

Mobile Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Constitution

3 February 2022

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be The Mobile Amateur Radio Club, Inc. ("MARC").

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club shall be to promote interest in amateur radio, provide emergency communications in the public interest, and maintain a licensed amateur radio station in Mobile, Alabama in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. Any interested person shall be eligible for membership in the Mobile Amateur Radio Club.

Section 2. Members in good standing shall be those who have accepted the constitution and Bylaws of the MARC and paid their annual dues.

Article IV – Officers and Board

Section 1. The officers of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These shall be separate offices whose duties and responsibilities shall be established in the MARC Bylaws.

Section 2. The Mobile Amateur Radio Club Board shall be responsible for the general management of the club to include implementation of club Bylaws and accomplishment of MARC programs and goals. The Board shall consist of current and immediate past officers and other members of the Board to be elected from and by the membership. The number of Board members elected shall be sufficient to bring the total number to twelve (12). Elected Board Members shall serve a term of two (2) years.

Section 3. A trustee of the club station and license shall be a Board member elected by the Board to serve in that capacity. The Station Trustee must hold a valid FCC license commensurate with the scope of their duties.

Section 4. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve a term of two (2) years commencing immediately upon their election at a biennial club meeting in December. The Board may call a special election as necessary to fill vacant offices or for other purposes. In the event the President cannot fulfill his/her entire term of office, the Vice-President shall assume his/her responsibilities for the remainder of his/her term.

Section 5. The quorum required for the Board to conduct business shall be as established in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V – Memberships and Dues

Section 1. There shall be two categories of membership, Regular Members and Lifetime Members. The amounts of annual dues for Regular Members and one-time dues for Lifetime Members shall be established

by a vote of the membership at any regular or special meeting. Regular Membership dues shall be levied each January 1st. Lifetime Membership dues shall be collected as a one-time fee.

Section 2. Other membership types shall be converted to Regular Memberships or (if so desired and with payment of the requisite fee) to Lifetime Memberships immediately upon adoption of this constitution. Any unpaid annual dues (in accordance with the proration schedule established by the Bylaws and as set by vote of the membership) and Lifetime Membership one-time assessments shall be levied at that time.

Article VI - Club Meetings

Section One. One regular meeting shall be held each month for the purpose of transacting necessary business. Each Regular Member and Lifetime Member in good standing present shall be entitled to one vote at Regular or Special meetings. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Section Two. There shall be a meeting of the MARC every two years during the month of December at which officers and Board members shall be elected by a majority vote of qualified members for two-year terms of office.

Article VII - General

Section One. This constitution may be repealed and replaced or it may be amended at any special or regular meeting, provided the proposed repeal and replacement or amendment has been read at the previous meeting, and the membership having been notified in writing or by electronic means at their last known address 30 days in advance of the proposed repeal or amendment. Repeal or amendment requires a majority vote of members in good standing.

Section Two. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the authority governing all meetings of this club and all Board and Committee meetings thereof.

This MARC Constitution replaces the constitution of April 1996 (amended February 2013), and was approved by the Membership of the Mobile Amateur Radio Club on 3 February 2022.