

Fayette County Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

CONSTITUTION

(REV: Jan 4, 2024)

ARTICLE I: NAME

1. The name of this organization shall be the "Fayette County Amateur Radio Club, Inc." (FCARC) hereinafter referred to as the Radio Club.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

1. The objectives of this Radio Club shall be:
 - (a). To promote interest in amateur radio and further the amateur radio hobby.
 - (b). To provide education and training (a.k.a. Elmering) in the amateur radio processes.
 - (c). To promote a social network for amateur radio operators and their families.
 - (d). To serve the community with public service communications and emergency radio communications.
 - (e). To fund-raise for the Club throughout the community, and
 - (f). To own, operate and support the Fayette County Amateur Radio Club repeaters.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in Radio Club shall be limited to both licensed Amateurs and those seeking to become licensed radio amateurs, without regard to sex, race, creed, or national origin.
2. Membership can be denied or revoked for cause with a unanimous vote by the Club Officers.
3. Membership categories are:
 - (a). **REGULAR MEMBER:** A regular member is a licensed radio amateur who, each year, has paid club membership dues, the amount as set by the membership. A regular member shall have voting rights and other privileges as may be provided by the Radio Club.
 - (b). **LIFE MEMBER:** A regular member who has purchased lifetime membership at a single payment price as determined by the membership.
 - (c). **ASPIRING AMATEUR RADIO LICENSEE:** An Aspiring Amateur Radio Licensee member is an individual who has expressed an interest in becoming licensed and has paid regular membership dues to the Radio Club, as determined by the membership. An aspiring member shall have no voting rights but shall have other privileges as may be provided

by the Radio Club. This class of membership is valid for a member for only 12 calendar months, during which the aspiring member must become licensed. An aspiring member may apply for membership to any Club officer at any time.

- (d). HONORARY MEMBER: a licensed radio amateur holding a significant position in a recognized organization (e.g., American Radio Relay League – division director) with no voting rights, but privileges and duration as determined by the Board.

ARTICLE IV: ORGANIZATION

1. The officers of the Radio Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Vacancies in officer positions occurring between elections shall be filled by appointment by the President for the remaining portion of the term.
2. The Board of the Radio Club shall consist of the Radio Club officers and the current Emergency Coordinator for the Fayette County Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the immediate Past President of the Radio Club.
3. The management, administration and operation of the Radio Club shall be vested in the Board. This shall include appointment of special committees, changes in general meeting days/times, and/or changes of meeting venues (i.e., online meetings).
4. The following official appointments shall be made by the President and annually affirmed by a vote of the regular membership at a general meeting of the Radio Club: Technical Coordinator and Repeater Control/Operator.
5. In the event of inability to perform the duties of the office, an officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the officers as enumerated in this Section.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

1. Elections shall be held annually at the first general membership meeting of the calendar year unless, due to unforeseen circumstances, scheduling becomes impractical. This meeting shall be referenced as the "Annual Meeting." A President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by the regular membership. Only members with voting rights are eligible to vote. For each office, the person receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared the winner.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

1. The FCARC meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order.
2. General membership meetings shall be held monthly on a day and place determined by the Board. Meetings may be cancelled or rescheduled if the board determines a scheduling conflict exists.

3. Critical items to be addressed at a general membership meeting, such as election of officers or amendment of the Constitution, shall be announced to all Radio Club members in an agenda at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

ARTICLE VII: BY-LAWS

1. Appropriate By-Laws to carry out the provisions of this constitution may be adopted by plurality of a quorum of the Board. A quorum of the board shall be three (3) elected members.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS

1. The Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a simple majority of the vote of a quorum of the members, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Board for its consideration at least one month in advance. After discussion and deliberation, the Board's recommendation must be published to the members via E-mail and posting on its blog site at least one week in advance of a regular membership meeting. It must then be read before a quorum of regular members before it is voted upon at said meeting.