

**RADIO SOCIETY OF TUCSON**  
A Corporation for Non-Profit, 501C3

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

Preamble

The members of the Radio Society of Tucson, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons interested in Amateur Radio, enact this Constitution as our governing law. The Radio Society of Tucson is organized for charitable, educational, public service and scientific purposes. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members as well as promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency. It is the Radio Society of Tucson's intent to conduct club programs and activities in a manner that advances the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community. Club activities shall include providing communications resources, promoting technical training and encouraging membership training to support the community by providing communications for public service events and civil emergencies.

Article I Membership

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Treasurer, along with the dues (which may be paid with cash, check or electronic means), at regular meetings.

Membership shall be established in compliance to all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Full membership is open to licensed Radio Amateurs. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers.

Associate membership is open to all other interested persons. Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers.

Honorary lifetime memberships have been issued to the Radio Society of Tucson founders.

Members who become inactive through nonpayment of dues will have no further club privileges until they pay dues and are reinstated.

Members may be removed and/or expelled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

## Article II Officers

### Section 1. Offices

The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

### Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus a minimum of two (2) and not more than five (5) members-at-large to be elected by the membership, for one year terms, at the Annual Meeting. The outgoing President with the consent of Board shall determine the number of board members for the following year's election.

The Board of Directors will conduct the business of the Corporation.

Directors must be Full Members in good standing as provided in the Bylaws.

### Section 3. Election

Officer and Board Member elections will be held annually at the regular October meeting. Officers and Board Members will assume their elected office effective as of the end of the meeting at which they are elected.

The outgoing President will act as an advisor to the new Board of Directors, with no vote.

The Board will solicit nominations for Officers and Board members from the general membership beginning with the August membership meeting. Members may nominate themselves or others, providing that all nominees must indicate a willingness to accept the nomination. Nominees must be full members for at least one year.

The President shall decide the form of election, using paper ballots, show of hands, or any other generally accepted method. Neither absentee ballots nor proxy ballots are permitted in RST elections.

In cases where there is only one nominee for a position, the President may declare that nominee the winner by acclaim.

#### Section 4. 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.

#### Section 5. Vacancies

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.

#### Section 6. Eligibility

In order to hold an office an individual must be a full member, as defined in Article 1, in good standing for at least one year.

#### Section 7. Resignation

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

#### Section 8. Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed from office for cause, upon written petition of six (6) or more members, presented to the President or Vice President. After investigation the petition will be presented to the membership at the next regular meeting of the club and a voted on by the membership. Removal of an officer requires a majority vote by a quorum of the membership.

### Article III Duties of Officers

#### Section. 1. 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 Bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

#### Section. 2. Vice President

The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, be responsible for the yearly inventory of club assets, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club.

#### Section. 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications to the membership for introduction, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and maintain the official records of the Club. At the expiration of his/her term, he/ she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

#### Section. 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the club; keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization by the Board. 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 club to his/her successor. The Treasurer shall provide a roll of paid members to the Secretary.

#### Section 5: Special Interest Groups

Special interest groups (SIG) may be created, modified and/or dissolved by the Board as necessary. Financial needs of the SIG will be reflected in the Club's budget. SIG leaders will be appointed by the Board. Club membership is not required for participation in the Club's Special Interest Groups, but will be encouraged by the SIG leaders.

#### Article IV Meetings

Regular membership meetings shall be held monthly on a date determined by the Board of Directors.

Special meetings may be called by the President as needed. Notice of special meetings will be made to the members via the club email list server and club website at least 48 hours before the special meeting.

Board meetings will be held monthly in addition to the general membership meeting and may be called by the President as needed. The President may use electronic means, such as telephone, email or webinars to conduct special meetings to handle short notice, emergency items.

A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of those active members present. A passing vote will require 50% of the established quorum plus one.

## Article V Dues Fees and Assessments

### Section 1: Dues and Fees

Annual dues rates will be determined by the Board of Directors and is hereby assessed for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

Membership dues are payable in January of each year.

Any member whose dues are not paid by March 31st will be made inactive and removed from the membership roster, the list servers and loose all membership privileges.

Members who are terminated either by resignation or expulsion will not receive a refund of dues paid.

### Section 2: Assessments and Budget

The club will prepare an annual budget, to be implemented in January.

Each Special Interest Group (SIG) will make a request for funding through the budget. SIG Leaders may spend budgeted funds without any additional approval by the Board. The Treasurer will reimburse SIG Leaders for items purchased or used in accordance with the budget.

One time requests for funds for special purchases outside of the budget will be dealt with by the Board on a case by case basis.

## Article VI Dissolution of The Club

Section 1. Termination of Operations

Any motion to dissolve the Club must originate within the Board, and be confirmed by a quorum of the membership at the next regular membership meeting in order to pass.

Section 2. Disposition of Assets

The Board of Directors shall handle the disbursement of all assets of the club. All equipment will either be sold and net proceeds donated to a non-profit organization or donated to a non-profit organization. All remaining cash will be donated to a non-profit organization.

Article VII Amendments

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a quorum of the membership.

Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting.

Article VII Club Call Sign

The President shall assign trusteeship of the club call sign. The trustee shall:

- Be a member of the club in good standing
- Meet FCC requirements.
- Not had his/her Radio Amateur license revoked or sanctioned at any time.

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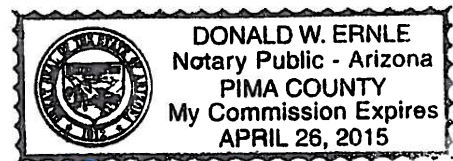
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