

By-Laws (Adopted July 11, 2026)

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIO SOCIETY, Inc.

ARTICLE I: EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive 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. (See Article II Section 8)

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

The 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 Annual and Monthly financial reports to the membership. The Treasurer shall have such other powers and duties as designated from time to time by the Executive Committee. (See Article II Section 8)

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 shall develop and post field procedures and rules. The Safety Officer shall ensure Safety Rules are followed in all activities and events at the field. The Safety Officer ensures that members have current AMA registrations. The Safety Officer shall conduct an annual review of Safety Rules at a regular club meeting.

Section 7: Term of Office

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

Section 8: Executive Committee

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

The six members of the Executive Committee shall serve as nonpaid Directors of the *Sentral Illinois Radio Society Inc.*, as is required by Illinois Law governing Non-profit Corporations.

The duties of the Executive Committee shall include assigning other powers to the President, assigning additional powers and duties to Treasurer, appointing the Nominating Committee and such sub committees as may be needed, appointing and supervising the Webmaster and otherwise dealing with day-to-day Club business that does not require involving the approval of the Club Membership in general.

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: Nominations for officer positions may be made from the floor or in direct communication with the Nominating Committee.

Section 4: A Candidate must be a Regular, Family or Life Member in good standing, twenty (20) years of age or older, having been a member of SIRS for a minimum of one year, a member of the AMA, and currently a resident of Illinois.

Section 5: Newly elected Officers shall be installed at the November meeting and assume duties at that time.

Section 6: Regular, Family and Life Members may vote in the election of SIRS officers.

Section 7: Elected officers may be removed for cause before the end of term by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the membership.

ARTICLE IV: VACANCIES

Section 1: A vacancy in any office prior to the end of term, excluding President, shall be filled by a special election at the next regular meeting following solicitation of nominations from the Nominating Committee and Club Membership at large.

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 IV, 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: SIRS INTERNET WEBSITE

Section 1: The Webmaster

The Webmaster serves as the primary contact for all aspects of the club's website(s), handling a range of responsibilities that may include web design and development, routine content maintenance, and various updates to ensure sites align with the goals and objectives of the club. -The Webmaster communicates as necessary to the Executive Committee any changes in URL, site name, and passwords.

Section 2: The Webmaster shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for an indefinite term and can be replaced at any time deemed necessary by the Executive Committee. The Webmaster does not perform in an Executive capacity, and serves in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee and the Club.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: Regular meetings shall be held monthly. The December meeting may be canceled.

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

Section 3: A monthly meeting may be canceled or rescheduled by the Executive Committee due to extenuating circumstances, such as inclement weather.

ARTICLE VII: 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 conduct the business of the club.

Section 2: The fiscal year of the Club is January 1 through December 31.

Section 3: For voting, at a regular meeting, a "Quorum" shall be one fourth of the total of paid Members. The Treasurer shall determine the current quorum number from the current member roster.

Section 4: The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall have Signatory authority for legally signing Club documents including, but not limited to, checks and contracts.

ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The annual membership year shall commence on April 1st and expire on March 31st of the next calendar year.

Section 2: A member will be considered in good standing only when dues are paid within thirty days (30) of the date due.

Section 3: All membership levels in SIRS, except non-flying Life Members, are required to maintain current membership in the appropriate category of the AMA, and otherwise meet any qualifications set forth in the By-Laws and Article III of the Constitution.

Section 4: There will be six (6) categories of membership.

A: Regular Member: An individual twenty (20) years of age or older.

B: Family Member: An individual twenty (20) years of age or older residing in the same household as a Regular Member in good standing.

C: Youth Member: An individual nineteen (19) years of age or younger.

D: Trial Member: An adult 20 years of age or older for a period of three months.

E: Honorary Life Member: An Honorary 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.

F: Paid Life Member: Paid Life Members will pay no more dues after buying into this membership. This membership is a donation to support the SIRS Club in future years. Regular members who are 65 years of age or older are eligible to purchase a Paid Life Membership. The buy in price shall be \$250 plus \$100 times their additional life expectancy years using the most recent Social Security Actuarial Life Table at the time of their Paid Life Membership purchase. This is a non-refundable purchase. The monies from the purchase shall be held separately from the regular operating account in the Life Member Account. Annually on April 1st an amount equal to the current SIRS Club dues for each Paid Life Member will be moved from the Life Member Account to the SIRS Club operating account. In the event of a SIRS Club financial emergency the Paid Life Member Account may be used with the approval of 60% of the current members.

1. Example: John Doe is 65 and buys in to a Paid Life Membership. His additional years of life expectancy = 18. So, $\$250.00 + (\$100.00 \times 18) = \$2050.00$ which would be his buy in price.

Section 5: All Regular, Junior, Trial, Family and Life members must hold a current AMA Membership card of the appropriate category. Life Members who no longer fly are not required to have current AMA membership.

ARTICLE IX: MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES:

1. Regular, Family and Life Memberships bestow all privileges such as field access, flying and voting privileges, and other privileges as specified in the By-Laws.
2. Youth Members have flying privileges only when accompanied by a **qualified** Regular or Family Member in good standing, or have otherwise met requirements for safety and proficiency.
3. Trial members have flying privileges for a period of three months only when accompanied by a **qualified** Regular or Family Member in good standing or have otherwise met requirements for safety and proficiency.

ARTICLE X: DUES AND FEES

Section 1: The annual membership-year shall commence on April 1st and expire on March 31st of the next calendar year, at which time annual dues are payable for the following year.

Section 2: The amount of a Regular Member Annual Dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee and approved by the membership by a majority vote at a regular meeting, and published in the Membership Dues and Privileges Chart.

Section 3: Annual Dues are as follows

Regular Member, Full price as published in the Membership Dues and Privileges chart.

Family Member: One half (1/2) of the Regular Member fee rounded to the nearest dollar

Youth Member: One fifth (1/5) of the Regular Member fee rounded to the nearest dollar.

Trial Member: One quarter (1/4) of the Regular Member fee rounded to the nearest dollar. If at the end of the three month Trial Membership, the member decides to join the Club, they will be assessed a prorated membership fee expiring at the end of the membership year (March 31st).

Section 4: Dues for Regular and Family members must be paid annually by April 1st of the current year.

Section 5: For NEW adult members (not previous members of the club) who join midway in a club membership-year, the dues will be prorated for each full month (or fraction thereof) remaining in the calendar year.

Section 6: A member will be considered in good standing only when dues are paid within thirty days (30) of the date due.

ARTICLE XI: COMMITTEES

The President and Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint committees whenever necessary to perform special functions of the club.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: Regular, Family and Life members may propose changes to the By-Laws. Proposals shall be submitted to members of the Executive Committee for consideration.

Section 2: Bylaws may be amended in the following way:

The proposed change(s) will be submitted to the Executive Committee, who will submit the proposal in **draft** form to the Communications Officer who will then communicate the draft proposal to the membership. The proposed change(s) will be discussed for editing and revision at the first meeting following distribution of the draft amendment proposal to the Club Membership. Any updated change(s), to the proposed-form, will be sent to the membership as the Final Form to be voted upon at the next two meetings.

Section 3: In order for a proposed change to be enacted, a change requires a 60% majority vote of the members present at the two consecutive meetings following publication of the final form.

Section 4: The latest approved version of the By-Laws supersedes all previous-versions.

ARTICLE XIII: 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 XIV: 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.