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Mr. Dumont:

In response to Paul G. Sadeck's proposal on April 5, 2018, we, the undersigned, hereby propose the following revisions to The Constitution and Bylaws of the Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Constitution" and "Bylaws"). The following revisions are intended to address both the definition of a member in good standing as intended by Mr. Sadeck, while also updating the types of membership.

1) Revisions to Constitution **ARTICLE IV — MEMBERSHIP, Section 1 — Types of Membership.**

- a. Revision to item **A. Life Member** to strike and replace the following text:

~~A life member shall be any person interested in amateur radio elected to membership. A life member shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association as outlined in Article IV, Section 3A.~~

A life member shall be any licensed Amateur Radio operator elected to membership. A life member shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association as outlined in Article IV, Section 3A.

- b. Members whose names appeared on the Charter of Incorporation have all since passed away. Therefore, item **C. Charter Member** and its following text are no longer necessary and shall be stricken:

~~Members whose names also appear on the Charter of Incorporation dated June 26, 1958 shall be deemed Charter Members.~~

- c. Addition of **C. Associate Member** with the following text:

An associate member shall be any person actively engaged in obtaining an Amateur Radio license or with a sincere interest in Amateur Radio. An associate member shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association as outlined in Article IV, Section 3C.

- 2) Revision to Constitution **ARTICLE IV — MEMBERSHIP, Section 2 — Member in good standing.** The below text shall be stricken and replaced with the following text:

~~A member in good standing shall be one who observes and upholds the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association.~~

A member in good standing shall be one who observes and upholds the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association and is listed as active on the membership roster. A member shall be considered active if they respond to a request to verify and update their contact information with the Association. Such requests shall be permitted once annually per member at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

- 3) Revisions to Constitution **Section 3 — Privileges of Membership.**

- a. Revision to item **A** to remove a reference to Charter members. The following text shall be stricken:

~~Life and Charter members in good standing shall have the following Constitutional rights except as provided otherwise in the Constitution and or Bylaws:~~

- b. Revision to item **B** to include a reference to associate members. The below text shall be stricken and replaced with the following text:

~~Honorary members may only attend and participate in Association meetings and functions and operate Association equipment if properly licensed. Honorary members shall have no vote and cannot place motions, nominate officers or be elected to serve as an officer.~~

Honorary and associate members may only attend and participate in Association meetings and functions and operate Association equipment if properly licensed. Honorary and associate members shall have no vote and cannot place motions, nominate officers or be elected to serve as an officer.

4) Revisions to Bylaws **ARTICLE I — MEMBERSHIP.**

- a. Revision to **Section 1 — Life Member** item **A** to require an Amateur Radio license. The below text shall be stricken and replaced with the following text:

~~Applicants for life membership shall have a genuine interest in amateur radio, and must agree to uphold and be guided by the Association's Constitution and Bylaws. Completed applications shall be brought up under "Applications for Membership" (Ratifications) during the next business meeting following submission of the application.~~

Applicants for life membership shall hold an active Amateur Radio license and must agree to uphold and be guided by the Association's Constitution and Bylaws. Completed applications shall be brought up under "Applications for Membership" (Ratifications) during the next business meeting following submission of the application.

- b. Removal of **Section 3 — Charter Member**. Members whose names appeared on the Charter of Incorporation have all since passed away. Therefore, this section and its following text are no longer necessary and shall be stricken:

~~Any life member listed on the Charter of Incorporation dated June 26, 1958, shall be deemed a charter member and have the full privileges of life membership.~~

- c. Addition of **Section 3 — Associate Member** with the following text:

Applicants for associate membership shall be any person actively engaged in obtaining an Amateur Radio license or with a genuine interest in Amateur Radio. Completed applications shall be brought up under "Applications for Membership" (Ratifications) during the next business meeting following submission of the application. Voting on new associate member applicant(s) follow the same guidelines as outlined in Bylaws Article I, Sections 1B and 1C.

5) Revisions to Bylaws **ARTICLE II — Initiation Fee, Dues, Section 1 — Life Members.**

- a. The title of **Section 1** shall be stricken and replaced with the following text:

~~Section 1 — Life Members~~

Section 1 — Life and Associate Members

- b. The below text shall be stricken and replaced with the following text:

~~All applicants for life membership shall pay an initiation fee as set each year by vote of the membership at the annual business meeting. Applicants not accepted into the Association shall have the initiation fee returned.~~

All applicants for life and associate membership shall pay an initiation fee as set each year by vote of the membership at the annual business meeting. Applicants not accepted into the Association shall have the initiation fee returned.

As per item 3 in Article VIII of the Constitution of the Southeastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (SEMARA), amendments to the Constitution or the Bylaws may be submitted in writing at any business meeting. Such requests for amendment must be signed by five or more full members in good standing. The proposed amendments shall be read aloud under the heading of new business. Members shall be notified of the proposed amendment by one or more means as outlined. We, the undersigned, request this proposal be posted on the Association website and to have it emailed to the membership in time for a vote at the Thursday, June 7, 2018 business meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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