

This version corrects an erroneous reference to the American Radio Relay League that appeared in the previously circulated version.

The following document contains text for an amendment to the Bylaws of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association. Adoption of this change to the bylaws will be proposed at the March 2010 meeting of the Association and voted on at the April 2010 meeting.

Standing Committees

1. Emergency Communications Committee

- a. Scope** - The Emergency Communications Committee (ECC) shall be responsible for coordinating those activities of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association related to education and training of the public on topics of radio communications and electronics; for testing, construction and maintenance of communications facilities to be used for the benefit of governmental agencies and the public during emergencies and for qualified radio operators to run that equipment; communications support related to the health and safety of individuals participating in activities sponsored by public service and nonprofit organizations.
- b. Membership** – The membership of the Emergency Communications Committee shall consist of all active members of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association who are also members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).
- c. Leadership** – The Emergency Communications Committee shall be chaired by the Socorro County District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) as designated by the New Mexico Section of the American Radio Relay League. Should the Socorro County DEC decline to serve, a chair shall be designated by the SARA Board of Directors.

Rationale – The Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) is not a part of the Socorro Amateur Radio Association. While many SARA members are also members of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, ARES and local ARES leadership is entirely administered by the Amateur Radio Relay League. This amendment to the SARA bylaws seeks to formalize a working relationship between those SARA members who are also ARES members for the purposes of meeting the expectations of the Professional Services Agreement currently in force with Socorro County.