Constitution of the University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club

I. Preamble

In order to promote the growth and success of amateur radio at the University of Michigan and to contribute to the fraternal unity traditional to the amateur service, this constitution is hereby established for the University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club.

II. Membership, transmitting station, dues

A. **Membership in the University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club shall be primarily intended for, but not limited to, students of the University of Michigan.**

B. **Degrees of membership**

1. Full licensed members

   Full licensed members shall hold a valid amateur license issued by the United States of America and shall pay full dues.

2. Full members

   Full members shall be those who have paid full dues but do not hold a valid amateur radio license issued by the United States of America.

3. Associate Members

   Associate members shall be those preparing for an amateur license. Associate members may be allowed to pay reduced dues. Associate members may become full members upon obtaining a valid amateur license issued by the United States of America and payment of a fraction of full dues proportional to the remaining part of the school year at the time of their application for full membership.

C. **The amount of dues for full and associate membership shall be determined by majority vote of those present at the first meeting of the school year. Half these amounts may be charged for individuals desiring only one semester of membership at the discretion of those voting.**

D. **The club shall maintain an amateur radio station under the trusteeship of a member of the club. This station shall consist of transmitting facilities and additional separate receiving facilities.**

E. **Privileges of membership**

1. Full, licensed members
   a) shall have full access to station facilities, except as limited elsewhere in

the constitution or its by-laws,

b) may vote on all issues brought before the members of the club.

2. Full and associate members

a) shall have access to specified separate receiving facilities separate from the main station facilities,

b) may vote on all issues brought before the membership of the club except those pertinent to the acquisition and/or disposal of main station equipment.

III. Officers of the University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club

A. President

1. The president of the club shall be a staff member or a student of academic status higher than undergraduate freshman and shall be a licensed amateur.
2. The president shall preside over club meetings and represent the club in an official capacity and shall be empowered to spend funds as appropriated by the club.

B. Secretary-treasurer

1. The secretary-treasurer shall keep minutes of all club meetings and conduct official correspondence for the club.
2. The secretary-treasurer shall record all financial accounts of the club and shall be responsible for the safe-keeping of all club funds.
3. The secretary-treasurer shall present minutes of the previous meeting and a current financial report at each meeting.
4. The secretary-treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance of all club records.
5. The secretary-treasurer shall be empowered to spend funds as appropriated by the club.

C. The president and secretary-treasurer will be elected for a term of one year at the second to the last meeting of the club during the second trimester of the school year.

D. The station manager and management committee

1. The station management committee shall consist of at least two people appointed by the president of the club between his election and the end of the second trimester of the school year.
2. The members of the station management committee shall be appointed on the basis of their technical ability.
3. The members of the station management committee shall serve a term of one

year.

4. The station management committee may have appropriated by the club a sum of money to be established at the first meeting of the year to be used for the maintenance of existing station equipment. they must report all expenditures to the secretary-treasurer and to the club by the next club meeting. The club may then appropriate additional funds but at no time may they have under their control more than the initial amount established at the beginning of the year.
5. The station management committee may elect one of its members as station manager to preside over its activities.
6. The station management committee shall be the only persons to repair or alter station equipment. they may authorize others to work on the station equipment under their supervision in specific circumstances.
7. The station management committee shall perform duties as stated elsewhere in this constitution of its by-laws.

E. All elected officers shall be elected by a majority of members present at the meeting at which the election takes place.

F. Officers may serve consecutive terms.

G. Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of all members of the club.

H. In case of resignation of any officer, his duties will be assumed by the other officers until the next meeting of the club, at which time a successor will be re-elected, or in the case of the station management committee, re-appointed.

IV. Meetings, Voting

A. The club will meet approximately monthly.

1. Meetings will be called by the president.
2. No meeting shall be considered valid unless conspicuous notice of the meeting has been posted in the club station at least one week prior to the meeting.
3. The president must call at least one meeting every two months.

B. In order for a meeting to be valid, a quorum must be present. A quorum shall consist of at least one officer, three fifths of the station management committee, and five other club members.

C. All issues of club policy, financial transaction, and appointments must be approved by a majority of eligible voters present at a valid meeting except

as otherwise stated in this constitution or its by-laws.

V. Station procedure and keys

A. Full access to the station will be granted to full, licensed members only. These full, licensed members must have demonstrated to the station management committee their ability to operate the station equipment.

B. Keys

1. Keys to the main station will be given to full, licensed members upon approval of the president as advised by the station management committee.
2. All members may be given keys to the separate receiving facilities of the station.
3. All station facilities shall be re-keyed during August of each year.

C. Members may be subject to sanctions including further testing in the operation of the station equipment or suspension of operation privileges and confiscation of keys without refund of dues. these actions may be taken upon demand of the station management committee in the following cases:

1. illegal operation as defined by the laws of the United States of America,
2. numerous complaints of poor operating practices,
3. willful destruction or theft of station equipment.
4. loaning of a key to someone who is not a member without the permission of the president or the station management committee.

D. The president and the station management committee will decide procedures for the removal of sanctions or suspensions.

VI. Bylaws

A. Bylaws may be appended to this constitution during or after its adoption to supplement or amend any of its sections.

B. Bylaws appended after the adoption of this constitution shall require the approval of a simple majority of all members of the club for their adoption.

VII. Adoption

A. This constitution shall be adopted upon a majority vote of those members present at a meeting called as per IV. A. 2.

B. Adoption of this constitution shall require election of officers as per III. of this constitution as soon as the time specified in III. C. shall next come to

pass.

C. **Upon fulfillment of section 2 above, this constitution shall be in full effect.**

The constitution of the University of Michigan Amateur Radio Club was adopted on this twenty-first day of February, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.