

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: This organization shall be named Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association, Inc. Its purpose is to further the interest of amateur radio.

ARTICLE I Membership

All persons interested in amateur radio as defined by law and the Federal Communications Commission shall be eligible for membership.

ARTICLE II Officers and Board of Directors

- Sec. 1. The officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The board of directors shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with the retiring President.
3. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of 1 year at the first regular meeting in January. In case the retiring president is elected an officer, another member shall be elected as director.
4. Vacancies on the board of directors shall be filled by special ballot of the membership at the first regular meeting at which the withdrawal or resignation creating the vacancy is announced.
5. Officers or directors may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership present at any regular meeting after ten days notice that such business will come before the meeting.
6. No officer or director may hold the same position for more than two successive terms.
7. Only members holding a valid amateur license issued by the Federal Communications Commission may hold the position of officer or director. In the event of expiration of such license (not including cancellation of such license, by Federal Communications Commission) such officer or director may continue in office until the next annual election of officers.

ARTICLE III - Duties

- Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meeting of the membership and of the board of directors.

2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the latter and shall organize the Association radio station activities. He shall keep informed of the equipment, frequencies, hours, and types of operation of such members as possess radio and similar equipment to facilitate emergency organization and shall supervise club equipment. He shall encourage the reporting of member activities to the Association and to the proper Section Communications official of the American Radio Relay League. He may appoint traffic committees or assistants to aid.
3. The Secretary shall keep the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association and have a copy of same present at every regular and special meeting, causing all amendments to be noted thereon, and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit applications for membership, carry on all club correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and shall notify members of club meetings.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the Association, making disbursements only on proper authorization of the membership. He shall make a report of itemized receipts and disbursements at each meeting and of the assets and liabilities at that time. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited by an auditing committee of two members appointed by the President, such audit to be made after the last regular meeting in December and before the first regular meeting in January.
5. The board of directors shall conduct the interim business of the Association and shall report to the membership at the next regular meeting at which time its actions may be ratified or modified by the membership.

ARTICLE IV - Quorum

Eight members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V - Dues

The Association may levy upon its members such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI - QRM and Membership Assistance

The Association may enact rules for the prevention of interference in operation between the stations of its members and for the handling of cases of broadcast, television, and similar interference caused by or to any amateur station operation in the area of the Association's jurisdiction, and will endeavor to provide technical assistance to its members in accord with the best engineering practices.

ARTICLE VII-Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership. The By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted at a regular meeting, but they may not be voted on until the next regular meeting, during which time the Secretary shall notify in writing all members of the proposed action.

ARTICLE VIII - Rules

Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern proceedings.

BY-LAWS

Sec. 1 – Membership

Applications for membership shall be submitted at a regular meeting in writing, unless permission for verbal application is granted by vote of the membership. Two-thirds of those present shall approve the applicant before he shall be considered elected to membership. Membership may be terminated for cause by vote of two-thirds of the membership. Not more than 49% of the membership may be persons not holding valid amateur licenses issued by the Federal Communications Commission.

Sec. 2 – Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday and the fourth Wednesday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall name. Special meetings shall be called by the President upon the written request of any five members. Ten days written notice shall be sent to all members informing them of such special meeting and the business to be transacted.

Sec. 3 – Dues

Annual dues shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present at two consecutive business meetings. There shall be two distinct votes resulting in two concurring decisions. Only one vote shall be taken per each meeting. Dues shall be changed no more than once per calendar year. Dues shall be paid upon election to membership prorated to the end of the calendar year. Thereafter they shall be paid for a yearly amount or multiples thereof in advance. A grace period of 60 days shall be allowed for payment, after which membership expires.

FLOWER POLICY

As amended July 8, 1997

The Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association will send a potted plant to the member of the Association who has had a death in his immediate family or same household.

Immediate family shall be defined as: a mother, father, brother, sister, husband, wife, children, mother-in-law, or father-in-law. Members of the same household shall be defined as relatives by blood or marriage residing in the same household as the member of the Association.

The cost of the potted plant will be limited to \$20.00.

In the case of a death of a member of the Association, flowers will be sent to the funeral home or if the family requests a cash donation, that we honor their request.

The cost of flowers will be limited to \$30 plus delivery charges.

It will be the treasurer's responsibility to make the arrangements for purchase and delivery of plants, flowers, or cash donation.

As approved January 10, 1961

The Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association will send a potted plant to the member of the Association who has had a death in his immediate family or same household.

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The cost of the potted plant will be limited to \$7.50. (Amended February 11, 1975: That the amount be increased to one not exceeding \$17.50 including delivery cost.)

In the case of a death of a member of the Association, flowers will be sent to the funeral home.

The cost of flowers will be limited to \$10 plus delivery charges. It will be the treasurer's responsibility to make the arrangements for purchase and delivery of plants or flowers.