

# NRAU Constitution

## Name and Purpose

The Nordic Amateur Radio Union (NRAU) is a union consisting of the following national Amateur Radio societies: Experimenterende Danske Radioamatører (EDR), Føroyskir Radioamatørar (FRA), Íslenskir Radíóamatörar (IRA), Norsk Radio Relæ Liga (NRRL), Suomen Radioamatööriliitto ry (SRAL), and Föreningen Sveriges Sändareamatörer (SSA).

The aim of NRAU is to handle matters of common interest to the member societies.

## Board

Each member society shall appoint a liaison officer, acting as a board member, and a deputy. The board member remains in office until the next appointment. The member society next in line to arrange the following ordinary NRAU meeting shall hold the NRAU presidency until the closure of that meeting, and shall appoint the NRAU president for the same period. Once decided, information on NRAU board members and presidency shall immediately be communicated to the member societies.

The president shall ensure that all NRAU activities are carried out under the terms of this constitution and that decisions and recommendations approved by the NRAU meetings are properly executed, and shall also make sure that NRAU is administered in a satisfactory manner. The member society appointing the president is required to ensure that the appointee is provided with needed administrative assistance.

The board members shall lead their respective delegations to each NRAU meeting and shall cast their vote on behalf of their own delegation.

## Meetings

Ordinary NRAU meetings are to be held at least ahead of every IARU Region 1 conference, and at least one month prior to the said conference. These meetings shall be arranged in turn by EDR, SSA, NRRL and SRAL.

The NRAU president shall give the member societies at least four months' notice for submitting any agenda items. The member societies should be called to each meeting with a minimum of two months' notice. Relevant documents shall be attached to the invitation to the said meeting.

Extraordinary NRAU meetings are to be held when at least three of the member societies have so requested in writing. Such a request should reach the president no later than four months before the desired date of the meeting.

The president should invite to such a meeting with at least two months' notice. One of the member societies that have requested such an extraordinary NRAU meeting shall in the request undertake to arrange such a meeting.

The following regulations apply to both ordinary and extraordinary NRAU meetings:

- Each member society has one vote and has the right to participate with four delegates besides their appointed board member or deputy.
- Experts and observers are entitled to attend the meetings.
- Meetings are chaired by the NRAU president, unless otherwise decided.
- All decisions are made by a simple majority vote. If the vote ends in a tie, it will be decided by draw.
- Special committees may be appointed and dismissed. Proposals agreed upon by a committee shall be dealt with and decided upon at an NRAU meeting.
- Member societies should endeavor to carry out all recommendations resulting from NRAU meetings.

## **Economy**

The member society representing the president shall cover all administrative expenses including the rental of venues for ordinary NRAU meetings.

The rental of venues for extraordinary NRAU meetings shall be paid by the society responsible for arranging the actual meeting.

Travel expenses and accommodation for delegates attending NRAU meetings shall be covered by the respective member societies.

Accommodation and travel by cheapest means for representatives from FRA and IRA may, subject to prior consensus, be covered by EDR, NRRL, SRAL and SSA – each of these four paying one-fifth of the total, respectively.

## **Dissolution**

NRAU may be dissolved if at least two-thirds of the member societies approve this at two consecutive NRAU meetings, of which one must be an ordinary meeting. A member society may leave NRAU with one year's notice.

## **Changes to NRAU Constitution**

Changes to this Constitution may be approved at an NRAU meeting by a majority vote of at least two-thirds.

## **History**

Original text in Swedish agreed 21<sup>st</sup> of August 1993

Cost sharing for FRA and IRA agreed in Stockholm in 1996

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