

SDXA Constitution (update 02 Mar 2023)

ARTICLE I - Name and Purpose

Section 1 Name: This organization shall be known as the **Spokane DX Association** (SDXA).

Section 2 Corporate status: The Spokane DX Association is a public non-profit corporation maintained pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington. The corporation is registered with the Secretary of State, Corporate Division, State of Washington, Olympia WA 98504.

Section 3 Serving Eastern Washington and North Idaho

Section 4 The purpose of this Association is to bring together those radio amateurs interested in the serious endeavor of working DX, DX contesting and HF operations, to enhance the DXCC totals of the members, to promote good DX operating practices, to enjoy the fellowship of likeminded individuals, and to promote international good will by contacting other amateur radio operators in various countries. Visitors with an interest in DXing and/or contesting and/or HF operations shall be welcome at meetings.

A conjunctive purpose of the SDXA is to publicize and support amateur radio by providing education and training to future amateur radio operators, by offering technical advancement seminars to already licensed operators. And supporting of emergency communications and other area-wide operating activities.

ARTICLE II - Membership

Section 1 Charter members shall be those persons attending the March 24, 2002 organizing committee meeting, and those meeting the criteria of Sections 2 or 3 and who have presented their membership applications at the first Association meeting. Charter members do not have any special privileges.

Section 2 DXCC membership is open to those licensed amateur radio operators who state on the membership application they hold an ARRL DX Century Club (DXCC) membership or the equivalent or have achieved such. The current officers will review the applicant that they show genuine interest in meeting the intent of the purpose of the club.

Section 3 non-DXCC membership shall be granted to those stating on the membership application they are genuinely involved in DXing, DX contesting, or HF operations and will continue the process of contacting additional entities and collecting the confirmations or in operating contests in a consistent manner. Non-DXCC members can become DXCC members, by meeting the criteria in Section 2. The current officers will review the applicant that they show genuine interest in meeting the intent of the purpose of the club.

Section 4 All DXCC and non-DXCC Members shall have an **equal vote**. Proxies are not to be recognized. In order to maintain ARRL affiliation, all voting Members are encouraged to be ARRL members also.

Section 5 The **Bylaws** shall provide for the payment of annual dues by DXCC and non-DXCC Members, but not by Honorary Members. Dues payable at the time of initial application for membership will be pro-rated. Dues are payable pursuant to the following requirements:

A. DXCC and non-DXCC Membership

1. Pays regular annual dues.

B. Honorary Membership

1. An amateur may be made an Honorary (non-voting) Member by a majority vote of the Officers.
2. Honorary members pay no dues.

C. Family Membership

1. Two or more members or applicants, each meeting the criteria of a DXCC or non-DXCC Member, must reside in the same household.
2. One amateur pays regular annual dues, and all other amateurs who are Family Members are eligible for family membership and annual dues payable at 50% of the regular annual dues.
3. Family Members shall have the same voting rights as DXCC or non-DXCC Members, as appropriate.

D. Waiving of Dues

1. The Officers, at their discretion, may waive the annual dues for any member based on hardship or special circumstances.
2. Dues will be waived for any member less than 19 years of age.

Section 6 Any **Officer or Member may be removed** by a motion made at a regular meeting by any member, and carried by a majority of the members present, and then subsequently carried by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the following regular meeting. A (good faith) attempt will be made to contact the Officer or Member and opportunity to present their side of the issue at the following meeting.

ARTICLE III - Officers

Section 1 The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected, as provided below, for one-year terms. Officers are also Directors of the SDXA. Additionally, the most immediate past-President that is a member in good standing and is in the eastern WA or northern ID area shall be an officer.

Section 2 Any vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled at the club's discretion, by a majority vote of the remaining Officers for the balance of the term of the subject vacancy.

Section 3 Nominations for Officers shall be made at the November membership meeting. The Nominating Committee shall present their nominees, and additional nominations may be made from the floor. In the event that there are no nominations from the floor for one or more positions, the

nominees of the Nominating Committee shall be declared elected by voice acclamation at the November meeting.

Section 4 Officers are to be elected by voice acclamation at the regularly scheduled November meeting.. Officers elected by vote at the November meeting will take office on 01 January the following year.

ARTICLE IV - Duties of the Officers

Section 1 The president shall be the executive officer of the SDXA subject to the control of the Board of Directors. The president shall preside at all the general and Board of Directors meetings of the Association and shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and Bylaws, decide all questions of order, and perform all other duties customarily pertaining to the office of the President.¶

Section 2 The Vice President shall assist the President in all matters of the Association and shall act in the President's behalf in his/her absence. Additionally, utilizing the resources of the membership, the Vice President shall endeavor to schedule a program for each meeting whenever appropriate.

Section 3 The Secretary shall be sure all correspondence on behalf of the Association and awards issued by the Association as directed are done in a timely manner. The Secretary shall be sure minutes of meetings of the Association Membership are published and maintained. The Secretary shall be sure timely submittals to the sponsoring bodies of contests consisting of those members who participated in the event as necessary to post a "club score" are done.

Section 4 The Treasurer shall be sure a maintained roster of Members is published, be custodian for all Association funds, establish and maintain a bank account in the name of the Association, and be sure monthly bank reconciliation and a monthly statement of income, expenditures, and asset balance are done. Additionally the treasurer will file and maintain all documents required to maintain the associations State Corporation and Federal 501c(3) non-profit status.

ARTICLE V – Committees, Activities and Appointed Positions

Section 1 The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2 Any additional committees, working groups or activities of one or more members may be established by the SDXA officers to serve as needed, including appointment of the chairperson.

Section 3 Leaders of activities and functions can be appointed by the Officers.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

Section 1 The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special membership meetings. 20% of the members in good standing in attendance at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of official Association business.

ARTICLE VII - Amendments

Section 1 The Constitution and/or Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present at a regular meeting. Proposals for amendments offered shall be submitted and read at a regular membership meeting, and shall be discussed and voted on at the following regular membership meeting.

SDXA BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - Dues

Dues for all DXCC and non-DXCC members shall be determined by the current Officers, with a suggested rate of \$20.00 per year payable by the March monthly meeting for a member to remain in good standing. Any member not remitting dues by the March meeting will be dropped from the membership roster. Pro-rating suggestion for the remainder of the year (after March) for new members would be rounded down to next integer dollar. (e.g. if dues are \$25, then new members @ 6 months would pay $25/12 = \$2.08 \times 6 \text{ months} = \12.48 so \$12.)

ARTICLE II - Regular Meetings

Regular membership meetings shall normally be held on the first Thursday of each calendar month. The meeting place (including on-line) for regular monthly membership meetings shall be determined by the Officers.

ARTICLE III - Expenditures

Expenditures of Association funds of \$100 or less may be authorized by the President or Treasurer. Expenditures of over \$100, but not more than \$300, must be authorized by a majority of Association Officers. Expenditures of over \$300 must be authorized by a majority of the members in attendance at any regular membership meeting. All expenditures must be within the current budget unless it's an emergency expense.

ARTICLE IV – Use of Personal Devices

Should the Club, SDXA, need to use an Item from a members personal inventory as there is no other way to proceed without it for a club function, a decision will need to be made by the officers of SDXA in writing to agree to cover the cost of repair and/or replacement of such item if it is damaged while being used for the SDXA's event. This means the Officers of SDXA have to agree on an item or items use as well as the fact the club can afford to repair or replace the item as needed. This does not supersede or replace any member's general agreement from bringing something for use during Field Day or any other event at the members own wish to do so. Every member needs to fully understand that anything not covered in writing has no warranty from the club nor is the SDXA to be held responsible for any such usage.