

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION

(NEWDXA)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

(Revised November 2006)

Preamble

We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasure and benefits of the association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio DX'ing, constitute ourselves the NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION (NEWDXA) and enact this Constitution and these By-laws as our governing law effective the Eleventh day of December, in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-three.

Purpose

It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and co-operation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism, and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct association programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio DX'ing throughout NorthEast Wisconsin and the world.

Operation

This association shall operate as a non-profit association and raise funds only for the promotion, enhancement, and necessities of the association.

ARTICLE I **MEMBERSHIP**

All licensed amateur radio operators interested in Amateur Radio DX'ing who meet the membership criteria shall be eligible for membership. Membership shall be by application, election, and will be based upon the membership criteria as provided in the association by-laws. Members are considered Members in Good Standing if they are Life Members or members who are current with their dues.

ARTICLE II
OFFICERS, TERM OF OFFICE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1:

The officers of this association shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Membership Coordinator.

Section 2:

The officers of the Association shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present at the Annual meeting held the last scheduled meeting of the year. Nominees for office shall be presented to the membership at a meeting prior to the annual meeting. Those elected officers shall assume their duties at the first meeting held after the election.

Section 3:

Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by a special election at the first meeting following the withdrawal or resignation of an elected officer in the association.

Section 4:

Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the total membership.

Section 5:

The NEWDXA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of: The association officers (6), the immediate past president, and two members at-large (3). All terms are for one year and commence with the first scheduled meeting after the election. All directors have voting privileges. The directors shall have the authority to conduct Association business and disperse funds between scheduled meetings. The Association President, or, in his absence, the Vice-President, shall be the presiding officer at all Board of Directors meetings.

ARTICLE III
DUTIES OF ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association, and conduct the same according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce due observance of the Constitution and by-laws and decide all questions of order, sign all official documents that are adopted by the Association, and perform all other customary duties pertaining to the office of the President.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall arrange DX oriented programs and presentations, such as, guest speakers, film/video tape or slide presentations.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all regular meetings, publish the minutes to members via the Association newsletter, publish the minutes on the Association website, maintain a record (history) of all previous minutes and correspondence, carry on correspondence and read communications. The Secretary shall report to the membership present at each meeting on the minutes of the last meeting. The Secretary shall keep the Constitution and By-laws of the Association and have a copy available at each meeting. The Secretary shall cause all amendments, changes and additions to be noted thereon and shall permit the same to be consulted by members upon request. This person shall upon the expiration of his/her term of office turn over all items belonging to the Association to the successor.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall maintain the association bank account and all financial records as well as providing a monthly treasurer report on the status of that account to the board of directors. The Treasurer will collect membership dues and any other assessments that are deemed necessary. He/she will provide a treasurer report at each association meeting. The Treasurer will maintain a membership dues structure on the NEWDXA website. The Treasurer upon the expiration of his/her term of office will turn over all items, including all financial records belonging to the Association to his or her successor. The Treasurer may assign specific duties to the Assistant Treasurer and monitor such duties. The Treasurer shall carry out all duties specified in the Association by-laws. The Assistant Treasurer shall assist the Treasurer as deemed appropriate by the Treasurer and assume the duties when the Treasurer is not present.

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR: The Membership Coordinator shall promote membership in the association. The coordinator shall encourage membership and pursue candidates who exhibit a sincere interest and passion for DX-ing.

The coordinator shall disperse, collect and review all applications for completeness, read the prospective members list at meetings and introduce the sponsors of all prospective members. The coordinator will solicit prospective member NEWDXA sponsors. The coordinator will assist the sponsors by providing basic application information. The coordinator shall notify all prospective members of their membership status as soon as possible after the meeting in which voting has taken place.

The coordinator shall maintain a membership list and provide the secretary and treasurer with an accurate list of members as needed by the secretary and treasurer. The membership list shall be maintained on the NEWDXA website and be current. A paper copy of the membership shall be available to the board at each association meeting. The membership listing shall include member name, e-mailing address, postal address, phone number, membership number, amateur radio call sign, and any other information deemed appropriate. The membership coordinator shall issue NEWDXA Membership Certificates. Such certificates shall be numbered sequentially and shall match the member number which is issued upon acceptance into NEWDXA. The Membership Coordinator shall maintain records on member status with regard to initial DXCC certificates issued

and member HONOR ROLL status; such records may be incorporated into the basic membership listing.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS

The by-laws shall provide for meetings and special meetings with one such meeting being the Annual meeting. The Annual meeting shall be the last scheduled meeting of the year. A minimum of one-fourth of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE V
DUES

The Association, by majority vote of those present at any meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the Association as provided for in the by-laws. Non-payment of membership dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Association within the discretion of the membership as found in the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI
AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members in good standing. Ballots can be cast by either a paper ballot or responding to an appropriate e-mail ballot. Proposals for constitutional amendments shall be submitted in writing to the association president at the beginning of any meeting. An amendment shall be voted on at the next meeting, provided all members have been notified of the intent to amend the constitution at said meeting. Such notification may be published in association minutes or via e-mail.

The Association By-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting.

Robert's Rules shall govern all proceedings.

ARTICLE VII
NEWDXA CHARTER MEMBERSHIP

Charter membership in the NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION is hereby granted to the following qualified Amateur Radio Operators who founded the association on December 11, 1993. Their names shall continue to be included in the Constitution to recognize their dedication to the Amateur Radio community of NORTHEAST WISCONSIN and DX'ing world-wide. Article VII of this Constitution shall not be amended, repealed, or removed.

CHARTER MEMBERS NEWDXA

GEORGE CROY (01) W9MDP
JOHN MEYER (02) NZ9Z
JIM PROMIS (03) WY9E
JACK BIGELOW (04) KA9JOL
GERRY RADTKE (05) WA9GON
MARK MICHEL (06) W9OP
GARY HOEHNE (07) KB9AIT
TONY CIANGO (08) KF9TF
GARY BANKS (09) N9ER
MIKE WILLMAN (10) AA9AA
DALE JOHNSON (11) WB9NRK
R. SCOTT FRANCOIS (12) N9JCL
SKIP CASWELL (13) KE9LK
BOB SCHRADER (14) AA9GZ
ED DOUGLASS (15) N9DJT
WAYNE SCHANKE (16) KE9VU
ARDEN NELSON (17) KA9WAR
TOM PRUST (18) N9LWI
DAVID JAEGER (19) WN9Q
ERWIN FROEHLICH (20) W9RZW
JOHN SCHNETZER (21) WB9SAU

NORTHEAST WISCONSIN DX ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any licensed amateur who meets the following criteria:

The prospective member has a sincere interest in, and a passion for DX-ing

The prospective member is actively pursuing an initial DXCC certificate and will continue working toward a higher DXCC total (working toward Honor Roll).

The prospective member adheres to the purpose of NEWDXA as listed in the Constitution.

The prospective member fulfills and continues to meet the requirements as set forth in ARTICLE V (DUES) and related dues by-laws.

After application, the prospective members will have a member sponsor assigned to them by the membership coordinator. The sponsor will contact and obtain general information from the prospective member, answer questions, explain the acceptance process, and speak on behalf of the prospective member at the next meeting.

The prospective member may attend the meeting in which voting takes place. Guests and prospective members present during the acceptance into membership portion of the meeting agenda will be asked to leave the meeting room temporarily.

Three-fourths of the members present at the meeting must vote for acceptance into NEWDXA.

A member is considered a Member In Good Standing provided the member is a Life Member or current with their dues payments.

MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at such place and time as the President shall order. Special meetings may be called by the President, provided each member is so advised of the

subject matter not less than seventy-two hours before the meeting via email. The Association year will run from January to December. The first meeting of each year will be the meeting that officers and directors elected at the Annual meeting shall take office. The annual meeting will be the last scheduled meeting of the year. Meeting dates for the succeeding year shall be established at the Annual meeting.

VOTING

Only members in good standing may vote on Association matters.

ASSOCIATION DUES

The initial dues for new membership shall be assessed at a rate as set at the Annual meeting by the membership. The annual dues rate and the Life Membership dues rate will be set by the membership at the Annual meeting. Dues will be payable to the treasurer in January of each year.

Members may select Life Membership at anytime, however, there will be no pro-ration of dues that may have already been paid during the year Life Membership is selected.

The dues schedule for the succeeding year will be published in the minutes of the annual meeting.

Non-payment of membership dues or assessments shall be cause to be excluded from association membership within the discretion of the membership. Any member who is in arrears for one year shall be notified as soon as possible via postal notification and/or e-mail that his/her membership is in arrears. Following the second year in arrears the member shall be notified that he/she is being dropped from Association membership. They will also be notified that should the member wish to re-instate their membership in good standing the member should notify the treasurer immediately and enclose their reinstatement fee which will be the present annual dues structure in place at the time of reinstatement times the number of years they have been in arrears.

DXCC CERTIFICATE

Members who obtain, or members who already have obtained, their initial ARRL DXCC certificate shall notify the membership coordinator that they have such a certificate. Members shall also notify the membership coordinator when they achieve HONOR ROLL.