

BYLAWS OF

Madison Mainstream Radio

Accepted on 2016-11-13

ARTICLE I — NAME AND PURPOSE

Section I.1 — **Name:** The name of the organization shall be Madison Mainstream Radio (MMR). It shall be a nonprofit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Wisconsin

Section I.2 — **Purpose:** MMR is organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and education purposes.

The purpose of this corporation is:

- to support educational activities including the operation of a Low Power FM radio station;
- to support charitable activities.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP

Section II.1 — **Membership:** Membership shall consist of the board of directors.

ARTICLE III — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section III.1 — **Board role, size, and compensation:** The board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the association, and delegates responsibility of day-to-day operations to the staff and committees. The board shall have up to 20, but not fewer than 3 members. The board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

Section III.2 — **Terms:** All board members shall serve two-year terms, but are eligible for re-election for up to five consecutive terms.

Section III.3 — **Meetings and notice:** The board shall meet at least annually, at an agreed upon time and place. An official board meeting requires that each board member have written notice at least two weeks in advance.

Section III.4 — **Board elections:** During the last quarter of each fiscal year of the corporation, the board of directors shall elect Directors to replace those whose terms will expire at the end of the fiscal year. This election shall take place during a regular meeting of the directors, called in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws.

Section III.5 — **Election procedures:** New directors shall be elected by a majority of directors present at such a meeting, provided there is a quorum present. Directors so elected shall serve a term beginning on the first day of the next fiscal year.

Section III.6 — **Quorum:** A quorum *of at least forty percent of board members must be present* for business transactions to take place and motions to pass. Attendance may be by electronic communication such as telephone or video conference.

Section III.7 — **Officers and Duties:** There shall be four officers of the board, consisting of a chair, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer. Secretary and treasurer positions may be held by one person.

Their duties are as follows:

The chair shall convene regularly scheduled board meetings, shall preside or arrange for other members of the Executive Committee to preside at each meeting in the following order: vice-chair, secretary, treasurer.

The vice-chair shall chair committees on special subjects as designated by the board.

The secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

The treasurer shall make a report at each board meeting. The treasurer shall chair the finance committee, assist in the preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to board members and the public.

Section III.8 — **Vacancies:** When a vacancy on the board exists mid-term, the secretary must receive nominations for new members from present board members two weeks in advance of a board meeting. These nominations shall be sent out to board members with the regular board meeting announcement, to be voted upon at the next board meeting. These vacancies will be filled only to the end of the particular board member's term.

Section III.9 — **Resignation, termination, and absences:** Resignation from the board must be in writing or by electronic communication (e.g. email) and received by the secretary. A board member shall be terminated from the board due to excess absences, *that is*, more than two consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings. A board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors.

Section III.10 — **Special meetings:** Special meetings of the board shall be called upon the request of the chair, or one-third of the board. Notices of special meetings shall be sent out by the secretary to each board member at least one week in advance.

ARTICLE IV — COMMITTEES

Section IV.1 — **Committee formation:** The board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, housing, public relations, data collection, etc. The board Chair appoints all committee chairs.

Section IV.2 — **Executive Committee:** The four officers serve as the members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the articles of incorporation and bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the board of directors in the intervals between meetings of the board of directors, and is subject to the direction and control of the full board.

Section IV.3 — **Finance Committee:** The treasurer is the chair of the Finance Committee, which includes three other board members. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, fundraising plan, and annual budget with staff and other board members. The board must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within budget. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the board or the Executive Committee. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the board showing income, expenditures, and pending income. The financial records of the organization are public information and shall be made available to board members and the public.

ARTICLE V — DIRECTOR AND STAFF

Section V.1 — **Station Manager:** A station manager may be hired by the board. The station manager has day-to-day responsibilities for the organization, answers questions of the board members and carries out the duties described in the job description. The board *may* designate other duties as necessary.

ARTICLE VI — AMENDMENTS

Section IV.1 — **Amendments:** These bylaws may be amended when necessary by two-thirds majority of the board of directors. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the secretary to be sent out with regular board announcements.

CERTIFICATION

These bylaws were approved at a meeting of the board of directors by a two thirds majority vote on Nov 13, 2016.

Secretary

Date