

United Radio Amateur Club
“Ham of the Year Award”

ARTICLE ONE – PURPOSE

The United Radio Amateur Club (hereafter “URAC”) **Ham of the Year Award** was inaugurated by its members to show appreciation, to offer proper recognition and to award a plaque befitting the distinction of **Ham of the Year** to a deserving member of this organization.

ARTICLE TWO – ELIGIBILITY

- A. To be eligible for this award a member must:
 - 1. Be in good standing with URAC.
 - 2. Hold a valid amateur radio license.
 - 3. Have performed some form of unselfish activity which could be classified as outstanding and which would be for the betterment of amateur radio.
 - 4. Must be recommended by a person or persons other than himself, offering sufficient reason submitted on the URAC nomination form why the nominee should receive this award.
 - 5. A blank nomination form can be downloaded and printed from the URAC website.
 - 6. The nomination form should be submitted in a sealed envelope and presented to a member of the nominating committee or a current URAC board member.
 - 7. All nomination forms must be received by the end of the October general meeting.
 - 8. This award is merit based.
 - 9. There will be no more than one recipient per year (some years may have none).
 - 10. Recipients from prior years will not be excluded from the selection process.

ARTICLE THREE – DETERMINATION

- A. The winner of the award will be determined as follows:
 - 1. The President of URAC will appoint a Chairperson for the Nominating Committee.
 - 2. The appointed Chair will select two to four URAC (full or life) members to serve on the Committee. Though not required, it is suggested that persons on this committee be past recipients of the award.
 - 3. No member nominated for the award may serve on this committee.
 - 4. Should the Chair be a nominee for the award, the President will appoint a new Chairperson.
 - 5. Should a member of the committee be a nominee for the award, the Chair will appoint a new committee member.
 - 6. The Chairperson will receive all written recommendations for the award, which will be reviewed by the committee during the week between the October general meeting and the October board meeting.
 - 7. At the October board meeting, the Chairperson (or the Chair’s designee) will present the Committee’s recommendation to the board.
 - 8. The winner will then be determined, in closed session, by a majority vote of the (non-nominated) board members at the October board meeting. Nominated board members and general membership (with exception of the Nominating Committee) will be excused from the room during the discussion. All persons other than the (non-nominated) board members will be excused during the vote. All other recommendations will be given to the President for consideration of other awards.
 - 9. The Chair of the committee will be responsible for having the plaque properly engraved and made available for presentation at the proper time. The winner will be kept secret until the award is made.
 - 10. The written recommendations of the winner along with the plaque will be turned over to the President (or the President’s chosen designate, which could be the Chairperson of the Award Committee) for the presentation.

ARTICLE FOUR – THE PRESENTATION

- A. The reading of the recommendation and the presentation of the plaque will be made by the President (or the President’s designate) at an appropriate time during the program of the annual December Holiday dinner (or at the next regular URAC meeting).
- B. Any and all expenses will be paid from the URAC general funds.