

Bylaws of the Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Association, Inc

As amended April 6, 2013

Editor's Note:

The document, while *identical in content* to the original printed version, has been reformatted to adapt it to the needs of an online environment. Amendment additions have been entered *italics*. Amendment deletions are ~~*italicized and struck through*~~.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

SECTION 1.01

Membership shall be renewed yearly upon the payment of the annual dues.

Annual dues will be set by the Board of Directors and are due on January 1st of each year. Family memberships at reduced rates will be part of the dues structure. Dues become the property of the Corporation. A new membership shall be prorated upon a monthly basis.

The membership of any member that fails to pay the annual dues within 30 days of the due date may be terminated at the Board of Directors discretion.

SECTION 1.02

SIERA has two Complimentary Dues Offers:

One is for Amateur Radio Operators who earn their FIRST Amateur Radio License from the FCC in a VE Test Session that is administered by SIERA, and who also attend a SIERA General Meeting and join SIERA within twelve (12) months after earning their new license. This offer gives them complimentary SIERA dues for the remainder of the calendar year in which the newly licensed member joined SIERA.

SIERA makes a second offer to it's members to encourage them to study Amateur Radio theory and regulations and upgrade their license level to General or Extra. SIERA offers VE exams for these upgrade levels and prefers that Operators upgrade at SIERA exams, but FCC approved VE exams in other locations are also recognized

for purposes of this offer. The offer is for one full year of complimentary dues, starting on the first day of January following the upgrade.

To qualify for this second offer, the newly upgraded SIERA member must fill out another membership application form showing the new license level and the location and date of the VE exam. If the upgraded Operator already holds another complimentary dues offer, the new complimentary offer will be added to the end of the older one.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS

SECTION 2.01

General meetings and Board meetings will be held at such time and place as designated by the President of the Corporation and in concert with the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2.02

At a General meeting, a quorum to conduct business will consist of ten (10) regular members.

At a Board of Directors meeting, a quorum to conduct business will consist of four (4) Board Members.

SECTION 2.03

Special General meetings may be called by any two (2) Board of Director members or the ten (10) regular members. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, Vice President or by two (2) Board Members.

SECTION 2.04

All special meetings must be preceded by a written notice and agenda to the Membership and or Board of Directors at least seven days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE III
OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

SECTION 3.01

As stated in the articles of incorporation, the corporation will have nine elected directors. Four (4) of the directors shall be elected as President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

SECTION 3.02

All elected officers and directors of the corporation are obligated to function as prescribed by the articles of incorporation and these bylaws. The elected President, as chief executive officer, has the responsibility for the day to day management of the Corporation.

SECTION 3.03

In the event that a director cannot fulfill his or her term of office, the President, in concert with the Board of Directors, shall appoint a replacement for the remaining term. If the President cannot fulfill his or her term of office, the Vice President will take over as President and fill the vacancy.

SECTION 3.04

Officers and directors can be removed from office by a written consent of the majority of the members.

SECTION 3.05

Six months of continuous membership is required in order to be eligible to hold office or be a director.

ARTICLE IV

ELECTIONS

SECTION 4.01

A nominating committee, consisting of three (3) members, shall be appointed by the President no later than October 1st of each year. The nominating committee will present the slate of candidates to the membership at the November general meeting. Additional candidates may be nominated by any regular member, either at the November general meeting or by mail received prior to the November general meeting.

SECTION 4.02

The election of officers and directors shall be held in December of each year. Election will be by secret ballot.

Absentee ballots will be supplied at the request of any member. Absentee ballots must be received before the December general meeting to be counted.

SECTION 4.03

If there is no opposition to the nominating committees slate, the officers and directors will be appointed by acclamation. The newly elected officers and board will take office effective January 1st of each year.

SECTION 4.04

Six months of continuous membership is required in order to be eligible to vote for officers or directors.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

SECTION 5.01

The President, in concert with the Board of Directors, shall appoint committee Chairpersons as deemed necessary to enhance the Corporation's goals and objectives.

ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended or repealed in whole or in part, by a two thirds majority vote of the current Board of Directors. Six (6) of the nine (9) sitting directors must agree to the change.

Bylaws, as established March 15, 1989, and amended on December 29, 2005, and again on January 3, 2010, and again on October 23, 2010, and again on April 6, 2013.

Seven of the nine members of the SIERA Board of Directors met on April 6, 2013, and the required quorum of seven (7) Board members was present and business was conducted. A motion to amend the SIERA bylaws, as follows, was made by BillieJo McAfee KI6ZHM, and seconded by Jeff Cauhape K7BCV. Motion was to add SECTION 1.02 to the SIERA Bylaws to clarify SIERA's policies regarding two (2) Complimentary Dues proposals to its' members. The motion was discussed and passed unanimously by those board members in attendance. The changes are recorded on page 1 of this April 6, 2013 version of the SIERA bylaws.

SIGNATURES

We, the 2013 officers of the corporation hereby approve and concur with the foregoing bylaws consisting of four (4) pages, and dated April 6, 2013. Signed this day April 6, 2013.

/S/ Jeff Cauhape
Jeff Cauhape, K7BCV
President

/S/ BillieJo McAfee
BillieJo McAfee, KI6ZHM
Secretary

/S/ Don McRoberts
Don McRoberts, W3DRM
Director and Membership Chairman

/S/ Jerry Noosinow
Jerry Noosinow, W6GFI
Director

George Uebele, WW7E
Director, absent

/S/ Sheila Clement
Sheila Clement, KA7AJQ
Vice-President

/S/ Will Lewis
Will Lewis, KD7NIR
Treasurer

/S/ Ed Eggert
Ed Eggert, K3VO
Director

Joe Turek, AB7TJ
Director, absent

As stated in the Nevada Revised Statutes 81.470, these bylaws will be adopted when "a majority vote of the members, or the written assent of members representing a majority of the votes" is concluded. In addition "all bylaws in force must be copied legibly in a book called the Book of Bylaws, kept at all times for inspection in the principal office. Until so copied, they shall not be effective or in force." when the above conditions have been met and certified by the Secretary of the corporation these bylaws will be effective and in force.

Record of Amendments	
As Amended Date	Amended Article/Section
December 29, 2005	Article II. Sec. 2.02 Quorums Article III. Sec. 3.02 Responsibilities Article IV. Sec. 4.01 Nominating Committee Article IV. Sec. 4.02 Date of Election Article IV. Sec. 4.03 Nominating Committee Slate
January 3, 2010	<p>NOTE: The Board of Directors voted unanimously to reverse all changes made on December 29, 2005 by the Board of Directors in office at that time. Thus, the original wording used in the March 15, 1989 Bylaw document have been reinstated.</p> Article II. Sec. 2.02 Quorums Article III. Sec. 3.02 Responsibilities Article IV. Sec. 4.01 Nominating Committee Article IV. Sec. 4.02 Date of Election Article IV. Sec. 4.03 Nominating Committee Slate
October 23, 2010	Article II. Sec. 3.05 Board Membership time requirement - Added section Article IV. Sec. 4.04 Membership time requirement for voting - Added section
April 6, 2013	Article I. Sec. 1.02 Complimentary Membership Dues - Added section

For historical Purposes, the ORIGINAL SIGNEES of the SIERA Bylaws were:

We, the 1989 officers of the corporation and the 1988 retiring President hereby approve and concur with the foregoing bylaws consisting of three (3) pages. Signed this 6th day of March 1989.

/S/ Bob Grissom

**Robert Grissom, WA6RYG
President 1988**

/S/ Edwin H. Rogers

**Edwin H. Rogers, W6FFT
President**

/S/ Will Johnson

**Will Johnson, N7KLO
Vice President**

/S/ Carl Chaplin

**Carl Chaplin, W7QO
Secretary**

/S/ George Uebele

**George Uebele, WW7E
Treasurer**