

Greater Gaston Amateur Radio Society

Constitution

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the **Greater Gaston Amateur Radio Society of Gastonia, North Carolina** and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our mission to promote amateur radio and good will while enhancing fellowship among radio amateurs, provide education to persons with common interests, assist with emergency communications and provide community assistance and partnerships with local organizations.

Article I

Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as the society shall provide in its By-Laws. The CEO shall act as membership chairman. Membership may not be denied because of race, creed, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, marital status or any other reason that would be biased or prejudicial.

Article II

Offices

Section. 1. Director and Officers

The director of this society shall be CEO. The officers of this society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section. 2. Election

The officers of this society shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Term limits

An individual may not hold the same office for more than two terms and may not serve more than three consecutive terms as an officer. An individual may not hold more than one office during the same term. Term limits may be extended by the CEO under extreme circumstances. Term limits do not apply to the CEO.

Section. 4. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation. Vacancies may be temporarily filled until elections can be held. Temporary positions will be appointed by the CEO.

Section 5. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a member in good standing for at least one year and hold a valid Amateur Radio license.

Section 6. Resignation

Any officer may resign his/her position in writing at which time all records and assets of the society will be turned over to the President or Vice President.

Section 7. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members presented to the CEO. After investigation the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the society and are voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a three-fourths vote of the full membership. The CEO is exempt from removal and shall remain in said position indefinitely.

Article III

Duties of Director / Officers

Section. 1. CEO

The CEO is responsible for providing strategic leadership for the organization by working with the Board and other management to establish long-range goals, strategies, plans and policies. The CEO shall act as Membership Chairman as set forth in Article I Membership. The society will be a self-governing body with final veto authority going to the CEO.

Section. 2. President

The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign official documents adopted by the society, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Section. 3. Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance interest and activity as approved by the society. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the local ARRL's local ARES ® Emergency Coordinator to further participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service. ®

Section. 4. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications to Membership Chairman, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and email written meeting notices to each member. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the society to his/her successor.

Section. 5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the society; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the CEO or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At

the end of his/her term he/she shall turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the society to his/her successor.

Article IV Meetings

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

Article V Dues

The society, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the society within the discretion of the membership.

Article VI Membership Assistance

The society, through designated interference, Public Relations, and Operating Committees will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiations from society member-stations. The society shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

Article VII Club Call sign

The CEO shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign. The trustee shall be a member of the society in good standing, Meet FCC requirements and not had his/her Radio Amateur licensed revoked or sanctioned at any time.

Article VIII Dissolution of the Society

Section 1. Termination of Operations

In the event that the Board of Directors votes that the Society should be dissolved the motion for dissolution must receive more than two thirds vote of the full membership to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the society. No member or group of members shall receive benefit from the assets. All equipment will be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Article IX Amendments

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and

shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.