

Aurora Amateur Radio Group

Constitution

18 August 2021



Preamble:

The name of this organization is Aurora Amateur Radio Group. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency. Additionally, our purpose will be to conduct club programs and activities so as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio anywhere in Alaska and Labrador, Canada. The Aurora Amateur Radio Group will strive to maintain the integrity, honesty, and selfless service that comes with amateur radio by setting a standard that is to be unprecedented for our time. A very important objective is to provide amateur radio license training, license examinations, and continued education to individuals residing anywhere within the State of Alaska and Labrador, Canada.

Article I. Membership

Membership shall be open to anyone who actively supports AARG's purpose as set forth in this document. We reserve the right to decline membership to anyone the board deems to not represent the goals and mission of this organization. All interested members shall complete an application for membership and the Governing Board reserve the right to establish policies that protect the aforementioned mission and principles outlined in the Preamble.

An application to join AARG may be submitted at any time and membership would be granted pending a two-thirds vote of the Governing Board. If the membership application is denied, a written explanation shall be provided to the applicant within ten (10) calendar days of a decision being rendered on the application.

Article II. Officers

Sec. 1. The Executive Officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Sec. 2. The positions of President and Vice-President, if permanently vacated, shall be filled through a nomination and vote of the active membership.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and Vice-President.

Sec. 4. The position of Secretary shall be appointed by the President and Vice-President.

Sec. 5. Each Executive Officer position shall be held by one person.

Sec. 6. Each Executive Officer position shall carry a term of three years.

Sec. 7. An election to fill a position can be held at any time, should it become vacant.

Sec. 8. Voluntary resignation of an Executive Officer position may be given at any time and the vacancy must be filled within 90 days.

Sec. 9. To be eligible for any Executive Officer position, a candidate must hold a valid Amateur Extra class amateur radio license in the United States or possess a valid Canadian amateur radio license bearing the Basic (or Basic with Honours), Morse Code, and Advanced Qualifications.

Article III. Directors, Station Trustee and Board Advisors

Sec. 1. A member shall be designated as the Station Trustee. The Station Trustee shall carry out the duties designated by the Federal Communications Commission and/or Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada for the trustee of each station. The Station Trustee shall be responsible for keeping current record of club repeaters. The Trustee will also be responsible for keeping contact with the repeater coordinator in the region where any and all of the AARG repeaters are located. The Trustee shall also be responsible for maintaining a list of club equipment (as necessary) and also maintaining a station log when the club callsign is used by a member of the club. The Station Trustee shall have one vote in board proceedings. Should the Station Trustee hold another board position, they shall only hold voting power of one person. In the event that the Station Trustee can no longer perform their duties, he/she shall designate another member in good moral standing who holds an amateur license to apply to the FCC or ISED to succeed him/her as Station Trustee. The President shall submit concurrence in the selection of this new Station Trustee in writing within ten (10) days of the decision being made.

Sec. 2. The Directors shall be appointed by unanimous vote of the Executive Officers. Each Director shall have one vote in proceedings that directly pertain to club business. To be eligible for service as a Director, candidates must be paid-up, active members of the Aurora Amateur Radio Group and hold a valid amateur radio operator license in the United States or Canada.

Sec. 3. The Aurora Amateur Radio Group shall solicit the needs for outside input from other licensed amateur radio operators on occasion. Input and assistance for various needs shall come from those who have been selected

as a Board Advisor. Board Advisors do not have voting rights and possess no authority. Board Advisors are to be of service at the sole discretion of the Executive Officers and may be removed at any time. To be eligible for service as a Board Advisor, candidates must hold a valid amateur radio operator license in the United States or Canada and submit a Curriculum Vitae to the Governing Board for review. Board Advisors shall be appointed by unanimous vote of the entire AARG Board.

Article III. Duties of Executive Officers

Sec. 1. 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 the By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. Meeting minutes of AARG are maintained by the President at his/her discretion.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the following:

- a.) Keeping proper records of AARG's member list.
- b.) Advertising club meetings.
- c.) Soliciting the Governing Board for additional items to be added to an upcoming meeting Agenda.
- d.) Preparing and disseminating the Agenda to each member of the Governing Board.
- e.) Presenting the minutes from previous meeting(s) as necessary.
- f.) Logging the minutes during a board meeting in progress; and
- g.) Shall inform the Board of any new applications for membership and present them during a regularly scheduled meeting.
- h.) The Secretary shall present a completed copy of meeting minutes within five (5) working days after a board meeting in a format as directed by the Club President.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all finances relating to the club and shall provide a written report at each meeting, to be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Article V. Duties of Board Directors and Board Advisors

Sec. 1. Board Directors shall provide additional guidance and instruction on decisions to be made directly pertaining to the club in any manner

possible. Each Board Director shall have one vote in any proceedings set forth in a club board meeting.

Sec. 2. Board Advisors are responsible for providing truthful, accurate and timely information relating to any specific needs brought up by the Governing Board that requires outside assistance or input. This information shall be presented in writing to the Governing Board. Board Advisors shall be responsible for ensuring honest and prompt delivery to queries by the Governing Board relating to the subject matter that requires their presence.

Article VI. Meetings

All meetings of AARG shall be informal and may be called at the discretion of at least two officers. Such meetings may take place in person, over amateur radio, or through other electronic communication means. A quorum for the transaction of business or critical items to be discussed will be at least two (2) Executive Officers and three (3) Directors of the Governing Board and shall be established at every meeting. The Aurora Amateur Radio Group will ensure an odd number of Board Members at each meeting to ensure that no tie vote occurs.

Article VII. Dues & Finances

AARG shall collect membership dues as needed with the express and explicit purpose of furthering our organization's purpose in the amateur radio service. This includes, but is not limited to, the purchase of repeater equipment, club station equipment, and accessories that allow the organization to fulfill its mission in the amateur radio service. Any additional functions that shall require finances will be solicited through monetary donation to the organization. Expenditures made by club members will not be reimbursed, should the individual's membership be withdrawn.

Article VIII. Amendments

The constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Governing Board. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting.

Constitution amended and adopted on this 18th day of August, 2021.