

**SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN  
DX ASSOCIATION**

**CONSTITUTION**

**AND**

**BY-LAWS**

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# CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DX ASSOCIATION

## **PREAMBLE**

We wish to secure for the Southeast Michigan DX Association (SEMDXA) amateur radio operators commonly interested in pursuing DX (foreign contacts), do here by establish the Southeast Michigan DX Association, a non-profit organization, and enact this constitution as our governing law.

It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members; to promote DX-ing in our area and in the world; to seek to improve the operating practices and procedures of our members and the DX community; to gather and disseminate DX information; to assist, when possible, in the sponsoring of DX-peditions and DX contests; to foster contact and the exchange of information with other DX associations throughout this nation and the world, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of DX-ing and of Amateur Radio in general.

## **ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

All licensed amateur radio operators who have demonstrated his/her interest in DX shall be eligible for membership.

## **ARTICLE II – OFFICERS**

The elected officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Director, and Long Path Publisher.

- II a. The Officers of this Association shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the membership or by ABSENTEE Ballot at the June meeting.
- II b. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled as “Interim Position” by a simple majority vote of the Membership present.
- II c. Officers of the Association may be removed from office by a majority vote of the full membership.

## **ARTICLE III- DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- III a. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and shall conduct the meeting according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that may be executed by the Association. Appoint committees or assistants as required and perform all other duties as directed by the membership.
- III b. The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the president in his absence and shall assist the President as required.
- III c. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all regular or special meetings and the proceedings of any Board of Directors meetings; and shall keep a roll of all members; carry on all correspondence, as directed, and provide notices to the membership. At the expiration of the elected term, turn all items belonging to the Association to the elected successor.
- III d. The Treasurer shall receive all applications for membership and receipt of all monies paid to the Association. Shall keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; and shall give a Treasurers Report at each meeting; and shall, as directed by a majority of the Association members, disburse Association funds as required. At the expiration of the elected term, turn all items belonging to the association to the elected successor.
- III e. The Program Director shall organize Association activities, plan and recommend contests of operating benefit, and advance Association interests and activities through programs when possible.
- III f. The Long Path Publisher shall receive the meeting minutes from the Secretary, other pertinent and good for the Association, information and editorialize/publish the monthly Long Path Newsletter.

## **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS**

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.

## ARTICLE V – DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

The Association, by 2/3rds majority vote of the membership may levy upon the membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Association within the guidelines of the By-Laws of the Association.

## ARTICLE VI – AMENDMENTS

This constitution or By-Laws may be amended after review by the Board of Directors (BoD) and passed by a 2/3rds majority vote of the Full membership.

- VI a. Proposals for amendments shall be presented, in writing, to the Board of Directors. The BoD shall evaluate each proposal at the next Board meeting and present its recommendation for a vote at the next regular meeting. Copies of proposed amendments shall be forwarded to membership before the next meeting at which they are to be voted upon.

## ARTICLE VII – RULES

The proceedings of the Association shall be governed by “Roberts Rules”.

### BY-LAWS OF THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DX ASSOCIATION

- I. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Association’s elected Officers and Directors.
- II. Directors: Directors shall consist of the Past President and Web Master. The Web Master shall be appointed during the Association’s June general meeting by a 2/3rds vote of the membership. The immediate Past-President shall automatically become a Director upon completion of his term of office as President. In the event the incumbent President is elected to a second term, the current Past-President may continue.
- III. Term Of Office: The term of office for all elected officials shall be one year.
- IV. Membership: Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Treasurer. All applications shall be accompanied by the membership fee as outlined in these By-Laws. In the event the application is rejected, the fee shall be returned. A current role of the membership shall be maintained by the Treasurer and provided to the Officers of the Association.
- V. Dues: A regular annual assessment for membership as prescribed below is hereby addressed in accordance with the provision of Article V of the Constitution for the purpose of providing funds for current expenses. Dues shall be \$25.00 per year.
- V a. Members whose dues are delinquent at the October meeting of the Association shall be dropped from the membership role.
- V b. Any member who is awarded an “initial” DXCC of any mode who submits proof thereof to the secretary of the Association shall receive one-year free membership in the Association.
- VI. Voting Rights: Only members in good standing whose dues are paid in full shall have the right to vote and hold office.
- VII. Meetings: Regular meetings shall be held each month from September through June at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall direct. There will be no meeting of the Association during the months of July, August, or December. If possible, there shall be a Holiday dinner in December.
- VII a. Special meetings may be called as needed by the President at the request of a member of the Board of Directors or by request, signed by three members of the Association.

- VIII. Elections: The President shall at the April meeting, open for nomination for election and draw up a slate of candidates for presentation to the membership at the May meeting of the Association. The list of nominations shall be provided in a ballot form to the Editor for publication in the LONG PATH newsletter prior to the June meeting for a vote.
- VIII a. Nominations shall be accepted provided consent of the nominees is received.
- VIII b. Elections shall be held by ballot at the June Meeting. The new or re-elected officers shall assume their duties on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- IX. Business Year The business year of the Association shall be from July 1<sup>st</sup>. to June 30<sup>th</sup>

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