

OEN On-Air Board Meeting Notes

September 4, 2024

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All Directors and Officers were present for all or part of the meeting except Fred, ND7V. Hopefully, Fred is OK. A quorum was established.

Web Master's report: Harold, W7DPS – The Net's website, W7OEN.NET, has been recently updated with current data.

Trustee Change: It was reported that the change of Net Trustee to John AE7CJ has been completed as shown on the FCC record.

Net Manager Change: The Board unanimously approved Joe, WA7JAW to be the new Net Manager in a "limited capacity" manner since Joe has some construction projects to be completed. During the next one to two months, a plan will be developed to accommodate Joe's limited availability. Making the net operations more "self-managing" will be the primary means of reducing Joe's time. Joe will be an officer and voting Board member.

Net Data Base Manager Change: The Board unanimously approved Rick, AI7JN as the new Net Data Base Manager. He will be an officer and voting Board member. Rick has developed some new tools to manage the OEN database and roster process. Excellent work, Rick! There is a transition plan in progress, and it will be mutually agreed when we're ready to make the final transfer, mostly based upon clean up and final checking of the new software tools.

New OEN Members: Welcome to several new members. See attached list. Thanking you for Joining. See instructions on the website if you would like to be a member and receive a member certificate.

Elections to occur this month: John AE7CJ, Eric W7EV, and Dan W7WVF are up for reelection. After the meeting, Dan reported that he will not be seeking reelection, and he nominated Rick, AI7JN to be his replacement. John indicated that he would stand for reelection but would not like to stand for Board Chairman. Please nominate net participants for these open positions by September 12th. You may also self-nominate.

Blind email copies and spam/scam intrusions: Most Board members reported that they have historically received some spam and scam emails, but that level has not increased since the scam event a few months back. Harold and Rick will consider ways of making blind copies easier to use, but it appears that they are not really necessary.

OEN Picnic: Eric reported that he has been unable to research alternate locations for a net picnic this Fall. There were no volunteers to take over, so I agreed to do some checking. However, it may be a bit too late for this year.

Volunteers Needed: Net Controls, Net Secretary, Board Members, and relay stations. How about giving it a try? I need some help filling in for John on Friday nights during late September through October. I will take most of those nets, but a backup is needed.

We will need to meet again soon on-air or via email to conclude the election process. As a reminder, if there is only one nominee for a given position, the Board is empowered to bypass member voting and vote on installing the one volunteer.

New members since previous board meeting on February 7, 2024:

WA7SKG – MIKE BARNES – DALLAS, OR

W7LHT – ZACH MILNE – VANCOUVER, WA

KK7AZD – CYNDI ALBRO – CHILOQUIN, OR
N6BLU – GARY MCELROY – BANDON, OR
KK7HLE – MARK DREVDAHL – LAFAYETTE, OR
KF3KF – ALAN ERTLE - KLAMATH FALLS, OR
KI7MUD – JOHN MAYO – TILLER, OR
KB7RGO – PAUL VICKLAND - CENTRAL POINT, OR