

Constitution

Lawton Independent Repeater Alliance

ARTICLE I: ORGANIZATION

Section 1: Name

The name of the organization shall be Lawton Independent Repeater Alliance. The acronym shall be LIRA. This organization was founded April 1, 2006. The principal address of the organization shall be 1612 NW 34th Street, Lawton, OK 73505.

Section 2: Purpose

- a. The Lawton Independent Repeater Alliance is organized exclusively for Charitable, Educational and Scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distribution to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.
- b. To provide to its members the education necessary to pass the Federal Communications Commissions examination and obtain an amateur radio license.
- c. To promote the proper use of amateur radio, and to further the interest and development of amateur radio communications.
- d. To assist area Salvation Army, Red Cross, local Emergency Management entities, and other disaster relief agencies during emergencies.
- e. To provide communications for any community service or charitable organizations needing and requesting such services.

Section 3: Call Sign

The amateur radio club call sign that has been assigned by the Federal Communications Commission for use by the Lawton Independent Repeater Alliance is "WX5LAW".

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: General Membership

- a. Any individual holding a valid Amateur Radio Operator license, issued by the Federal Communications Commission, of any class may become a member of the organization.
- b. All active members of the organization shall be required to pay dues, set annually by the officers of the organization.

Section 2: Charter Membership

- a. Charter Members are primarily those individuals who were active in organizing, promoting, and initializing the Lawton Independent Repeater Alliance. The seven initial Charter Members active at the time of the formation of this organization are Lee Aston, Sandra Ewing, Preston Gladd, William Reichardt, James Riley, Patricia Riley, Benjamin Row.
- b. Additional Charter Members may be added by a simple majority vote of all active Charter Members.
- c. Only Charter Members of this organization, or their designated proxy, shall vote in any business meeting or election.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1: Dues Amount

- a. Dues for Charter Members shall be \$10.00 per month, or \$100.00 per year if paid annually.
- b. Dues for regular members shall be \$5.00 per month, or \$50.00 per year if paid annually.

Section 2: Dues Payment

- a. Dues are to be paid at each monthly meeting, or prepaid.
- b. Members who have dues more than three months delinquent will lose all rights and privileges of organization membership until all dues are paid.

Section 3: Dues Review

The amount of membership dues shall be reviewed annually by the Charter Members, and may be adjusted by a simple majority of all active Charter Members.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Elected Officers

- a. The elected officers shall consist of the following:
 - 1) President
 - 2) Vice President, Technical Engineering
 - 3) Vice President, Storm Team
 - 4) Vice President, Correspondence / Secretary
 - 5) Treasurer / Trustee.
- b. Officers shall serve for one year, or if they resign or are removed by a simple majority vote of all active Charter Members.

Section 2: Elections

- a. The officers of this organization shall be elected at the January business meeting by secret ballot.
- b. Election to an officer position shall be by a simple majority of those votes cast.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1: Meetings

- a. Meetings shall be held once per month at a site agreed on by the Charter members.
- b. Regular meetings should be held on the last Tuesday of each month, unless scheduling conflicts arise. The President, in consultation with the organization's membership, shall decide the date and time of rescheduled regular meetings, or may call special meetings if needed.
- c. A quorum for any regular meeting of the organization shall be five Charter voting members.

ARTICLE VI: FISCAL PERIOD

The fiscal period of the organization shall be from January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

ARTICLE VII: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution of the organization, after payment or satisfaction of all the debts of the organization, the remaining assets and funds of the organization shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over to the State of Oklahoma, as agents of agents only, for distribution within a reasonable time to another communication, patriotic, charitable or educational corporation which meets the requirements and is qualified under Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENT

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths affirmative vote of all active Charter Members, provided that said amendment was included in the agenda of a duly called business meeting, and the complete text of said amendment was included in said agenda.

ARTICLE IX: RATIFICATION

This Constitution shall take effect upon three-fourths affirmative vote of all active Charter Members.

This document voted on and approved, this 1st day of April, 2006.

James Riley, President

Preston Gladd, Vice President, Correspondence / Secretary