

**TEXAS
VHF-FM
SOCIETY**

NEWS

Summer Meeting at **Austin Summerfest 2005!!!**

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BOARD DETERMINES BY-LAW CHANGE ACTION TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE BY-LAWS

At the June 4, 2005, Board of Directors meeting, **after hearing from many of you**, the Board agreed that the improper passage of the January 2005 "Vote-By-Mail" By-law revision was **in violation of the Society's By-laws at the time the motion was made**. Furthermore, it was determined that the appeal of the President's ruling **was also in violation of section 6.6.3** of the By-laws. In making its decision, the Board of Directors also considered the **resolution** passed at the April 9, 2005 Special Meeting, which was voted **40 to 16** by the members present **in favor** of rescinding the appeal of the President's ruling.

As you know, the Society's By-laws provide that motions having an adverse affect to the Standards of Frequency Coordination are required to be **tabled** and the **vested membership polled** and the poll presented to the general membership **prior to a vote** being taken. The **purpose** of this provision is to obtain the views, opinions, and comments of vested membership **before** a major amendment affecting your rights is made. **The Society has in this manner afforded ALL trustees, both members and non-members, a voice for over 20 years, yet the "Vote-By-Mail" revision would have immediately stripped away this obligation to our non-member trustees.**

The **net result** of these decisions is that, consistent with the previous By-laws, the membership will **continue to be polled** for comments and opinions from **all members** before any significant motions will be voted upon. That way, the opinion of **every member and trustee** can be weighed and considered before a vote is taken. The upcoming election will be held at the Summer Meeting rather than by mail.

ELECTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES

Therefore, based on the determination discussed above, the election for new Board of Directors members and any proposed By-law changes will be conducted either with a **voice or ballot vote** at the Summer meeting. Candidates may be added to the slate from the floor when the nominations are presented.

However, any motions that have an **adverse affect** to the Standards of Frequency Coordination **will be tabled** and the vested membership **polled**. The results of the poll will be presented to the general membership **prior to a vote**.

BY-LAWS

Based on the direction of the Board of Directors at the June 4, 2005 meeting, the By-laws that were in effect **prior** to the motion for the "Vote-By-Mail" amendment as of January 16, 2005 are in **full effect**. These would be the January 15, 2005 By-laws, along with the Non Disclosure provision and the Database Committee sections that were approved at January 16th Winter Meeting prior to the "Vote-By-Mail" motion.

Poll of Vested Members (non-member Trustees)

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President's Line

Paul Baumgardner, W5PSB, President

Another year has come and gone in the life of the Society. Not only has another year gone by, but this is our 40th Anniversary. This should be a year of celebration for our organization surviving and growing through 40 years, but it is not a completely harmonious year. That is because our Society has been sued by eight of our members for issues arising from them advocating an improper "Vote by Mail" by-law change.

After a through review of the bylaws, our Board of Directors determined, at the June 4, 2005 Board meeting, that the vote-by-mail motion was passed in violation of our by-laws. You, as a member, did not get polled to allow us to determine how all the members felt about this proposed change.

Following this vote, your Board of Directors asked for and called a special meeting for April 9th to address the proposed "Vote-By-Mail" by-law change but instead the Board was served with a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) that kept the Board and Members from exercising their rights as members. The members present in that meeting passed a resolution that favored, by a vote of 40 to 16, rescinding the appeal to the President's ruling on tabling the "Vote-By-Mail" proposal.

On April 22, 2005, the Judge heard the injunction motion of the eight members who are suing. The Judge heard from the attorney the Board hired to respond to the lawsuit the eight members filed and also heard from the attorney who filed the lawsuit on behalf of the eight members.

After a hearing with the Judge, the injunctive relief requested by the eight suing members was DENIED in whole. In fact, the Judge asked the attorney for the eight members why they filed the lawsuit with the courts and whether it was even proper to get a court involved in a by-law discussion with an association like this one. The Texas VHF FM Society webpage contains the Denial Order that was signed by the judge.

As you are aware, your Board of Directors has tried to work together and function as a group. However, this has occasionally been a challenge during the last two years. The Board must be able to come together and work through issues. It must not just maintain the political slant that an individual Board member may support. We must continue to have the best interests of the whole Society in mind. This Board has appointed members from all sides of this debate to coordinator and committee positions. This Board is doing all it can to show that it is inclusive. We ask that the individual Board members who have decided to sue the Association be inclusive to all sides of issues that come before the Board. There is no need for these eight individuals to continue to pursue this lawsuit where a Judge has denied their request for injunctive

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Texas VHF-FM Society Committees

Frequency Coordination Committee Chairman*	Harold Reasoner, K5SXX
Database Committee Chairman*	Paul Baumgardner, W5PSB
Technical Committee Chairman*	Greg Jurrens, WD0ACD
Parliamentarian	Gerry Creager, N5JXS
Trustee (W5OGZ)	Jay Maynard, K5ZC
Election Committee Chairman	Bill Lawless, W5WRL
Publications Committee Chairman	John Johnson, N5NH
Ad-Hoc Survey Committee Chairman	John Johnson, N5NH

*Denotes a permanent committee of the Society

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Update - 40th Anniversary of the Texas VHF-FM Society

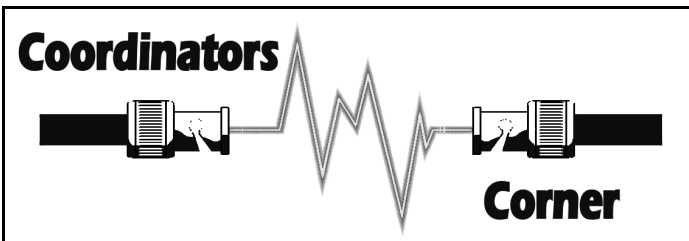
Only one month away! - 40th Anniversary of the Texas VHF-FM Society

That's right, this August the Texas VHF-FM Society will celebrate its 40 year anniversary. In order to help commemorate the event we will have special limited edition 40th anniversary black and yellow enamel pins available for purchase at the Summer meeting. Stop by the Texas VHF-FM Society booth when you arrive and pick yours up!

We are also planning a brief presentation during the general meeting to help reminisce on the early days of the Society. You will definitely want to take a moment to enjoy those early days of the Society where the transmitter deviation was as wide as the shirt lapels. Finally, don't forget to pack your old radio gear so that you can participate in the "2nd not so annual Oldest Radio Contest". Special thanks to Greg Jurrens, WD0ACD for helping with the event. Whether a participant or spectator you will certainly want to attend. Please feel free to email us at 40th@txvhffm.org if you have any questions or comments. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

73 from your 40th Anniversary Co-Chairs:

Merle Taylor, WB5EPI
Eric Schmidt, KA5WMY



Notes from the State Frequency Coordinator *Harold Reasoner, K5SXK, k5sxxk@itexas.net*

Coordination activities are continuing at a normal summer pace. There are a few new coordinations being issued across the state. Things will get busy again this fall with the annual renewal cycle. At the Winter Meeting, the members decided that the repeater location information should be defined more accurately and have specified that the latitude and longitude be in either the NAD83 or the WGS84 datum. To ensure your information is in the format now required, be prepared to update your repeater location information when you get the annual renewal. If you have provided an FCC ASR number, then the location information from the FCC database is in the proper datum. Please update any address, phone number, and email address information so that we can contact you if necessary and to insure that you get future mailings. If you make changes at any other time during the year, the forms for notifying and get-

ting needed approvals from the coordinators are available on the Society Web Site www.txvhffm.org. Accurate repeater coordination information is your way of ensuring that you are notified of changes to the society and coordination standards.

I would like to welcome our new Zone 5 Coordinator for west Texas. Gary Peterson, NZ5V, has picked up the job from Bill Lawless, W5WRL. Bill has been elected to the West Texas Section Managers position with the ARRL. Congratulations to Bill in his new job and thanks for all the work he did as our coordinator. Bill did an outstanding job working with all the repeater trustees in west Texas.

Our Zone 3 Coordinator, Richard Norton, W5FRO, has retired from the job as south Texas Coordinator after 31 plus years of doing an outstanding job. Richard is relocating to the Greenville, Texas area due to family needs. Thank you Richard for all the many years of keeping things together in Zone 3. I will be taking care of the south Texas coordination activities until a replacement is found for Richard. My contact information is available in this newsletter and from the Society Web-site www.txvhffm.org.

To ensure the Society is prepared for the use of digital radios, we are looking at how to best provide the needed spectrum for these new systems. Icom generated significant interest with their D-Star radios for the 146, 440, and 1240 MHz bands. They have narrow band voice and low speed data radios that are usable with repeaters and also some high speed data radios for the 1200 MHz band. There are also some APCO 25 digital radios becoming available on the used market. Discussions are in progress with other coordinating bodies across the country to standardize as much as possible and try to establish some nationwide simplex calling channels for the digital radios.

Zone 2 Update

*Eric Schmidt, KA5WMY, Zone 2 Frequency Coordinator
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Welcome to the Zone 2 repeater coordination update. The purpose of this article is to report on newly coordinated repeaters as well as information of general interest to the trustees in Zone 2. Repeater coordination activity has been fairly steady over the past few months with the following repeaters newly coordinated since the Spring 2005 issue of the NEWS.

Zone 2 Newly Coordinated Repeaters between 2/3/05 and 6/11/05

Location	Output	Input	Call	Notes
Houston	441.675	446.675	KB5JCA	O103.5
Humble	147.280	147.880	N5IQ	O100.0
Pasadena	444.275	449.275	W5PAS	OEWX167.9
Rockdale	147.280	147.880	AF5C	O162.2

In addition to these new coordinations, there are currently thirteen active construction permit applications in Zone 2. Remember that your repeater cannot be coordinated and published until you notify the Zone coordinator that your repeater is on the air.

In addition to regular coordination work, I have been performing “on-air” checks of all repeaters in Zone 2 with a concentration on 2m. Many of you have received emails or phone calls from me inquiring as to the “on-air” status of your repeaters. We currently have four trustees listed below just waiting for an open pair on 2m. I am working hard to de-coordinate repeaters that have not been on the air so that these trustees can enjoy the band. Please remember that any system which is off the air for more than three months is subject to review by the Zone Coordinator for possible de-coordination and re-assignment.

If you know your system is going to be off the air, please notify me as soon as possible via email or phone so that I can work with you to manage the problem. However, If you lost your site or your repeater took a lightning hit and is not going to be on the air for quite some time, maybe it is time to relinquish your coordination and give someone else a try. Know of a club or have a friend that just doesn't use the repeater anymore? Please have them contact me so that I can re-deploy the frequency and help out another trustee that wants to further the hobby. The form to report on the on-air status of repeaters in your area is available from the Society website.

The following is the waiting list for Zone 2. A detailed explanation of the waiting list description and process appears on the Society website.

Zone 2 Coordination Waiting List

Callsign	City	Band	Application Date
WA5SIX	Channelview	2m	4/17/2004
KD5HHW	Magnolia	2m	5/11/2004
KK5XQ	Baytown	2m	1/28/2005
KW5O	Conroe	2m	3/29/2005

Please feel free to contact me if you have any question or are interested in constructing a repeater in Zone 2. I welcome your feedback on any improvements that I can make in Zone 2.

73, Eric Schmidt

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relief to prevent the Society for permitting its members and officers to conduct the business of the Society.

Also, as a result of your efforts, we have added a Non Disclosure provision to our by-laws. Several Board members and coordinators have chosen not to sign the Society drafted agreement. As a result, we have some members who have signed and some who have not signed. One of the members, Jay Maynard, made a motion at the April 9 Special Meeting to eliminate this provision. In its current status, there would be no reason to maintain the Non Disclosure language in the by-laws if the elected and appointed members refuse to sign the agreement. Please carefully consider this prior to voting in August.

In closing, I must say that I am honored to have served as the President of this Society for the last year. I have been lucky to be surrounded with thoughtful and considerate Board members, frequency coordinators and committee members.

And, I believe that I (and many of the Board Members) have much more to give to the Society. I know that I have the leadership skills and the vision to help us get on the way to the next 40 years. Thank you.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Austin Summerfest	Aug 5-6
Belton Ham Expo	Oct 1
Brenham Swapmeet	Oct 22
San Antonio Swapfest	Jan 7

Don't forget to register for

Austin Summerfest 2005

Friday August 5 (6PM - 9PM) and Saturday August 6 (8AM - 3:30PM)
 Red Lion Hotel, Austin, TX
 (at the intersection of IH-35 and US 290)

Tentative Schedule: Repeater Forum: 8-9AM
 General Meeting: 9-11AM

Look for a registration flyer in the mail or visit www.austinsummerfest.org!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

John Johnson, N5NH, Editor

In my last column I wrote about the "Vote by Mail" amendment, and my desire to see it tabled at the Special Meeting, voted down at Summerfest, and later replaced with a vote by mail system that is financially responsible and flexible in schedule. The desire of many of the Board members was to **let the membership decide** to table that amendment or not, but since we were **restrained** from doing so, the Board was **forced to step in and do so** at our last Board meeting.

Some of our members feel this is an attempt to stamp out voting by mail, and the Board has acted **illegally**. Others feel that **what happened in January was illegal** according to the By-laws and needed to be set right, which is **what I believe**. Unfortunately this is causing division within the membership, and with that anger, harsh words, accusations, and mistruths. So, I want to take this opportunity to clarify a few things.

First, while I was originally against voting by mail, because I've felt that members who want to participate should come to the meetings, enough people have expressed interest in voting by mail that **I am now in favor of it**. There are times when you just can't make it to a meeting, so this affords us an opportunity to vote in absentia.

Second, the position of the Board members that voted to table the amendment has always been that **the process itself in January was illegal, not the amendment**. We do think there are serious problems with the amendment, but that was never the issue. Instituting such a sweeping amendment without hearing from our **vested members** has always been the central reason for our actions.

Third, that amendment **can still be voted into the Bylaws** in August. I hope that it is not, because then taking corrective steps will be more difficult and costly, but the point is that **our action only tabled that amendment** until the vested members could be polled.

Finally, I intend to present a motion in August with a different voting by mail system. The key points are that **only one mailed ballot per year will be required**, that the details of the ballot process itself will not be specifically laid out in the Bylaws, and that **polling of the vested members** (section 6.6.3) will be **retained**. The Board will be able to call additional mailed ballots as needed during the year, taking into consideration the financial state of the Society and the scheduling of the ballot with regard to other events. A separate election procedure document will be created that can be more easily adjusted as we learn more about the mail ballot process. And unlike the January amendment, **polling of the vested members will not be removed**, because all repeater trustees should have a voice before major changes are voted for.

I am hopeful that we can draft a good starting point for voting by mail, that it can be polled on and then voted in at the next Winter meeting, so that the new election process can begin next year. I also hope that this action will make the majority of our membership happy with our election process. Finally I am hopeful that we can **set litigation, divisiveness, and accusations aside**, and get back to our hobby and the business of our Society.

**Minutes from Special General Meeting
April 9, 2005**

Submitted by Melissa Rasmussen, KM5R, Secretary

The Special Meeting of the Texas VHF FM Society opened at 1:36pm

President Baumgardner suggested we donate money to the church for letting us use it. Moved and 2nd to donate \$50.

K5ZC made a motion and it was 2nd to rescind the appeal that enabled passing the bylaws amendment in the winter meeting. He stated the movement made was illegal and he moved to rescind that motion.

A copy of a lawsuit and temporary restraining order was handed to President Baumgardner. The TRO prevented the Society from taking any action with regard to the vote by mail amendment. Discussion followed. K5ZC then moved to table the motion and that was 2nd.

K5ZC moved that it be resolved that it is the opinion of the members present that the appeal was improperly adopted and it is the belief of members present that the motion should not have been adopted. Motion was 2nd. Motion passed.

President Baumgardner ruled not to vote on the motion based on the restraining order.

K5ZC appealed the decision of the chair. It was 2nd. Discussion followed. There were 40 for 16 against overturning the chairman's decision. The motion for the resolution passes.

President Baumgardner moved to go ahead and raise the dues to 15 dollars a year. It was 2nd. Discussion followed. WD0ACD moved that Billy McDonald's motion regarding raising the dues be lifted from the table. The motion was 2nd. No discussion. Motion passed.

K5ZC makes a motion to change the bylaws and frequency standards to the following:

[items underlined with a dotted line are deleted, items underlined with a solid line are additions.]

Amendment to By-Laws paragraph 5.2.3

5.2.3 FREQUENCY COORDINATION COMMITTEE. The Frequency Coordination Committee shall provide frequency coordination services to all amateur radio operators in the State of Texas. These services shall be provided without charge and whether or not the requestor is a member of the Society.

Amendment to Standards of Coordination

V. Applying for Coordination

When applying for coordination, the trustee of the proposed system must submit an application form to the Zone Coordinator along with the fee prescribed in Article IX. At this time the Zone Coordinator will assign a frequency to the applicant and

issue a construction permit for the system. [...]

If more time is needed to complete construction the applicant may apply for a second Construction Permit. [...] The application for a second permit must be received no later than 15 days after the expiration of the original Construction Permit, and must include the fee prescribed in Article IX. No more than two consecutive permits will be issued to the same applicant.

VI. Renewal of Coordination

Coordinations will be renewed every year provided that the system is operating within the scope of these standards and provided that the fee prescribed in Article IX is paid. [...]

VII. Revocation of Coordination

[...]

Revocation of coordination shall only be for one of the five following reasons:

[...]

8. Failure to pay the required renewal fee as prescribed in Article IX for two consecutive years. Payment of all delinquent fees will satisfy the obligation and remove this cause for revocation.

K5LKE 2nd the motion. Discussion follows. The question is called and 2nd.

K5ZC made a motion that article 11 be stricken in its entirety. The motion was 2nd. Discussion follows. Some can not sign due to wording. A motion to call the question was made and 2nd.

KA5IID made a motion to have an NDA written by council – The involved person(s) must sign it or they will be immediately removed from office – The NDA must pass council muster to protect both sides. The motion was 2nd. Discussion followed.

WD0ACD made a motion that the board of directors forms a committee to study methods by which we protect our data. That they report back on or before August of 2006. The motion was 2nd

Motion passed, a committee will be formed.

No action was taken on KA5IID's motion.

Motion made to disband the survey committee on any further work on the committee – moved and 2nd. No discussion. Motion is carried.

No more discussion

Meeting closed at 2:56pm

**Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2005**

Submitted by Melissa Rasmussen, KM5R, Secretary

Board meeting started at 3:23pm

President Baumgardner stated he was working on the solicitation of CPAs for candidates for doing the counting. We needed to identify that prior to the votes going out – where to send the ballots back to.

We need agreement from the board that the CPA firm can be found. We need to get the first firm to agree thru October of 06. Need to expect approximately 5 rounds of ballots by October of 06.

President Baumgardner will give summary and recommendation to the BoD. BoD members will reply with comments within given time.

Next issue how to send out ballots – bylaws require signature – but there's no way to match the signature to anything. Discussion followed.

Louis Petit made a motion to authorize the President to contract a CPA firm to tabulate the ballots and contractors to produce and mail the ballots – The BoD would give the contractors a copy of the bylaws to work from, and the secretary would furnish as current and up to date of a membership list as possible. Motion 2nd. Discussion followed

All in favor – motion carries.

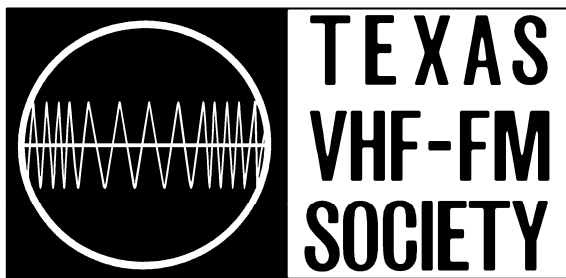
John Johnson wants to establish a legal defense fund – he makes a motion to take 500 dollars from coordinators fund and 1000 from the general fund to pay for legal council. Louis Bancook 2nd it. Discussion followed. This is not to exceed 1500 dollars. All in favor – 2 abstain – motion carries.

Membership \$5823.55
Life membership \$32,856
Coordination \$2073.84

John Johnson stated May 7th is the newsletter deadline. Next board meeting is at Hamcom. Date and time TBA.

San Antonio is requesting the winter meeting at their hamfest. Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

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2005 Election Candidates for Board of Directors

The following nominees, listed in alphabetical order, are candidates for election or re-election to the Texas VHF-FM Board of Directors.

Paul Baumgardner, W5PSB

Please elect me as a Director of the Texas VHF FM Society for the 2005-2007 term. I have been honored to serve as your President for the 2004-2005 term. I am committed to all members and trustees that I will work with the membership and all current and future board members to make the society a better and stronger organization for the future. I have a vision of where we need to go, so we must work together to get on the road to achieve those goals.



During the last year, we have made sure that appointments to Society boards and posts have been from all different interests. There have been two new coordinators selected in Zone 1 for VHF and UHF, an election committee with past Directors as well as revamping the Technical committee. We have worked through the passing of several new by-laws provisions plus a change to the Frequency Coordination Standards. More members are participating in the electronic newsletter. More organizations are joining as "club life members" and the general membership has gone up. All in all, the society is moving forward. To keep the momentum and focus, you need principled, disciplined and strong leaders.

Let me take a moment to introduce myself for those that I haven't had the opportunity to meet. I was first licensed in 1986 after attending a class sponsored by the Arlington Amateur Radio Club. I went through the entire class and was one of a few in the class of thirty that passed both the theory and code tests. I got my technician license some months later in early 1987. I got my extra class license in 2001. I have been active in the Arlington Club since then and have served on the election committee, as Vice President, President and currently as the Repeater and Special Events Committee Chairman as well as Agent of Record. I have participated in the Texas VHF FM Society since becoming a member in 1989. I have been to many, many meetings and remember running for the board several times in the early 90's until I was elected in 1997. Since 1997, I have served as a Director at Large and Vice President. Also, I have been a Frequency Coordinator in the North Texas area for 29, 50, 222, 902, 1200, 2400 and ATV since 1992. That has been a very challenging and enjoyable job serving amateur radio trustees.

Professionally, I work as Construction Manager for Cingular Wireless. That gets me involved in new cell sites, new Switch locations and upgrades to existing locations. I also lead disaster recovery efforts when needed. I have been employed by Cingular Wireless/Southwester Bell Mobile Systems for over 12 years.

This experience, plus working as a local officer for an amateur radio club uniquely qualify me for continued service as a Director of the Texas VHF FM Society.

I hope I can count on your vote. Thank you.

Pat England, KB5MBK

My name is Pat England, KB5MBK. My home is in Midland, Texas. I have been actively involved in Amateur Radio for 15 years. I built and maintain an open 11 hop linked repeater system in West Texas called the Horned Toad Intertie. I have worked professionally in the communications and automation industry for 20 years, having built Microwave systems both analog and digital, numerous SMR sites and one of the largest independently owned paging systems in the USA. Presently I am a senior Automation and Communications Tech for Apache Corporation in West Texas.



I feel that I have the technical skills and business sense to represent the Texas VHF FM Society membership as a Board of Director. I also think it would be a good idea to have Zone 5 representation on the Board.

I would appreciate your support in the upcoming elections.

Paul Finch, WB5IDM

My name is Paul Finch and my call is WB5IDM, I am 54 years young. I grew up in Fort Worth, Texas and moved to Azle, Texas in 1990. My Father gave me a book when I was about 12 years old, that book was; So You Want To Be A Ham! I read the book but with all the things I had to do I was not able to attend any classes until much later in life. In about 1971 I found my first job in electronics at Ed Juge Electronics in Fort Worth, Texas. While working at Ed's I found the Kilocycle Club and started attending Novice classes, I got my original call of WN5IDM shortly after that. Ed pushed me to go ahead and upgrade my license, which with his help I did later in 1972. Ed was a great guy; he let me drive his Porsche to the Dallas FCC office!



While working at Ed's I met and became friends with Jack Perkins/W5URH. Jack later taught me how to align my first Motorola T-44 UHF mobile radio that I later turned into my first repeater on 444.850 MHz, we have been friends since then. Another friend recommended me for a job at Bell Communications a few blocks away. I jumped at the chance. It was at Bell that I learned most of my electronics and what it took to build a repeater out of surplus equipment.

In the mid 70's I built my first repeater on 444.850 MHz out of a Motorola T-44 mobile radio and a surplus base supply. I got the original COR circuit from a friend and used junk given to me by Bob Bell to build the repeater. In the mid 70's Harry Sanderson with the Kilocycle Club asked me to build the first Kilocycle Club repeater on 2 Meters. That repeater was built out of a GE Progress line mobile radio with a 110-volt surplus base station supply.

I worked for Bell Communications for ten years and learned a lot of electronics. In 1983, the management of ProNet Medical Communications offered me a job supporting their Medical paging system. Since I installed it while working for Bell Communications it was an easy decision. I was the only technician at ProNet for a long time; I ended up with them as their Director of Field Engineering. I left ProNet in 1998 and went to work for a Houston; Texas based company, Eagle Wireless. While there I worked on a project for Compaq Computers and finally for their Link-Two Paging division supporting their paging system. With the downturn in paging I was laid off in 2002, since then I have been full-time in my part time tower and two-way radio business in Azle, Texas.

Since I have been a Ham I have built several repeaters using surplus Motorola, GE, Johnson and even a Standard HT equipment and until recently my own home-made controller. I now own and operate my own 500-foot tower in Azle, Texas where I currently have in service five Kenwood commercial repeaters and three Ham machines. I am cur-

rently working on the following machines, two 900 MHz, one 10 meter, one 220 MHz and finally a 6 meter machine to install on my tower as well as another 900 MHz repeater for a friend in Duncanville, Texas.

I feel as Ham Radio Operators we have a duty to grow this hobby while protecting it from commercial interests that would take our valuable resources.

Rusty Herman, KB5R

W. E. "Rusty" Herman has lived in Texas since 1976 and resides in Roman Forest, an east Texas town. Rusty has been involved in amateur radio since 1973 and has held the call signs WB4IBR, WB5QHE, and the extra call KB5R. He first came to Texas during 1961 to attend the U.S. Army's High Altitude Missile School at Ft. Bliss in El Paso for the Nike Hercules fire control school. He stayed on to teach electronics and radar maintenance at the school. One day after being discharged from the Army, Rusty was employed at the White Sands Missile Range, working for RCA in range radar documentation.



In 1965 RCA transferred him to the USAF's Eastern Test Range at Patrick AFB, Florida, where he operated and maintained telemetry equipment for the period of the Gemini manned missions.

In September 1966 Rusty started college at the University of Montana in Missoula. During his college years he worked as an engineering aid for the Montana Power Company. Two and one-third years later he graduated with a BS in production management. He was hired by Western Electric Co. in Greensborough, N.C. for the project engineering office of the Army's Safeguard Anti-Missile System. While in North Carolina he obtained a MSBA from the University of North Carolina at night school. Also, he was awarded the US Jaycees Spoke Award while in Greensborough.

With the signing of the SALT 1 treaty in 1974 Rusty transferred to Southern Bell's plant extension engineering division in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. In 1976 he transferred to the plant extension engineering division in Southwestern Bell's Houston area headquarters. While working at Southwestern Bell Rusty began night classes at the South Texas College of Law.

In 1981 he finished law school and passed the Texas bar exam. In 1982 he joined the Harris County District Attorney's Office, where he became a white collar special crimes prosecutor. In 1985 he was asked to join the U.S. Attorney's Office specializing in fraud prosecutions. In 1990 he became board certified in criminal trial law by the Texas bar and opened his own office in Humble, Texas.

Besides the Jaycees Spoke award, Rusty has been very active in Boy Scout activities at the troop, district, and council levels where he has received the Order of the Arrow and Wood Badge awards. He has been president of the Northeast Harris County Bar Association. He has also been legal advisor to the old Houston Amateur Radio Club (HARC), president on two occasions of the Texas Emergency Amateur Club (TEAC), a member of HARC, TEAC, and SHARK radio clubs, a coordinating VE for ARRL, an ARRL member, an AEC for Montgomery County, and a life member of the Texas VHF Society.

Along with his amateur activities Rusty is a Texas municipal court judge, a two term city councilman for the city of Roman Forest, and judge advocate for American Legion Post 615 in New Caney, Texas.

Chris Hudgins, N5IUF

Hello, I'm Chris Hudgins, N5IUF. I have been a Society member and repeater trustee for nearly 20 years, Life Member for 15 years, and spent the last two years serving you as a Director, and I'm glad to have been a part of all of those aspects. But rather than spend a lot of time discussing myself, I'd rather tell you about how far the Society has come in the last two years, and what I'd like to see for the future. I believe it's healthy to challenge an organization to go above and beyond for the members we serve, and set high goals and standards for the future. If we don't, our organization will become stagnant and fail to keep up with our ever changing world.



I believe the Society must listen to the needs and desires of the members and implement those desires and needs in a timely fashion, not just talk about it year after year. Over the past two years the Society has come a long way. Society members are participating more than ever and the Society membership level has skyrocketed to an all time high. We have implemented published waiting lists and reduced waiting list times in many Zones. We have added search by frequency and improved coordination forms and made them both available on the website. We have passed rules for coordinators that require timely communications and provided improved methods for communicating with members and trustees. According to the Society Survey sent out last year, 80% of the membership favors voting by mail. Now that the vote by mail is a reality, I am committed to producing a balanced budget to ensure that vote by mail is a success and ensure the future financial prosperity of the Society as a whole.

I believe in spending my time as a Director to come up with creative, innovative ways to deliver what the membership expects and not to just give excuses as to why we can't do something. If the membership wants something, but it appears too expensive, the job is clear: let's figure out how to make it happen. I have a "can do" attitude that's contagious. I'm thankful for the opportunity to have served you over the past two years, and I'm excited about being able to serve another term. I want to thank all members who are taking the time to participate, support, and vote. Every vote does count, and I would sincerely appreciate yours.

Robert Lobaugh, W5JYJ

EDUCATION:

Graduated from Texas A & I, Kingsville, Texas...BBA
Graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler, MS, Public Health and Safety...Tyler, Texas
Attended University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany...History

MILITARY:

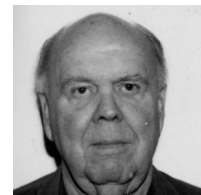
Retired from US Army, six years activity duty, reserve...total 21 years
Signal Officer, Engineer Officer, Civil Affairs Officer

EMPLOYMENT:

Retired from the Texas Department of Health...Program Manager
Radiation Control Program...Tyler, Texas
Administrator, San Patricio County Health Department...Sinton, Texas
Health and Safety Consultant...Sinton, Texas
Adjunct Instructor, Texas A & M...TEEX
Substitute Teacher Corpus Christi Independent School District...Corpus Christi, Texas

AMATEUR:

Licensed 1960...currently General Class
MARS Director, Europe, was licensing authority for US and British Forces in Europe.
MARS Director, Fort Lewis Washington, Washington
President, San Patricio Emergency Amateur Radio Society
President, Harlingen Amateur Radio Club



Member of ARRL
DEC, District 4, ARES
Mentor, ARRL, online courses
Member of Texas Baptist Men's Disaster Relief
Texas VHF Society...Life Member

LICENSES:

W5JYJ...GENERAL.....FCC
Registered Sanitarian.....State of Texas
Medical PhysicistState of Texas

Gary Peterson, NZ5V

Gary L. Peterson was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, and lived most of the first forty years of his life in Austin, Texas. He moved to Abilene, Texas in 1998.



While Gary developed an interest in amateur radio very early on, it was not until he passed the General Class license in 1977 that ham radio became "the hobby" for him. During a hamfest in 1978, he passed the 20 wpm CW only to fail the Advanced written by a few questions.

During this time Gary was a repeater trustee of a 2m GE Mastr-Pro repeater, with home brew duplexers, and a home brew DB-224 antenna. The repeater was located at the top of a 200 foot Rohn 25G tower he stacked for W5HDV, Darrell Havard next to the AT&T Microwave tower in Pflugerville, Texas.

During that time, he also used to professionally climb radio towers for Ace Communications (Constable Mike Simpson), as well as ADS Communications (Danny Stone).

Gary received an Associate of Science in Mathematics, with a minor in Computer Science, with honors, from Austin Community College in 1980. Working as a contract computer programmer, he went on to form a successful Mini-Computer Sales and Service company, and authored and sold a comprehensive set of COBOL based accounting solutions for medium sized businesses. As the Personal Computer entered the marketplace, he transitioned to PC sales and operated one of the largest PC retailers in Austin for a number of years, specializing in CAD/CAM.

He also branched out into real estate in 1990, and after a successful sale in Austin in 1998, purchased multiple properties in Abilene, Texas. He is currently "employed" as the General Partner of GL Peterson Properties, Ltd., in Abilene. 2005 is Gary's 25th year of self employment.

Gary's current call, NZ5V, is a vanity call issued shortly after he re-took all four exams in a 30 day period in 2002. In some ways Gary is very new to amateur radio, and in others, he is a long term ham operator of almost 30 years.

In just the past few years Gary has been very active in the hobby, co-founding the Big Country Amateur Radio Net (www.bcarn.net) and web authoring the associated web site with Joe, KD5YCY.

Gary has been active in building repeaters under the "BCARN" colors, but more importantly, BCARN has by fostering and growing the operating environment, made the equipment secondary to the people and the nets that use them. Gary authored a net operations guide which says the BCARN net is "by and for the purpose of promoting the hobby of amateur radio... and to... connect people whose special interests also interest you". BCARN and it's associated repeaters and nets account for the majority of VHF/UHF activity in the Abilene area and surrounding nine county area.

Six meters presented Gary with the opportunity to develop conversions of commercial equipment, such as the conversion of the GE Rangr '89 Low band radio to full amateur use. That conversion is currently posted on the Repeater-Builder Web site. Also, he has constructed a home brew set of six meter BPBR duplexers (google the "BCARN 6 meter project") that have proved to be nearly as good as commercial units.

Of late, Gary has been active in the ARRL fight against BPL, and has been very involved in this struggle, almost on a daily basis, including successfully formulating input to modify a small, but important part of the BPL legislation that recently left committee in the Texas Senate. He also took over as the webmaster and substantially re-authored the Texas BPL web site, www.texasbpl.com back in December of last year.

If you have been a member of the Yahoo GE group, Gary is a well known, and frequent contributor there, as well as a Moderator of Mark Cobbledick's, KB4CVN's AR29mhz group, founder and list owner of the brand new AR52mhz group, as well as the List Owner/Moderator of the Abilene Key City Amateur Radio Club list, all on Yahoo Groups.

Gary's machine shop here has gotten a few chuckles from the very electronically oriented people in our hobby, but his skills as a hobby machinist really do support him in ham radio, those tools were key in making the 6 meter duplexers, and may result in a new, better, screwdriver antenna that has in process.

While Gary lacks the college degrees possessed by many, he is almost universally regarded as very well spoken, and well educated.

Louis Petit, WB5BMB

I am Louis Petit, WB5BMB, General class, life member of the Society and ARRL and other clubs. I have been a member of the Society for over 30 years and on the BoD for about 20 years. I have served as President and/or V. Pres. several times, and Secretary-Treasurer. I was President when the NFCC was first started, and the zone 2 coordinator during the 20 KHz. change and the coordination standards were adopted. I have been active in Red Cross and RACES emergency communications in Galveston County for over 25 years. I enjoy V/UHF and project construction & equipment repair. I like to promote tower climbing safety by being a tower climbing/safety instructor and High Angle Rescue Technician. I have been employed by the U.S. Army for over 30 years where I supervise an electronics shop and am Diver/Supervisor for the Texas Gulf Coast, and am a DoD Radio Frequency Spectrum Manager. I wish to continue to serve as a Director for the Society and would appreciate your continued support and vote.



Melissa Rasmussen, KM5R

Hi there, my name is Melissa Rasmussen, KM5R. I have been a ham for over a decade now, and am a life member of the Texas VHF FM Society. I'm currently employed by Clear Channel Radio as a Broadcast Engineer. I ran for a position on the Board of Directors two years ago because I saw some issues within the organization that needed to be addressed, and rules that needed to be changed. You, the members, stated you wanted vote by mail, and we, the board of directors, listened to you, and instated that. I'm working hard to serve you. I've been secretary of this organization for the last two years, and have worked hard to increase membership – both regular and life members.



The Texas VHF FM Society has come a long way in the last two years, and with your support, we can make this YOUR organization – that serves YOU – the member.

Please take the time to fill out your ballot and return it. If I get re-elected I will continue to improve the way the Society conducts business. Thank you.

Erik Smith, W5ETS

My name is Erik Smith, W5ETS and I live in San Antonio. I was first licensed in June 1993 at age 13. I currently hold a General class license. My wife, father, and mother are also all Hams. I own a repeater here in San Antonio (444.800). I am also very active during emergency operations in South and Central Texas and other public service events such as the MS-150 Bike to the Beach from San Antonio to Corpus Christi. I have been a member of the Texas VHF/FM Society since 1994. I am a member and director for the San Antonio Radio Club, elected in 2002 and will be serving until 2007. During my time on the board of directors for the San Antonio Radio Club, I have been involved in setting club budgets and have performed many other operational duties. I served as past co-chairman for the San Antonio Radio Club Swap fest from 1994 until taking over the Chairman position in 2004.



I have some ideas that I would like to address in the upcoming months for the Society. If elected to the board of directors, I will keep the lines of communication open between myself and the rest of the board as well as between myself and the members.

Something that I feel very strongly about is the fact that without the members, there would be no organization.

I would like to ask for your vote for Director. If you have any questions or need to contact me for any reason, please feel free to contact me at (210) 622-9097 (home) or (210) 831-9811 or by e-mail at w5ets@yahoo.com

Charles Staples, WB5ZNV

I'm Charles Staples, WB5ZNV. I have been licensed as an amateur for over 26 years. Given the opportunity, I would be honored to serve the Society members by extending my professional and amateur radio knowledge to aid in moving the Society forward into the future.



I am an engineering consultant. My work includes sites and projects across the nation. I specialize in FCC applications for broadcast, frequency coordination, R.F. system planning, fixed-point-to-point microwave, site planning, and R.F. safety analysis and compliance. I work with some type of R.F. analysis or system every day. I also specialize in FAA applications and tower registrations for towers and buildings. I have constructed and worked on numerous broadcast transmitter facilities, amateur and commercial repeaters for over 30 years.

I have found that in professional work with R.F. systems, cooperation, courtesy and respect for other users is the key to successful spectrum utilization. If you will give me the opportunity to serve you, I will work to make the Society the nation's most honored and respected amateur frequency coordination body. I believe that respect, fairness, honesty, and impartiality must be extended to all amateurs. I will do my utmost to bring these qualities to frequency coordination for amateur radio in Texas. I have no hidden agendas, other than to maximize the enjoyment of the hobby for all amateurs, regardless of their club affiliations or lack thereof. Thank you for your support.

Mark Stennett, NA6M

Mark Stennett has lived in Texas since 1998 and resides in Georgetown, just north of Austin. Mark has been involved in amateur radio since 1976 and has had NA6M and Extra Class license since 1981. Previous calls Mark held include WN6LLM, WB6LLM and KZ5CC. He received his novice license at age 13 while living on a sailboat with his parents and brother. While traveling through Central America and the Caribbean on the boat, he operated QRP CW along the way. Mark passed his General in the Canal Zone in 1977. He lived on the sailboat for 10 years. Mark is proficient in CW to 40 words per minute.



After the sailing trip ended, Mark returned to California to finish school. During college where he studied analog and digital electronics, Mark took up a career in broadcast radio doing engineering work. During the consolidation craze after the Telecom Act of 1996, he served as VP, Engineering for the corporate offices of Chancellor Broadcasting, Capstar Broadcasting and NextMedia Group. He has recently taken a corporate position with Univision Radio, overseeing radio engineering projects across the nation.

Mark is currently president of the Williamson County Amateur Radio Club and has been a club member since 1999. He is also a life member of the Texas VHF FM Society and an ARRL member.

Mark is the owner and trustee of a VHF and two UHF repeaters in the Georgetown area. As a trustee, he is keenly aware of the need for coordination and the importance of making sure everyone's needs are met. Mark is also well versed in several commercial signal propagation software packages, including EDX Engineering's Signal v8.03 and Radiosoft's ComStudy v2.2.

Don Stevenson, N5XWD

I am Don Stevenson, N5XWD. I have been a life member of the Texas VHF FM Society for about 12 years. I am a Radio Broadcast engineer and have been employed in that field for more than 25 years. I am currently the Chief Engineer for Radio One in Dallas. I am also the repeater trustee for the 444.300 repeater in Houston.



I have been a member of the Board of Directors for the last two years. I have been proud to represent the needs and desires of many of the amateur radio operators in the state of Texas during that time. In the past two years, we have seen the society making some big changes that many people said would never happen. Several members on the Board of Directors said that the waiting lists for repeater coordinations would never be published. But less than two years later, we now publish the waiting list both in the NEWS and on the web page. Publishing the waiting list, allows the membership to see the progress on the repeater coordinations. This opens up the process, and brings accountability to the membership.

I have also heard from numerous members that a vote by mail system was important to them. I am happy to say, that now, all of the members of the Society can vote without having to travel to Austin. The Board of Directors now has a mandate from the membership, that "Vote by Mail" is what the membership wants. The Board of Directors needs to stop bickering about whether they like the bylaws amendments or not, and get busy balancing the budget. This is important, to insure financial stability of the Texas VHF FM Society in the future.

Thank you for your time, and I would appreciate your vote.

Jay Urish, W5GM

Greetings fellow Society members! My name is Jay Urish and I am running for a position on the board of directors. I come ready and willing to serve this organization with several years of experience with large clubs. I was first licensed in 1992 as KB5VPS. Full of piss and vinegar I exploded into the ham radio scene ready to explore its many facets. At first I was stuck on 2m, but I soon outgrew that after the purchase of my first dual band portable. Around this time I was working at Delta Communications in Garland as a service/install tech. Words cannot quantify how much I absorbed during my employment there. I had many good bench techs teaching me the quirks of RF. This exposure firmed my love of electronics which had been strong since I was 10 playing on the CB. After coming out of the military, I became more active in the Dallas Amateur Radio Club and eventually was elected to a term as secretary. After buying my 1st home in Flower Mound, I drifted away from the Dallas club and became active in the Denton County Amateur Radio Association where I was elected as president and am serving to this day. I am also involved with the Denton County ARES group as an AEC. I prefer the technical side of the hobby but enjoy working contests and DXing on HF as well as VHF. I am a life member of the ARRL and SWAT. I enjoy working on antennas and climbing towers. I am the trustee of 2 UHF repeaters with other bands in the works. I have a vision of the future for VHF and above communications. I am approaching this thing with an open mind and a commitment to serve all members equally. I have the attitude that if you are not part of the solution, then you must be part of the problem. I would really appreciate your vote and a chance to make a difference in the Society.



The following text is the motion known as the “Vote by Mail” amendment. It is reprinted here for the benefit of the vested members:

[items underlined with a dotted line are deleted, items underlined with a solid line are additions.]

ARTICLE THREE—DIRECTORS

3.1 DIRECTORS. The Society shall be managed by a Board of Directors. They shall be responsible for conducting all society business between General Membership meetings.

3.1.1 NUMBER OF DIRECTORS. There shall be nine (9) Directors.

3.1.2 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS. Candidates for this election will be selected from the Membership, excluding Vested, Associate and Affiliated Group Members, and presented to the membership at the last meeting of the fiscal year (Summer Meeting) by a nomination committee appointed by the President, or in his absence the Chairman of the previous general meeting. Additional candidates may be proposed by any Member present at this meeting. Election shall be by a plurality vote of the voting Members present at this meeting. Not more than five (5) Directors shall be elected each year unless unexpired and vacated terms are to be filled, in which case the maximum number of Directors elected will be five (5) plus the number of unexpired and vacated terms to be filled. Five Directors will be elected in Odd-numbered years, and Four Directors will be elected in Even-numbered years. If there are unexpired vacant terms to be filled, Directors receiving the highest number of votes, will fill the regular terms first, after that, unexpired vacant terms will be filled in order of votes received, until all positions are filled.

3.1.2.1 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: A nominations committee shall be selected and approved by the Board of Directors no later than the Winter Board of Directors Meeting. Any Board member not running for re-election, may serve on the nominations Committee, upon request by that Board Member. The nomination committee will accept nominations until ninety (90) days prior to the end of the fiscal year. A final list of nominees must be published in the NEWS and distributed no later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal year. The candidates biography and photo must be published if requested by the candidate.

3.1.2.2 VOTING: Voting shall be done by mail. Ballots shall be mailed to all Society members excluding Vested, Associate and Affiliated Group members. The Secretary shall prepare a list of all members that are eligible to vote. The Secretary shall distribute that list to the Nominations Committee and to the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) Firm no later than seventy (70) days prior to the end of the fiscal year. The ballots shall be mailed no later than sixty (60) days prior to the end of the fiscal year. The ballot may be mailed with the NEWS, or other material being mailed to the membership, but it must be kept separate from that material. The ballot shall include the candidates biography and photo if requested by the candidate.

3.1.2.3 ENVELOPES: The envelope containing the ballot, must contain the words “Ballot Inside” on the front of the envelope. Two envelopes shall be placed inside the envelope with the ballots being mailed. One envelope shall be left blank for the ballot to be placed inside for anonymous return. The other envelope shall be an envelope that is pre-addressed for return to the Certified Public Accountant. The member shall sign his/her name (and/or) membership number in the space provided on the envelope. Complete instructions for voting must be included with the ballot.

3.1.2.4 BALLOTS: The ballots shall be returned to a Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm selected and approved by the Board of Directors. All Society members excluding Vested, Associate and Affiliated Group members are eligible to vote. The CPA firm will certify that only one ballot per member has been submitted, and that only members from the membership list generated by the secretary have voted. The CPA Firm will then count the votes and certify the results. The election shall be by a plurality vote of the members voting. The ballots must be post-marked no later than thirty days prior to the end of the fiscal year. The CPA firm will prepare two sealed envelopes containing the election results, one for the President and the other for the Secretary. These envelopes are to be opened in front of the membership at the Summer General Meeting. In the event of a tie vote, a run off election will be held at the Summer Meeting. The election shall be by a plurality vote of eligible members voting.

3.1.2.5 The newly elected Directors will assume office upon adjournment of the Summer Meeting.

3.1.3 DIRECTORS TERM OF OFFICE. Directors will shall serve for a two (2) year term, or until their successor is elected.

ARTICLE SIX—MEETINGS

6.1 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. There shall be two (2) General Meetings per year, held at approximate six (6) month intervals. Meetings will generally be held in the months of February (Winter Meeting) and August (Summer Convention).

6.2 SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special Meetings shall be called by the President when requested by a majority of the Directors. The agenda for Special Meetings shall be stated in the announcement of the meeting and shall be limited thereto.

6.3 DIRECTOR’S MEETINGS. The Directors shall meet at least twice yearly, upon request by the principal officer of the Society. Society Members may attend Director’s Meetings.

6.4 QUORUM. At any General or Special meeting, the voting Members attending will be considered a quorum.

6.5 DIRECTOR’S QUORUM. At any meeting of the Board of Directors a majority of the Board will be considered a quorum for the transaction of business.

6.6 VOTING. All Society Members, excluding Associate and Affiliated Group Members, may vote at a Society Membership or Special Meeting. Only Directors may vote at a Director’s Meeting.

6.6.1 All decisions at any meeting of the membership or Board of Directors or a committee shall be by a majority vote of a quorum. Each voting member shall have one (1) and only one (1) vote and no voting by proxy shall be permitted.

6.6.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other part of these By-Laws, the Chairman of any Regular or Special Meeting may interrupt ordinary parliamentary procedure at any time to conduct a non-binding straw vote on any issue, whether or not that issue is under discussion at the time of the interruption.

6.6.3 Any proposed change or amendment which will affect existing Society Band Plans, Standards for Coordination, or have an adverse affect on repeater trustees shall automatically be tabled. The determination to table a motion or bring it to a vote shall be made by the society president. This tabled motion shall not be brought before the membership for a vote until the Vested Mem-

bership is polled in writing for agreement or non-agreement and the results of the poll are made known to the membership prior to a vote.

ARTICLE TEN—AMENDMENTS

10.1 AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

10.1.1. NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT. Proposals for amendments to the Articles of Incorporation must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days prior to the next Society Membership meeting.

10.1.2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the Society members of each proposed amendment at least thirty (30) days prior to the next Society Membership meeting.

10.1.3. At the next Society Membership meeting the proposed amendments will be submitted to the membership. A two-thirds vote of a quorum shall be required to adopt an amendment.

10.2 AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS, BAND PLANS OR STANDARDS FOR FREQUENCY COORDINATION. The By-laws shall be reviewed at the first directors' meeting of the fiscal year.

10.1.1 Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by any eligible member. It must be submitted in Writing to the President and the Secretary prior to, or at a General Meeting. The motion must be discussed and may be amended at the General Meeting. The motion must then be published in the NEWS no later than ninety (90) days after the General Meeting.

10.1.2 VOTING: Voting shall be done by mail. The Secretary shall prepare a list of all members that are eligible to vote. This list shall be distributed to the Publications Committee and to the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) Firm no later than eighty (80) days after the General Meeting. Ballots shall be mailed to all Society members excluding Vested, Associate and Affiliated Group members no later than ninety (90) days after general meeting. The ballot may be mailed with the NEWS, or other material being mailed to the membership, but it must be kept separate from that material.

10.1.3 ENVELOPE: The envelope containing the ballot, must contain the words "Ballot Inside" on the front of the envelope. Two envelopes shall be placed inside the envelope with the ballots being mailed. One envelope shall be left blank for the ballot to be placed inside for anonymous return. The other envelope shall be an envelope that is pre-addressed for return to the Certified Public Accountant. The member shall sign his/her name (and/or) membership number in the space provided on the envelope. Complete instructions for voting must be included with the ballot.

10.1.3.1 BALLOTS: The ballots shall be returned to a Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firm selected and approved by the Board of Directors. All Society members excluding Vested, Associate and Affiliated Group members are eligible to vote. The CPA firm will certify that only one ballot per member has been submitted, and that only members from the membership list generated by the secretary have voted. The CPA Firm will then count the votes and certify the results. The ballots must be postmarked no later than thirty days after the date that the ballots were mailed.

10.1.4 Two thirds (2/3) of the members voting shall be required for adoption of the amendment.

10.1.5 The CPA firm will provide two sealed envelopes containing the election results, one to the President and the other to the Secretary. The results will become effective upon delivery from the CPA firm to the President and the Secretary. The results must be published in the next edition of the NEWS. If this election is running concurrently with a Directors Election, the CPA firm will provide the results for the Directors elections separately from the results of the amendment.

10.2 AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS, BAND PLANS OR STANDARDS FOR FREQUENCY COORDINATION. The By-laws shall be reviewed at the first directors' meeting of the fiscal year.

10.2.1 Changes, additions, or corrections to the By-Laws may be proposed by the Directors or by any voting Member at any Society meeting. Such proposals shall require a majority vote of a quorum of the voting Membership for their adoption.

10.2.2. A proposal to amend the By-laws, band plans or standards for frequency coordination shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer, and signed by the person making the proposal. The language to be inserted shall be underlined. The proposed language to be deleted shall be stricken with a horizontal line. Other methods of clearly delineating the specific changes to be made are allowed.

10.2.1 Amendments to the By-Laws, Band Plans or Standards for Frequency Coordination shall be initiated according to the same procedure as Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation (section 10.1), except that a majority of members voting shall be required for adoption.

Poll for Vested Members (non-member Trustees)

In accordance with the Bylaws, the following items are presented to the Vested Members for their opinion. Information on these items is found within this newsletter as shown. Please vote for or against each item, print your name and callsign for verification, and return to: Texas VHF-FM Society, P.O. Box 82666, Austin, TX 78708-2666. Please return by July 25. Thank you.

Name (print) _____ Callsign _____

1. ___ FOR ___ AGAINST - Vote by Mail amendment. (Pages 11-12)
2. ___ FOR ___ AGAINST - Increase annual membership dues from \$10 to \$15. (Page 5)
3. ___ FOR ___ AGAINST - Charge fees for coordination services. (Page 5-6)
4. ___ FOR ___ AGAINST - Elimination of NDA provision of the By-Laws. (Page 6)