

## ***2017 ASCRA Board Nominees***

### **Chuck Palmer, NØONN, Independence, MO**

Chuck Palmer was first interested in radio by listening to local VHF repeaters with his scanner. When Michael Hahn encouraged him to become more directly involved Chuck obtained his license in July 1994. He subsequently upgraded from Technician to Tech+ and finally to General Class operator. Chuck has served as ASCRA Treasurer since August 2003. Over the years he has collected many T-shirts and ball caps from numerous bike rides, walk-a-thons, triathlons, etc., while providing emergency communications via health & welfare messages back to event net control stations. Prior to his motorcycle accident in 2012 Chuck was our main tower climber at the ASCRA HQ station, W0SHQ, helping to maintain our antennas. You can often find him participating in ASCRA HF and VHF nets.



### **Doug Shaw, WAØEMX, Raytown, MO**

Doug Shaw is a founding member of ASCRA's board and currently serves as ASCRA Secretary and FCC Trustee for our club station W0SHQ at the Church International HQ Campus. He has served in many capacities since ASCRA organized in 1973 including multiple terms as President, Secretary, Executive Director, and Net Manager. He is a past editor and a current contributing editor to the ASCRA Newsletter, *IN SERVICE*, and is the originating author of the *SKYWAVES* column.



First licensed 1962, Doug currently holds the Amateur Extra Class license. He is also an FCC Volunteer Examiner (VE) for the Raytown ARC W5YI VE-Team and for the ARRL in the Kansas City metro and has travelled out of the area many times to proctor Amateur Radio exam

sessions including those offered at SPEC on the Graceland University campus.

He enjoys all operating modes: voice, CW-Morse Code, and digital modes, as well as Voice-over-IP ham radio activities such as Echolink. **Doug says,** *"I am very excited to be part of our leadership team as we continue to improve and enhance our International HQ station's antenna systems and remote base capabilities. As we complete current and planned projects, W0SHQ's expanded HF frequency coverage will better serve both casual and emergency communications activities. I am very optimistic for ASCRA's growing potential for effective service to the Church and the communities of which we are a part. I am very grateful for the continued support and encouragement of our world-wide membership. I hope that support will further help us establish and grow new active ASCRA members and chapters in the years ahead."*

### **Jeff Winship, NØOXK, Oak Grove, MO**



Jeff Winship served on the ASCRA board for many years in the past and as ASCRA Treasurer as well during that time. More recently he has been the prime mover and net control station for the Central Mission Field, Sunday evening, 2 Meter FM Net held at 7 PM CT over the IHQ Repeater W0SHQ/R on 146.730 MHz. He has encouraged and mentored numerous members and friends of the Community of Christ and other Restoration churches in the Independence, MO, area in the past 2-3 years resulting in nearly 20 new

Technician licensees and active participants in local 2 Meter on air nets and activities.

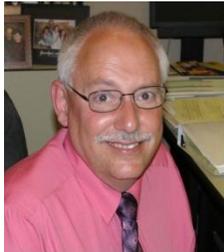
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### **Jim Craft, ADØAC Independence, MO**



Jim Craft has served as a director since 2011 and currently serves as our Executive Director. He formerly served as Secretary from 2012-2015. He has led and assisted greatly in the projects upgrading IHQ station W0SHQ resources for use by all members. He lives in Independence with his wife, Julie, and two year old son, Connor. He works as an attorney for the Church in the office of General Counsel. He received his Technician license in 1997 as KD5BFE and now holds the Amateur Extra Class license. He was originally interested in ham radio by one of his cousins who showed him his radio shack in Wichita and by his best friend who took him to a hamfest in Oklahoma City. He took electronics classes at vo-tech during his high school years and became interested in the technical and homebrew side of the hobby. Jim hopes for increasing interest in Amateur Radio and in ASCRA among youth and young adults in the Church.

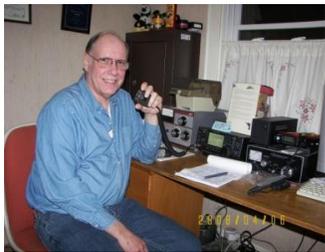
### **Ray Knapp WA2GTM, Perry, IA**



Ray has served ASCRA as a director since 2013 and has been involved with ASCRA since nearly its inception. He is active on HF, VHF and Echolink from his home in Perry, Iowa. He first became involved in Amateur Radio through the local IBM sponsored Boy Scout Explorer post specializing in computers and amateur radio. He remembers writing his first computer program which logic went into an infinite loop. His first ham radio shack was in the family barn using borrowed equipment and wire antennas hanging on and all around the barn. He became a life member of the American Radio Relay League while attending Graceland College. In the 1980s he tested some packet radio software for use on the Space Shuttle.

Ray retired from his 30 year career as a computer programmer about five years ago but remains active with local Boy Scout groups, Scouting's Jamboree-On-The-Air, and his local ham radio club. Ray often operates mobile on visits to his daughter and granddaughter who live just north of Independence in Liberty, MO. He particularly enjoys operating IHQ station W0SHQ whenever he attends a national or World Conference at the Church international headquarters.

### **Robin Cross W0FEN, Kansas City, MO**



Robin Cross is an incumbent director of the ASCRA board and in the past has served as President, Secretary and Executive Director. He was a net control station (NCS) for the 80 meter ASCRA NET in the 1980s and has served as primary 40 meter net control in more recent years, often assisting or serving as NCS on the 20 meter net during the current lull in the sun spot cycle. He is currently selecting an optimal frequency and time(s) for a revived 80 meter ASCRA Net which should benefit from current HF propagation characteristics.

In July 2014 Robin retired at Chief Engineer for the Kansas City NPR affiliate radio station, KCUR-FM, after a 40 year career as a broadcast engineer. He loves radio tubes and amplifiers that use "empty state" devices; enjoys tuning up an amplifier and can talk about technical topics for hours. Robin has been a ham radio operator for 30 years and has held the Amateur Extra Class license since 1985. In recent years he has taught licensing classes to numerous Community of Christ and Restoration church members in the area resulting in many new Technician Class licensees, many of whom check in to our Central Mission Field 2 Meter FM nets held on the W0SHQ/R repeater Sunday evenings. Robin is also the Coordinating Volunteer Examiner (CVE) for the Raytown Amateur Radio Club sponsored W5YI VE team and often travels to lead exams at SPEC held each summer at Graceland University.