

The West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society

Constitution (As Amended At The 2021 AGM)

1) Name

The society shall be known as the "West of Scotland Amateur Radio Society", hereafter referred to as the Society.

2) Purpose

The aims and object of the Society shall be to further the well being of Amateur Radio by dissemination of relevant information, organisation of meetings and education and training of members and interested parties in Amateur Radio.

3) Membership

Membership shall be open to any person with an interest in Amateur Radio. The Committee shall have the power to refuse membership at their discretion or to terminate membership if the member is guilty of gross misconduct.

4) Honorary Members

Honorary membership may be granted to any person, on the recommendation of the Committee, by a vote of majority of members attending a Society Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Honorary members are not required to pay any subscription and therefore have no claim upon any property or assets of the Society.

5) Subscriptions

Members will pay an annual subscription which is due within one month of joining. A Member's subscriptions shall run 12 months from the month of joining to the subsequent month of the following year (i.e. join June of one year, renew June of the following year). A member not paying the subscription within one month, will cease to be a member (2021 Admendment). The Committee shall have the power to reduce or waive the subscription on an individual basis, but any such decisions must be reported at the next Annual General Meeting.

A paid-up member of the Society is a member who has been a member for over one month and whose subscription is not overdue.

6) Administration

The Society's affairs shall be administered by a Committee who shall act for and on behalf of the Society.

The Committee shall comprise seven members;

A Chairman

A Secretary

A Treasurer

Ordinary Committee Members

The Committee Members will normally be elected to named office by a majority vote at the Society's Annual General Meeting. They may also be elected at a Society Extraordinary General Meeting. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members. These co-opted members shall not have voting rights on the Committee. Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary, or by a majority of the Committee Members, and minutes will be taken during the meetings. Committee decisions must be agreed on by a majority of the full Committee and notified to all Committee Members. A minimum of four Committee meetings will be held each year.

7) Annual General Meeting

After at least one month's notice, the Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting, preferably during the month of May, at which the Society Chairman shall preside unless he or she delegates the chairmanship to another Committee Member. The business of the meeting shall be the presentation and adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting and of any Extraordinary General Meetings held in the last year, reports and accounts by the outgoing Committee, fixing the Annual Subscription and dues; followed by the election of the Society Committee Members to serve until the next Annual General Meeting. The meeting will then decide upon any amendments to the Constitution and finish with any other competent business. Minutes will be taken during the meeting.

A Quorum shall comprise one-quarter of the Society's paid-up members. Voting will normally be by a show of members' hands. Any paid-up member present may call for a secret ballot to be held.

When a secret ballot is called, two tellers will be appointed by the meeting Chairman to count the votes and report the result to the meeting Chairman. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted. Only paid-up members are permitted to vote at a general meeting of the society. Only paid-up members who have been paid-up members for twelve consecutive months or more may be elected to the committee. Decisions must be reached by a majority of the paid-up members present. Nominations for election to the committee shall be accepted in writing and from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, with a Proposer and Seconder; subject to the indication that the member so nominated is willing to serve, such indication to be in writing if the member nominated is not present. Voting for the named offices will take place first, followed by the ordinary members. In the event of a voting tie, a re-election will take place.

Items to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting and nominations for appointment to the Committee should be lodged with the Secretary four weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

8) Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Society Committee or by a written request to the Society stating the business for which the Extraordinary General Meeting is required and signed by not less than ten paid-up members. If the meeting so requested is not convened by the Committee within one month, the said members may convene a meeting. At least fourteen days written Notice of the Extraordinary General Meeting shall be given and displayed for the attention of paid-up members of the Society. Notification of an Extraordinary General Meeting must include the agenda for such a meeting.

The business of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be that for which it has been called and no other. Elections and voting must follow the same procedure as for an Annual General Meeting and minutes will be taken during the Meeting. A quorum shall comprise one quarter of the Society's paid-up members.

Previous Revisions (we have digital records of):

2005 EGM - [WoSARS Constitution \(As amended at the 2005 EGM\).pdf](#)
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2019 AGM - ([WoSARS Constitution \(As Amended At 2019 AGM\) .pdf](#))
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