

**WILSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION**  
**Wilson, North Carolina**

**BY-LAWS**

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**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the WILSON AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION.

- A. This shall be a non-profit association.
- B. In the event of dissolution of this association, all surplus funds will go to a charity or non-taxable organization, and no part of its net income shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director, member, or other individual, either during the existence of the association or upon its dissolution.

**ARTICLE II: PURPOSES**

The purpose of the association shall be:

- A. TO plan, coordinate, promote, and sponsor the interest, activities and education of amateur radio in the Wilson County, North Carolina area.
- B. TO promote courteous, proficient use of all amateur frequencies, repeaters and privileges. To operate on the air in a professional manner.

**ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP AND DUES**

Membership in the association is open to all persons with a bonafide interest in the association's purpose, whether they are licensed amateur radio operators, or not, subject to the following:

- A. Membership requirements:
  - 1. Application for membership shall be submitted on the form supplied by the Board of Directors.
  - 2. Applicants may attend a regular meeting of the association to be introduced to the membership, and to share a little about their interest in amateur radio and/or their amateur radio activities.
- B. Levels of membership:
  - 1. Full Member – Any licensed amateur radio operator. A Full Member may vote on any business brought before the association, and may hold office. Those receiving their first amateur radio license are welcome as Full Members free of dues for the first year.
  - 2. Family Member – Any person whose spouse, child, or parent, having the same domicile and residence, is a paid full member is eligible to become a Family Member. A Family Member, if a licensed amateur radio operator, may vote on any business brought before the association, and may hold office.
  - 3. Associate Member – Associate Membership is open to any licensed amateur radio operator who does not have the time or desire to take part in all regular activities

35 of the association, but may help out during emergency conditions, field day, or  
36 other special activities, or may only wish to support the local repeater owned by  
37 the association. Associate Members shall not participate in any business brought  
38 before the association, nor hold office.

- 39 4. Supporting Member – Supporting Membership is open to any person, business or  
40 corporation that supports the association with finances, equipment, facilities, or  
41 other types of donations. Supporting Members shall not participate in any  
42 business brought before the association, nor hold office.

43 C. Dues:

44 The Board of Directors will determine the amount of dues for each level of  
45 membership. Dues are payable on or before January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Individuals not  
46 currently members who join after July 1<sup>st</sup> shall be assessed one-half the annual dues  
47 for the remaining portion of that year. Individuals not currently members who join  
48 after November 1<sup>st</sup> shall be assessed the full annual dues which will cover the  
49 remaining portion of that year and the year following.

50 NOTE: Currently (September 2004) Dues have been set as follows:

51	Full Member –	\$20.00
52	Family Member –	\$ 5.00
53	Associate Member –	\$10.00

54 D. Loss of Membership:

55 The Board of Directors shall hear all complaints against members of the association  
56 concerning improper or illegal operation. No action shall be taken unless three or  
57 more members of the association lodge complaints. The Board of Directors shall  
58 review the situation and, if the situation warrants it, the matter will be brought to the  
59 full membership for action, which may include suspension of membership or  
60 expulsion from the association. The final decision will be made by a majority vote of  
61 the members present.  
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63 **ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

- 64 A. Monthly Meetings – The association will hold monthly meetings with the day and  
65 time to be set by the membership, with a minimum of ten (10) meetings per year.  
66 Any person may attend association meetings and take part in club activities in order to  
67 gain knowledge about amateur radio.
- 68 B. Annual Meetings – An annual meeting of the association will be held in November of  
69 each year for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.
- 70 C. Additional Meetings – Additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the  
71 Board of Directors, or at the request of one-third of the total membership of the  
72 association.
- 73 D. Activities – Association events and activities shall be planned and scheduled by the  
74 Activities Committee.  
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**ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

- 77 A. The association shall be led by a Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be  
 78 composed of a president, a vice-president, a secretary/treasurer, the immediate past  
 79 president, the repeater trustee, and one member-at-large.  
 80 B. The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly, and more often when necessary.  
 81 C. Officers:  
 82 1. President – The president shall preside at the association meetings, conduct the  
 83 business of the association, and otherwise direct the association. He is amenable  
 84 to the Board of Directors and the association membership.  
 85 2. Vice-President – The vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in his  
 86 absence, coordinate the activities planned by the Activities Committee, and be  
 87 available to the president to assist in conducting the business of the association.  
 88 3. Secretary/Treasurer – The secretary/treasurer shall keep the minutes of each  
 89 meeting, respond to any correspondence that may be received, distribute a  
 90 monthly newsletter, keep the financial records of the association, and provide a  
 91 monthly financial report to the Board of Directors.  
 92 D. Committees:  
 93 Chairpersons for the following committees shall be appointed by the president:  
 94 1. Membership Committee – The Membership Committee shall make arrangements  
 95 to encourage interested amateur radio enthusiasts to join the association.  
 96 2. Activities Committee – The Activities Committee shall plan activities such as  
 97 Field Day, Fox Hunts, picnics, and other outings as directed by the President. The  
 98 Activities Committee shall be chaired by the vice-president, or other member  
 99 appointed by the president.  
 100 3. Publicity Committee – The Publicity Committee shall publicize association  
 101 activities and events through the local media or by other appropriate means.  
 102 4. Repeater Committee – The Repeater Committee shall maintain the repeater and  
 103 bring before the association any needs or upgrades required.

**ARTICLE VI: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- 105 A. Nominations: The president shall appoint a Nominating Committee to make  
 106 nominations for the three officers, and member-at-large. The Committee shall present  
 107 the nominations to the membership at the October meeting. Additional nominations  
 108 may be made from the general membership at the October meeting. All nominations  
 109 will be voted on.  
 110 B. Elections: Elections shall be held at the November meeting each year. Voting will  
 111 be by secret ballot by the membership present at this meeting. Members entitled to  
 112 vote must have their dues paid for the period to be covered by the officers to be  
 113 elected.  
 114 C. Installation of Officers: Newly elected officers and the member-at-large will take  
 115 office on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.  
 116 D. Term of Office: The term of office shall be one year or until a successor is elected.  
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**ARTICLE VII: RESIGNATIONS**

Should any officer or board member resign during the year, a replacement shall be appointed by the remaining officers and board members. Such appointment shall be made within sixty (60) days of the acceptance of such resignation. Should a resignation be received within sixty (60) days of the end of the calendar year, the appointment of a replacement may be waived by the board and that vacancy will be filled by the normal election process.

**ARTICLE VIII: FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the association shall be January 1 through December 31 of each year.

**ARTICLE IX: DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL OBLIGATIONS**

No member, officer or Director of this association shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this association of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of any of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this association. The members of the association shall be indemnified by the association to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of the state.

**ARTICLE X: ABSENTEE BALLOT**

A member can cast an absentee ballot on any matter that is announced before hand (i.e. elections, changes to the Bylaws, etc.). Such absentee ballot shall be in writing, stating the matter being voted on and the vote (yes or no), and shall be given to one of the association officers before the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. Ballots received after the vote is taken and the results announced will not be counted.

**ARTICLE XI: NEWSLETTER**

A newsletter, either in print or electronically, shall be sent to all members once per month, informing members of the monthly meeting and other activities which may be of interest to the membership.

**ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS**

These bylaws may be amended by presentation of the proposed amendment to the Board of Directors prior to presentation to the membership. Amendments shall be presented by the Board to the membership at any regular meeting. The secretary shall notify the membership of the proposed action before the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The membership shall vote at the regular meeting and a majority of the members present voting in the affirmative shall be necessary to adopt the amendment.