

Greetings fellow hams,

I think we need to look at the McARCS Constitution and update it to reflect how McARCS currently operates.

McARCS Constitution states,

“Article 4: Membership

Section 1: Types. Membership shall be by application to the board of directors. Membership shall be granted to any licensed radio amateur exhibiting a desire to further the objectives of McARCS and conforming to the rules and procedures of the service.

Section 2: Dues. Membership dues of the Service may be assessed as required by the operational expenses of the Service. Payment of dues, if any, shall constitute the right to vote on any proposal or expenditure before the Service.

Section 3: Termination. The membership of any member who has acted in a manner contrary to the interest of the Service or to the furtherance of its objectives, or who conducts himself/herself in a manner unbecoming of proper conduct may be terminated for cause. After giving the offending member an opportunity to be heard and after considering all the facts of the case, the members voting by secret ballot at a regular meeting may terminate the membership. A two-thirds majority of the members present and voting shall be required for termination. A written notice of termination shall delivered in person or by certified mail. A second meeting and vote shall be required to make the termination final. A confirming vote by secret ballot, two-thirds of the members present and voting to terminate, shall make said termination of membership final.”

Since McARCS no longer requires a membership application, this section should be changed to reflect that membership is open to all people interested in amateur radio. I recommend the following:

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McARCS has no dues requirement and no termination process, so section 2 and section 3 could be removed from the constitution. Section 4 would then be renumbered to become section 2.

Section 6 discusses the duties of the treasurer and states:

“Section 6: Treasurer. The Treasurer shall prepare a budget each year and submit it to the Service membership for approval. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain adequate and correct books and records of accounts of the properties and business of the Service. The Treasurer shall deposit moneys and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Service with such depositories as may be designated by the membership.”

Since we have limited donations to McARCS, I believe that we can eliminate the requirement for the treasurer to prepare an annual budget.

Under Section 7 – Other Officers:

Public Information Officer:

We can have the President function as the Public Information Officer and add that duty to the Presidents duty section.

Membership Officer:

Since the membership is fluid, we can eliminate the Membership Officer section and the Secretary can maintain a mailing list of the attendees.

The Net Coordinator, Web Master and Trustee sections should remain the same.

We can discuss this at the meeting on January 13th.

73,
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