

**BY-LAWS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF
THE GREAT SOUTH BAY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**ADOPTED - APRIL 1985
AMENDED - NOVEMBER 1987, JANUARY 1988, JANUARY 2002, OCTOBER 2006, AUGUST 2007**

1. MEMBERSHIP.

All applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings or by mail to the Club's Treasurer.

(a) FULL MEMBERSHIP is open to all licensed interested persons. Full Membership includes all club privileges as well as the right to hold a club office and vote for club officers, as provided in the Constitution. Full Membership also places the individual on the mailing list for the club newsletter.

(b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP is open to all unlicensed interested persons. Associate members have all of the same privileges as a member with full membership except for the right to hold office. An Associate Member will be placed on the mailing list of the club newsletter.

(c) FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is open to any licensed individual who has a member of their immediate family (father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife) who is a Full member. Family members have a right to vote, but can not hold office and will not be placed on the mailing list of the club newsletter.

(d) HONORARY MEMBERSHIP is open to any ARRL OFFICIAL who is required by our ARRL Affiliated Club requirements to receive a copy of our newsletter. Honorary Members are to be classified as Club Members without the right to hold office or have a vote in the affairs of the Club unless they become a full dues paying member of the Club. The Hudson Division Director, NYC/LI Section Manager, NYC/LI Affiliated Club Coordinator, and the ARRL Club Services Manager, shall be included on the mailing list of the club newsletter.

(e) LIFE MEMBERSHIP shall be bestowed upon any person who, because of special consideration by the Club and its Officials, shall be considered a life long FULL MEMBER. Membership shall be approved by vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the total club membership. Upon approval of Life Membership all yearly dues shall be waived.

2. MEETINGS.

(a) - General meetings shall normally be held on the last Thursday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall designate. A quorum for a General Meeting to transact business shall be 20% of the paid membership.

(b) - Board Meetings shall normally be held on the second Thursday of each calendar month at such place as the President shall designate. A quorum for a Board Meeting to transact business shall be 50% of the Governing Board.

(c) - Special Meetings may be called by the President as required, or upon written request, submitted to the President, of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to all members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent, so that ordinary postal delivery, will allow delivery to be not less than 24 hours before the meeting time. A quorum for a Special Meeting will be the same as for a General Meeting.

3. DUES.

Annual Dues will be collected in December, for the start of the business year, Jan. 1, in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Constitution. Any member not paying their dues within three (3) months of due date, end of March General Meeting, will be dropped from the membership list. To be reinstated, full current dues must be paid.

(a) Full and Associate Membership dues are THIRTY dollars (\$30.00) per year. After June 30, dues for NEW joining members, shall be one half the annual dues.

(b) Family membership dues are FIVE dollars (\$5.00) per year as long as at least one other member of the immediate family household (father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife) is a full dues paying member.

(c) All new members shall pay an initiation fee of FIVE dollars (\$5.00), payable upon submission of their membership application.

(d) Any person, including students, with limited or fixed income, may privately petition the board for a 50% reduction of dues for any years' dues.

4. GOVERNING BOARD.

(a) The Governing Board shall be authorized to spend up to FIFTY dollars (\$50.00) without prior approval of the membership. All expenditures must be reported at the next General Meeting. All expenditures in excess of this amount must be approved by membership vote at the next general meeting and may be done without prior written notice.

5. COMMITTEES.

All Committee Chairpersons or designated appointees shall attend all board meetings for the purpose of submitting the committees report and participation in the operation of the club. The President has authority to appoint or remove committee chairpersons. Members of a committee serve at the discretion of the chairperson.

6. VOTING PROCEDURES

(a) At the September Executive Meeting the President shall appoint a chairperson of the nominating committee who shall with the assistance of no less than two additional club members canvas the membership for a slate of candidates for the club officers. All candidates on this list must be approached by the committee and be ready to accept nomination when it is read before the membership. The list shall be read, by the chair of this committee, at the beginning of the first round of nominations before any additional nominations are taken from the floor. Before any nominations are taken, the nominating committee chairperson will read to the membership the duties of each office from the constitution and by-laws.

(b) First round of nominations for Club Officers will be at the October General Meeting. All nominees at this meeting must state their acceptance or decline of nomination by the start of the second round of nominations.

(c) Second round of nominations for Club Officers will be at the November General Meeting. All new nominees must have stated their previous acceptance to a nomination if not present for the second round of nominations.

(d) Elections for Club Officers will be held immediately after the conclusion of the second round of nominations for each Club Officer.

(e) The sequence of elections shall follow Article II Section 1a of the Constitution (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, then directors).

(f) All voting for Club Officers shall be by secret ballot and the results of the vote shall be announced to the membership at the meeting and shall be published.

(g) All voting on general club business shall be by a show of hands with the results being made known to the membership present at the meeting and shall be published.
