

Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club, INC.

a 501© Non Profit Organization

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with the requirements of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of Georgia. The Board of Directors herein called "The Executive Board" of the Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club, Inc. ("the Corporation") hereby resolves that the Articles of Incorporation for the Corporation be stated as follows, and directs that all proposed amendments be submitted to a meeting of its members for approval by a majority vote of those entitled to vote:

- 1) The name of the corporation is: Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club, Inc. ("the Corporation"),
- 2) The location and post office address of the registered office of the Corporation is located in Jackson County, the State of Georgia. Post Office Box 556 Commerce, Georgia 30529
- 3) The Corporation is incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of Georgia for the following purpose or purposes: to facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct the Corporation's programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the general community with emphasis on public service activities and encouraging through educational, scientific, and related programs new and upgraded licensing of Amateur Radio operators. The Corporation shall have the purposes or powers as are now and may be granted hereafter by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 2008 State of Georgia, or any successor legislation. It is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations, under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.
- 4) The term for which the corporation is to exist is perpetual .
- 5) The corporation is organized upon a non stock basis. All assets and properties of this Corporation shall be owned solely by the Corporation and no part of its net income or assets shall ever be appropriated to the benefit of any Director, Officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Paragraph 3 above of these Articles of Incorporation. Such assets and properties and all net income shall be dedicated to the purposes as set forth in Paragraph 3 above of these Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or influence any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.
- 6) In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, net assets remaining after payment of all just debts shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the US Internal Revenue Service Code, or the corresponding section of any future US Federal tax code, to the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL), or organization designated by the most recent Executive Board. Any such assets not distributed shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of Jackson County in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine.

Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club, INC.

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

Being a group of duly licensed amateur radio operators and wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, we do hereby constitute ourselves the "Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club, Inc." a non profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Georgia with principal offices in Jackson County, Georgia ("the Corporation"), and do enact this constitution ("Constitution") and accompanying by-laws ("By-Laws") as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to conduct the Corporation's programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the general community with emphasis on public service activities and encouraging through educational, scientific, and related programs new and upgraded licensing of Amateur Radio operators. The Corporation shall have the purposes or powers as may be stated in its Articles of Incorporation, and such powers as are now and may be granted hereafter by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 2008 of the State of Georgia, or any successor legislation. It is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations, under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three classes of membership. All persons having an Amateur Radio Operators License valid in the USA shall be eligible for regular membership. "Regular" members shall have all privileges. "Alumni" members are former members who are unable to attend meetings and Corporation activities on a regular basis due to health considerations or travel impediments. All other persons interested in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for Associate membership. "Associate" members and "Alumni" members shall have all privileges of membership except voting and election to office.

Dues for each class of membership shall be as set forth in Section F. of the By-Laws.

Membership shall be by application and acceptance upon terms set forth in Section B. of the By-Laws.

A member shall be considered to be in good standing if he/she has been accepted as a member in accordance with Section B of the By-Laws and is current in all financial obligations to the Corporation.

Privileges of membership in the Corporation shall not be denied on the basis of an individual's race, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

ARTICLE II - GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1

The "Executive Board" of the Corporation shall consist of the Officers as defined in Section 2 of this Article, two elected Directors, Repeater Trustee, Skywarn Coordinator and a past President acting in a Director capacity. Any Corporation Officer or Director must be qualified as a Regular Member for at least six (6) months prior to his/her nomination, and be in good standing in order to exercise his/her duties granted by the Constitution and By-Laws. The Executive Board shall select and appoint the Repeater Trustee and the Skywarn Coordinator whose terms shall run continuous and shall serve or be terminated at the will of the "Executive Board" or by a thirty day notice of resignation submitted by the Repeater Trustee or Skywarn Coordinator.

SECTION 2

The Officers of this Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and shall be elected for a term of one year commencing on the first day of January which follows their election. Officers shall be elected by a ballot of Regular members in good standing. The Corporation's Secretary, with the advice of the Executive Board, shall be responsible for determining eligibility for both voting and for serving as Officer or Director. The ballots shall be tallied by members of an appointed Nominating Committee.

These ballots are to be counted at the Corporation's general meeting held during December of each year. Nominations For Officers and elected Directors shall take place at two consecutive general meetings beginning in October of each year. Nomination for the two elected Directors shall be as those for the other elected Officers. Their term of office shall be for a term of one year commencing on the first day of January which follows their election..

SECTION 3

A vacancy created by the resignation or removal of the President shall be filled by the succession of the Vice President to the office of President for the remainder of the term. All other vacancies shall be filled by an appointment made by majority vote of the Executive Board with a qualified person of its choosing. Any qualified person appointed by the Executive Board to fill a vacancy shall serve until end of the term of the office that was vacant. Nothing in this Constitution or By-Laws shall prevent a qualified person appointed to fill a vacancy from being nominated and elected to the same office at any future election for the office.

SECTION 4

One Director shall be the member who last served as President of the Corporation. In the event this individual is unable to assume the Directorship, it will be the responsibility of the Executive Board to appoint a replacement prior to March 1, preferably a previous officer of the Corporation or elect to leave the Directorship vacant.

SECTION 5

The Executive Board shall appoint one Repeater Trustee whose duties are outlined in Article III, Section 6. The Executive Board shall appoint the Repeater Trustee for a continuous term. The Executive Board can terminate and replace the Repeater Trustee by a majority vote by the current Executive Board after a thirty day written notice is served on that member serving as "Repeater Trustee."

SECTION 6

Officers, Directors, and members except the Repeater Trustee and Skywarn Coordinator may be removed for cause shown on a motion approved by three-fourths vote of Regular members in good standing. In the case of a motion of "No Confidence" levied against the holder of the office of Repeater Trustee or Skywarn Coordinator, this vote will be forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration at their next regular meeting.

ARTICLE III - DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation; shall enforce the Constitution and By-Laws; shall decide all questions of order per Roberts Rules of Order, unless they conflict with the Corporation's By-Laws; shall sign all official documents, except those documents assigned to the Repeater Trustee; shall create such committees as necessary, and serve as an ex-officio member of all committees, with the same rights and privileges as any member of a committee. The Presidents attendance on any committee is as he/she sees fit for the efficient operation of the Corporation; and, he/she shall at the expiration of his/her term turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Corporation to his/her successor.

SECTION 2

The Vice President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence of the President; shall keep an accurate record of all Corporation owned non-expendable property; will act as host for guest speakers at corporate meetings; and perform all other duties that are necessary for the efficient operation of the Corporation; shall file all annual Corporate reports required by the Secretary of State for the State of Georgia and, shall at the expiration of his/her term turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the Corporation to his/her successor.

SECTION 3

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings; shall carry on correspondence; shall print all communications at each meeting in the monthly Corporation Newsletter. The secretary shall assure that written notice of actions of the Executive Board and any special Corporation meeting is distributed to all Corporation members in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws; shall have a reference copy of the Constitution and By-Laws at every general and special meeting of the membership and meetings of the Executive Board; and, shall at the expiration of his/her term turn over everything in their possession belonging to the Corporation to his/her successor and a copy of all minutes and correspondence to the Archives Chairperson.

SECTION 4

The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the Corporation; shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received and expended; shall pay no bills without proper authorization by the Corporation and/or Executive Board or Repeater Trustee; shall except and account for any donations to special funds, as authorized by the Executive Board; shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts at each general meeting; shall present an annual statement of the Corporation's financial status; and, shall at the expiration of his/her term turn over everything in the Treasurer's possession belonging to the Corporation to his/her successor.

SECTION 5

The Directors shall be members of the Executive Board and in conjunction with the elected Officers, shall have an equal vote on all questions and decisions of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall have the general management of the affairs, funds, records, and properties of the Corporation. It shall act on all matters of policy, may appoint an auditor, and perform such other duties as the members of the Corporation may prescribe in general or special meetings. All Directors shall assist in the administration of the Corporation as designated by the Executive Board.

SECTION 6

The Repeater Trustee shall oversee all the Corporation's repeaters and its associated equipment; shall oversee the use of the Corporation's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license "NE4GA" ; shall be the sole correspondent between the Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club (Corporation) and the Federal Communication Commission or any other regulatory governmental agency pertaining to the privileges granted to the Corporation by license "NE4GA" (47CFR Part 97 Federal Communication Commission). Changes made to the license NE4GA will be signed as "Trustee", co-signed by the President and listed in the name "Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club." The Repeater Trustee shall be responsible for securing repairs on all the Corporation's repeater equipment and is authorized to spend such funds as available in the repeater fund authorized by the Executive Board. The "repeater fund" authorized by the Executive Board will be maintained by the Corporation Treasurer. Since the Corporation does not maintain any credit accounts with parts vendors, all repair expenditures are done on a "cash only" transaction. Repeater funds needed for other than equipment failure or outages of existing repeater equipment will be submitted to the Executive Board for their approval.

Section 7

The Skywarn Coordinator shall coordinate operations within Skywarn, coordinate Skywarn activities with surrounding counties where appropriate and assist other counties as requested with day to day operations. The Skywarn coordinator will handle any complaints from within or outside the program.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

General meetings shall be held once each calendar month at such place as the President shall order. No fewer than nine (9) general meetings must be held each calendar year. Special meetings shall be called only by the President when unusual conditions dictate. The membership must be provided with reasonable notification of such special meetings. The Executive Board shall meet thirty minutes prior to the General meeting and at such place as the President shall order.

ARTICLE V –QUORUM AND VOTING

SECTION 1

A quorum for purpose of the transaction of Corporation business at all meetings will require a quorum that shall consist of one-half (1/2) of the Corporation's regular members in good standing, except where a different percentage for a quorum is called for in the Constitution or By-Laws.

SECTION 2

A quorum for purpose of elections shall consist of one-half (1/2) of the Regular members in good standing.

A quorum for purpose of adoption of any amendments to this Constitution or By-Laws requires at least one-half (1/2) of the Regular members in good standing.

SECTION 3

A quorum for purpose of the Executive Board's approval at a meeting where a minimum of four Executive Board members are able to vote.

SECTION 4

All votes shall require a simple majority (1/2 of those members eligible casting a vote + 1) for approval unless otherwise specified in this Constitution or the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI – DUES

The Corporation may, by majority vote of the Regular members present at any general meeting, levy upon the general membership such dues as shall be deemed necessary to carry on the affairs of the Corporation, within the framework of its objectives as set forth in the preamble of this Constitution. Nonpayment of any dues after three (3) months shall result in suspension from the Corporation; subsequent payment of dues will reinstate the member without penalty. Nonpayment of any dues or other financial obligations after one (1) year shall require a new application for membership and acceptance under terms set forth in Sections B and F of the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VII - MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

The Corporation, through designated members or committees, will provide technical advice to members and assist in frequency observance, clean signals, uniform practice and absence of spurious radiation from Corporation member stations. The Corporation shall also maintain public relations in those channels favorable to amateur radio.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1

Any amendment(s) to this constitution must be presented in writing to the Secretary prior to the general Corporation meeting at which it is to be presented and discussed. Upon discussion and favorable reaction of a majority of the voting members present, the proposed amendment(s) shall be distributed to all Corporation members, via the Corporation newsletter, or by separate mailing, or by electronic or other means to any member if approved by the Executive Board and with the member's consent.

An amendment shall be voted on at a general Corporation meeting no less than thirty (30) days after such publication.

SECTION 2

By-Laws may be enacted or modified by a majority of the voting Corporation members present at a general Corporation meeting where there is a quorum.

SECTION 3

This Constitution and By-Laws shall void and supersede all prior Constitutions and By-Laws, and Amendments thereto. In case there arise any conflicting provisions between the Constitution, By-Laws, and/or the Articles of Incorporation, the Articles of Incorporation shall take precedence over the Constitution, both of which shall in turn take precedence over the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX - RULES

Robert's Rules of Order, as most recently published, shall govern all proceedings.

ARTICLE X - ASSETS

SECTION 1

All assets and properties of this Corporation shall be owned solely by the Corporation and no part of its net income or assets shall ever be appropriated to the benefit of any Director, Officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Preamble of this Constitution. Such assets and properties and all net income shall be dedicated to the purposes as set forth in the preamble of this constitution. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution or the By-Laws, the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

SECTION 2

Since Corporation members shall not provide any person with tangible economic benefit, membership in the Corporation shall be non assessable for any general, specific, or implied liability of the Corporation.

SECTION 3

In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, net assets remaining after payment of all just debts shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the US Internal Revenue Service Codes, or the corresponding section of any future US Federal tax code, to the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ARRL) or other organization so designated by the most recent Executive Board. Any such assets not distributed shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the County in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION

If this Corporation shall be dissolved, such dissolution shall be in accordance with the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of Georgia, or any successor legislation and; the net assets of the Corporation shall be disposed of in accordance with Article X, Section 3 of this Constitution.

A quorum for the purpose of voting to dissolve this Corporation shall require the *presence* of four-fifths of the general membership at a meeting specially convened for the purpose of dissolution. Dissolution shall be accomplished by written ballot and shall require an *affirmative vote* by nine-tenths of the members present and constituting the quorum.

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Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club

By-Laws

Section A - Purpose, Policy, Government

- 1.0 The objectives of the Northeast Georgia Amateur Radio Club Inc., hereafter called "NEGARC", "Corporation" or "Club", shall be the promotion of the interest in amateur radio and public service, the advancement of the radio art, the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct among radio amateurs. The club shall be affiliated as an ARRL (American Radio Relay League) sanctioned club and adhere to the principals of the ARRL and the policies that promote the best interest of the amateur radio service.
- 2.0 It shall be the policy of NEGARC to support other amateur radio groups with kindred objectives.
- 3.0 NEGARC shall operate as a Non-profit Corporation under the laws of the State of Georgia; shall be governed by a Executive Board consisting of nine Corporation members: All current elected officers, President, VicePresident, Secretary, Treasurer, Two elected Directors, the past President (serving as a third Director), and one Repeater Trustee and one Skywarn coordinator appointed by the Executive Board. The President shall preside at all Executive Board meetings.

Section B – Membership

- 1.0 Any person interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership in NEGARC.
 - a. Full voting memberships shall be available to all licensed amateur radio operators.
 - b. Alumni memberships shall be available to previously full voting members who continue to pay dues, but are unable to attend club meetings regularly or participate in Corporate activities.
 - c. Associate members who become licensed amateurs shall, upon proper application, receive full membership privileges.
- 2.0 A completed application for membership shall be submitted to the club on a membership application. Dues shall accompany each NEGARC membership application as specified in section F of the By-Laws. The membership application will be forwarded to the Executive Board for acceptance. Upon approval by the Executive Board, the application will go in front of the general membership for vote at the next scheduled club meeting. If the voting is unfavorable, the application and dues shall be returned. A rejected applicant may re-apply ninety (90) days following the rejection and this application must be presented at a club meeting along with the recommendations of the Executive Board.
- 3.0 Any person who passes their first amateur radio license examination and becomes a licensed amateur radio operator shall receive a free Associate membership in the NEGARC for the rest of that calendar year ending on December 31st. Voting privileges will be awarded upon the first paid annual membership starting the January after the December 31st expiration of the free membership. If a member wants to forfeit his free membership during the membership year to become a voting member, he will be required to pay the membership fee balance for that calendar year (Section F Para 2) to continue membership as a voting member.

Section C – Officers, Directors

- 1.0 The elected officers of the NEGARC shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and shall serve one year starting January 1st following the club's December General election.
- 2.0 Two Directors will be elected at the club's December General election and will serve a one year term starting January 1st of the following year.
- 3.0 All officers of the NEGARC shall be full voting members and hold a current ARRL membership at the time of taking office.
- 4.0 No officer shall hold more than one elected position.
- 5.0 The regular election of officers shall be handled as follows:
 - a. The President, prior to the October general meeting, shall appoint a Nominations Committee. During the October general meeting, the club shall begin accepting nominations from the floor or from the Nomination Committee. The nominations

shall be printed in the November edition of the NEGARC News. All nominees must be personally contacted by the Nominations Committee prior to the November Newsletter Publication and given 24 hours to accept or decline. Any vacancies will be filled and the nominating process closed at the end of the November meeting. The Nominating Committee will then produce a ballot for publication and voting at the December meeting.

b. Elections shall be held at the December meeting. Further nominations from the floor will not be accepted. Each member shall vote for not more than one (1) nominee for each office.

c. Any nominee, after accepting the nomination, receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared elected.

d. A runoff election between the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be held in the event that no nominee receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot.

e. The order of election of officers shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors neither of which can be the past President or the Repeater Trustee.

6.0 Special elections may be held at any regular meeting to fill vacancies, which occur between regular elections. If a special election is to be held, a notice to this effect shall be published in the meeting announcement immediately preceding such election.

7.0 Term of office for all officers shall be for one (1) year commencing on the first day of January the year after election and ending on December 31st of their presently elected year. Officers elected at special elections shall assume office immediately and their term of office shall end on December 31st of that year.

8.0 A motion to remove any officer must be presented at a regular meeting, and tabled to be voted on at the next regular meeting. The motion shall be printed in the next edition of the NEGARC News.

Section D – Duties of Officers

1.0 The President shall preside at all meetings of the NEGARC and conduct same according to the rules adopted per Section G Para 2. He shall enforce due observance of the charter and of these By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the NEGARC, except those documents assigned to the Repeater Trustee to which he will co-sign. The President shall, at his discretion, also serve as an ex officio member of all committees, and perform all customary duties of President.

2.0 The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the President. Serve as asset manager of all NEGARC equipment and perform an inventory of all NEGARC corporation assets during the first month of his/her new term. Shall file all annual Corporation reporting, as required, by the Secretary of State, for the State of Georgia.

3.0 The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the NEGARC. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, and he shall expend no club funds without prior authorization by the NEGARC or its officers constituting a business committee, except that:

a. Regularly recurring bills of the club shall be considered to be authorized expenditures.

b. The Executive Board, by majority vote in a regular business session, empower him to expend club funds up to a stated amount for an extraordinary purpose in furtherance of club business without prior authorization.

c. The Treasurer shall maintain a “Repeater Fund” which shall be made available to the Repeater Trustee to repair or replace equipment failures in the NEGARC “NE4GA” repeater systems. These expenditures shall not exceed \$300.00 without approval of the Executive Board.

d. The Treasurer shall have the power to direct donated and designated funds into a “special fund” approved by the Executive Board.

He shall give a report at each meeting of the income and outgo of the club funds for the past month, and he shall give a report of the financial status of the NEGARC at such intervals as the club may from time to time see fit. He shall at the expiration of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the NEGARC to his successor.

4.0 The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members in conjunction with the Treasurer, carry out all correspondence, thank in writing all guest speakers and other persons, firms or organizations obligating to the NEGARC by their favors, read communications at the meetings, furnish a monthly report to the Newsletter Editor on all NEGARC proceedings; shall at the end of his term turn over everything in his possession belonging to the NEGARC, to his successor.

- 5.0 The Editor of the NEGARC News shall be appointed by the President and shall be responsible for writing, publishing and distributing all NEGARC news including all actions of the corporation's Executive Board that pertains to the general NEGARC membership.
- 6.0 The Repeater Trustee and the Skywarn Coordinator shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall serve at the will of the board in a continuous term and shall serve on the Executive Board as a full voting member. The NEGARC can request removal from office of the Repeater Trustee by a successful "no confidence vote" at any general club meeting where a quorum of members are present. A vote of "no confidence" will be delivered by the President at the next Executive Board meeting for their consideration or action.
- 7.0 The Activities and Program Manager shall be appointed by the President in the first month of his election. His or her duties shall include securing qualified speakers for programs of interest to amateur radio operators informing the News Letter Editor the

Section E – Meetings

- 1.0 Regular meetings shall be held once each calendar month at such place and at such time as the president shall order. A regular meeting may be cancelled by the President providing a special meeting is called for, under section E part 2.0 of these By-Laws.
- 2.0 Executive Board shall meet, when required, thirty minutes prior to all NEGARC general meetings.

Section F – Finances

1.0 Types of Memberships:

- a. Individual: \$30.00 annually.
- b. Student: \$15.00 annually.
- c. Senior (over 65): \$15.00 annually.
- d. Family (two or more licensed operators residing at the same address): \$35.00 annually.
- e. Free: for newly licensed operators for the remainder of the calendar year the operator was licensed in.

- 2.0 The fiscal year for purposes of finances shall be from January 1 through December 31 of the same year. A new member joining after June 30 shall pay half (1/2) dues to carry him through the end of that fiscal year. A member joining after September 30 shall pay one-quarter (1/4) dues to carry him through the end of that fiscal year. Annual dues are to be set by the NEGARC membership at the November meeting each year.
- 3.0 Any member whose dues are in arrears more than 3 months shall be dropped from the membership, and may be reinstated as per section B part 2.0 of these By-Laws.
- 4.0 It is requested that any student enrolled in a class sponsored by the NEGARC, be a member of the NEGARC or affiliated with an amateur radio club.
- 5.0 In any NEGARC sponsored event, the individual volunteer will not be compensated with the exception of expenses for materials that are approved by the NEGARC Executive Board.
- 6.0 Approval of a NEGARC sponsored event, use of logo, or the name NORTHEAST GEORGIA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc. must be approved by the membership and/or the Executive Board.

Section G – Amendments / Suspension of By-Laws / Rules

- 1.0 These By-Laws or Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the NEGARC membership, or by a two thirds (2/3) vote of those present at any regular meeting when a quorum is present. The proposed amendment is to be published in the newsletter and voted on at the next regular meeting. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing and shall be read word for word by the secretary just prior to voting.
- 2.0 Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all proceedings of the NEGARC except in case of conflict with these By-Laws in which case the NEGARC Constitution and By-Laws will govern.
- 3.0 A majority of members in good standing present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business except for By-Laws as provided in Section G Para 1.

Section H – Appointments / Committees

- 1.0 The President shall have the power to appoint such committees as he deems advisable for the welfare of the NEGARC and he shall have the power to dissolve such committees at any time.
- 2.0 Immediately upon assuming office the President shall appoint a Broadcast and Television Interference Coordinator. It shall be the duty of this coordinator to give to the NEGARC members who request it, technical and physical aid in reducing cases of broadcast and/or television interference.
- 3.0 Immediately upon assuming office, the President shall appoint a “Publicity Committee” which shall be chaired by the Newsletter Editor.
- 4.0 The Archives Committee shall be a standing committee, consisting of the Corporation Secretary and Newsletter Editor or additional members as the President desires. The Archives committee shall have the responsibility to see that all corporation documents, publications, and NEGARC publicity including written as well as electronic media, such as data disk and tapes, are securely stored and preserved. They shall oversee the transfer of all documents from current officers to newly elected officers.

Section I- Affiliations

- 1.0 The President shall have the power to sign NEGARC Executive Board approved affiliations or Memorandums of Understanding (M.O.U.) except those assigned to the Repeater Trustee by the Executive Board. Any voting member of NEGARC may request in writing petitioning the Executive Board a request to form an alliance with an organization that has the same objectives and purposes as the Northeast Georgia Amateur Club Inc.
- 2.0 NEGARC entered into an affiliation with American Radio Relay League, Inc.(ARRL) in 1993, adhered to the Standards of ARRL ,held Amateur Radio license classes sanctioned by the ARRL, VE testing sessions and maintained a majority of club members who are ARRL affiliated.
- 3.0 NEGARC signed an M.O.U. with the Jackson County, Georgia ARES in 2008, in order to participate in their training and allow the use of our repeaters as outlined in the M.O.U.
- 4.0 NEGARC has cooperated with the National Weather Service (NWS) in support of “Skywarn.” NEGARC volunteering members trained as National Weather Service Certified “Skywarn Storm Spotters” have been allowed the use of the NEGARC communication systems for Skywarn Emergency Nets.
- 5.0 NEGARC shall maintain all repeater systems and frequency assignments in a “coordinated status” through membership and coordination approvals with SERA (Southeastern Repeater Association, Inc.) The club’s Repeater Trustee will be responsible for maintaining all repeaters frequency coordination and annual fillings as required by SERA. The Repeater Trustee will answers and work for correction of any complaints against the radio/electronic systems of NEGARC with either SERA or the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The club Treasurer will pay, when due, all annual dues required by SERA and license fees charged by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC).

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