

CONSTITUTION OF THE
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
SPRRARC

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PREAMBLE

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, WISHING TO SECURE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR COMMUNITIES, THE RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF AN ASSOCIATION OF PERSONS COMMONLY INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO & RAILROAD HISTORY PRESERVATION, CONSTITUTE OURSELVES THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD ARC AND ENACT THIS CONSTITUTION AS OUR GOVERNING LAW AND GUIDE. IT SHALL BE OUR PURPOSE TO FURTHER THE EDUCATION AND COOPERATION OF ALL MEMBERS, TO PROMOTE FRATERNALISM AND OPERATOR PROFICIENCY, EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AMATEURS AND MEMBERS, PROMOTE AMATEUR RADIO THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE PARTICIPATION, CONDUCT MEETINGS TO PROMOTE RADIO KNOWLEDGE AND GREATER COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBERS, ACT TO RESOLVE RADIO INTERFERENCE PROBLEMS AND COORDINATE THE USE OF THE RADIO FREQUENCIES ALLOCATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL AMATEURS RESIDING WITH THE STATED JURISDICTION OF THE CLUB, AND TO SO CONDUCT CLUB PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES AS TO ADVANCE THE GENERAL INTEREST AND WELFARE OF AMATEUR RADIO IN THE COMMUNITIES.

ARTICLE 1: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP. MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE BY APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE UPON SUCH TERMS AS THE CLUB SHALL PROVIDE IN ITS BY-LAWS.

SECTION 2. MEMBERS MAY BE REMOVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP USING SECRET BALLOT. THE VOTE MUST BE TAKEN AT A BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWING A BUSINESS MEETING AT WHICH THE ACTION AND VOTE ARE PROPOSED.

SECTION 3. FULL MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES THE MEMBER TO ATTEND ALL CLUB ACTIVITIES, VOTE IN ELECTIONS, HOLD CLUB OFFICE, PROPOSE A VOTE FROM THE FLOOR, AND SEEK CLUB PARTICIPATION IN PROPOSED PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES.

SECTION 4. ASSOCIATE OR STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES THE MEMBER TO ATTEND ALL CLUB ACTIVITIES, SPEAK DURING MEETINGS, PROPOSE A VOTE FROM THE FLOOR AND AVAIL THEMSELVES OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES SPONSORED BY THE CLUB.

ARTICLE 2: OFFICERS

SECTION 1. THE OFFICERS OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE: PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND AT LEAST TWO DIRECTORS. THE OFFICERS OF THIS CLUB SHALL CONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 2. THE OFFICERS OF THIS CLUB SHALL BE ELECTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS BY BALLOT OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE STATED ANNUAL MEETING DURING JUNE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TREASURER WHOSE TERM SHALL BE FOUR CALENDAR YEARS.

SECTION 3. VACANCIES OCCURRING BETWEEN ELECTIONS MUST BE FILLED BY PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT WITH APPROVAL BY FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE APPOINTEE WILL THEN SERVE FOR THE REMAINING TERM OF OFFICE.

SECTION 4. OFFICERS MAY BE REMOVED BY A THREE-FOURTHS VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP ATTENDING A BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWING THE NEXT BUSINESS MEETING AT WHICH THE VOTE IS PROPOSED.

ARTICLE 3: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL BOARD MEETINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS. THE PRESIDENT

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.

SECTION 2. THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT PRESIDE AT ALL BOARD MEETINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS. THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL SUPERVISE AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR WEEKLY RADIO NETS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION OF COMMON INTEREST TO MEMBERS. THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SCHEDULING OF CLUB ACTIVITIES AND MEETING PROGRAMS.

SECTION 3. THE SECRETARY SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS AND CLUB MEETINGS, COMPILE RECORDS OF ALL DULY CONSTITUTED COMMITTEES AND CONDUCT ALL WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE AND FORMS SUBMITTED DIRECTLY BY COMMITTEES. THE SECRETARY SHALL TURN OVER ALL ITEMS PERTAINING TO THEIR OFFICE AND BELONGING TO THE CLUB TO THE DULY ELECTED SUCCESSOR AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE.

SECTION 4. THE TREASURER SHALL RECEIVE AND RECEIPT FOR ALL MONIES PAID TO THE CLUB; KEEP AN ACCURATE ACCOUNT OF ALL MONEYS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED; PAY BILLS WHEN PROPERLY AUTHORIZED; AND SUBMIT ALL NECESSARY FORMS TO FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES. THE TREASURER SHALL MAINTAIN A CURRENT LIST OF ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AND PRESENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS. THE TREASURER SHALL SUBMIT BILLS FOR PAYMENT TO THOSE OWING MONEY TO THE CLUB. THE TREASURER SHALL TURN OVER ALL ITEMS PERTAINING TO THEIR OFFICE AND BELONGING TO THE CLUB TO THE DULY ELECTED SUCCESSOR AT THE EXPIRATION OF THEIR TERM OF OFFICE. THE TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BE TWO CALENDAR YEARS.

SECTION 5. THE FOUR DIRECTORS WILL ATTEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS. THE FOUR DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VOTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB AND AMATEUR RADIO. THE DIRECTORS ARE EXPECTED TO SOLICIT OPINIONS AND IDEAS FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENT THEM AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS.

ARTICLE 4: RULES OF GOVERNMENT

SECTION 1. THERE WILL BE THREE TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP: ENGINEER, CONDUCTOR, AND BRAKEMAN, ENGINEER AND CONDUCTOR MEMBERSHIPS REQUIRE A CURRENT AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE. BRAKEMAN MEMBERSHIPS ARE PROVIDED FOR NON-LICENSED PERSONS.

SECTION 2. ONLY ENGINEER OR CONDUCTOR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING CAN VOTE OR HOLD ELECTIVE OFFICE.

SECTION 3. CLUB MEETINGS ARE TO BE OF TWO TYPES: BUSINESS AND SOCIAL. THE BUSINESS MEETINGS WILL BE FOR THE CONDUCTION OF BUSINESS. SOCIAL MEETINGS ARE FOR MEMBERSHIP EDUCATION AND THE FURTHERANCE OF THE CLUBS' FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIP.

SECTION 4. REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUSINESS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT LEAST 3 TIMES PER YEAR AND WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M., UNLESS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO CHANGE, AT WHICH TIME THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE INFORMED BY EMAIL AND THE WEEKLY CLUB NET.

SECTION 5. BUSINESS AND BOARD MEETINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ACCORDINGLY.

SECTION 6. BUSINESS MEETINGS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS, CHANGING THE ARTICLES OR BYLAWS, CHANGING THE DUES OF ASSESSMENT OF MEMBERS, REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR MEMBERS, AND CONDITIONS AFFECTING THE CONTINUAL FUNCTIONING OF THE CLUB AS SPECIFIED IN THE ARTICLES AND BYLAWS.

SECTION 7. A BUSINESS MEETING MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT AFTER NOTIFICATION OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP FIVE DAYS IN ADVANCE. THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MAY REQUEST A BUSINESS MEETING BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT A PROPERLY SCHEDULED SOCIAL MEETING. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY REQUEST THE SCHEDULING OF A BUSINESS MEETING BY A VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS. CIRCUMSTANCES FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND NOTIFICATION OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP BY EMAIL OR RADIO NET. BUSINESS MEETINGS SHALL BE HELD AS NECESSARY.

SECTION 8. A SOCIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE STATED MEETING DATE WHENEVER A BUSINESS MEETING IS NOT SCHEDULED. THE ORDER AND NATURE OF THE MEETING WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE PRESIDENT. SOCIAL MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD, WHEN POSSIBLE, AND WITH SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION, AT REGULAR LOCATIONS AND TIMES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER OVERALL PARTICIPATION.

SECTION 9. THE PRESIDENT MAY TAKE EMERGENCY ACTION ON ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, AND EXPENDITURES, PROVIDING THAT THE ACTIONS ARE REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE PRESIDENT MUST THEN REQUEST A VOTE TO DETERMINE IF THE ACTIONS WILL BE ENDORSED AND SUPPORTED BY THE BOARD.

SECTION 10. THE PRESIDENT MAY CALL A BUSINESS MEETING DURING A REGULARLY SCHEDULED SOCIAL MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION OF URGENT OR EMERGENCY BUSINESS. THIS REQUIRES THE APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN ATTENDANCE.

SECTION 11. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS REQUIRED TO MEET AT LEAST TWICE A YEAR. THE DATE AND TIMES ARE TO BE SELECTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF FOUR BOARD MEMBERS TO BE PRESENT TO CONSTITUTE A QUORUM AND CONDUCT CLUB BUSINESS.

SECTION 12. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE ALL EXPENDITURES, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND INCIDENTAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CLUB.

SECTION 13. ANY CLUB MEMBER MAY ATTEND A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING.

BY LAWS

SECTION 1. ENGINEER AND CONDUCTOR MEMBERSHIP DUES WILL BE \$20.00 PER YEAR. DUES ARE VALID FOR 12 MONTHS THROUGH THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THEY WERE ORIGINALLY PAID. FAMILY MEMBERS AT THE SAME RESIDENCE MAY BECOME BRAKEMEN MEMBERS BY PAYING \$2.00 PER PERSON PER YEAR. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP AT ANY LEVEL WILL BE \$5.00.

SECTION 2. THE CLUB SHALL MAINTAIN, ADVANCE, AND SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND PROJECTS COMMON TO AMATEUR RADIO AND CLUB INTEREST.

SECTION 3 THE CLUB SHALL RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS OF AMATEUR RADIO AND IT ENDORSES INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION. THE CLUB SHALL PROVIDE FOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS TO EDUCATE AND ADVANCE MEMBERS' PROFICIENCY AND TO FURTHER THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY AND AMATEUR RADIO IN GENERAL.

SECTION 4. IF PRACTICAL THE CLUB SHALL PUBLISH AND DISTRIBUTE THE CLUB NEWSLETTER AS DETERMINED BY THE BOD.

SECTION 5. THE CLUB SHALL ENDEAVOR TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, SO FAR AS THE RELATIONSHIP DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB.

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