

## **CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO SOCIETY, Inc. BYLAWS**

### **ARTICLE I: OFFICERS**

The officers of Sentral Illinois Radio Society (SIRS) shall be:

- A. President
- B. Vice President / Historian
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Communications Officer
- F. Safety Officer

### **ARTICLE II: DUTIES / TERM OF OFFICE**

#### **Section 1: President**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and shall act as spokesperson for the Club in all matters pertaining to it. The President shall have such other powers as may be designated from time to time by the Executive Committee.

#### **Section 2: Vice President / Historian**

The Vice President / Historian shall assist the President and will perform the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition the Vice President shall maintain a historical record (archive) of all club functions to include pictures, articles, Newsletters.

#### **Section 3: Secretary**

The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings and maintain an attendance roster of such meetings. The Secretary shall assist the President in handling all correspondence pertaining to the club. The Secretary shall maintain a depository of corporate documents.

#### **Section 4: Treasurer**

Treasurer shall have the responsibility to receive and deposit funds in the account(s) of SIRS. The Treasurer shall receive approval from the President, and in the absence of the President, the Vice President, prior to the disbursement of funds from Club accounts. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining an accurate accounting of all monies received and disbursed by the Club, and for making financial reports to the membership. The Treasurer shall have such other powers and duties as designated from time to time by the Executive Committee.

## **Section 5: Communications Officer**

The Communications Officer will publish a monthly Club Newsletter and distribute internal communications to members to keep them informed of club meetings and activities. The Communications Officer will also maintain external communications with other clubs, national organizations, publications, and the general public to promote the club and its activities.

## **Section 6: Safety Officer**

The Safety Officer will develop and post field procedures and rules.

## **Section 8: Term of Office**

The elected officers of SIRS shall serve for one (1) year from date of installation.

## **Section 9: Executive Committee**

The Elected Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall serve at the direction of the President.

## **ARTICLE III: ELECTIONS**

Section 1: The election of officers shall take place annually during the October meeting.

Section 2: A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Executive Committee, shall prepare a slate of candidates for the various Officer positions.

Section 3: Newly elected Officers shall take office at the November meeting.

## **ARTICLE IV: VACANCIES**

Section 1: A vacancy in any office, excluding President, shall be filled by a special election at the next regular meeting.

Section 2: In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice-President shall assume the President's office. The vacant Vice President's office shall then be filled as proscribed in Article 4, Section 1.

Section 3: The person elected to fill a vacant office shall serve until the end of the term for which his/her predecessor was elected.

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

Section 1: Regular meetings shall be held monthly.

Section 2: Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or upon a request by the executive committee of the membership. All members shall be notified at least three (3) days in advance of any special meeting being held.

#### **ARTICLE VI: REGULAR BUSINESS**

Section 1: All regular business affairs and enterprises conducted by SIRS shall be directed by the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President.

#### **ARTICLE VII: DUES AND FEES**

Section 1: The annual membership year shall commence on April 1<sup>st</sup> and expire on March 31<sup>st</sup> of the next calendar year. The dues shall be one-hundred (100) dollars. Dues must be paid annually by April 1st of the current year.

#### **ARTICLE VIII: SPECIAL FUNDS**

The Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions or specially obtained funds from any individual or institution, to be applied toward the operating expenses of the club.

#### **ARTICLE IX: MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: Each applicant must be sponsored by a current member of the club.

Section 2: A member will be considered in good standing only when dues are paid within thirty days of the date due.

Section 3: There will be four (4) categories of membership.

Regular Member:

1. Must be age sixteen (16) or older and otherwise meet qualifications set forth in these Bylaws and Article III of the Constitution.

Junior Member:

1. A person is a Junior Member until the end of the year in which they reach their sixteenth birthday and otherwise meets the qualifications set forth in these Bylaws and Article III of the Constitution.
2. Each Junior Member must be sponsored by an adult member already in good standing.
3. The dues for the Junior Member will be 1/2 the regular dues.

4. Upon reaching the age of sixteen (16) he/she will then be considered a Regular Member and at the time his/her dues are renewable must assume all of the responsibility of a Regular Member.
5. Junior Members will be allowed flying privileges at the field only when accompanied by an adult member in good standing and with the understanding that the adult assumes full responsibility of the Junior Member's actions the entire time the Junior Member is at the field.

Family Member:

1. Family Membership is available for anyone who lives in the same household as a dues paying Regular Member AND who is joining SIRS who EITHER holds an AMA Youth Membership Card (For those under 19 years of age as of July 1st, 2007) OR who is a full-time college student. Family Membership can also apply to the spouse of a Regular Member.
2. The dues for the Family Member(s) are included in the dues paid by the Regular Member.

Life Member:

1. Life membership is a special honor bestowed by the membership on a member for prolonged dedicated service to the club. Life members do not pay dues.

Section 4: For NEW members (not previous members) of the club who join sometime during a calendar year, the dues will be prorated for each full month (or fraction thereof) remaining in the calendar year.

Section 5: All Regular, Junior and Family members must hold an AMA Membership card.

## **ARTICLE X: COMMITTEES**

The President shall have the power to appoint committees whenever feasible to perform special functions of the club.

## **ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: Bylaws may be amended in the following way:

The proposed change will be submitted to the Communications Officer and sent to the membership. The proposed change will be discussed at the following meeting. The proposed change, in its final form, will be sent to the membership.

Section 2: In order for a proposed change to be passed, it requires a 60% majority vote of the members present at the two consecutive meetings following publication.

## **ARTICLE XII: DISCIPLINE**

Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee for the following reasons:

- 1) For violation of the field or AMA safety rules.
- 2) For misconduct or activities that are illegal involving club members or club property.

Expelled members will not receive any refund of dues or any other compensation.

## **ARTICLE XIII: Disbandment of the SIRS Corporation**

The SIRS Executive Committee can initiate the process of disbanding the SIRS Corporation by a unanimous vote. The SIRS Corporation can then be disbanded by a majority vote of the membership present at a special meeting held for the express purpose of ending the existence of said corporation. The dispersal of any assets held by the SIRS Corporation shall be governed by regulations in force, at the time of disbandment, by the State of Illinois for asset dispersal of disbanded Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporations.