

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Arizona Mesh Organization (AMO)

Preamble:

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio Mesh Networking, constitute ourselves the Arizona Mesh Organization, abbreviated AMO, and enact this constitution as our governing law.

Article I – Purpose:

It shall be our purpose to:

1. Promote the exchange of information and cooperation between members,
2. Promote mesh knowledge and individual operating efficiency,
3. Advance the general interest and utilization of Amateur Radio Mesh Networking in Arizona.
4. Conduct programs and activities to:
 - a. Provide emergency communications to facilitate delivery of services to residents in Arizona,
 - b. Provide public service communications to support the community in Arizona,
 - c. Educate radio amateurs and citizens in Arizona about Mesh Networking and Amateur Radio in general,
 - d. Encourage Arizona residents of all ages to become radio amateurs, learn about Mesh Networking and participate in our organization and activities,
 - e. Advance the state of the art in Amateur Radio Mesh Networking technology and use,
 - f. Promote ongoing Mesh Networking operation and preparedness by encouraging constructive socialization and fun activities among members,
 - g. Cooperate with Arizona government agencies and community organizations to utilize Amateur Radio Mesh Networking to improve service to our members and residents.

Article II - Membership:

Membership in the Arizona Mesh Organization is open to anyone interested in Amateur Radio. You do not have to be a licensed amateur radio operator to be a member of the club. Only licensed amateur operators may hold office. Membership in the Arizona Mesh Organization shall be by application upon such terms as the club shall provide in its By-Laws. Renewal of membership shall be open to previous members in good standing. With two-thirds approval of the board, the Arizona Mesh Organization Board of Directors has the authority to terminate or refuse to renew a membership of any individual whose conduct is not in the best interest of the Arizona Mesh Organization.

Article III - Officers:

1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Additionally, there will be five club members elected to the Board of Directors.
2. The officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members, provided there be a quorum, present at the November meeting each year. If a quorum is not present, the President shall call a special meeting within seven days, with at least one day notice to the entire membership (via email), at which time the members present shall elect officers, regardless of whether there exists a quorum. The terms for each officer shall begin on January 1st.
3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation.
4. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership.

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Article IV - Duties of Officers:

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 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.
2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize club activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance club interest and activity as approved by the club.
3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, manage membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and email meeting notices to each member. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and By-Laws of the club and ensure that it is available through the web site. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution. At the expiration of his/her term, he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.
4. 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 club or its officers constituting a business committee). Provide a report on the club's financial status at each regular meeting. 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.

Article V - Meetings:

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article VI - Dues:

The club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the club within the discretion of the membership.

Article VII - Membership Assistance:

The club will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation to assist in frequency observance and the best organization of the mesh.

Article VIII - Amendments:

Add - The Constitution and/or By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. Delete - The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. The By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified by email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting. Voting may take place in any manner set forth by the Board of Directors.
Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

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By-Laws:

1. Membership. Applications for membership shall be submitted, and once a determination has been made by any officer of the club that an application meets the requirements of membership, then that membership immediately becomes active.

2. Meetings. Regular meetings shall be held on the Second (2nd) Thursday of each calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent via email not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

3. Dues. A regular yearly assessment of \$25.00 per member is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

4. For any club election as defined in Article III, or Amendments to the Club Constitution or Bylaws as defined in Article VIII, a system of accepting electronic ballots or proxy votes may be implemented at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

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