

# Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

## Bylaws

*as amended on August 4, 2020*

**Section 1.** The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the active members present at any regular meeting, or a special meeting where such a revision is part of the announced business. Proposals must be submitted in writing and are not effective until after the close of the meeting.

**Section 2.** Regular meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Radio Lab of the Collins Center for Industry and Technology at Murray State University or other designated location. Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the other officers as the need arises. Notices shall be sent to all the members informing them of the special meetings and the business to be transacted. Such notices shall arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time therein set for the meeting. In the event that physical meetings are unable to be held due to government or University requirements, a Declared State of Emergency, or because physical meeting space is not available, meetings utilizing Remote Communications methods may be arranged by the Executive Council. Remote Communications methods means any electronic communication process including conference telephone, video conference, Internet application, use of ham radio, or any other method currently available or developed in the future by which members not present in the same physical location may simultaneously communicate with each other. The method and protocols to be used for a meeting utilizing Remote Communications will be communicated to the membership at least 24 hours before such meeting.

**Section 3.** Regular dues of \$15.00 per calendar year for all members, to be prorated for an initial membership later in the year, are hereby assessed in accordance with the provision of Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. Family dues shall be the regular amount for the first family member plus \$5.00 per year for each additional dependent family member at the same address.

**Section 4.** Program Committee. This committee shall consist of the Vice-president as chair, and any additional members appointed by the Vice-president. This committee shall be responsible for preparing programs and/or entertainment for the regular meetings of the club.

**Section 5.** License Committee. This committee shall consist of at least three (3) members who are certified Volunteer Examiners. This committee shall be responsible for encouraging and assisting perspective members in obtaining their Amateur radio license; for encouraging and assisting members in obtaining a higher class of license; for informing the club membership of any changes in FCC

regulations; and for interpreting and explaining any FCC regulations. The committee shall select a Contact Volunteer Examiner as its Chair.

**Section 6.** Special Committees for Special Work. These committees shall consist of club members elected or appointed by club officers as the need arises.

**Section 7.** Committees-In-General. As the need arises, a committee may solicit the assistance of competent personnel either from club members or the public in general with unanimous approval of said committee.

**Section 8.** Club-supported Systems Usage. There is no additional charge to MSUARC members for the use of Radio Systems. Non-club members who use the systems regularly will be asked to pay \$10.00 per year contribution. However, if a non-member user belongs to another group which extends reciprocal usage to MSUARC members, no contribution is expected. Donations for special projects will be accepted from systems users if the need arises.

**Section 9.** Use of Radio Lab Facilities. All members may use station equipment per the Radio Lab Guidelines and to the extent of their license class. The preferred identification for all transmissions from the radio lab facilities will be K4MSU or W4GZ. Members should be checked out on a particular rig by an experienced member before using it. The station log must be properly filled out and signed for each use of K4MSU or W4GZ. Individual operators may choose to use their own call sign if circumstances dictate (logging when using an individual operator call sign is optional as long as FCC requirements are met).

*Also see the MSUARC Constitution*