**HamWAN Constitution**

Article 0 – Mission

HamWAN is focused on creating, operating and coordinating free digital networks. These digital networks are used for:

1. emergency communications when other systems go down
2. research and development in the realm of microwave networking
3. a means of free digital communication for anyone who is or becomes a licensed radio amateur
4. an educational resource in spreading the knowledge of how to create, operate and use such networks

All knowledge generated and gathered by HamWAN in the realm of microwave networking is made freely available to the public for unrestricted consumption. Coordination services provided by HamWAN ensure the interoperability of other similar networks not directly under HamWAN’s control.

Article I – Members

HamWAN membership status is open to everyone. A member is accepted by default, after having gone through the enrollment process, unless the board votes to reject membership to a potential member.

Article II – Board of Directors

The board shall be composed of three or more Directors, one of whom is also acting as Chairman. Directors shall have no predefined duties. The only special duty of the Chairman is to resolve vote ties; the Chairman effectively gets two votes in this case. Board positions shall be valid for one year, and obtained by election.

Article III – Elections

All club members are entitled to one vote. Board candidates shall announce their intention to serve on the board no later than Oct 1st. Ballots shall be published no later than Oct 2nd. Voting shall be conducted no sooner than Oct 7th and no later than Oct 15th. Election of a board member shall be successful if the candidate receives more “Yay” votes than “Nay” votes.

Directors wishing to serve as Chairman shall announce their intention to be elected no later than Oct 16th. Voting for Chairman will be held no later than Oct 17th. Votes for Chairman can only be cast by the newly elected board members. The Chairman shall be the candidate with the most “Yay” votes. Ties shall be resolved by the acting Chairman.

On Oct 18th all election outcomes go into effect.

Article IV – Decisions

Director decisions or actions which:

1. impact HamWAN finances in excess of $100 USD
2. or contractually obligate HamWAN in any way
3. or are reasonably judged as significant

shall be announced to the public HamWAN voting mailing list. Voting will be considered complete 24 hours after the mailing list announcement of the issue at hand. Decisions shall be rendered approved by a majority vote of the Directors who voted. Directors unfamiliar with the issue at hand are encouraged to abstain from voting. Members cannot cast votes, although they can communicate with Directors to influence their votes on issues.

Article V – Director Removal

Directors can be removed from the board by a “Yay” vote of 75% or more board members.

Article VI – Dissolution

Should the board vote to dissolve HamWAN, physical assets can be liquidated with all resulting and remaining assets, liquid or physical, to be distributed to like-minded charity organizations.

Article VII – Amendments

Any documents of HamWAN governance, including this constitution, can be amended by a 66% or more vote of the membership. Proposals for amendments shall be published to the public HamWAN voting mailing list, and voting shall be considered complete 168 hours (7 days) after the mailing list announcement.