

NRAU Constitution

Name and Purpose

The Nordic Radio Amateur 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. If at least three societies agree, the meeting may be held as a virtual e-meeting.

A yearly NRAU e-meeting may be arranged in the years between IARU Region 1 conferences if needed.

The NRAU president will call the NRAU meeting at least six months before the ordinary tri-annual IARU, Region 1, Conference.

The meeting call must include at least two possible weekends for the NRAU meeting to be voted upon by the NRAU societies.

The final dates must be published no later than five months before the IARU, Region 1, Conference.

Documents to be discussed during the NRAU meeting must be submitted to the organizing NRAU society no later than two months before the NRAU meeting.

The agenda and all specific NRAU documents for the NRAU meeting must be sent out by the organizing society no later than one month before the NRAU meeting.

The organizing society is also responsible for the initiative and arrangements of any e-meeting between conferences. This includes the selection of the software tool to be used for the meeting. Deadline for papers for an e-meeting shall be 1 month before the 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.

An extraordinary e-meeting may be call by the same procedure, but with a deadline of 1 month.

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 confirmed by the majority of the NRAU societies or as otherwise decided.
- 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 one delegate from FRA and IRA respectively; will 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.

Document history:

Original text in Swedish agreed 21st of August 1993

Cost sharing for FRA and IRA agreed in Stockholm in 1996

English version agreed in Porvoo 17.8.2014

Timetables for calling the NRAU meeting and cost-sharing of the FRA and IRA expenses revised in Odense, August 13th 2017.

E-meetings and clarification regarding special committees introduced at 2020 NRAU e-conference.