

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
MIDCARS -- THE MIDWEST AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE, INC.

PREAMBLE:

We, the undersigned, being desirous of securing for ourselves and others the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, do hereby provide a radio watch and calling frequency with volunteer monitoring stations to (1) assemble and disseminate highway aid and information, (2) receive and transmit by Amateur Radio or other authorized means, road and weather condition information, (3) assist in establishing communications by Amateur Radio during natural disasters, (4) serve as an agency whereby amateur stations may establish initial contacts with other amateur stations, and (5) improve the reliability and dependability of Amateur Radio as a service to the public. We do further agree that in pursuit of these purposes, this organization shall be non-sectarian, non-partisan, and that it shall lend neither support nor influence to any political party or candidate for public office.

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this organization shall be MIDCARS -- THE MIDWEST AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE, INC., and is hereinafter referred to as the Service.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP:

All persons desiring to promulgate the service aspect of Amateur Radio, solely with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest, shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE III

GOVERNMENT:

Sec. 1 -- The Service shall be democratic in form and its members shall have full representation in its government.

Sec. 2 -- There shall be a board of directors consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and two (2) Directors. The Directors shall be elected by the membership for a period of two years.

Sec. 3 -- The President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall each be elected for a term of one year. At the first election one Director shall be elected for a term of two years and one Director shall be elected for a term of one year. Thereafter, each year one Director shall be elected for a term of two years.

Sec. 4 -- No officer or Director shall hold more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, except that a member selected to serve as an officer or Director for the remainder of an unexpired term may be elected to succeed himself to the same office for two (2) consecutive full terms.

Sec. 5 -- The officers and Directors shall be currently licensed Amateur Radio Operators other than Novice or Technician Class. In the event an officer or Director shall cease to hold an Amateur Radio Operator license during his term of office, the office shall be declared vacant and a member shall be selected to fill the vacancy in accordance with the By-Laws.

Sec. 6 -- An officer or Director may be removed on recall petition approved by a three-fourths (3/4) majority of those voting. Such recall petition must be submitted in writing and be signed by not less than fifty (50) members.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS:

Sec. 1 -- The Annual Meeting of the Service shall be held during the month of July of each year.

Sec. 2 -- The Board of Directors shall have the power to fix the date, time and place of the Annual and Special meetings.

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Sec. 3 -- Special meetings may be called by the President, Board of Directors, and shall be called by the President upon written request of not less than twenty-five (25) members of the Service.

Sec. 4 -- All meetings of the Service shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE V

FUNDS:

Sec. 1 -- The dues shall be as prescribed in the By-Laws.

Sec. 2 -- No direct financial profit shall accrue to any member of the Service as a direct or indirect result of membership therein.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS:

Sec. 1 -- Proposals for amendments to the Constitution or By-Laws shall be submitted in writing and circulated to the membership by mail by the Secretary-Treasurer. No vote shall be solicited until thirty (30) days shall have elapsed from the date of the initial mailing to the membership. The Constitution may be amended by a favorable vote of a majority of the total membership. The By-Laws may be amended by a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of those voting.

BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP:

Sec. 1 -- The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive all applications for membership. Applications for membership shall be submitted in writing in the manner and form as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

DUES:

Sec. 2 -- The dues shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) per year from the date on which a member registers.

Sec. 3 -- The Secretary-Treasurer shall review the roster of members monthly and remove therefrom those members who have been in arrears for three months.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Sec. 4 -- The President shall preside at all meetings of the Service or Board of Directors and conduct same according to the rules adopted; he shall enforce due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents in the name of the Service, and perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of the President.

Sec. 6 -- The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter.

Sec. 6 -- The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings; keep a roster of members; carry on all correspondence in the name of the Service; receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Service; pay out such sums as are authorized; keep an accurate account of all funds, submitting annually to the membership an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements. He shall, upon expiration of his term, turn everything in his possession belonging to the Service to his successor at which time an audit shall be made by a committee of three (3) members appointed by the President.

Sec. 7 -- The President shall appoint committees and designate their functions. The following committees shall be appointed and shall be known as standing committees:

(a) Coordinating. Study and recommend means whereby the Service can improve its operation.

(b) Liaison. Confer with representatives of similar service groups to explore, analyze, and recommend solutions to mutual problems.

(c) Publicity. Keep other Amateur Radio organizations and news media informed of the aims and accomplishments of the Service.

ELECTIONS:

Sec. 8 -- Nominations for Officers and Directors shall be made by a committee of three (3) members appointed by the President; the committee shall report its recommendations not later than August 1. Nominations may also be made by the membership, provided each nominee so selected shall have been endorsed in writing by not less than five (5) members. Nominations by the membership must also be made not later than August 1.

Sec. 9 -- On or before Sept. 1, the Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare and mail to all members of the Service a ballot containing the names of the candidates duly nominated for each office. No member may be a candidate for more than one office.

Sec. 10 - The ballots shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer, either by mail or in person in a sealable envelope provided for that purpose only. The President shall appoint a committee of two (2) tellers who shall be licensed amateurs but who are neither officers, directors, nor candidates, to count the ballots and immediately announce the results. In case of a tie, the winning candidate shall be determined by the toss of a coin. Officers and Directors elected shall assume their respective offices on January 1, following their election.

Sec. 11 - In the event a vacancy occurs during an Officer's or Director's term, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member of the Service to fill the unexpired term.

SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Sec. 12 - The Secretary-Treasurer is exempt from paying dues during his term of office.

OPERATION:

Sec. 13 - The Board of Directors shall determine the approximate frequency or frequencies upon which the Service will operate.

QUORUM:

Sec. 14 - At the Annual Meeting at least twenty-five (25) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. At authorized special meetings at least fifteen (15) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, which shall be limited to recommendations to the membership and the Board of Directors. At meetings of the Board of Directors, three (3) members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be a duly elected Director, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

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