

THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF GATOR AMATEUR RADIO (AFGAR)

ARTICLE I ● NAME

The official name of this organization shall be “Alumni and Friends of Gator Amateur Radio”. The organization is also referred to as “AFGAR” in this document.

ARTICLE II ● PURPOSE

AFGAR is a non-profit organization whose purpose shall be to assist the Gator Amateur Radio Club, a UF student government organization, in fulfilling its objectives; to promote interest in, and increase the usefulness of club radio station W4DFU; to support the W4DFU station facility; to promote a spirit of cordiality, mutual acquaintances, and good fellowship among the members of the organization; to ensure that W4DFU is integral to the general welfare of the University of Florida as an educational institution; and to foster generosity through providing equipment on loan for use by GARC.

ARTICLE III ● MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership in the AFGAR shall consist of graduates of the University of Florida who were Gator Amateur Radio Club members, and licensed amateur radio operators who are friends of the school that are committed to the purpose of the organization and meet the financial requirements for membership. Only members will have a vote.

Section 2

From time to time, the Board of Directors may elect Honorary Fellows on the basis of outstanding and meritorious service to AFGAR through an Honorary Fellows Nominating Committee. The Honorary Fellows Nominating Committee shall be composed of three members:

1. The President of the Alumni and Friends of Gator Amateur Radio
2. Two members of the Board of Directors, appointed by the President.

This committee shall submit at least two names to the Board of Directors each year for consideration of the award “Honorary Fellow of the Alumni and Friends of Gator Amateur Radio” The criteria for selection of Honorary Fellows shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Service and contribution to the AFGAR, including offices held, committee appointments and recruitment of members.
- (b) Service and contribution to Fields related to Amateur Radio and Emergency Communication.
- (c) Honorary fellows may or may not be amateur radio operators, but can only have club membership and voting status if licensed as such.

Upon consideration and election by the Board of Directors, Honorary Fellow(s) will be awarded these fellowships at the annual meeting of AFGAR. The terms “Fellow” and “Fellowship” can be modified to a radio related term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV ● FINANCES

Section 1

Contributions. Requirements for membership shall be based on the following:

- (a) The different categories of membership and the associated fees are set and approved by the Board of Directors.
- (b) The membership year shall be from January 1 through December 31.
- (c) Honorary Fellows (or equivalent term) shall not be required to make an annual contribution.

Section 2

Assessments. No assessments shall be levied without the consent of a majority of the membership.

Section 3

Finance Committee. The Board of Directors shall be the Finance Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to decide upon the disposition of all funds of the organization, consistent with its purposes and the policies of the University of Florida, and to authorize payment of all running expenses of the organization.

ARTICLE V ● BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1

Administration of the activities AFGAR shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall consist of:

1. The elective members
2. The GARC Faculty Advisor
3. The W4DFU Trustee if different from the Faculty Advisor
4. The immediate past president
5. Former Faculty Advisors and Trustees
6. Two at-large members appointed by the W4DFU Trustee
7. The Dean or their Faculty designate of the host college of the W4DFU club station, if different from the trustee and faculty advisor.

The elective members are

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary-Treasurer
4. Four at-large representatives, with at least two being Alumni
5. Two student representatives, who may not serve as officers.

Section 2

The President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer shall each serve a one-year term. At least two of the line officers shall be alumni. Other elective members shall be elected for four-year terms on a staggered basis (initial composition of one each for 1, 2, 3 and 4 years; except the student directors, who serve for two years unless they are a senior student.

A Nominating Committee of three active members shall be appointed by the President at least 90 days prior to the annual business meeting to select one candidate for each of the elective member positions, as appropriate. The candidates for President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer must be members of the Board of Directors. In selecting a nominee for a district representative position, the Nominating Committee shall consult with alumni and friends in that district. The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of nominees to the general membership at the annual business meeting. Nominations for all elective positions may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. All elective members shall be elected by the general membership at the annual business meeting.

Section 3

Unforeseen vacancies on the Board will be filled by appointment by the President of AFGAR.

Section 4

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held twice a year, and more often at the discretion of the President or if called for by three Board members. Members will be notified of a meeting by mail more than one month prior to the meeting. A quorum shall consist of five elective members of the Board, and a quorum will be necessary to conduct business.

Section 5

All members of the Board who are present will have one vote on all motions brought before the Board. Motions shall be passed or failed by a simple majority vote of those voting.

Section 6

Board members will remain in good standing by attending each meeting or by submitting reasons for failure to attend prior to the meeting. One unexcused absence will result in automatic replacement of the member.

ARTICLE VI ● MEETINGS

Section 1

An annual business meeting shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Board. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the President of AFGAR.

Section 2

A quorum of the general membership of AFGAR shall consist of those members present at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VII ● AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership present at the annual business meeting.

ARTICLE VIII ● PUBLICATIONS

Any publications of AFGAR, written and electronic, shall be approved and directed by the Board of Directors.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I ● COMMITTEES

Section 1

Designated committees are outlined within the body of this document.

Section 2

Additional Committees may be appointed by the President of the AFGAR to serve during his term of office. Committees will report at the annual business meeting and at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II ● AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be amended or revised at the annual business meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of those members present.