

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
CANADIAN AMATEUR RADIO
HALL OF FAME

Short Title

1. This Constitution may be cited as the **Hall of Fame**.

Interpretation

2. In this Constitution:

“**Hall**” means the Hall of Fame

“**Board**” means the Board of Trustees of the Hall of Fame

“**Custodian**” means the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc

“**Trustee**” means a member of the Board of Trustees of the Hall of Fame

“**Member**” means a Member of the Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame

3. The Hall of Fame shall consist of Members and Honorary Members and recipients of the Award of Honour.

Administration

4. The Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc as the Custodian shall, by virtue of that office, be the sole governing authority of the Hall.

5. The Board of Directors of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc shall appoint one Trustee from each province of Canada, to form the Board of Trustees for the Hall of Fame, and shall appoint an additional person, meeting the qualification outlined in Article 7, to act as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

6. No serving Radio Amateurs of Canada employee, officer, director, assistant director, volunteer manager or leadership official in the Field Organization, may be appointed as a Trustee.

7. Each member of the Board of Trustees:

- a. shall be a resident of Canada chosen from among the ranks of Radio Amateurs, and holding a current Canadian Radio Amateur license issued by the Government of Canada.
- b. shall be appointed for a term not to exceed three years
- c. is eligible for re-appointment as a Trustee.

8. The terms of appointment for the Trustees shall be arranged so that half of the Board has served more than one year.

9. The Board of Trustees shall

- a) consider nominations for Member and Honorary Member of the Hall
- b) appoint Members and Honorary Members of the Hall
- c) advise the Custodian on such matters concerning the Hall as may be referred to the Trustees for consideration.

10. Decisions on appointments shall be by majority vote of the ten Trustees, with an affirmative vote of five or less resulting in defeat of the appointment.

11. The Chair shall maintain the records of the Hall and of the Board of Trustees, arrange for investitures and appointments, and perform such other functions in respect of the Hall as the Custodian may require to be performed.

12. The Board, subject to the Custodian's approval, may appoint such other officials for the Hall as it considers advisable.

Eligibility for Nomination and Appointment to the Hall

13. Any resident of Canada who holds a current amateur radio station licence issued by the Government of Canada, except a Radio Amateurs of Canada employee, officer, director, executive, assistant director, volunteer manager, or leadership official in the Field Organization, may be appointed as Member of the Hall.

14. A person who is not a resident of Canada may be appointed only as Honorary Member of the Hall.

15. A Trustee may not be appointed to the Hall of Fame. A Member of the Hall may be appointed as a Trustee.

Member of the Hall of Fame

16. Any eligible person, may receive an appointment as Member of the Hall, for outstanding achievement and excellence of the highest degree, for serious and sustained service, to Amateur Radio in Canada, or to Amateur Radio at large.

17. Any eligible person, may receive an appointment as Honorary Member of the Hall, for outstanding achievement and excellence of the highest degree, for serious and sustained service, to Amateur Radio in Canada, or to Amateur Radio at large.

18. Subject to Sections 19 and 20, the Board of Trustees may appoint to be Members of the Hall, other than Honorary Members, a maximum of one person, in any calendar year.

Nominations and Appointments to the Hall of Fame

19. Any resident of Canada who holds a current amateur station licence issued by the Government of Canada, or any Canadian amateur radio organization, other than the Radio Amateurs of Canada, may submit a nomination for Member of the Hall.

20. A nomination for Honorary Member of the Hall shall be made only by the Board of Directors of Radio Amateurs of Canada, upon majority vote.

21. Nominations shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees, on the Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame nomination form, and shall include a biographical sketch or curriculum vitae. Three references shall be included for a nomination for Member of the Hall. All nominations for Member of the Hall must be received at RAC headquarters by the last business day of September of each calendar year, for consideration for appointment in that calendar year. Once received, all handling shall be conducted in a secure and confidential manner.

22. The Chair of the Board of Trustees shall acknowledge receipt of each nomination and at the close of nominations shall forward copies of each nomination to each member of the Board of Trustees. On or before the last business day of November, the Chair shall advise the Custodian of the decisions of the Board of Trustees on appointments for that calendar year.

23. The Board of Trustees may appoint a person who has been nominated for Member in a previous year. For this reason, no advice shall be issued to the nominator that the nomination has not resulted in an appointment, nor any reason given why an appointment has not been made as a result of a nomination.

24. Nomination or appointment for Member or Honorary Member of the Hall may be after death of the nominee.

Canadian Amateur Radio Hall of Fame Award of Honour

25. No further awards will be considered or given for the Award of Honour. Existing recipients of the Award of Honour shall continue to be accorded recognition and honour in the Hall.

Instrument of Appointment

26. An appointment as Member or Honorary Member of the Hall shall be by instrument signed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees. No reason shall be given for an appointment.

27. Unless otherwise provided in the Instrument of Appointment, an appointment shall take effect on the date on which the Instrument of Appointment is sealed.

28. Appointments to the Hall shall be recorded in the Roll of Fame, which shall be displayed at the headquarters office of the Custodian.

29. Nothing in this Constitution limits the rights of the Custodian to exercise all powers and authorities in respect of the good and proper governing of the Hall.

Termination of Appointment to the Hall

30. Appointment to the Hall of Fame is in perpetuity.

31. A person's appointment to the Hall shall cease when:

a) the Board of Trustees accepts the person's resignation from the Hall, which resignation shall have been made in writing; or

b) the person receives an Ordinance terminating the appointment to the Hall.

Designations and Insignia

32. Members or Honorary Members of the Hall, and recipients of the Award of Honour are entitled to display the designation.

33. Except as otherwise provided in an Ordinance, the designation of the Hall shall remain the property of the Hall.

34. Where a person resigns from the Hall or receives a termination of appointment Ordinance, the person shall return the plaque to the Custodian.

Ordinances

35. Either the Board or the Custodian may make Ordinances, not inconsistent with this Constitution, respecting the establishment, government, investitures, insignia, and awards of the Hall, and the termination of a person's appointment to the Hall.

Motto

36. The motto of the Hall of Fame shall be: **CUM HONORE ET CUM LAUDE** (With honour and with praise)

Seal

37. The Seal of the Hall shall be committed to the custody of The Radio Amateurs of Canada, Inc

38. No appointment, termination of appointment, award, or ordinance shall have effect until it has been sealed with the Seal of the Hall.