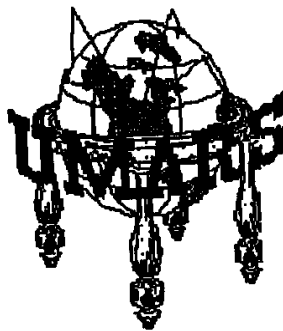


CONSTITUTION

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
(UMARS)

October 1983
Amended October 15 1990
Amended December 12, 1993
Amended October 18, 1995



The University of Manitoba

December 10, 2000

WHEREAS

it is desired by members of the University of Manitoba to formally establish an amateur radio society,

BE IT ENACTED THAT,**ARTICLE I****Intention**

This constitution repeals and abrogates all previous constitutions and documents. It serves as the source and repository of rights, benefits and duties of the University of Manitoba Amateur Radio Society, its officers, and its members.

ARTICLE II**Name**

The name of the club shall be the "University of Manitoba Amateur Radio Society," hereinafter referred to as "the Society."

ARTICLE III**Objects**

1. To promote radio at the University of Manitoba;
2. To promote education and experimentation in electronic communication by amateur radio;
3. To promote public welfare by amateur radio.

ARTICLE IV**Membership**

1. Full Members

All students at the University of Manitoba (full and part-time), alumni, and staff are eligible for full membership.

2. Associate Members

All individuals interested in furthering the objectives of the Society shall be eligible for associate membership.

3. Approval

Membership becomes in effect upon payment of annual dues and approval by the Executive Council.

4. Dues

The Executive Council, in consultation with the membership, shall set annual dues and any associated fees required for the operation of the Society.

5. Cancellation of Membership

The Executive Council may recommend to the general membership that a membership be withdrawn from any individual who fails to uphold the objects of the club or in some other way compromises the operation of the Society. A recommendation for cancellation of membership must be ratified by a majority of full members at a duly constituted meeting.

6. Reinstatement of Membership

The Executive Council may recommend the reinstatement of membership once cancelled. This reinstatement shall require majority approval of full members at a duly constituted meeting.

7. Voting Rights

Only full members shall have the right to vote at meetings, to make changes in the constitution and set the policies of the Society.

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ARTICLE V

Executive

1. The affairs of the Society shall be administered by and Executive Council, hereinafter referred to as “the Executive.”
2. The Executive shall consist of the following:
 - a. President;
 - b. Vice-President (President-Elect);
 - c. Secretary/Treasurer;
 - d. Technical Manager.

3. All members of the Executive shall normally be full members of the Society and the President and Vice-President shall always be full members of the Society.

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All members of the Executive shall presently be enrolled as full or part time students at the University of Manitoba, and shall normally be members of the Society. The President and Vice-President shall always be full members of the Society.

4. The Executive shall be elected by a simple majority vote of all full members following a nomination process. Nominations shall be made either in writing to the President at least five (5) working days prior to the annual meeting, or in person at the annual meeting.

5. The term of office for the Executive shall normally be one year.
6. The Executive shall set all operating rules and policies of the Society. These rules shall normally be ratified by motion in a regular meeting of the Society. The minutes of the meeting shall become the record for such policy decisions.
7. Duties:
 - a. The duties of the President are:
 - To serve as chair during business and other meetings;
 - To appoint special committees, delegations and other groups where necessary;
 - To serve as liaison with the University of Manitoba Student Union, Department of Communications, and any other official group;
 - To exercise jointly with other members of the Executive control and direction over all aspects of the operation of the Society.
 - b. The duties of the Vice-President (President-Elect) are:
 - To promote membership;
 - To promote the activities of the Society;
 - To exercise jointly with other members of the Executive control and direction over all aspects of the operation of the Society.
 - c. The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer are:
 - To keep the financial accounts of the Society;
 - To keep minutes of all meetings;
 - To ensure that members are informed of all aspects of operation of the Society;
 - To exercise jointly with other members of the Executive control and direction over all aspects of the operation of the Society.
 - d. The duties of the Technical Manager are:
 - To ensure that all equipment is in working order;
 - To render technical advice and assistance to radio amateurs in general and members of the public, where appropriate;
 - To ensure that the Society maintains a high level of technical readiness and capability;
 - To exercise jointly with other members of the Executive control and direction over all aspects of the operation of the Society.

ARTICLE VI

Meetings

1. An annual business meeting shall be held at least once a year at which a budget will be presented by the Executive Council for ratification by the membership.
2. Regular meetings shall be called by the Executive.

3. Meetings may also be called by a majority of full members, and notice shall be provided in writing to all members by signed petition at least five working days prior to the meeting.
4. All meetings shall have an agenda which shall be posted in the Society clubrooms five (5) days in advance of the meetings.
5. All voting shall be by hand, unless a majority request a secret ballot. In the event of a secret ballot any and all members may inspect the ballots.
6. There shall be no write-in or proxy votes unless approved by a majority of members at a duly constituted meeting. The extension of proxy rights may only pertain to a single motion and lapses after that motion has been resolved.
7. Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
8. Executive meetings can be attended by any member of the Society.
9. The quorum for regular meetings shall be 25% of the full members, and for the annual meetings the quorum shall be 40% of the full members. Failure to obtain a quorum for the annual meeting requires it be rescheduled within two weeks, at which the quorum shall be 25% of the full members.

ARTICLE VII

Elections

1. Nominations for elections may be in writing or at the annual meeting. All nominations must be seconded and have a signed statement of agreement by the nominee.
2. All full members of the Society are eligible to vote for the Executive.
3. Voting shall be by secret ballot.
4. All ballots shall be retained for five (5) working days.
5. There shall be no mail-in or proxy voting for executive positions.

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ARTICLE VIII

Bank Account

1. The Society shall maintain a bank account where all cheques, drafts or order for payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by the Treasurer together with one other member of the Executive.
2. The Society shall maintain a minimum bank balance of \$500.00 at all times for emergency purposes. If the bank balance must go below \$500.00 it should be ratified by a majority of full members at a duly constituted meeting.
3. A purchase of more than \$50.00 must be ratified by a majority of full members at a duly constituted meeting. All purchases shall be brought to the attention of the Executives.

ARTICLE IX

General

1. The Society shall maintain a clubroom available for use by all members, full and associate.
2. The Executive in consultation with the membership shall determine operating rules and regulations for the clubroom.
3. All full members shall be issued with keys to the clubroom upon receipt of a refundable deposit. The amount of the deposit shall be determined by the Executive each year.

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All members shall be given access to the clubroom upon receipt of membership dues.

4. From time to time, the Executive may approve access to associate members and other licensed radio amateurs to further cooperation with the radio amateur community and to further the objectives of the Society.
5. Amendments to this constitution shall be by simple majority vote of full members at a duly constituted meeting. Notice of the proposed amendments shall be circulated to all members, full and associate no less than ten (10) working days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE X

Implementation

This constitution having been read and approved by the majority of the members of the Society shall come into force on the day of **October 18, 1995**.