

CONSTITUTION

Article I – Name

The name of this organization is Southwestern Oregon Repeater Association, hereafter referred to as SWORA.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of SWORA shall be to install, maintain, and control VHF and UHF amateur radio repeaters and remote stations; to promote and encourage interest in amateur radio repeaters; to improve the state of the art thereof; and to mobilize its repeaters and users in time of emergency to provide public service communications.

Article III – Membership and Dues

The membership shall consist of Full Members and patrons.

Full Members shall be amateur radio operators with an FCC license that permits operation of the facilities of SWORA. They shall pay annual dues.

Patrons shall be any individual or organization making a financial contribution to SWORA.

Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors and approved by the membership.

~~In an emergency the Board of Directors may call for an assessment not exceeding ten dollars.~~

Article IV – Officers and Directors

The Officers of SWORA shall be:

President
Vice-President
Secretary-Treasurer
Trustee

The President and Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected by secret ballot **or secure electronic vote** at the Annual Meeting. They must be full members in good standing.

~~A Trustee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Trustee must be a full member in good standing.~~

The Board of Directors shall consist of ~~two~~ **the Officers and three** directors. ~~They~~ **The Directors** shall be elected by secret ballot **or secure electronic vote** at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be for one year. They must be Full Members **in good standing** of SWORA.

~~A Trustee shall not vote at the Board Meetings unless an elected officer of SWORA.~~

Article V – Voting

Full Members of SWORA with paid-up dues shall be eligible to vote. **The Board of Directors may choose to specify to use either secure electronic and/or secret ballot voting as they deem appropriate and reasonable.**

Article VI – Disposal of Facilities/Assets

If the need arises to dispose of the facilities and assets of SWORA the following guidelines shall be used.

1. Facilities such as buildings, towers, poles, antennas, radio equipment shall be donated to organizations similar to SWORA.
2. Monies shall be given to charitable organizations or to organizations similar to SWORA.

Article VII – Amendments

No part of this Constitution shall be amended except by a vote of the membership taken in the following manner.

1. All Full Members in good standing must be advised in writing of the proposed change at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken.
2. Adoption of the proposed amendment shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting.

Article VIII – Effective Date

This constitution was **originally** adopted at the meeting held on March 2, 1983. **The date of the adoption of this first revision is August 25th, 2021.**

BY-LAWS

Article I – Meetings

There shall be one annual meeting of the membership.

Other meetings shall be called by the Board of Directors when necessary.

A quorum for the transaction of business shall be ~~one-third~~ of the members present.

The order of business shall be:

- A. Roll call of members and introduction of visitors
- B. Adoption of minutes
- C. Treasurer's Report**
- D. Reports of Officers and committee chairmen
- E. Unfinished business
- F. New Business
- G. Election of Officers and Directors

Article II – Duties of Officers/Directors

The President shall be the chief executive of SWORA. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of SWORA and of the Board of Directors; to perform the duties and exercise the powers delegated to him by the Constitution, the By-Laws, or by resolutions of the membership or the Board of Directors; to represent SWORA before the public, and to perform all other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office. The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors, and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

The Vice-President shall perform any duty or responsibility of the President when requested by the President, or during the absence or disability of the President.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep all correspondence, leases, incorporation papers, documents of SWORA. He shall take minutes of the meetings of SWORA and Board of Directors; collect and record all dues and monies received; maintain an up to date roster of paid-up members. He shall renew leases as they come due; pay annual incorporation fees; and pay bills approved by the Board of Directors. He shall present an annual financial report at the Annual Meeting and ~~send~~ **provide** a copy of the minutes and the financial report to all members in good standing. He shall perform all other duties as may be delegated to him by the President or the Board of Directors.

~~The Trustee shall insure that all equipment is installed and maintained in accordance with good engineering practices, and conforms to FCC Rules and Regulations. The Trustee shall hold the necessary licenses for the stations installed by SWORA. He shall control all access to the remote sites, and no work on the equipment will be performed without his authorization. He will authorize additional control stations when needed.~~

The Board of Directors shall have general control over the officers and committees. It may alter or annul any decision of any officer, and committee.

~~The Board of Directors may declare any office vacant, for cause, by the majority vote of the entire board. It shall constitute a Board of Appeal from the rulings and actions of all officers and committees.~~

The Officers and ~~the Board of~~ Directors shall be the governing body of SWORA. A quorum for the transaction of any business by the Board shall be four of five **the six Directors Board Members** which includes **the** elected officers.

~~The first Wednesday in June will constitute the date of the annual meeting of SWORA. The time and place of said annual meeting will be at the discretion of the current President of SWORA. There shall be additionally, a regular meeting of SWORA held every three months following the annual meeting and shall be held on the first Wednesday of that month on a quarterly basis.~~

Article III – Committees

Committees may be established for such purposes as may be designated by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article IV – Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended upon recommendation by the Board of Directors or by a petition of five (5) percent of the voting membership. And by a two-thirds vote (**either via secret ballot or secure electronic vote**) of the members **present** at a meeting of SWORA **called in the following manner: for that purpose.**

All full Members in good standing must be advised in writing of the proposed change at least 30 days prior to the **physical or electronic** meeting at which the vote will be taken.

Article V – Effective Date

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