

Marshall County Amateur Radio Association Incorporated

By-Laws

- NAME:** The Marshall County Amateur Radio Association Incorporated shall also be known as MCARA.
- PURPOSE:** The purpose of MCARA is to foster and promote Disaster and Emergency preparedness in Marshall County Kentucky and the surrounding area through Amateur Radio Operations.
- MISSION:** To exemplify the highest standards of Amateur Radio Operations to encourage the growth of Amateur Radio. To always conduct ourselves in such a way as not to discredit Amateur Radio. To be ready, as our time and availability will allow, provide emergency communications to support emergency services as well as local, state, and federal agencies in time of crisis or as the need arises.
- MEETINGS:** The MCARA will normally meet once a month on a day, time and location as specified in Appendix "A" of these By-Laws.
- Either the President or Vice President must be present at a meeting to conduct business. A quorum will consist of one fifth of the total membership of "members-in-good-standing" but not less than five "members-in-good-standing". If a business meeting has not been conducted in 60 days for the lack of a quorum, the President may direct the Treasurer to pay such financial obligations of the MCARA as might occur and direct the Treasurer to notify the Secretary to make record of such transactions.
- BUSINESS:** The Business of MCARA shall be conducted by the principals included in Robert's Rules of Order.
- OFFICERS:** There shall be four elected officers to administer the operations of MCARA: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

ELECTIONS: The candidates for elected office, when elected shall serve a term of one year beginning on the first day of January and shall end on the last day of December. Should an officer not be able to complete his/her term of office, a special election shall be held to fill the vacancy, which will end on the last day of December. If the President is unable to complete his/her term, the Vice President shall act as President until the special election is held to fill the term of President. At a special election any vacant office may be filled including vacancies caused by the change of office at a special election.

In October of each year a nominating committee appointed by the President shall receive from members-in-good-standing an expression of their willingness to serve as an elected officer of MCARA. If there is not at least one candidate for each office the committee will actively solicit a candidate to fill each office.

At the November meeting the committee will present their report to the President and members of the slate of candidates running for election. After the time, nominations from the floor will be entertained. If so desired a member may nominate himself/herself.

At the December meeting election of officers for the next calendar year will be held. If there is more than one candidate for an office the election will be by secret ballot. In such case the President shall appoint a Tally Committee to count ballots. In the event that three or more candidates a ballot or series of ballots will determine which candidate is eliminated until only two candidates remain. In the event of a tie vote a second ballot will be conducted. If again a tie, a third ballot will be will be conducted. Should this third ballot also be a tie all the voting slips will be collected into a container, a member-in-good-standing, appointed by the President, will before the assembled membership, withdraw a single voting slip from the container and read aloud the name of the candidate elected.

COMMITTEES: The President may appoint committees as needed to assist in the accomplishment the missions of MCARA.

FIELD DAY Committee shall be appointed to arrange for the requirements of the FIELD DAY activity.

NOMINATING Committee shall be appointed to gather candidates for elected office.

AUDIT Committee shall be appointed to review the financial records of MCARA to validate the accuracy of such books and records.

TRAINING Committee shall be appointed to recruit members or guest speakers to conduct a training/learning session at regular club meetings.

OUTREACH Committee shall be appointed to organize events/exhibits to promote the use of amateur radio and recruit new operators.

VE Committee shall be appointed to arrange for testing sessions to bring in new operators to amateur radio or upgrade operators to higher levels of operation.

MEMBERS: Membership is open to all FCC Operators Licensed in the Amateur Radio Service and who pay their annual dues.

DUES: Annual dues shall be in the amount as specified in Appendix "B" of these By-Laws. A member who is in arrears in their dues is liable for the entire annual dues regardless of when they pay up their dues. A member who is in arrears in dues for more than one year is only liable for the one year's dues plus current dues.

Dues are due each November 1st for the following calendar year. Only those who have paid their dues at or before the December meeting may hold an elected office or vote in the election of officers. Members who are current in their dues are "members-in-good-standing" and may vote on business matters, make or second motions, or serve as chairman of committees. Members will return to "members-in-good-standing" upon payment of their dues.

REVISION: These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of a quorum at a regular business meeting of MCARA where at least a 30 day advance notice of proposed By-Laws changes has been made to all members-in-good-standing.

REPORTING: MCARA will issue an annual report of its finances and activities for the preceding year during the 1st quarter of the following year.

DISOLUTION: Should MCARA become a non-viable organization Marshall County Emergency Manage shall hold any and all of the remaining assets and properties of MCARA until an organization with a similar mission is chartered in Marshall County.

APPENDICES: Appendices to these By-Laws may be changed by the majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting where a quorum is present. A revision to an appendix does not constitute a revision to these By-Laws.

ACCEPTANCE: These By-Laws were accepted by a two thirds majority vote of members at the REGULAR meeting in AUGUST 2010

Attested: William G. Husfield DATE: 13 AUG 10
William G. Husfield – President

Attested: Whipple B. Walker DATE: 13 Aug 10
Whipple B. Walker – Vice President

Attested: Mary H. Husfield DATE: 13 Aug 10
Mary H. Husfield – Secretary

Appendix “A”

Meeting Schedule

The regular meetings of MCARA will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Marshall County Rescue Squad Building on Ash Street in Benton, KY; starting at 1900 (7 PM).

The meeting schedule may be changed by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting where a quorum is present.

Appendix “B”

Dues

The Annual Dues for membership in MCARA shall be in the amount of \$16 for a single member or \$20 for a family membership.

Members or families who join in the months of January, February, or March shall be liable for the full Annual Dues amount.

Members or families who join in April, May or June shall be liable for three fourths of the full Annual Dues amount.

Members or families who join in July, August or September will be liable for one half of the full Annual Dues Amount.

Members or families who join in October, November, or December will be liable for one fourth of the full Annual Dues amount.

The Annual Dues amounts for membership in MCARA may be changed by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting where a quorum is present and will be effective for the next calendar year.