua, the Statutes of the United States, and the regulations of its agencies and instrumentalities, including, but not limited to the Federal Communications Commission, is hereby held to be a nullity, without force or effect, and not binding on the SOCIETY or its membership.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND THE BY-LAWS OF THE GAINESVILLE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.
AS IN EFFECT DECEMBER 1, 1978

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