

# SENECA RADIO CLUB



ARRL affiliation since 03/25/52

# **PREAMBLE**

We the undersigned wishing to secure ourselves the pleasure and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, constitute ourselves the Seneca Radio Club, and enact this Constitution as our governing law

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **ARTICLE I MEMEBERSHIP**

All persons interested in amateur radio shall be eligible for membership in the Seneca Radio Club as set forth by the By-Laws for the requirements and procedures for

## **ARTICLE II OFFICERS**

The Seneca Radio Club shall have three officers:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary-Treasurer.

The Seneca Radio Club shall have one Trustee. The Trustee must be a responsible member in good standing and possess a valid FCC issued amateur radio license of the Extra class. The By-Laws set forth the election of the officers.

## **ARTICLE III EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board shall consist of the officers, Trustee, and Immediate past President who manage the business and affairs of the Seneca Radio

## **ARTICLE IV DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

The Seneca Radio Club may levy upon the membership such dues and assessments as deemed necessary for the operation or business of the Seneca Radio Club as set forth in the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

Business meetings will be held the second Monday of the month as set forth in the By-Laws. If a holiday falls on this day, the business meeting will be the next day. The Officers may elect to have other informal meetings.

(Amended 12/09/96)

## **ARTICLE VI LIMIT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

The Seneca Radio Club shall assume no responsibility, whether expressed or implied, for acts of members, guests, or any person or persons for injury suffered at any club activity.

## **ARTICLE VII DISSOLUTION**

In the event the Seneca Radio Club is dissolved, the property shall be disposed of and the proceeds shall be donated to the ARRL in such matter that no member, or former member, shall receive any monetary gain or benefits there from.

## **ARTICLE VIII DISCRIMINATION**

No person shall be denied membership to the Seneca Radio Club because of age, sex, national origin, handicap, or religion.

**ARTICLE IX            GENDER**

Anytime the words he or chairman is used it is to be understood to be non-gender reference.

**ARTICLE X            COMPENSATION**

No officer, director, or member shall be entitled to receive any compensation from the Seneca Radio Club solely because of their being an officer, director, or member, but such member may receive compensation for services rendered.

**ARTICLE XI           SEAL**

The W8ID logo and seal will be the official club seal.

**ARTICLE XII           AMMENDMENTS**

Proposal for changes to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing at the business meeting and shall be voted on at the next business meeting provided all members have been notified by mail of the intent to amend this Constitution. An amendment change requires a 2/3 approval of the Full Membership in order to succeed.

**ARTICLE XIII        RULES**

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Seneca Radio Club in all cases where they are applicable.

**ARTICLE XIV        BY-LAWS**

Proposals or changes to the By-Laws shall be submitted in writing at a business meeting and shall be voted on at that meeting provided there is a quorum of the Full Membership

# BY-LAWS

## ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership to the Seneca Radio Club will be filled out by the applicant. The application and appropriate dues will be given to the Secretary/Treasurer. Applications will be voted on at a business meeting with a majority vote ruling. Applicants denied membership will be given back their dues by the Secretary/Treasurer.

### *TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:*

- Section A* Full Membership: Requires a valid FCC Amateur Radio license and has all voting rights.
- Section B* Associate Membership: Must show an interest in amateur radio and as no voting rights. An Associate becomes a Full Membership upon receipt of a valid FCC Amateur Radio license.
- Section C* Family Membership: Applicant must live in the household of a full or associated member and has no voting rights.
- Section D* Student (K thru 12) Full Membership: Requires a valid FCC Amateur Radio license and has all voting rights.
- Section E* Student (K thru 12) Associate Membership: Must show an interest in amateur radio and has no voting rights. An Associate becomes a Full Membership upon receipt of a valid FCC Amateur Radio license.
- Section F* Senior Full Membership: Age 60 and older. Requires a valid FCC Amateur Radio license and has all voting rights.
- Section G* Senior Associate Membership: Age 60 and older. Must show an interest in amateur radio and has no voting rights. An associate becomes a Full Membership upon receipt of a valid FCC Amateur Radio license.
- Section H* Life Full Membership: Requires a valid FCC Amateur Radio license and has all voting rights.

## ARTICLE II OFFICERS

The offices of the Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer are elected in November and assume their offices at the first business meeting in January. In the event that the offices of President and Vice-President become vacant, the Executive Board will hold special elections to fill the vacant position of the Vice-President. The Trustee of W8ID will chair the Seneca Radio Club until elections are held and a Vice-President is elected. In the event that the position of Vice-President or Secretary/Treasurer becomes vacant, the President will hold special elections to fill the vacant office.

- Section A* President. The qualifications to serve as President require that he holds a valid FCC Amateur Radio license and has filled the office of Vice-President the previous year. The President, at the end of his term, serves one year on the Executive Board. If the Office of President is vacated, it is not filled during the year. The Vice-President assumes the duties of the President. The President shall preside at all business meetings of the Seneca Radio Club and conduct the same according to the rules adopted; he shall enforce due observance to the Constitution and By-Laws; decide all questions of order; sign all official all official documents adopted by the Seneca Radio Club, and none other; and perform customary duties pertaining to the office of President according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- Section B* Vice-President. The qualification to serve as Vice-President requires that he holds a valid FCC Amateur Radio license. The Vice-President, upon serving one year, succeeds to the office of President the following year. The Vice-President fulfills the duties of the President in his absence. The Vice-President will ask for one Full Member to serve with

him in October as the Nominating Committee for November elections of officers. All Vice-President nominees will tell the membership what their one goal is that they want to accomplish during their three year tenure.

*Section C* Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer must hold a valid FCC Amateur Radio license and he will keep the Constitution and By-Laws of the Seneca Radio Club with him at every business meeting. He shall note and date all changes and additions to the Constitution and By-Laws as amendments to such with no deletions from the original. The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of all proceedings at a business meeting, keep a current roll of members, carry on all correspondence, read communications, give Treasurer's report, collect dues, receive and give receipt for monies paid to the Seneca Radio Club. He shall be custodian of all club funds and property. He shall, at the expiration of his term, turn over everything in his possession belonging to the Seneca Radio Club to his successor. He serves on the Executive Board. He is responsible for keeping the inventory of all club properties.

### **ARTICLE III MEETINGS**

Business meetings shall be held on the second Monday of each calendar month, or that such time and place determined by a quorum vote of the membership at a regular business meeting. Special meetings must be called by President/Vice-President upon the written request of any five members of the club. Notices must be sent to all the members of the club informing them of a special meeting and its agenda. Such notices shall arrive at least twenty-four hours before the time there-in set for the meeting. Only such business as is designated in the said notices shall be transacted at such special meetings.

(Amended 12/09/96)

### **ARTICLE IV DUES AND ASSESSMENTS**

*Section A* Dues are payable on or before the first business meeting in January.

*Section B* New members paying in the fourth quarter receive membership for the remainder of that year and for the upcoming year.

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*Section C* Members failing to pay dues in January have up to the first business meeting in February to pay their full years dues. Failure to pay in that grace period shall result in automatic suspension of membership in the Seneca Radio Club and requires re-application if not paid in full in the first quarter of the year.

*Section D* Dues are as follows:

Full Membership	\$12.00 annual
Associate Membership	\$12.00 annual
Family Membership	\$6.00 annual
Student Full Membership	\$3.00 annual
Student Associate Membership	\$3.00 annual
Senior Full Membership	\$10.00 annual
Senior Associate Membership	\$10.00 annual
Life Full Membership	Ten time the annual dues for a Full Membership

*Section E* Assessments above and beyond the normal dues requires that the voting membership be notified in writing of the proposed planned assessment and the reasons for such assessment. An assessment to the voting members require a 2/3 approval of all voting members of the Seneca Radio Club at two monthly business meetings thus providing a cooling off period and serves as a safeguard.

**ARTICLE V QUORUM**

Ten percent (10%) of the eligible voting members of the club shall constitute a quorum for all regular and special meetings.

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