

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.  
Constitution

ARTICLE I -NAME AND PURPOSE

The name of this organization shall be the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc., referred to hereafter as the Association. Its purpose shall be to promote friendly social contact among amateurs everywhere, extend knowledge of the radio art, advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community, and encourage service to the public.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Full membership in the Association shall be open to any holder of a valid amateur radio license subject to completion of a criminal background check (per current policy) and payment of current dues. Associate membership shall be available to any person expressing an interest in amateur radio. Associate members shall not be eligible for Life Membership and do not have voting rights. Associate members may participate in Association meetings and social events. Associate members may not participate in any other Association events. Associate members are not subject to the background check.

*Original:*

*Full membership in the Association shall be open to any holder of a valid amateur radio license. Associate membership shall be open to any person expressing an interest in amateur radio.*

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Officers of the Association shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee. Officers must be full and current members of the Association and shall be elected for one (1) year term at the December each general meeting. They shall assume their offices at the December Board meeting.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD

The officers of the Association, together with the two immediate past presidents, shall constitute the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V -MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular Association Meetings

The Regular Meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Friday of each month except July and August, unless changed by the Executive Board.

## Section 2 - Special Meetings

- a. The President shall have the right to call a special meeting of the Association.
- b. No binding action on any Association business shall take place at a special meeting of the Association unless the meeting was announced to the membership by telephone, radio, email, or club web presence at least three (3) days before its execution.

*Original:*

*b. No binding action on any club business shall take place at a special meeting of the Association unless the meeting was announced to the membership by letter, telephone, radio, word of mouth, etc., at least three(3) days before its execution.*

## Section 3 – Quorum

A percentage of full members in good standing as determined by the Secretary as of the end of February shall constitute a quorum. The percentage shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of full members.

*Original:*

*Seventeen or more of the full members appearing on the Secretary's active membership list shall, by their presence at a regular or a special meeting of the Association, constitute a quorum.*

## Section 4 - Presence

A member shall be considered to be present at any regular or at any special meeting of the Association or at any meeting of the Executive Board if they are physically present at the meeting location or if they are participating remotely. Remote presence shall include any method which allows all participants to simultaneously hear each other, which ensures the integrity of the voting process and which has been approved by the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VI - AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of those holding full membership present at any regular meeting. The proposed amendment shall be advertised by publication in accordance with Article VII, section II.

## ARTICLE VII - OFFICAL NOTIFICATIONS

### Section 1 - Official Publication

The Bandsread, along with the Association web presence, shall constitute the official publications of the Association, and shall be available to all members. The Bandsread shall be made available on the Association web presence.

### Section 2 - Official Notice

Any official notice to the membership required by the Constitution or its Bylaws shall be posted to the Association web presence, along with a notification on the web presence and or emailed to the current full membership at least three (3) days prior to any action by the membership on said site.

*Original:*

*Any official notice to the membership required by the Constitution or its Bylaws shall be posted to the Association website, along with a notification by e-mail to the current membership of the posting at least five (5) days prior to any action by the membership on said notice.*

## ARTICLE VIII - GENERAL ASSOCIATION POLICIES

### Section 1

Robert's Rules of Order shall be used when questions of parliamentary procedure arise.

### Section 2

The Association shall not attempt to govern the actions of its members in the operation of their amateur stations. Nevertheless, the Association stands against all poor operating activities, and encourages the highest operating standards on the part of its members.

## ARTICLE IX - THE BRENTLINGER AWARD

### Section 1

Through the annual Brentlinger Award, the Association shall honor outstanding amateurs in the Wabash Valley. Members of the Association as well as non-members may nominate candidates. The service for which candidates are nominated may be for the preceding calendar year or it may be for cumulative years of service.

### Section 2

Nominations for the award shall be submitted, in writing, to the Association President by January 15. Recipients of the award shall be chosen by a committee appointed by the President. The Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, representing at least two (2) different classes of amateur license. The winner or winners shall be announced at the Brentlinger Award Dinner held annually. The committee may choose, at its discretion, not to present an award in any given year.

## ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL

An annual budget shall be prepared by the Executive Board for publication in accordance with Article VII, Section II, for approval at the February general meeting of the Association.

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### ARTICLE X - FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

#### Section I - Sinking Fund

*In order to maintain the financial integrity of the Association, a minimum of three hundred (300) dollars shall be maintained in a sinking fund. Additions to said fund shall be made on the recommendation of the Executive Board and with the approval of the members present and voting at a regular meeting.*

#### Section II - Withdrawals

*Withdrawal from the fund shall be made only after approval by a two-thirds majority of members present and voting, following notice of said withdrawal to all members in accordance with Article VII, Section II.*

#### Section III - Annual Budget

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## ARTICLE XI - A.R.R.L. AFFILIATION

It shall be the policy of the Association to support the American Radio Relay League (ARRL). This policy shall be expressed by affiliation therewith and participation in the activities thereof.

## ARTICLE XII - BYLAWS

### Section 1 - Bylaw Amendments

The Bylaws of the Association may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of full members present providing the proposed amendment was previously announced to the membership in accordance with Article VII, Section 2.

### Section 2 - Bylaw Suspension

These Bylaws may be suspended in case of emergency by unanimous vote of all full members present.

## ARTICLE XIII - DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Association, any remaining assets shall become the property of the American Radio Relay League, Newington, Connecticut.