

AMENDED BYLAWS OF
ST. PAUL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION 2019

ARTICLE I
NAME

1.1 This cooperative shall be known as ST. PAUL COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION (hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperative").

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Requirements for Membership. Any person, as that term is used in the Oregon Cooperative Corporation Act, or agency of federal, state or local government, upon receipt of telecommunications and information services, shall be a member of the Cooperative; however, each member shall:

- A. Make an application for membership for the Cooperative's records;
- B. Agree to purchase services from the Cooperative in accordance with established rates, as well as pay other charges for services that the member uses, and the Cooperative is obligated by law or contract to collect;

~~Subscribing to the purchase of one membership certificate. The par value of the membership certificate shall be \$500.00, and is payable as follows:~~

- ~~(1) Payment of \$20.00 in cash upon applying for membership; and~~
- ~~(2) Payment of \$480.00 in retained patron's equity credits as such credits accrue to the member; and~~

<NEW> C. Membership shall be \$20.00 due upon the date of commencement of service. Membership is refundable upon disconnection or suspension of service; however, the Board may provide for suspension of service during periods of temporary absence of a member.

- D. Agree to comply with, and be bound by, the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Cooperative and any rules and regulations adopted by the Board.

~~2.2 Membership Certificates. The Cooperative shall cause to be issued to each member, under the seal of the Cooperative, a membership certificate which shall be signed in the name of the Cooperative by such officer or officers as the Board may from time to time direct. Such certificate shall be issued at the time that patron's equity credits have accrued to a declared value of \$480.00. A complete record shall be kept of all such certificates and they shall be numerically in order in which they are issued~~

2.3 Membership. No member may hold more than one membership in the Cooperative. All memberships in the Cooperative are extended only to individual persons (natural or corporate) who meet the requirements of Section 2.1. Memberships formerly issued to husbands and wives, previously referred to as joint memberships, will be allowed to continue. However, from the date of this current edition of Bylaws, no new joint memberships will be established. Thus, the term "member" as used in these Bylaws shall refer to an individual, but can, on a grandfathered basis, be deemed to include a husband and wife still holding a joint membership, and any provisions relating to the rights and liabilities of a membership shall apply equally with respect to the holders of a joint membership. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the effect of the hereinafter specified actions by or in respect of the holders of a joint membership shall be as follows:

- A. There shall be but one vote;
- B. Termination of either joint member shall terminate the joint membership, except that on the death of either husband or wife, the survivor shall continue as a member; however, the estate of the deceased shall not be released from any debts due the Cooperative;
- C. Presence at a meeting or waiver of notice of either joint member shall be considered as presence or waiver by the joint membership;
- D. Notice to either joint member shall constitute notice to both;
- E. Either joint member may be eligible as a member of the Board of Directors, but not both at the same time;
- F. Expulsion or withdrawal of a joint member shall terminate the joint membership.