

# K1UVM

## United Veterans of Maine ARC – UVMARC *Constitution*

### **Preamble:**

The name of this organization is United Veterans of Maine Amateur Radio Club. It shall be abbreviated with the FCC as United Veterans of Maine ARC (UVMARC). It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency. Additionally, our purpose will be to conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in northern Maine with a focus on our nation's Armed Forces veterans. The United Veterans of Maine ARC will strive to maintain the integrity, honesty and selfless service that comes with amateur radio by setting a standard that is unprecedented to the region. A very important objective is to provide amateur radio license training, license examinations and continued education to individuals residing anywhere within the State of Maine.

### **Article I. Membership**

Membership shall be open to any person who actively supports UVMARC's purpose as set forth in this document. We reserve the right to decline membership to anyone the board deems to not represent the goals and mission of this organization. All interested members shall complete an application for membership and the Board of Directors reserve the right to establish policies that protect the aforementioned mission and principles outlined in the Preamble.

### **Article II. Officers**

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

Sec. 2. The positions of President and Vice-President, if permanently vacated, shall be filled through a nomination and vote of the membership.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall be appointed by the President and Vice-President.

Sec. 4. A member shall be designated as the Amateur Radio License Trustee. The Trustee shall establish and maintain an Amateur Radio Club Station for the use of the licensed members of UVMARC and other licensed radio amateurs, and shall carry out the duties designated by the Federal Communication Commission for the trustee of this station. In the event that the trustee can no longer perform the duties of Trustee, he shall designate another Society member who holds an amateur license to apply to the FCC to succeed him as trustee. The president shall concur in the selection of this new Trustee.

### **Article III. Duties of Officers**

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 club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. Meeting minutes of UVMARC are maintained by the President at his/her discretion.

Sec. 2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall account for all monies paid to the club.

Sec. 4. The Directors shall provide additional guidance on decisions to be made directly pertaining to the club in any manner possible. They shall additionally provide assistance in emergency field operations at the express direction of the club President or Vice President in the event we are called into service by means of providing critical communications.

Sec. 5. The Secretary shall provide the needed support in taking meeting notes, minutes and also be responsible for the assistance of other clerical activities as necessary to support activities for UVMARC.

Sec. 6. The Public Affairs Officer shall be responsible for the administration of announcements directly relating to UVMARC's activities. They shall answer questions from the general public relating to anything that affects the organization or interaction with public senior officials.

#### **Article IV. Meetings**

All meetings of UVMARC shall be informal and may be called at the discretion of at least two officers. Such meetings may take place in person, over amateur radio or through other electronic communication means. Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

#### **Article V. Dues**

UVMARC shall collect membership dues with the express and explicit purpose of furthering our organization's purpose in the amateur radio service. This would include, but not be limited to, the purchase of repeater equipment, club station equipment and accessories that allow the organization to fulfill its mission in the amateur radio service. Any additional functions that shall require finances will be solicited through monetary donation to the organization.

#### **Article VII. Amendments**

The constitution or By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been notified at least one month in advance by mail or email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or By-Laws at said meeting.

**Constitution adopted by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2018.**

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United Veterans of Maine ARC (UVMARC)

## *By-Laws*

**1. Organization.** The name of this organization is the United Veterans of Maine Amateur Radio Club (UVMARC). It is organized as a non-profit amateur radio club within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(7)) and section 5 of part 97 of the FCC Regulations supporting The Communications Act of 1934 (47 C.F.R. 97.5(d)(2)). However, no filing before the Internal Revenue Service for non-profit status shall be necessary as long as the organization does not maintain a treasury of its own.

**2. Membership.** Full membership is open to licensed amateurs in good standing as well as to those with an interest in Amateur Radio. Applications for membership shall be submitted at regular meetings. Applications for membership shall strictly adhere to the honesty, integrity and moral character of amateur radio as set forth in Part 97 of the FCC Rules. UVMARC will conduct a background investigation as established in the application for membership labeled "Basic Qualification Question", which asks applicants if they have been convicted of any crime in any jurisdiction within the United States. To expressly protect UVMARC's integrity as an amateur radio club, the Board of Directors reserve the right to screen applicants to determine membership eligibility. The Board of Directors shall establish written policy pertaining to membership eligibility requirements and shall be reviewed bi-annually. Changes to this section shall require two thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

**3. Governing Board.** The organization shall be governed by a Board of Directors. This Board shall be comprised of the club's FCC call sign trustee, any and all equipment (repeater) trustees, and a sufficient number of elected directors, of equal number or one less, but not less than 3, to maintain an odd count of directorships. Each position on the Board shall have one vote. Should a person hold more than one position, that person shall have that respective number of votes on the Board. A member cannot be elected to more than one position. The trusteeship positions are not elected positions. Each trustee may select his/her successor. However, with the acquisition of organization-owned equipment, or should a trusteeship become vacant without a successor named, the Board may appoint any member of the organization to that trusteeship position.

**4. Election Procedure.** Periodic elections are not required, but may be requested by at least one existing member. Only members of the organization shall be eligible to vote. Each member shall be able to cast as many votes as there are elected positions to fill. Election to the Board shall occur for the candidate receiving the largest plurality of votes and continue to the next largest plurality until all positions are filled. Should there be a tie vote for any position where

there are more candidates than elected positions remaining, the membership will vote again, considering only those candidates and with each member casting a number of votes equal to the number of positions remaining. Should there be an equal or lesser number of candidates seeking election to the Board, they shall be considered elected without an election having taken place. There are no term limits imposed on any elected position.

**5. Dues.** The Board of Directors may set the necessary [annual] membership dues, which may not be increased by more than 25% of its current level without consent of two-thirds of the membership. The initial dues amount shall be zero, and any dues shall be collected in U.S. dollars.

**6. Equipment and Property.** Unless purchased with funds from the organization's treasury, all equipment used by the organization remains the property of the respective trustee. No rights shall affix to the equipment by virtue of its use by the organization or its members nor shall the ownership rights of the trustee be diminished. All equipment purchased by the organization itself, from its treasury, remain property of the organization and likewise, no right of ownership attaches to such by the appointed trustee (or his successor).

**7. Ratification.** The constitution and bylaws are hereby amended and ratified by unanimous vote on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with the current directors of the organization being:



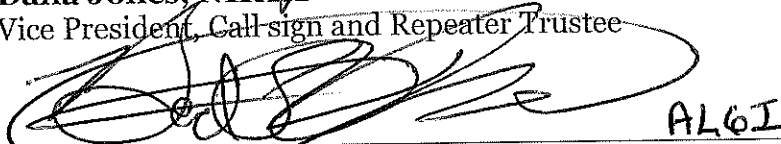
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**John DeVeau Jr, AL8E**  
President



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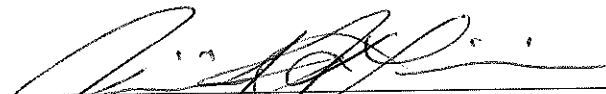
**Dana Jones, N1RTK**  
Vice President, Call sign and Repeater Trustee



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**Brandin Hess, AL6I**  
Director



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**Jonathan Limary, N0JKL**  
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