

JACKSONVILLE SKYWARN ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Preamble:

We, the undersigned secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves as the Jax SkyWarn Association and enact this constitution as our governing law. The Jacksonville SkyWarn Association will provide severe weather observation services to the National Weather Service and the citizens of NE Florida and SE Georgia. In doing so the association shall exchange information and cooperation between members, promote radio knowledge, and conduct association programs and activities which advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community.

Membership: Article I

Membership is extended to those who have completed a basic SkyWarn Spotter class.

Officers: Article II

Sec.1. The officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Sec.2. The officers of this association shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting. Ballots may also be submitted via the WX4JAX website.

Sec.3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation. Special election ballots may also be submitted via the WX4JAX website.

Sec.4. Officers will be removed by a three-fourth vote of the membership.

Duties of Officers: Article III

Sec.1. The President shall preside at all meetings and conduct them according to the rules adopted. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and By-Laws, decide all Questions of Order, sign all official documents adopted by the Association, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.

Sec.2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall organize association activities, plan and recommend contests for operating benefits, and advance association interest and activity as approved by the association. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator to further association participation in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service.

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Sec.3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail notices to each member. At the expiration of his/her term, he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the association to his/her successor.

Sec.4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt for all monies paid to the association, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended; pay no bills without proper authorization (by the association or its officers constituting a business committee). At the end of each quarter, he/she shall submit an itemized station of disbursements and receipts. At the expiration of his/her term, he/she shall turn over all items belonging to the association to his/her successor.

Special Committees and Appointments: Article IV

The President, at his/her discretion, may create and dissolve special committees and make special appointments for the betterment and improvement of the Jacksonville Skywarn Association.

Meetings: Article V

The By-Laws shall provide for regular and ad hoc meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Dues: Article VI

The association, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of dues or assessments shall result in expulsion from the association at the discretion of the membership.

Membership Assistance: Article VII

The association, through designated Public Relations, Training and Operating Committees, will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design and operation assisting in frequency observance, compliant signals, uniform practice, and absence of spurious radiation from association members' stations. The association shall maintain a program which fosters and guides public relations.

Amendments: Article VIII

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This Constitution & By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership present. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting or via email and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, or by ballot submitted via WX4JAX website, provided an attempt has been made to notify all members of the intent to amend the Constitution & By-Laws at said meeting. Roberts Rules shall govern proceedings.

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Bylaws:

Membership

- Membership in the Jacksonville Skywarn Association is open to anyone who is interested in severe weather reporting.
- **Full membership** is open to licensed Amateur Radio Operators who have completed a Jacksonville Skywarn Association application and Skywarn Spotter Training offered by the National Weather Service. Full membership includes all Association privileges as well as rights to hold an association office and to vote for association officers. A Jacksonville Skywarn Association Spotter number will be assigned to Full Members.
- **Associate membership** is open to anyone who has completed a Jacksonville Skywarn Association application, Skywarn Spotter Training offered by the National Weather Service, and intends to get their Amateur Radio License within the next 12 months. Associate Membership includes all association privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for association officers. A Jacksonville Skywarn Association Spotter number will not be assigned to Associate Members until they have received their Amateur Radio License.
- An Associate Member will be moved to **Inactive Status** if they do not receive their Amateur Radio License within 12 months of submitting their Jacksonville Skywarn Association application.

Meetings

- Regular meetings shall be held quarterly or more frequently if called by an officer of the association.
- Special meetings may be called by the President upon written request of any five association members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meeting and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated will be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they may arrive not less and 24 hours before the meeting.

Dues

- An assessment per member may be assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article VI of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

Secretary


- It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the Constitution & By-Laws of the association and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the Constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.

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Control and Leadership

- Control and leadership of the Jacksonville Skywarn Association will not fall under nor be managed by any one county or ARES organization. It will remain a separate entity, welcoming members from all counties in the coverage area of the Jacksonville National Weather Service office.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY:



Scott Roberts, President

12/07/2018

Date