

REVISED C.L.A.R.A. CONSTITUTION - 2013

ARTICLE 1 – NAME

This organization shall be called:

THE CANADIAN LADIES AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION – C.L.A.R.A.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

To encourage and promote proficiency and fellowship among Canadian Lady Amateur Radio Operators.

To further a good relationship between the Amateur and the general public.

CLARA shall be known as a not-for-profit organization.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 FULL MEMBERSHIP shall be granted to all Canadian Lady Amateurs (YLS) who, upon payment of dues, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Association. CNIB members requesting membership shall receive full membership without payment, unless they request a hard copy of the Clarion. In that case, the usual membership fee will apply

Section 2 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP shall be granted to all foreign YLS, who upon payment of dues, shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of CLARA except the right to vote or hold office.

Section 3 Life membership shall no longer be issued.

Section 4 Honorary memberships shall no longer be awarded.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. Only FULL MEMBERS or CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS in good standing shall be eligible to hold office.

Section 2. The elected officers of the Association shall be known as the EXECUTIVE: This will consist of: President, Vice- President, Treasurer, Secretary.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. All officers shall be elected bi-annually by the membership. In the case of only one candidate standing for any office, no election will be necessary.

Section 2. All officers shall take office at the beginning of the calendar year and each shall hold office for two years, or until they resign from their office. Officers may continue in their position for as many terms as they wish.

ARTICLE VI - APPOINTMENTS

Section 1. On taking office, the PRESIDENT shall appoint, *if necessary*, Committee Chairpersons to head the following Committees:

Publicity
CLARION Editor and Associate Editor
Supplies
Friendship
Nominating

And members to fill the following positions:

Area Representatives
Certificate Custodian
Ballot Auditor
Material for CNIB CLARA Members
DX-YL Sponsorship and Column Editor
Photo Album and Scrapbook Convener.

Section 2. The PRESIDENT shall appoint AREA REPRESENTATIVES in each of the following organizational divisions:

Atlantic Provinces and Quebec
Ontario
Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta
British Columbia
Yukon & Northwest Territories (as required.)

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 The business and affairs of CLARA shall be under the control and direction of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Section 2 The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the Executive as listed in Section 2.1

Section 2.1 The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President, Editors, Area Representatives, and Standing Committee Chairpersons.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1 All meetings will be conducted by mail, e-mail, SKYPE or by Amateur Radio unless otherwise directed. Please be discreet on the air.

Section 2 The PRESIDENT shall convene meetings with the BOARD OF DIRECTORS using SKYPE, Amateur Radio and/or mail or email, not less than TWICE yearly. THE BOARD OF

DIRECTORS shall represent the membership in all decisions and policy making.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 The Constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a membership vote with a minimum of 30 of eligible voters casting a ballot.

Section 2 The Constitution can only be changed once a year, with proposed amendments allowed at any time of the year. Written notice of proposed amendments is to be sent to the Executive at least three months in advance of the voting date. The Executive shall give them consideration and, if approved, shall cause the proposed amendments with appropriate ballot and explanation of the reasons for the proposal to be published in the next regular issue of the CLARION or in a special notice.

ARTICLE X – FEES

Fees shall be set by the Executive and approved by the Board as required.