

Constitution of the Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association (KBARA)

Preamble

We, the members of the Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association (KBARA), in order to promote fellowship, knowledge, and public service through amateur radio, establish this Constitution as the governing law of the Association.

Article I – Name and Purpose

- **Section 1. Name:** The name of this organization is the **Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association**. The Association may also be known as **KBARA** or **K-BAR-A**.
- **Section 2. Purpose:** The purposes of the Association are to:
 - Further the exchange of information and cooperation among members.
 - Promote radio knowledge, fellowship, and individual operating efficiency.
 - Advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.
 - Provide communications capability and support in the event of emergencies or public service needs, as determined by the membership and consistent with applicable law.

Article II – Identity and Principal Office

- **Section 1. Identity:** KBARA is a voluntary association organized under the laws of the State of Oregon.
- **Section 2. Principal Office:** The principal office of the Association shall be located in **Klamath County, Oregon**. The principal office may be changed as determined by the Executive Committee and recorded in the Association's official records.
- **Section 3. Registrations and Filings:** The Association shall maintain any registrations, filings, or licenses required by federal, state, or local law. Specific addresses, registered agents, and other filing details shall be maintained in the Association's official records.

Article III – Membership

- **Section 1. Eligibility:** Membership is open to persons interested in Amateur Radio. The Association may establish different categories of membership, including voting and non-voting categories.
- **Section 2. Requirements:** Eligibility requirements, dues, and the process for becoming a member shall be provided in the Bylaws.
- **Section 3. Good Standing:** A member is in good standing if they meet the requirements for their membership category and are current in the payment of any required dues.

Article IV – Officers and Governance

- **Section 1. Elected Officers:** The elected officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The roles of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined as provided in the Bylaws.
- **Section 2. Executive Committee:** The elected officers, together with any additional members authorized by the Bylaws, shall constitute the **Executive Committee**. The Executive Committee is the administrative body of the Association.
- **Section 3. Eligibility for Office:** Only Full Voting Members in good standing are eligible to hold elected office. Additional eligibility requirements may be established in the Bylaws.
- **Section 4. Vacancies:** If an office becomes vacant, it shall be filled by a special election as provided in the Bylaws.
- **Section 5. Loss of Eligibility:** An officer who ceases to meet the eligibility requirements for their office shall vacate the office, unless retention is agreed upon as provided in the Bylaws.

Article V – Meetings and Voting

- **Section 1. Regular Meetings:** The Association shall hold regular meetings for the transaction of business.
- **Section 2. Annual Meeting:** One regular meeting each year shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.
- **Section 3. Voting Outcome:** The outcome of any vote shall be determined by the participating members who are eligible to vote. Members who do not participate in a vote shall not be counted for or against the outcome.
- **Section 4. Quorum:** No specific quorum requirement is established for votes properly noticed to the membership.

Article VI – Governance Documents

- **Section 1. Hierarchy of Authority:** In the event of a conflict, the order of authority is: (1) Applicable Law, (2) this Constitution, (3) the Bylaws, and (4) Operating Procedures.
- **Section 2. Bylaws:** The Association shall adopt Bylaws to provide for the management of its affairs. Bylaws must be consistent with this Constitution.
- **Section 3. Operating Procedures:** The Association may adopt Operating Procedures to provide for the day-to-day administration of the Association. Operating Procedures may be adopted or changed by a simple majority of Full Voting Members participating in a vote.

Article VII – Political and Advocacy Activities

- **Section 1. Non-Partisanship:** The Association shall be non-partisan and shall not endorse candidates for public office.
- **Section 2. Limitations:** The Association shall comply with all applicable law regarding political campaign or electoral activities.
- **Section 3. Representation:** Any political, advocacy, or public position taken in the name of the Association must be authorized in accordance with the Bylaws.

Article VIII – Indemnification

To the fullest extent permitted by **Oregon law**, the Association shall **indemnify** its officers, directors, and authorized volunteers for liabilities incurred in the course of their authorized duties, **except** in cases of fraud, intentional violation of law, or malicious acts. The Association may purchase insurance to support this indemnification.

Article IX – Adoption and Amendments

- **Section 1. Adoption:** This Constitution becomes effective upon approval by a **two-thirds (2/3) majority** of Full Voting Members participating in the adoption vote.
 - **Section 2. Amendments:** This Constitution may be amended by a **two-thirds (2/3) majority** of Full Voting Members participating in a vote, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given in accordance with the Bylaws.
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Certification

This Constitution of the Klamath Basin Amateur Radio Association (KBARA) was adopted on [Insert Date] by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of Full Voting Members participating.

President: _____ **Date:** _____

Secretary: _____ **Date:** _____