

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE PORT ST LUCIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - GENERAL

1. Name: The name of this organization is the PORT SAINT LUCIE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, a not-for-profit Florida corporation.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

1. Objectives: The objectives of this organization, hereinafter, referred to as PSLARA shall be the promotion of Amateur Radio as a hobby. The purposes of PSLARA shall be: 1) further the exchange of information and cooperation among the members; 2) promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency. To conduct club meetings, programs and activities in a manner that advances the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community and among members. PSLARA is also dedicated to providing emergency communications as a public service in the event of local or national emergency situations.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Membership: Membership in PSLARA shall be comprised of the following categories.

A. Member: A member of PSLARA shall be a person who is licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as an Amateur Radio Operator and is interested in Amateur Radio, radio communication, or investigation of science related to Amateur Radio. A member shall be entitled to all the privileges of PSLARA upon payment of annual dues as required by these Bylaws. A Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote in matters coming before the general membership.

B. Family Member: A Family Member shall be a licensed radio amateur in the immediate family, living in the same household as the Member. A Family Membership may be granted when each licensed member applies for membership in PSLARA. A Family Member is entitled to all the privileges of PSLARA upon payment of annual dues as required by these Bylaws. A Family Member shall be entitled to one (1) vote in matters coming before the general membership.

C. Associate Member: An Associate Member of PSLARA shall be an individual who shares interests as outlined in Article III,1,A above, but is not a licensed by the FCC or due to geographical location, physical impairment or other legitimate reasons, as defined by the Board of Directors, is unable to attend PSLARA functions or meetings but desires affiliation with PSLARA. An Associate Member may not hold office, or be elected to the Board of Directors. An Associate Membership does not grant the individual voting privileges.

D. Honorary Member: Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon a non-member of PSLARA, who is deemed by the Board of Directors to hold esteemed professional or public standing and to whom PSLARA wishes to extend a tribute or appreciation for the individual's involvement or advancement of Amateur Radio. Honorary Membership is granted by the Board of Directors. Such membership may be permanently awarded or may be granted for a specified interval of time. Honorary

Members shall have no direct involvement in PSLARA. Honorary Members may not hold office or vote. Honorary Members are exempt from paying annual dues.

E. New Ham: Any individual who passes the test to become a licensed amateur radio operator at a test site sponsored or endorsed by PSLARA shall be offered a free membership in PSLARA for the duration of the year in which the test was passed. In the event the testing date for that individual occurs after August 31, the free membership shall be for the following year.

F. Life Member: Life membership in PSLARA shall be granted to any regular Member who pays a sum equal to 10 years of dues within a period of eighteen (18 months). Life members may hold office and vote. Life membership may also be extended to individuals for outstanding contributions to PSLARA. The Board of Directors nominates individuals with outstanding contributions for Life Membership for approval by the membership.

2. Special Membership: The Board of Directors may create other categories of Memberships as desired.

3. Dues: The Board of Directors will be responsible for establishing the schedule of dues and/or special operating assessments as needed. Annual dues or special operating assessments shall be set by the Board of Directors at a Directors meeting held for such purpose. Annual dues shall be due and payable on or before January 1st. Annual dues for Associate Members shall be 75% of the annual dues for Members. Members who elect to join the club after January 1st will be assessed dues on a pro rata basis calculated by dividing the amount of dues by the number of months remaining in the year. Family Membership dues shall be structured as followings: one member of the family will be assessed full membership dues, other members of the family will be assessed dues at the rate of \$2.00 for each additional family member. All individuals wishing to join PSLARA will file an application with an Application Fee. The amount of the Application Fee shall be established by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may waive the Application Fee during designated membership recruitment campaigns. Any member who has not paid current annual membership dues by the last day of February of the year, in which the dues are due, shall be dropped from the membership roster. To rejoin PSLARA the dropped individual will be required to resubmit and application for membership.

4. Application: Membership application for joining PSLARA shall be on the prescribed Membership Application, properly completed and provided to any Officer or Director of PSLARA or to the Chairman of the Membership Committee. Each application shall contain the name of the PSLARA member sponsoring the applicant. Sponsoring Members must be in good standing with PSLARA. A non-refundable application fee, as determined by the Board of Directors shall accompany the application. The application for membership shall be acted upon by the Board of Directors no later than the next Board of Directors meeting. A majority of the Board of Directors present at the Board of Directors when the application is required to admit the applicant. The applicant shall be notified in writing by PSLARA Secretary as to acceptance or rejection of the applicant's application.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. OFFICERS: Officers of PSLARA shall be as follows:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer

2. Duties and Term of Office: This Article shall define the duties of the Officers. The term of office for each of the Officers shall be for one year in the position for which the Officer was elected. No elected officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office without a break of at least one year from the position to which the Officer was elected. In the event no member accepts the nomination for an office held by an officer for 2 years, the present Officer may continue in that position for an additional year. No Officer position shall be left vacant. Officers may be elected for another office upon termination of their present tenure. Upon election to a different office the two year term limit begins over. All officers are members of the Board of Directors.

A. President: The President shall preside over Board of Directors meetings and membership meetings of PSLARA. The President shall provide general supervision in all the affairs of PSLARA. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of PSLARA. Upon the conclusion of the President's term in office, the individual holding the position of President shall become one of the Directors. Upon the President being elected to another Officer position or Director's position, the vacant Director position shall be filled by election of an individual from the membership. Upon the President being elected to assume a Director's position, then only 2 general Director positions need to be filled at the annual election.

B. Vice President: The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in event of the President being absent or unable to perform the duties of the President.

C. Secretary: The Secretary shall record all proceedings of each assembly of the Board of Directors and the general membership meetings. The Secretary shall be responsible for gathering and preserving such documents, minutes, and records of PSLARA activities in such format as to allow the material to be retained in the archives of PSLARA. The Secretary shall be responsible for all official PSLARA correspondence, meeting agendas, minutes of Board of Directors meetings, general membership meetings, Standing Committee meetings, and any other duties assigned by the President and the Board of Directors.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect and receive all dues, funds, and fees collected by PSLARA. The Treasurer shall have custody of all PSLARA funds. The Treasurer shall issue membership credentials to members upon payment dues and approval of membership application. The Treasurer upon request shall provide any member the status of that member's dues status. Monthly and annual financial reports shall be prepared by the Treasurer. At general membership meetings, the Treasurer shall provide the members with a financial status of PSLARA. The Treasurer shall serve as Chairperson of the Budget Committee. Upon election of a

new Treasurer the outgoing Treasurer shall relinquish all financial records, files and funds to the newly elected Treasurer no later than the end of the first month of the new Treasurer assuming the Treasurer's position.

3. Qualification of Officer: Any Member of PSLARA, who has been a member in good standing, during a six month period preceding annual meeting for the election of officers and directors, may be nominated for the positions of Director, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. To be elected to the office of President an individual must have been a member in good standing with PSLARA for a period not less than 12 months preceding the annual meeting for the election of officers and directors. Any individual who was a previous member of PSLARA, and currently is a member in good standing for a period of six months before the annual election of Officers and Directors may be nominated and elected to the Office of President.

4. Resignation/Death: Any officer wishing to resign from their duties and office must submit their notice of resignation in writing to the Board of Directors. Upon acceptance of the resignation, the position being vacated will be filled by nominations and election at the next regular general meeting. Should the President resign, the Vice President shall assume the duties of the President until the next annual election. The position of Vice President will be filled by nomination and election at the next regular general meeting. This procedure shall be followed in the event of death by any current officer of PSLARA.

ARTICLE V - General Membership Meetings

1. General Membership: Regular monthly meetings of the general membership shall be held on a date and time as directed by the Board of Directors. In the event a holiday falls on the day of, or a day before or a day after a scheduled meeting day the scheduled meeting may be moved to another day within that month, or canceled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

2. Annual Meeting: The Annual Business meeting for PSLARA will be held during the regularly scheduled general membership meeting in November of each year. The proposed Annual Budget for PSLARA will be presented to, voted on, and modified if necessary, and adopted by the general membership at the Annual Business meeting.

3. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the general membership of PSLARA may be called at the direction of the Board of Directors and upon written notification to the general membership a minimum of 20 days prior to said meeting. Special meetings may be held at the time and place designated by the Board of Directors.

4. Quorum: A quorum necessary to conduct PSLARA business at a general membership meeting shall consist of a minimum of 15% of the total eligible voting membership of PSLARA. This representation may be evidenced by personal appearance or proxy. All proxies shall be forwarded to the Secretary who will tabulate and rule on the admission of the proxy to the vote.

5. Voting: Any PSLARA business presented to the general membership upon which a vote is requested must pass by a majority of no less than 51% of the eligible voting members present in person or by proxy. The only exception is upon amendment of the Bylaws for PSLARA or upon dissolution of PSLARA. In proposing

amending the Bylaws a majority shall consist of 2/3ths of the entire voting membership of PSLARA as outlined in Article X. Upon proposal to dissolve PSLARA shall be the same as required for amendments to the Bylaws. The voting count shall be made the Secretary, or upon absence of the Secretary by the Vice President. All proxies must be admitted and counted in such vote.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Function: The PSLARA shall be governed by a Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board, made up of members of PSLARA.
2. Membership: The PSLARA Board shall be comprised of four (4) elected officers and five (5) additional directors elected from the general membership. The President of PSLARA shall be the presiding officer at all Board meetings. The President will only vote on routine Board business in the event of a tie.
3. Duties: The Board shall manage the affairs of PSLARA in conformity to these bylaws. The Board shall determine policies of PSLARA not directly addressed in the bylaws; decide on fiscal matters; establish dues; make appropriations for the operation of PSLARA; consider and recommend nominations for Honorary and Life Memberships; exercise discretionary powers in determining the direction of PSLARA affairs and business in the best interest of PSLARA.
4. Meetings Following Annual Elections:
 - A. The newly elected officers and directors shall meet as soon as possible to formulate plans and goals for the coming year. Chairpersons for Standing Committees to be identified along with the membership of the Standing Committees.
 - B. The newly elected officers and directors should be invited to participate in the last Board meeting of the year to arrange for a smooth transition of responsibilities from the outgoing officers and directors to the incoming officers and directors. At a minimum financial responsibilities should be transferred to the new Treasurer and records transferred to the new Secretary.
5. Meetings:
 - A. Regular: The Board shall meet monthly, at date, time and place established by the President. At the discretion of the President, a regularly scheduled meeting may be canceled. Notices will be provided to the Officers and Directors as to scheduled meetings or cancellation of meetings.
 - B. Special: At discretion of the President, Special Meetings may be called. Only the business necessary for the purpose of the Special Meeting shall be conducted. Officers and Directors shall be provided notice at least five (5) days prior to the date of the Special Meeting.
 - C. Emergency: Upon determining an action that needs immediate resolution, and cannot be delayed for either a regular meeting or a special meeting the Officers and Directors must adhere to action as outlined in Florida Statutes 617.082. This provision requires all members of the Board agree with the decision or

action of the Board as evidenced by one of more written consents describing the action taken and signed by each Officer or Director.

D. Actions outside of Meetings: Florida Statute 617.0821 must be followed in the event Directors take action outside of a regularly or special meeting. These procedures requires that all members of the Board must agree with the decision or action as evidenced by written consent of the all the Directors. The action or decision only becomes valid upon signature of the last Director.

6. Quorum: A majority of the Directors in personal attendance shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. Any action taken at any meeting of the Board wherein there was an established quorum of Directors shall be considered a lawful action of the Board.

7. Sequestering: The meetings of the Board, due to nature of certain topics discussed, shall sequestered and not open to the general membership unless by invitation or upon the request of member(s) to be present. The President shall approve any attendance at Board meetings by other than Directors. Minutes of Board meetings will be distributed to members of PSLARA.

8. Annual Reports: President and Treasurer shall present reports on the operation of PSLARA over the preceding 11 months at the Annual Meeting of PSLARA.

9. Absences from Meetings: Any Director or Officer absent for three consecutive meetings of the Board will be considered as having resigned from the Board, unless justification for the absences have been conveyed to the President. The President shall determine if the absences were valid and such rationale shall be noted in the Board minutes upon the third consecutive absence.

10. Rights and Powers: Directors acting in their lawfully elected positions shall have the rights and duties of Directors as specified in these Bylaws and Florida Statutes, Chapter 617.

11. Compensation: Officers and Directors of the Board of PSLARA shall receive no compensation for fulfilling their services as members of the Board. Directors may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

12. Resignation of Director: Any Officer or Director wishing to resign from the Board must submit their notification of resignation to the other Board members. Upon acceptance of resignation the vacant position will be filled by normal nomination and election processes at next membership meeting. Should the President elect to resign his, position will be filled by the Vice President. The position of the Vice President shall be filled as outlined as reflected in Article VIII, 5, C. The procedures of this paragraph will apply in the event of the death of any Officer or Director.

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Annual Election: The election of Officers and Directors shall be held each year at the November general membership meeting which shall also be the annual

meeting of PSLARA. The date and time of the annual meeting will be determined by the Board.

2. Nominations: Nominations for Officers and Directors shall be received during the regular Business meeting preceding the Annual meeting and again at the Annual meeting prior to conduct of the elections.

3. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall screen and select from PSLARA members in good standing four (4) individuals as candidates to serve as Officers and three (3) individuals as candidates to serve as Directors unless the retiring President will fill a Director position as stipulated in Article IV 2 a. The Committee is required to contact each individual selected to determine that person's willingness to serve in the position for which nominated. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee shall retain the proposed slate of Candidates until presentation at the annual meeting held in November. Upon completing the slate of recommended nominees the responsibility of the Nominating Committee shall be considered completed for that election year.

4. Nominations for Office: At the regular general October meeting the President shall Request the Nominating Committee Chairperson to present the slate of candidates. Following the presentation of the Nominating Committee, the President shall call for nominations from the floor. The order for calling for nominations shall be as follows:

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary
- D. Treasurer
- E. Directors

When no further nominations are presented, the President will announce the nominations are closed for that meeting, and that nominations will be reopened at the Annual meeting prior to conducting the election.

5. Elections: Elections will be held at the annual meeting in November of each year. The President will reopen nominations for Officers and Directors. When no further nominations are presented from the floor, the President shall entertain a motion to close the nominations. Elections will then be held for each of the Officers and for Directors. An office will be considered filled when a candidate for office receives no less than fifty-one (51%) of the votes. In cases of an uncontested Office, the President shall direct the Secretary to case a single vote and the nominee will be considered elected.

6. Terms of Office: The term of office for Officers and Directors shall be for one year. The new officers will be installed as the last item of business at the December meeting. The newly installed officers shall preside over the January meeting following their installation and all other meetings held that year. No term limits apply to Directors. An individual may be re-elected as a Director for as long as the general membership continues to elect the individual as a director.

ARTICLE VIII - STANDING COMMITTEES

1. PURPOSE: Standing Committees serve to further the organizational efficiency and objectives of PSLARA. Such committees will be maintained on a year-to-year basis as prescribed below. The committees serve at the pleasure of the Board. Their duties may be redefined as the Board desires.
2. Appointments: The President, following the annual election, shall appoint a Chairperson for each of the Standing Committees. The Chairperson of all Standing Committees of PSLARA shall be either an officer or director of PSLARA. Committee chairpersons, after consultation with the President, shall select members for their respective committees from the general membership.
3. Vacancy of Chairperson: In as much as Chairpersons are Officers or Directors, a vacancy of a chairperson due to either resignation or death shall be handled in accordance with Article VI, paragraph 12, above.
4. Standing Committees: The Standing Committees of PSLARA shall be:
 - A. Finance
 - B. Membership
 - C. Nominating
 - D. Program
 - E. Technical
 - F. Club Relations
 - G. Social
 - H. Education and Testing
5. Duties of Standing Committees: The duties of the individual Standing Committees shall be as follows:

A. Finance: Shall be composed of the Treasurer, as Chairperson, the Vice President and at least one other member of PSLARA. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to prepare an annual budget based upon the needs of PSLARA. The annual budget shall be based actual revenues and expenses of past years and projections of revenues and expenses for the coming year. The annual budget shall be a line-item budget. The Treasurer will prepare monthly expense reports reflecting actual expenses against projections for the Board and any member of PSLARA who requests such a report.

B. Membership: Shall be responsible for accepting applications for membership, investigating prospective member, ensuring any monies received from applications are provided to the Treasurer, and presenting to the Board recommendations for or against membership admission of each applicant. The Chairperson will ensure the preparation of appropriate documents, notify the Secretary of admission or rejection of the candidate and presenting the new member to the general membership at the next general meeting.

C. Nominating: Shall be composed of at least three (3) members in good standing; the Chairperson and two other individuals from the general membership. This committee is charged with selecting a slate of candidates to be presented to

the general membership for election as Officers and Directors for PSLARA. The committee shall be responsible for evaluating all members as prospective candidates for future Officers and Directors.

D. Program: The Program committee shall be responsible for providing topics, speakers and presentations for each of the monthly general meetings. Programs should be allied with the goals PSLARA and associated with Amateur Radio, electronics or other topics of interest to the general membership.

E. Technical: The Technical Committee shall be responsible for overseeing all technical aspects of PSLARA's operations and activities. At a minimum this shall include the maintenance of repeater(s) owned and operated by PSLARA. This committee shall also evaluate the need for new equipment acquisitions and submit recommendations for any purchases to the Board. The Technical Committee shall also be responsible for setting up an operating station at any PSLARA social functions or public relations events, as well as presenting construction projects at club meetings or for other organizations. It is also the responsibility of this committee to select Net Controllers for each net and for ensuring that each Net Operator conducts the net in an appropriate manner.

F. Club Relations: This committee shall be responsible for maintaining regular communications with members of PSLARA, the amateur radio community and the general public. This will also serve as PSLARA's contact with the news media. Club Relations committee is also charged with publication of PSLARA's newsletter and website. The Chairman of Club Relations shall also be custodial of any club assets such as banners, flags, and other related PSLARA promotional materials.

G. Social: The Social Committee shall be responsible for planning and holding various social events for PSLARA. These may be held in conjunction with regular meetings or held at any other time approved by the Board.

H. Education and Testing: The Education and Testing Committee shall be responsible for holding pre-licensing classes on a regular basis. This committee shall also be conducting testing for Amateur Radio licensing on a scheduled basis as approved by the Board. All testing will follow the procedures and rules as established by the ARRL VEC Program.

7. Special Committees: As determined by the Board special committees may elect to establish a special committee to serve the interests of PSLARA. The President shall appoint a Chairperson of any such committee as outlined in these bylaws.

8. Special Activities: Some activities require the efforts of a committee directed by a Chairperson. These special activities are not considered Standing Committees but are of such importance to require a committee. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, Field Day, Hamfest and various contests.

ARTICLE IX - CLUB REPEATERS

1. Repeaters: PSLARA shall acquire and operate an amateur radio repeater station so that members of PSLARA can communicate with each other on a regular basis,

improve their respective individual operating skills, and enhance fraternalism among club members.

2. Trustee: The Board shall appoint annually a Club Trustee. Should the position of Trustee become vacant through resignation or death, the vacancy will be filled by appointment by the Board. Should the Trustee wish to resign, a written notice of resignation is to be provided to Board.

3. Trustee Responsibilities: The Trustee shall be responsible for overseeing the technical and operating aspects of PSLARA repeaters to include maintenance of the repeaters. The Trustee shall represent PSLARA in obtaining and maintaining required operating licenses from the Federal Communication Commission and required frequency coordination approvals from the Florida Repeater Council. The Trustee shall be a member of the Technical Committee.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

1. Form: Proposed amendments of the Bylaws must be presented in written form, signed by at least (7) voting members of PSLARA in good standing and submitted to the President prior to or at any general meeting of PSLARA for presentation to the membership. Proposal amendments to these Bylaws also may be presented to the membership by the Board.

2. Presentation: Proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be presented to the membership at least twice before the meeting at which they will be voted on. Presentation may be made in either of three forms: 1) if relatively brief, may be read to the membership; 2) an amendment or major revision must be documented and a copy of the proposal(s) shall be made in written form. Copies of the proposed revision to the Bylaws shall be sent to members either by email or through the US Postal system; distributed at regular meetings of PSLARA.

3. Notification: Each member in good standing of PSLARA shall be notified that an amendment to the bylaws has been proposed. This notification shall be twice in writing. A complete statement of the proposed amendment is not mandatory in the notification. The requirement for notification can be fulfilled by: 1) due notice being published in two successive issues of the newsletter sent to all members, 2) placed on the club website or 3) announced at general membership meetings. The notification must be provided to the membership at a minimum two months prior to month when the proposed amendments will be presented to the membership for approval by a majority vote.

4. Adoption: After the second presentation sufficient time for questions and discussion the President will call for a motion to adopt the amended bylaws. Two-thirds (2/3rds) majority of the membership will be required for approval of the amended bylaws. Votes may be cast in person, by proxy or mailed ballots. The ballots shall be mailed to the membership no less than ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting when the proposed amendments will be voted on. Instructions for the ballot shall indicate that any member who fails to return the ballot or who fails to attend the meeting at which the proposed amendments are to be voted upon either in person or by proxy, shall be considered as having voted for the proposed amendments.

ARTICLE XI - RULES OF ORDER

1. Parliamentary Procedure: Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall control in all questions of parliamentary procedure not governed by these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII - AFFILIATION

1. Affiliation: PSLARA shall be an affiliated club of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as long as it meets the ARRL's qualification for such affiliation. PSLARA shall promote membership by the members of PSLARA in ARRL, the national association of licensed amateur radio operators in the United States. PSLARA shall support ARRL in its representation of amateur radio interests before Federal, State and Local governments.

ARTICLE III - DISSOLUTION

1. Dissolution: In the event PSLARA is to be dissolved and cease to exist as an organization, such action must take place at a special meeting called by the Board for that purpose. Dissolution can be accomplished only by a two-thirds (2/3rds) majority vote of all voting members of PSLARA. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of PSLARA shall be turned over to one or more organizations that are themselves exempt as an organization described in Section 170 and Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or Local Government to be used exclusively for public purposes. Preferences for receiving such assets of PSLARA shall be another amateur radio club or association affiliated with ARRL or its successor organization, if any; however the recipient(s) of such residual assets of PSLARA must meet all the qualifications stated in this article. The motion for dissolution shall contain specific organization(s) to which the residual assets of PSLARA will be transferred.

ARTICLE XIV - EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

1. Equity Opportunity: In accepting persons for membership, election of Officers and Directors, selection of agents, employees, and in carrying out the purposes and functions of PSLARA, there shall be no discrimination as to race, creed, religion, gender, national origin or handicap.

ARTICLE XV - ACCOUNTS

1. Signatures: Accounts, whether savings or checking, shall be maintained in such banks as may be designated by the Board. The authorized signatures shall be the President, Treasurer or their duly appointed designees. Only one signature shall be required on checks in the amount equal to or less than \$250.00. Checks for amounts greater than that amount shall require two signatures.

2. Expenditures: All expenditures made from PSLARA funds shall be authorized by the annual PSLARA budget adopted at the annual meeting or by subsequent modification to the annual budget approved by the membership. Any emergency expenditure not included in the annual budget must be approved by a vote of the Board at a duly constituted meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE XVI - INDEMNIFICATION

1. Indemnification: PSLARA shall indemnify any Office, Director, or agent of PSLARA to the full extent permitted or required by any entity, subject to the provisions of Florida Statutes, Chapter 617. The Board shall from time to time approve the purchase of insurance or adopt other means to provide such indemnification.

ARTICLE XVII - NOT-FOR-PROFIT STATUS

1. Not for Profit Status: The Board of PSLARA shall ensure that PSLARA retains its status as a Not-for-Profit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service under the provision of the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (3) not for profit charitable organizations. This process is only necessary should the PSLARA fiscal activities exceed \$5000 annually.