

# **SHORE POINTS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INCORPORATED**

## **CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

March 17, 2016

### **Preamble**

We, the members, wishing to secure for ourselves the benefits and pleasures of persons commonly interested in amateur radio, do hereby constitute ourselves as the Shore Points Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated, a non profit organization, and do so enact this constitution and by-laws as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to facilitate the exchange of information among our members plus, the general cooperation with all amateurs. We shall develop individual proficiency, contribute our assistance to the community during emergencies and offer our services by providing communications for special events in the local area. It shall further be our purpose to advance our knowledge and the purpose of amateur radio to the local communities as well as to the general public.

# CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS

## Article 1 Club Name

The name of this organization shall be:  
**THE SHORE POINTS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, INCORPORATED**  
(acronym SPARC may be used)

## Article 2 Objectives

### Section 1 Objectives

- A. To facilitate the exchange of information and general cooperation between members.
- B. To promote the knowledge of Amateur Radio.
- C. To promote fellowship among radio amateurs.
- D. To engage in public service, without remuneration, in civil crises, disasters, and emergencies.
- E. To operate and maintain a repeater station or stations.
- F. To promote instruction and/or technical assistance to radio amateurs and/or those desiring to become radio amateurs.
- G. To inform radio amateurs about rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission or any other agencies responsible for overseeing operating procedures and equipment.
- H. To establish and practice good operating habits and set examples for others.

## **Article 3**

### **Membership**

#### **Section 1**

#### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- A. Anyone with an interest in Amateur Radio shall be eligible for membership.
- B. All applicants must agree to be governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of this organization.
- C. All applicants for membership must be approved by the current members.
- D. This organization shall not discriminate against any applicant because of race, sex, creed, color, or national origin

#### **Section 2**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

##### **A Full members**

- (1) Open only to licensed amateurs in good standing. Afforded full voting privileges.

##### **B Associate Members**

- (1) Available to unlicensed persons who desire to affiliate with the organization.
- (2) Available to persons attempting to reinstate expired amateur license.
- (3) Afforded no voting privileges, and cannot hold any elected office.
- (4) Dues are one-half that of full membership.

##### **C Family Members**

- (1) Available to the immediate family of a full member, ie, spouse, son or daughter, residing in the same household.
- (2) Applicants need not hold a valid amateur license.
- (3) Once licensed, afforded full voting privileges but will not receive the monthly newsletter.
- (4) Dues are one-fourth that of full membership.

##### **D Honorary Members**

- (1) This is a membership for meritorious service in advancing the purpose of amateur radio or for making a substantial contribution to the operation of the organization.

- (2) It shall be by action of the executive board, subject to the approval of the full membership.
- (3) Afforded no voting privileges, pay no dues, and cannot hold any elected office.
- (4) Honorary membership may be granted permanently or for a specified time period.

#### E Student Membership

- (1) Available to all full time students in elementary, high school, vocational school, and 2 or 4 year college.
- (2) Must hold a valid amateur license.
- (3) Afforded full voting privileges.
- (4) Dues are one half that of full membership.

#### F Provisional Membership

- (1) Offered to a newly licensed amateur residing in the area.
- (2) Expires in one year.
- (3) Dues Waived for one year.
- (4) Cannot hold any elected club office.
- (5) Has voting privileges on any routine club business.
- (6) Encouraged to seek full club membership once provisional membership expires.
- (7) Club dues to be determined by Article 3, Section 3, subsection B of the club by-laws.
- (8) Membership not offered to any re-licensed amateur.

## Section 3 Applications

- A All persons seeking membership shall submit a properly completed application to any elected official, the membership chairperson, or thru the mail. Membership applications will be provided by the club.
- B All new applications for membership received during
  - (1) January, February and March must be accompanied by a full years dues.
  - (2) April, May and June must be accompanied by 75% of a full years dues.
  - (3) July, August and September must be accompanied by 50% of a full years dues.
  - (4) October, November and December must be accompanied by 25% of a full years dues.
- C An applicant must have a sponsor, so stated on the application, who is a current club member that can and will vouch for the individual.
- D All applicants for membership shall be promptly acted upon by the executive board and presented to the membership for acceptance or rejection.
- E An Applicant shall be granted membership unless three (3) full members, in good standing, offer objections. Such objections must be presented to the executive board before a final decision is rendered.

- F The membership chairperson, or his designee, shall inform the applicant of membership acceptance or rejection.
- G All members shall be presented a membership card stating the type of membership and the expiration date.
- H All applicants granted membership shall be announced in the clubs newsletter.

## Section 4 Resignations and Suspensions

- A. Any member wishing to resign may do so at any time. He/She should so inform the secretary.
- B. Members resigning will not be entitled to a refund of dues.
- C. Members, having resigned, will be eligible for reinstatement at any time by submitting a new membership application.
- D. Suspension of membership will result when a members dues are three (3) months delinquent.
- E. Termination of membership will result for conviction of violation of any FCC regulations or for conduct unbecoming an amateur radio operator.
- F. A two-thirds majority vote of members present at a regular meeting shall be required to expel a member.
- G. Any member expelled shall be notified immediately in writing stating the reason(s).

## Section 5 Reinstatement

- A. A delinquent member shall be reinstated upon payment of outstanding dues retroactive to his/her anniversary date provided the delinquency does not exceed three (3) months.
- B. An absence longer than one (1) year shall require the re-approval of the membership, thus a new membership application.

## **Article 4**

### **Dues**

#### **Section 1**

##### **Dues**

- A. Dues for full membership shall be determined by the executive board.
- B. Dues for associate membership shall be one-half that of full membership.
- C. Dues for family members shall be one-fourth that of full membership.
- D. Dues shall not be delinquent for more than three months. When in arrears, the member shall be notified by the membership chairperson or the secretary.
- E. To be continued as a member after being delinquent, the member must pay delinquent dues. Membership will continue from the member's expiration month.
- F. Any member whose dues become more than three (3) months in the arrears shall be removed from the membership rolls.
- G. Effective January 2, 2001 and January 2 of each year thereafter, all memberships will be due for renewal at the annual dues rate then in effect.
- H. The executive board may propose a dues change by a two-thirds majority vote.
- I. The proposed change must be published in the next issue of the club's newsletter following the executive board's vote.
- J. The proposed dues change must be presented at the second regular club meeting following the announcement at which time a majority present must approve the proposal.
- K. A change in dues will become effective at each members renewal date.

## **Article 5**

### **Voting**

#### **Section 1**

##### **Method**

- A. Voting shall be by simple hand vote on all routine matters unless specifically directed otherwise by the president.
- B. Abstentions will not represent a negative vote.
- C. Any full member present may request a roll call vote when deemed appropriate.
- D. The secretary shall read eligible members names from the sign-in register for the purpose of polling the members on close or challenged votes.
- E. The election of officers shall follow the procedures as outlined in Article 7 Section 2 H through M.
- F. Proxy voting will not be allowed.

## **Article 6**

### **Officers and Responsibilities**

#### **Section 1**

#### **Elected and Appointed Officials**

- A. The elected officials shall be as follows: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; and five (5) Directors.
- B. Four (4) Trustees shall be appointed by the elected officials.

#### **Section 2**

#### **Responsibility of Officers**

##### A. President

- (1) The president shall preside at all monthly meetings and will insure that all decisions and actions of the club will be in accordance with the club's Constitution and By-Laws.
- (2) The president shall appoint all committee chairpersons and will be an ex-officio member of each committee.
- (3) The president will make binding decisions in the event of an emergency.
- (4) An emergency is defined as any condition which will threaten any person or property, all such decisions will, upon demand, be fully explained and justified at the next regular club and executive board meeting.
- (5) The president shall co-sign all checks for club expenditures after approval of payment has been granted.
- (6) The president shall preside at all executive board meetings and will ensure that all decisions and actions by that body are in accordance with the club's Constitution and By-Laws.

##### B. Vice President

- (1) The vice president shall serve in any and all functions of the president in his/her absence.
- (2) The vice president will convene and/or serve on any committee when so directed by the president.
- (3) The vice president shall chair the annual nominating committee.

### C. Secretary

- (1) The secretary shall receive and post all club correspondence.
- (2) The secretary shall notify all members of special meetings called by the President and will also notify all elected and appointed officials of any special executive board meetings.
- (3) The secretary shall provide all new members a copy of the club's Constitution and By-Laws.
- (4) The secretary shall work closely with the membership committee chairperson to ensure a complete and accurate record of membership status.
- (5) The secretary shall prepare and retain minutes of all meetings other than financial.
- (6) Club records (minutes and other correspondence) shall be prepared in a neat and orderly manner and so retained as to become club history and reference documents.
- (7) The secretary shall have a copy of the club's Constitution and By-Laws, for reference, at all club meetings.
- (8) The secretary shall maintain and have available a sign-in record book at each meeting for the purpose of polling of members present for roll call voting as well as for insurance and historical purposes.
- (9) The secretary shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the club's official seal.
- (10) The secretary shall perform other clerical duties, not mentioned, as required.

### D. Treasurer

- (1) The treasurer shall accept, record and deposit all members dues, donations and earnings.
- (2) The treasurer shall prepare and present a report of the clubs financial status at each meeting.
- (3) The treasurer shall dispense club's funds to meet the clubs financial obligations only after having been directed to do so by the membership or by the executive board.
- (4) The treasurer shall maintain sufficient accounts in a bank that is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for deposit of club funds and for payment of due and approved bills.
- (5) The financial records shall be maintained in a legible manner and presentable for audit at any time.
- (6) The treasurer, at the end of his term, shall turn over to his successor all club monies and financial records complete.



#### E. Directors

- (1) The directors shall advise the president on all club activities.
- (2) The directors shall assure that all club actions and decisions fully comply with the club's Constitution and By-Laws.
- (3) The purchase of all capital equipment shall be carefully screened to assure that purchases are fully justified and will promote club activities and its effectiveness.
- (4) The directors shall seek ways to foster a good image to the public favorable to the work of amateur radio.
- (4) The directors shall continue with club meetings, operations, and functions in the event that qualified members cannot be recruited to seek elected office. They shall serve in that capacity until officers are elected to serve.
- (5) An election must be held within 120 days after years end. In the event no slate of officers can be obtained to stand for election, the directors will commence proceedings to disband the club as outlined in Article 13.

#### F. Trustees

- (1) The trustees shall serve the club as advisors to the executive board, other appointed officials and the members at large.
- (2) One trustee shall be responsible for the club's amateur radio station license and ensure the proper control over its use.
- (3) The trustees shall take physical inventory of all club property in the beginning of each year, shall set a fair market value on each item; shall present their findings at the March executive board meeting, and the record be made part of the minutes for said meeting; shall recommend the selling of all excess equipment in accordance with the club constitution.
- (4) The trustees shall be responsible for the club's property and liability insurance, assuring adequate coverage is in effect and policy(s) premiums are paid.
- (5) One trustee shall act as the club's registered agent and assure that the club's Certificate of Incorporation is renewed annually, and is in compliance with the New Jersey State Law.
- (6) The trustees shall assure that the repeater(s) are properly identified with the club's call and their operation comply with the FCC rules governing repeaters.
- (7) The trustees shall be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of all club property.
- (8) The trustees shall audit the financial records of the club annually and report their findings at the December regular club meeting.

## **Article 7**

### **Terms of Office, Elections, and Resignations**

#### **Section 1**

#### **Terms of Office**

- A. All elected officials shall serve a term of one year commencing in January, except for the directors.
- B. A candidate for director shall be elected for a three (3) year term. Failure to continue membership in the club will be considered as a resignation of office.
- C. Any office may be held until challenged by another member.
- D. A member may not run for more than one (1) office in a given election.
- E. A member cannot hold more than one (1) elected office at one time.
- F. A member cannot hold more than one (1) appointed office at a time.
- G. Four (4) trustees shall be appointed by the president, with the approval of the executive board, in January 1993 for an indefinite term. Due to the nature of responsibilities assigned to them, they shall serve in their respective capacities until they submit their resignation or are asked to resign by the executive board.

#### **Section 2**

#### **Election of Officers**

- A. An election of officers shall take place at each December regular meeting.
- B. The nominating committee, chaired by the vice president, shall be activated by the president at each September regular meeting.
- C. The nominating committee's task will be to complete a slate of nominees for each office, who have agreed to stand for election.
- D. The nominating committee's slate will be published in the club's November newsletter.
- E. Nominees will be members in good standing who have held a full membership status for at least six (6) months.
- F. Nominations can be made from the floor at the November regular meeting. Candidates must have previously agreed to stand for election prior to being nominated.
- G. A ballot, if necessary, shall be prepared after the November meeting listing the candidates running for each office.
- H. Voting shall be by a closed ballot for each contested office. Ballots will be counted at the conclusion of the voting for each individual office by the nominating committee. Voting shall take place at the December regular meeting.

- I. Mail ballots may be obtained by any full member unable to attend the December regular meeting by requesting same from the secretary. All mail ballots must be in the possession of the secretary before the December regular meeting to be counted. Mail ballots received will be opened and counted at the December regular meeting by the ballot counting committee.
- J. In cases where a nominee is uncontested, the secretary shall be directed by the president to cast a singular vote and that nominee will be declared elected.
- K. A majority of votes cast will elect.
- L. In the event of a tie, a run-off election shall be held immediately.
- M. The officers and directors who were duly elected to their respective positions will be installed in those positions at the January meeting. However responsibility will begin January 1st of the year following election.

### Section 3 Resignation of officers

- A. The executive board must be notified, in writing or in person, of the resignation of any officer.
- B. If the president resigns prior to the expiration of his/her term, the vice president shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.
- C. The resignation of any other officer may be filled by a special election or a pro tem officer may be appointed by the president to fill the unexpired term.

### Section 4 Removal of an Officer

- A. An officer may be removed from office by a three-fourth vote of the full members present at the regular meeting.
- B. Written notice proposing the removal of an officer must be presented to that officer at least one month prior to the anticipated action.
- C. This action must appear in the newsletter of the month that the vote is scheduled to take place.
- D. The officer in question shall be given adequate time to present his case and answer questions prior to the call for a vote.
- E. The written notice proposing the removal of an officer may be withdrawn by the originator at any time prior to the vote.

## **Article 8**

### **The Executive Board and It's Responsibilities**

#### **Section 1**

#### **Composition of the Executive Board**

- A. The executive board shall consist of all the elected officers and the appointed trustees, ie., President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, five (5) Directors and four (4) Trustees.
- B. Each committee chairperson, a non-voting member, is encouraged to attend and report on its committee activities.
- C. All club members are urged to attend to express their concerns and act as observers.

#### **Section 2**

#### **Responsibilities of the Executive Board**

- A. To prepare an agenda and proposals for the good of the membership.
- B. To oversee the work of the club.
- C. Shall direct the care and expenditures of all club funds.
- D. It shall recommend bestowing honorary memberships.
- E. It shall pass judgment on applications from those seeking membership.
- F. It shall make decisions in accordance with the club's Constitution and By-Laws in times of emergencies or at times when the membership cannot be immediately consulted.
- G. It shall approve all planed programs assuring the subject matter would be of interest to a majority of the membership.
- H. It shall take measures to advance the interests in the club.

#### **Section 3**

#### **Meetings**

- A. The executive board meetings, open to all members, shall be held monthly to tend to club business and prepare an agenda and program for future club regular meetings.
- B. The president, with the approval of a majority of the executive board, may cancel or reschedule a meeting if it conflicts with other club activities.

## **Article 9**

### **Committees**

#### **Section 1**

#### **Selection of Committees**

- A. All committee chairpersons shall be appointed by the president after consultation with the executive board.
- B. Each committee chairperson shall select its members from the club membership.
- C. Each committee chairperson shall select a meeting place and time and convene, when necessary to conduct its business.
- D. Each committee shall propose action items in their area of concern and present them to the executive board for its consideration.
- E. Action items and recommendations presented to the executive board by any committee chairperson shall be acted on promptly.
- F. Action items requiring expenditure of club funds shall be researched by the committee members and presented when called for by the executive board.

#### **Section 2**

#### **Standing Committees**

- A. Contests, Nets, and Awards
  - (1) Its purpose is to inform the club of contests and awards which may be entered or sought by club members.
  - (2) It is responsible for arrangements when the club participates in contests as a club.
  - (3) It is responsible for managing the club net(s).
  - (4) Maintains control over and issues all club awards and certificates.
  
- B. Training and Licensing
  - (1) Its responsibility is to arrange for and participate in the instruction of radio theory and code for each class of license when sufficient club or public interest warrants.
  - (2) It is responsible for keeping the membership abreast of FCC regulation changes and amendments.
  - (3) A club Volunteer Examiner program shall be under this committee's control if and when such a program is established.

### C. Membership

- (1) Its responsibility is to develop strategies for encouraging area radio amateurs to become club members.
- (2) It will keep records of the club membership including each members status and dues expiration date.
- (3) It will issue each member a current membership card.

### D. Program

- (1) Its responsibility is to provide informative and entertaining programs of interest to the membership.
- (2) It shall prepare a calendar of programs for announcement in the club newsletter.
- (3) It shall publicly thank guest speakers on behalf of the membership.

### E. Public Relations

- (1) It shall seek ways to advertise and publicize special club sponsored events such as the hamfest, field day, and annual awards banquet.
- (2) Its responsibility is to seek out and promote public services activities for the membership.
- (3) It will develop current relationship with the local news media and encourage them to publicize amateur radio and the club's activities.

### F. Refreshments

- (1) Its responsibility is to provide refreshments at each regular monthly meeting.

### G. Repeater Management

- (1) Its responsibility is to manage and maintain the club repeater(s) according to the FCC rules governing repeaters.
- (2) It shall assure that the club repeater(s) are coordinated with the area repeater council if and when necessary.
- (3) It shall make periodic inspections of the repeater site to assure that the installations appear to be structurally sound. If problems are discovered, it shall recommend to the executive board corrective actions.
- (4) It shall recommend the appointment of control operators and assure that the repeater(s) are monitored as much of the time as possible.

#### H. Interference

- (1) Its responsibility is to investigate and attempt to resolve all TVI/RFI complaints brought against club members.
- (2) It shall assist the FCC, when called upon, to investigate TVI/RFI complaints received by them from the general public.
- (3) It shall keep abreast of all new products and procedures that may help or eliminate interference.
- (4) It shall also inform the club members about TVI/RFI and other type interference cases learned from the FCC and other sources.

#### I. Advertising

- (1) Its responsibility is to seek advertising for inclusion in the club's newsletter.
- (2) It shall collect payment for such advertisements.
- (3) It shall take the lead in the advertisement of all club sponsored functions.

#### J. Special Events

- (1) Its responsibility is to organize and take control of all activities where members offer their assistance with radio communications for special events and exercises.
- (2) It shall be the club's spokesmen and coordinate members support when working with other amateur radio clubs offering communications services.

#### K. Welcoming

- (1) Its responsibility is to approach and welcome visitors and new members at all club functions.
- (2) It shall maintain a personal contact with all club members as much as possible.

#### L. Sunshine

- (1) Its responsibility is to send cards to members on behalf of the membership in times of illness, for the loss of a loved one, and when in time of need and comfort.
- (2) It shall report to the membership of members who are ill, loss of family member, etc.
- (3) The committees chairperson's expenditures shall be reimbursed immediately when a statement is presented.

#### M. Raffles and Prizes

- (1) Its responsibility is to administer the club's 50/50 at all regular meetings.
- (2) It shall have the responsibility for all other club sponsored raffles.
- (3) It shall have control of the annual club's elephant sale and auction.

### Section 3

#### Formation of Special Committees

- A. When the need arises, and out of the mandate of any standing committee, the president, with the approval of the executive board, may form an ad-hoc committee for specific tasks such as, the annual awards dinner, hamfest, field day, etc.
- B. An ad-hoc committee shall serve only for the period of time required to execute its assigned task and then be disbanded.

### Section 4

#### Financing of Committee Activities

- A. Standing and ad-hoc committees shall budget for their activities as soon as possible after appointment.
- B. A request for funds to support planned committee activities shall be presented to the executive board promptly after formalized.
- C. The executive board shall fund programs as appropriate keeping within available funds.

## Article 10

### Auditing

#### Section 1

#### Committee for Audit

- A. The four (4) trustees shall audit all club financial records prior to the regular meeting in December of each year.
- B. A report of the auditors findings shall be made to the membership at the December regular meeting.
- C. Auditing of the financial records may be requested at any time by the executive board after the treasurer has been informed of its intentions.
- D. The club's financial records must be audited at any time a treasurer resigns in mid-term and prior to the election or appointment of a new treasurer.



## **Article 11**

### **Meetings**

#### **Section 1**

#### **Monthly Meetings**

- A. A regular membership meeting shall be held monthly on the third Friday at a time and place selected and acceptable to the members.
- B. An executive board meeting shall be held at a time and place acceptable to the elected and appointed officials.
- C. Special executive board meetings may be called, by the president, anytime pressing club businesses so dictates.
- D. The president, with the approval of a majority of the membership present at a regular meeting, may cancel or reschedule the following meeting if it conflicts with other club or related activities.

#### **Section 2**

#### **Definition of a Quorum**

- A. A quorum shall consist of seven (7) full members, including no more than three (3) elected and appointed officials, at any regular meetings.
- B. Total membership consists of all full and family members, ie., persons eligible to vote.
- C. No club business can be acted upon requiring a vote unless a quorum is present.
- D. A quorum for the executive board shall consist of more that 50% of its members, both elected and appointed.
- E. No business at any executive board requiring a vote shall be acted upon unless a quorum is present.
- F. The passage on any business requiring a vote shall require a majority.
- G. A tie vote shall represent a negative decision.

#### **Section 3**

#### **Procedures**

- A. Meetings, regular and executive board, shall be conducted in an orderly manner and follow Roberts Rules of Order which is not outlined in this document.

**Article 12**  
Disbursement of Club Funds

Section 1  
New Purchases

- A. A majority of the voting members present at a regular meeting shall approve any expenditure of more than one hundred fifty (150.00) dollars.
- B. A majority of the executive board must recommend any new purchase of one hundred fifty (150.00) dollars or more.

Section 2  
Recurring Expenditures

- A. Expenditures required to allow the club to function such as, bills submitted for postage, refreshments, telephone, insurance, and repeater maintenance shall be paid upon submission of a statement.
- B. The executive board must approve all expenditures recurring in nature of more than one hundred fifty (150.00) dollars.

**Article 13**  
Disbandment of the club

Section 1  
Actions for Disbandment

- A. The club may not be disbanded without the approval of 75% of the full membership.
- B. The secretary must notify all members in writing of the proposed disbanding at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which the vote for disbanding will be taken.
- C. All funds in the treasury at the time of disbanding, after payment of all known outstanding debts, shall be donated to a charity or charities selected by the remaining members.
- D. Monies realized from the disposition of club property shall also be donated to charity as so stated in C. above.
- E. The directors shall be responsible for taking the necessary measures to cancel the club's Certificate of Incorporation with the State of New Jersey.
- F. The directors shall be responsible for terminating the club's Tax-Exempt Status with the Internal Revenue Service.

## **Article 14**

### **Liquidation of Property**

#### **Section 1**

#### **Disposition of Club Property**

- A. A fair market value shall be determined by the executive board on any piece of excess equipment.
- B. All excess club equipment shall be disposed of by the sealed bid process.
- C. All excess club equipment shall be advertised in the club's newsletter stating the minimum acceptable bid.
- D. Solicitation for bids shall be announced in the newsletter thirty (30) days prior to the bid opening.
- E. Sealed bids will be opened at the following executive board meeting after bid closing.
- F. Equipment purchased shall be turned over to the highest bidder once payment has been made.
- G. In the event the highest bidder does not come forth, the advertised piece of equipment shall be offered to the next highest bidder.
- H. Any equipment on loan for the club's use shall be returned to its rightful owner on request.
- I. I Club equipment obtained from the General Services Administration shall be disposed of following the GSA guidelines.
- J. All remaining property not sold shall be donated to another amateur radio organization having similar goals in the general area.
- K. The selection of this organization shall be by unanimous decision of the remaining membership.

## **Article 15**

### **Amendments to the Constitution**

#### **Section 1**

#### **Process to Amend**

- A. Portions of this constitution and by-laws cannot be amended unless the changes proposed are presented in writing to the secretary.
- B. Changes to the constitution and by-laws must be presented to the members at a club meeting or through the club's newsletter prior to any action.
- C. A vote to amend shall require a two-thirds majority of the members present at a regular meeting.

- D. Approved amendments shall take effect immediately unless the language of the amendment states otherwise.

## Section 2 Review of this Document

- A. This document must be reviewed at least once every ten (10) years or at such times as any portion becomes obsolete.

## Article 16 Constitution Ratification

### Section 1 Ratification

- A. The forgoing Constitution and By-Laws of the Shore Points Amateur Radio Club has been duly presented to the membership of said organization and ratified by at least 75% majority of members present and voting at a regular meeting of said club. By virtue of this ratification, all constitutional articles previously submitted are repealed and the forgoing Constitution and By-Laws is accepted by the membership of the Shore Points Amateur Radio Club, Incorporated.

### Section 2 History

- A The original club constitution and by-laws was ratified on February 19, 1976. The document was amended on October 16, 1979 and again in September 1982.
- B This Document was adopted on October 16, 1992.
- C This Document was amended on April 1995 and the amendments are as follows
  - (1) Article 3, Section 2, Added Letter E.
  - (2) Article 6, Section 2, Letter B ADDED (3)
  - (3) Article 6, Section 2, Letter F, Changed (3)
  - (4) Article 7, Section 2, Changed Letter B.
- D This Document was amended on July 16, 1999 an the amendments are as follows
  - (1) Article 3 Section 3 Changed Letter B
  - (2) Article 4, Section 1, Changed Letter G.
- E This Document was amended on June 2000 and the amendments are as follows
  - (1) Article 8, Section 3, Deleted Letter B

(2) Article 11, Section 1, Changed Letter B.

(3) Article 11, Section 2, Changed Letter A.

F This document was amended on May 19, 2011 and the amendments are as follows

(1) Article 3, Section 2, Added Letter F, instituting a provisional membership.

G This document was amended on March 17, 2016 and the amendments are as follows

(1) Article 7 Section 1 was amended to allow a member to hold one appointed office and one elected office simultaneously and to eliminate term limits for the president.

(2) Article 7 Section 2 was amended to allow nominees for elected offices to be elected officers in other amateur radio clubs.

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