# SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

# CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I

Name and Purpose of the Organization

Section 1: This organization shall be known as the SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL, hereafter referred to as SLOCECC.

Section 2: The purpose of SLOCECC shall be:

- (a) To establish, train and maintain a cadre of amateur radio operators whose primary goal is to provide and support emergency radio communications in San Luis Obispo County.
- (b) To promote the relationship and understanding between those who have the responsibility of responding to the needs of the public in times of emergency (law enforcement, fire departments, volunteer agencies, etc.) and the amateur radio fraternity.
- (c) To enhance the operating skills, technical knowledge and emergency preparedness of the SLOCECC members.
- (d) To operate exclusively for charitable and scientific purposes entitling SLOCECC to exemption under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 3: All funds received shall be used to pay operating costs and for equipment or special projects relating to emergency communications.
- Section 4: No part of the income of SLOCECC shall inure to the benefit of any member of the organization or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for SLOCECC effecting one or more of its purposes). Upon dissolution of SLOCECC, any assets remaining shall be distributed to other amateur radio societies that have exemption under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 5: No part of the activities of SLOCECC shall include participating in or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements for) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or engaging in any substantial way, directly or indirectly, in carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

# ARTICLE II

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: The membership of SLOCECC shall consist of those persons who have qualified under the By-Laws of the organization.

Section 2: Any member may withdraw from SLOCECC by presenting a written letter of resignation to the Secretary.

Section 3: A member may be expelled for violation of the By-Laws or for other cause prejudicial to the best interests of SLOCECC. Such expulsion can only be affected upon a two-thirds vote of the membership.

# ARTICLE III

# **GOVERNMENT**

Section 1: The management of SLOCECC shall be vested in a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Board Members-At-Large.

Section 2: Election and duties of the officers of SLOCECC shall be as defined in the By-Laws.

# ARTICLE IV

### **AMENDMENTS**

Section 1: Amendments to this Constitution may be initiated by a petition signed by three members of SLOCECC. Ratification of the proposed amendment shall require approval of a majority of the membership.