

Notes From OEN On-Air Board Meeting
Held September 28, 2021

Voting Actions

-All board members were present: Mark KA7FHA, Ruth K7RFO, Paul KD7HB, John AE7CJ, Dan W7WVF, Eric W7EV, Matt AF7LB, Larry W7HLR

-The resolution to implement the amended Preamble & Net Operational Guidelines was approved (copies on website) and both should be implemented immediately

-The resolution to reduce down to one-year the current two-year requirement to be a net officer was approved (will be documented in an upcoming refresh of the bylaws)

-John AE7CJ and Dan W7WVF were nominated to retain their respective Director positions for NW & SW Oregon. They both accepted. No other nominations were made prior to or during the meetings. Therefore, both gentlemen were affirmed to retain their positions for another term. Congratulations & Thanks to you for your service to the OEN.

-Mark KA7FHA was nominated to retain the Chairman of the Board position and he accepted the nomination. Ruth K7RFO was also nominated but declined. No other nominations were received. Therefore, Mark was affirmed to retain the Chairman position for another term. Congratulations & Thanks to you for your service to the OEN.

Key Comments, Action Items, Future Discussion Topics

-Larry W7HLR will draft an actual net mission and purpose statement based upon the resolution approval last evening

-Bob W7SC7 suggested reinstatement of the "solid" checkin reporting and recognition process to stimulate interest in the net

-Bob also suggested that checkins advise the net if they will be leaving early

-Several folks suggested more active efforts to recruit new members, particularly new checkins and even long-time participants who never became members

-Likewise, several members reinforced the Operational Guidelines document suggestions for frequent net announcements regarding membership, becoming a relay station or net control, and other common interest items

-Suggestion to review and refresh items on the W7OEN website

-Ron WA7YPJ suggested that requesting and repeating call sign phonetics during poor band conditions is still appropriate

-Rick AI7JN suggested that it might be helpful to new net controls if we called for checkins in the larger cities by suffix (similar to Washington State)

-Fred ND7V reported as Treasurer that we have over \$1,700 in the OEN bank account

-Larry will call an on-air meeting of the net controls, relay stations, and interested others to discuss the operational guidelines and do any necessary tweaking

-Mark KA7FHA can provide further historical information about the Vanport flood to anyone with interest

-It was reinforced that other volunteers for relay stations during the net are encouraged to give it a try and that the "regulars" support this

One item that my forgetful mind missed last evening was to thank Dennis AG7K for his years of service as Net Manager. He claims otherwise, but he did an excellent job of keeping things on track and staying on top of all the management duties. We hope, Dennis, that all of your current life challenges will subside, and that you'll be back strong with us soon!

Apologies for any that I missed trying to write notes fast enough. Feel free to contact me for additions or corrections.

Thanks to all for your contributions to the process and a very productive meeting!

Regards & 73's,
Larry W7HLR
OEN Net Manager/Secretary