

**NORTHEAST LOUISIANA AMATEUR RADIO Club**  
**February 5, 2019**

At Harvest Assembly of God church 100 Ole Highway 15, West Monroe

Club President Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. There were 17 present.

Ruth Ragsdale, WM5LA, gave a financial report.

**NELARC NEWS:**

- Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, reported successful participation at Winter Field Day.
- Hamfest update
  - April 27, 2019
  - Approved by ARRL
  - W5L special event approved and operating at hamfest
  - Still working on prizes
  - Will need door prizes again
- Next meeting @ Piccadilly, March 5, 2019

**ARES:**

Duffy Frantom, KD5IDZ, two training sessions: March 2, 2019 at Winnsboro and March 6, 2019 at Ouachita Parish Fire Department.

**Contest update:**

Scott Dickson reported that the ARRL International DX Contest - SSB, Louisiana QSO Party, and CQ WW WPX - SSB are all coming up in March.

**Articles of Organization and Bylaw revisions:**

The text of the revisions is on next page.

Each proposed change was voted on separately. All three revisions were approved with one dissenting vote.

**(John) Mark Robinson, K5JMR**, Louisiana Section manager presented Jim Ragsdale, W5LA with a plaque for Amateur of the Year 2018. He has also nominated Jim for the Delta Division Amateur of the year award.

**Program:** Benson Scott, AE5V, did a presentation on "How to Listen and Make Contacts Using FM Satellites with Your HT".

Meeting was adjourned by Jim Ragsdale, W5LA, at 7:45 PM

## PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION AND BYLAWS

**Text Removed**

**Text Added**

### REVISION #1:

#### Current Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Organization:

The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. **These three officers together with the immediate past-President and two members appointed by the newly elected president for a one-year term shall serve as voting members of the Board of Directors. In addition, three Associate Directors shall serve, but will have no voting rights. They will be current holders of these positions: Club Webmaster, Club Licensing Testing Coordinator, and Ouachita Parish ARES Emergency Coordinator.** The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

#### Proposed change:

The officers of this club shall be a President, a Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer. **Two Directors will be appointed by the newly elected president, and two Board Advisors will be appointed by the Board, each for a one-year term. The three officers, together with the immediate past-President, Directors and Advisors shall serve as voting members of the Board of Directors.** The President shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

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### REVISION #2:

#### Section 8 of the Bylaws (Membership/Dues)

##### Add:

**Any newly licensed operator can become a member with dues waived for the remainder of the year in which they were licensed. In the following year, if they have been licensed less than three months, their dues will be waived.**

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### REVISION #3:

#### Section 9 of the Bylaws (Student membership)

##### Currently:

9. A student membership shall be available only to full time students in any public or private school system.

##### Proposed:

9. A student membership shall be available only to full time students in any public or private school system. **If the student is a member of an active school amateur radio club, the dues will be waived.**