

SPARC Bylaws Changes

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Individual Changes to Vote

1. Article III – Membership – Section 4: Voting

- REASON: TO CLARIFY MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VOTES PER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

- CURRENT:

- A. General and family members shall have voting privileges.

- PROPOSED:

- A. General and family members shall have voting privileges. (A family is limited to no more than 3 votes).

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2. Article III – Membership – Section 5. Discipline

- REASON: TO CLARIFY

- ADD:

F. Expelled members cannot hold a board position.

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3. Article IV Meetings – Section 2. Special Meetings

- REASON: TO ADD ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OPTION AND FIX TYPOS

- CURRENT:

B. Written notice, stating Place, Date and Hour of any Special Meeting of the members in good standing, shall be delivered personally or sent by mail to each member not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting. The purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated on the notice. Using email is permitted for notification presuming proper notification of receipt is guaranteed.

- PROPOSED:

B. Written notice, stating **place, date and hour** of any Special Meeting of the members in good standing, shall be delivered personally, **electronically**, or sent by mail to each member not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such meeting. The purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be stated on the notice. **The e-mail shall be sent to the e-mail address on file. (Members are responsible for maintaining current e-mail on file with the club treasurer.)**

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4. Article IV Meetings – Section 5. Locations

- REASON: TO ADD ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND ALLOW BOARD TO CALL MEETING
- CURRENT:
 - A. All meetings shall take place at such locale as may be designated by the President or the Executive Board.
- PROPOSED:
 - A. All meetings shall take place at such locale as may be designated by the President or **a majority vote of the Executive Board (this includes the need for electronic meetings).**
 - B. If in-person meetings unavailable due to circumstances electronic meetings are an option.**

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5. Article VI Government – Section 1. Executive Board

- REASON: TO ADD BOARD MEMBERS THAT WERE INADVERTENTLY OMITTED IN PDF OR NEW POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE ADDED TO THE BOARD, ADD “(s)” WHERE NEEDED.
- CURRENT:
 - B. Shall consist of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Trustee for the Club Radio Station, Trustee for the Club Repeater(s), Editor of the Club Bulletin (SPARC GAP) and three (3) Board Members elected by the general membership. In the event multiple positions above are filled by one (1) person, said person shall have only one vote.
- PROPOSED:
 - B. Shall consist of the President, **Vice-President**, Secretary, Treasurer, **Club Contest Coordinator, VE**, Immediate Past President, **Living President(s) Emeritus**, Trustee(s) for the Club Radio Station, Trustee(s) for the Club Repeater(s), Editor of the Club Bulletin (SPARC GAP) and three (3) Board Members elected by the general membership. In the event multiple positions above are filled by one (1) person, said person shall have only one vote.

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6. Article VI Government – Section 1. Executive Board

- REASON: TO RESTRICT AMOUNT SPENT BEFORE THE CLUB IS INFORMED.

- ADD:

F. Limit the board to \$2,500 expenditures between monthly meetings.

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7. Article VI Government – Section 7. Duties of the Secretary

- REASON: TO REFLECT CURRENT PROCESS.

- CURRENT:

B. Read minutes of the previous meeting and summary of EXECUTIVE BOARD meeting at each regular meeting of the membership.

- PROPOSED:

B. Publish minutes of meetings on the club website.

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8. Article VII Committees – Section 1. Committee Composition

- REASON: TO REFLECT CURRENT PROCESS DUE TO LACK OF AVAILABILITY.

- CURRENT:

- A. Standing Committee

- 2. Shall consist of a Chairman and at least four (4) other members.

- PROPOSED:

- A. Standing Committee

- 2. Shall consist of a Chairman and **at least 2 additional members.**

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9. Article VII Committees – Section 2. Standing Committees

- REASON: TO CLEAN UP FORMAT (EXTRA LETTER), CLARIFY, AND ELIMINATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE TO REFLECT CURRENT COMMITTEES.

- CURRENT:

- A. Club Radio Station

Chairman shall be the Station Trustee.

- B. Repeater Station(s)

- C. Chairman shall be the Station Trustee(s).

- D. Publications

Chairman shall be the Editor of SPARC-GAP.

- E. Membership

- F. Refreshment

- PROPOSED:

- A. Club Radio Station

Chairman shall be the (**W4GAC**) Station Trustee.

- B. Repeater Station(s)

Chairman shall be the (**WA4AKH**) Station Trustee.

- C. Publications

Chairman shall be the Editor of SPARC-GAP.

- D. Refreshment

Chairman shall arrange for refreshments to be served at SPARC Meetings.

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10. Article VII Committees – Section 3. Duties of Chairman

- REASON: TO REFLECT CURRENT PROCESS.
- CURRENT:
 - D. A committee of the membership appointed by the President shall audit SPARC's Financial Records annually and a written report shall be submitted to the Executive Board.
- PROPOSED:
 - D. An **ad-hoc** committee of the membership appointed by the President shall audit SPARC's Financial Records annually and a written report shall be submitted to the Executive Board.

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11. Article VIII Nominations and Elections – Section 2. Elections

- REASON: TO ADD TRANSPARENCY.
- ADD:
 - C. **Results of the election including vote tally shall be announced at the meeting.**

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12. Article IX Complimentary Titles – Section 1. President Emeritus

- REASON: TO DELETE EXTRA WORDING.
- CURRENT:
 - A. Is a complimentary title that may be bestowed on a Past President of SPARC, which normally is given at the time his term of office is completed and when he has performed in a truly outstanding manner.
- PROPOSED:
 - A. Is a complimentary title that may be bestowed on a Past President of SPARC.

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13. Article XI Amendments – Section 2. Notification

- REASON: TO ADD ELECTRONIC MAILING.
- CURRENT:

All members who were not present at the meeting at which the intended amendment was announce shall be sent by mail notice of intent to amend not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the membership shall vote on the amendment.
- PROPOSED:

All members who were not present at the meeting at which the intended amendment was announced shall be sent by mail (physical or electronic) notice of intent to amend not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which the membership shall vote on the amendment.

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14. Article III Membership – Section 2. Application

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - A. Application for membership with tender of dues may be submitted to the membership at any time.
 - B. Upon acceptance by membership committee, the applicant shall be introduced to the membership at a regular meeting.
 - C. Applicant for membership shall be voted on at a regular meeting. A favorable majority vote will denote acceptance.
- PROPOSED:
 - A. Application for membership with tender of dues may be submitted to the membership at any time.
 - B. Applicant for membership shall be voted on at a regular meeting. A favorable majority vote will denote acceptance.

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15. Article III Membership – Section 3. Membership Dues

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - B. Membership dues shall be valid for the calendar year January 1st to December 31st.
 - C. Any member whose dues are not paid by January 31st of the new year shall cease to be a member.
- PROPOSED:
 - B. Membership dues shall be valid for the calendar year January **one (1)** to December **thirty-one (31)**.
 - C. Any member whose dues are not paid by January **thirty-one (31)** of the new year shall cease to be a member.

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16. Article III Membership – Section 5. Discipline

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - D. Upon ~~expulsion~~ from membership any dues paid for future years in advance shall be returned to the member.
- PROPOSED:
 - D. Upon **expulsion** from membership any dues paid for future years in advance shall be returned to the member.

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17. Article VI Government – Section 4. Quorum

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - A Quorum of the EXECUTIVE BOARD shall be five (5) members thereof.
- PROPOSED:
 - A **q**uorum of the EXECUTIVE BOARD shall be five (5) members thereof.

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18. Article VI Government – Section 5. Duties of the President

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.

- CURRENT:

The President shall:

- A. Be the Executive Office of SPARC.

- PROPOSED:

The President shall:

- A. Be the Executive Officer of SPARC.

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19. Article VI Government – Section 5. Duties of the President

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.

- CURRENT:

The President shall:

- H. Appoint all committee chairman necessary to the club.

- PROPOSED:

The President shall:

- H. Appoint all committee chairs necessary to the club.

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20. Article VI Government – Section 8. Duties of the Treasurer

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.

- CURRENT:

The treasurer shall:

- PROPOSED:

The Treasurer shall:

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21. Article VI Government – Section 8. Duties of the Treasurer

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.

- CURRENT:

E. Receive applications and monies for new members from the membership.

- PROPOSED:

E. Receive applications and monies for new members.

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22. Article VI Government – Section 8. Duties of the Treasurer

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - H. Keep membership list of all members with Name, Call, Address and other pertinent information.
- PROPOSED:
 - H. Keep membership list of all members with name, call, address and other pertinent information.

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23. Article VI Government – Section 8. Duties of the Treasurer

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - J. Complete a roster of SPARC members, with current dues, as of January thirtyone (31) and have available for all members by March (1) of the current year.
- PROPOSED:
 - J. Complete a roster of SPARC members, with current dues, as of January thirty-one (31) and have available for all members by March one (1) of the current year.
- ADD:
 - L. File state and federal forms as required.

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24. Article VII Committees – Section 3. Duties of Chairman

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - A. At the October meeting each standing committee chairman shall submit to the Executive Board an Annual Budget.
- PROPOSED:
 - A. At the October meeting each standing committee chairman shall submit to the Executive Board an annual budget.

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25. Article VII Committees – Section 3. Duties of Chairman

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.
- CURRENT:
 - D. A committee of the membership appointed by the President shall audit SPARC's Financial Records annually and a written report shall be submitted to the Executive Board.
- PROPOSED:
 - D. An ad-hoc committee of the membership appointed by the President shall audit SPARC's Financial Records annually and a written written report shall be submitted to the Executive Board.

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26. Article VIII Nominations and Elections – Section 1. Nomination Committee

- REASON: Typos, formatting changes, make consistent, document current process.

- CURRENT:

F.

- PROPOSED:

F. Remove.

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