

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
CALVERT AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC**

ARTICLE I

NAME:

The name of this organization shall be Calvert Amateur Radio Association, Inc., hereafter abbreviated CARA.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE:

The purpose for which the corporation is formed are as follows: To promote the pleasure and benefits of amateur radio, develop individual knowledge and proficiency in amateur radio operations, promote amateur radio operations in the general community, and facilitate emergency and public service communications, within the rules and regulations established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERS:

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communication shall be eligible for membership. Categories of membership are defined in the By-Laws. Membership shall be by application and election upon such terms as CARA provides for in the By-Laws.

CARA members are encouraged, but not required, to become a member of and maintain membership in, the American Radio Relay League, Inc.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the following elected officers of CARA: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director. The immediate past President, if willing, may serve as a non-voting member on the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS:

SECTION 1: The Officers of CARA shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and one Director.

SECTION 2: The Officers of CARA shall be elected by a vote of the members present at a General Meeting, as provided in the By-Laws.

SECTION 3: Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special election at the first General Meeting following the withdrawal or resignation, as provided in the By-Laws.

SECTION 4: Officers may be removed by a vote of the membership as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI INITIAL COMPOSITION:

The number of directors of the corporation shall be Five (5) which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation. The names(s) of the directors(s) who shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified is/are; David Weaver, James Tetlow, Robert Sheskin, Richard Ratcliffe.

ARTICLE VII MEETINGS:

The By-Laws shall provide for General and Special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of five (5) Full members in good standing, who are not on the Board of Directors and one officer shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS:

SECTION 1: There shall be a yearly election of officers as provided by the By-Laws.

SECTION 2: Removal of Officers shall be as provided in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE IX COMMITTEES:

SECTION 1: The President, with the approval of the majority of the Board of Directors, is authorized to establish and disband committees as necessary to carry on the programs of CARA.

SECTION 2: The President is an ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee and the audit committee.

SECTION 3: With the exception of the audit committee the term of a committee shall not extend beyond December 31st. The committee may be reappointed by the President in the following year if deemed necessary for the business of CARA.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution may be amended by a three quarter (3/4) majority vote of the membership present, provided the following conditions have been met: The proposal(s) for an amendment(s) shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors who will then submit it to the membership at the next General Meeting and shall be voted on at the following General Meeting, provided all members have been notified by mail (electronic mail is acceptable) of the intent to amend the Constitution at said meeting.

ARTICLE XI RESIDENT AGENT

Resident agent means an individual residing in this State or a Maryland corporation whose name, address, and designation as a resident agent are filed or recorded with the State of Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation in accordance with the Maryland Corporate Statutes section 2-108.

The Secretary shall maintain and keep this information current as per the By-Laws.