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## **WASHINGTON STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE BYLAWS**

### ARTICLE I - NAME

1.1 The name of this organization is the Washington State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC).

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose is to establish and maintain the use of the Washington State Emergency Alert System (EAS) and the Washington State Public Alert and Warning Plan (WA-PAWS), of which the State EAS Plan is a subset, and to ensure compatibility of FCC requirements, as well as Local EAS Plans with the State EAS Plan;

2.2 The purpose is to coordinate IPAWS efforts between key IPAWS partners, including broadcasters, cable companies, wireless carriers, the Washington State Emergency Management Division, the Washington State Patrol, the NOAA/National Weather Service, FEMA, FCC, other States' SECCs and other public alert and warning stakeholders;

2.3 To establish and maintain coordinated testing schedules.

### ARTICLE III, AUTHORITY

3.1 The FCC in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 47, Part 11.21, requires each state to have a State EAS Plan. These must be reviewed by the FCC, and implies existence of an associated state organization.

3.2 The FCC, in Part 11.61 (a)(1), requires the State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) to establish times and scripts for the Required Monthly Tests (RMT) in cooperation with involved parties.

3.3 WA-PAWS, developed by the SECC, shall be approved and signed by the following parties – the Director of the Washington Emergency Management Division and representatives from: radio and television broadcasting, the State Association of Broadcasters, cable providers, wireless carriers, the Washington State Patrol and the NOAA/National Weather Service.

### ARTICLE IV, MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership of the SECC shall consist of representatives of the entities or organizations described in Section 3.3. SECC membership shall also include the Chairs of each Local Emergency Communications Committee (LECC) as well as others who are appointed by the SECC.

4.2 The LECCs are sub-committees of the SECC.

4.3 Other interested local and state governmental agencies, businesses, or organizations may fully participate in the SECC without a vote. These participants may be appointed to Committees by the Chair of the SECC.

#### ARTICLE V, ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND MEMBERS

5.1 Officers must be selected from the participants described in Articles III and IV.

5.2 The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the members described in Articles III and IV with terms of no less than 2 years and no longer than 6 years. Voting by the board for these positions shall be at the first SECC meeting of the year. Nominations can be made in advance or during that initial year's meeting.

5.3 No compensation shall be paid to any officer.

5.4 An Officer may resign by submitting his or her resignation, in writing, to the SECC. If the Chair or Vice Chair became incapacitated, election of a new Chair or Vice Chair shall occur within 60 days.

5.5 Officers are subject to removal by a vote of the members of the SECC as provided in Section 7.1.

5.6 The Chair shall be the principal executive officer of the SECC and shall in general supervise and control the business and affairs of the SECC. He or she shall preside at all meetings. He or she may sign any contract, or other instruments which the SECC has authorized to be executed.

5.7 The Vice-Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.

5.8 The SECC Chair, with the concurrence of the SECC, shall appoint a Recording Secretary who shall record a summary of all SECC Meetings and post them on the Washington Emergency Management Division website on the WA-PAWS page.

#### ARTICLE VI, STANDING COMMITTEES

6.1 The SECC shall maintain the following standing sub-committees – Technical, Training, Test-Coordination.

6.2 The SECC Chair, with the concurrence of the SECC, may appoint such permanent or ad hoc sub-committees as necessary to better facilitate the business of the Committee.

#### ARTICLE VII, DECISION PROCESS

7.1 Decisions will occur by a majority of the SECC Members present, except that modifications of the Bylaws will require a two-thirds majority.

7.2 Each member of the SECC as described in Section 4.1 shall have one vote.

7.3 Twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership of the SECC shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business by the SECC at any meeting, whether in attendance in-person or by conference call. However, notwithstanding the presence or absence of a quorum at any time during an SECC meeting, the Chair, where attendance and/or participation is minimal, and with the concurrence of the SECC members present, may elect to defer decisions until the next scheduled SECC meeting.

#### ARTICLE VIII, MEETINGS

8.1 The SECC shall hold meetings approximately every 60 days, unless otherwise determined by the SECC.

8.2 Meeting notification shall be at least 30 days prior to the event.

8.3 Meeting notification shall be via the Washington State EAS Remailer and can be shared with other appropriate alert and warning authorities by SECC members.

8.4 The date, time and location of meetings shall be determined by the SECC.

#### ARTICLE IX, COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 The SECC shall maintain an email communications system that shall be open to everyone in the state having an interest in the IPAWS, including EAS, WEA, and NWEM.

9.2 This email system, commonly referred to as a Remailer or List Server shall be the official method of communications between all parties involved in IPAWS in Washington State.

#### ARTICLE X, AMENDMENTS

10.1 Any proposed amendment to these By-Laws must be distributed, via the State EAS Remailer, at least 30 days prior to the meeting in which the amendment(s) will be considered for adoption.

10.2 Amendments to these By-Laws shall be made by a two-thirds majority vote of the SECC members.

10.3 The SECC By-Laws will be reviewed at least every two years or more frequently as determined by the SECC.