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ASCRA Election Results

Doug Shaw, Secretary, announced the results for the election of ASCRA directors at the board meeting April 19, 2003. Re-elected were:

Robin Cross	WØFEN	
Bob Farnham	KGØII	
Michael Hahn	KGØXU	
Ernie Miles	WB2UJL	President
Doug Shaw	WAØEMX	Secretary

Newly elected was:

Chuck Palmer	NØONN	Treasurer
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Present members continuing one more year:

Gene Chadwick	KØBKZ
Hale Collins	W6RWH
Larry Oiler	NØBGG
Terry Redding	W6LMJ
Muir Robinson	W8QK
Jeff Winship	NØOXK

In addition to the election of President, Secretary and Treasurer at the Board meeting the President reappointed Michael Hahn to continue as Executive Director.

ASCRA Journey - Part 3

By Michael Hahn, KGØXU
Executive Director

In the February 2003 issue of IN-SERVICE, I continued a discussion of ASCRA's purposes and where we would like to see ourselves in the future. I shared the first three of our six purposes as outlined in the bylaws and will examine the final three here.

Purpose 4 - To provide for mutual improvement through the various teaching skills, to foster the professional competence of the amateur radio licensee, and to promote the performance responsibilities, ethics, and general educational level of the amateur radio licensee. If one looks through the back-issues of the IN-SERVICE newsletter there would be many articles covering the involvement of ASCRA, its chapters and its members in various educational endeavors. The Lamoni and Independence chapters have each held

Board Modifies Bylaws

Changes in the ASCRA bylaws were approved to accept any licensed amateur radio operator requesting membership as a full member of the association. Members of the board of directors, however, still must also be members of the Community of Christ.

This clarification stems from the fact that some of our present members have affiliated with other Restoration groups or other denominations. We welcome everyone's participation and we value everyone's friendship as fellow hams regardless of religious affiliation or country of origin.

You can review the amended bylaws on the ASCRA website at: <http://www.ascra.org/bylaws.htm>

Other business included a report on the internet connection with the Lamoni repeater for access from repeaters in other cities and countries. At present the connection is functioning through a transceiver on 146.52 MHz. in Lamoni using the WIRES system. Soon perhaps it will be connected to the Lamoni 146.13/73 repeater. We are also looking into using the ECHOLINK system which will give much better worldwide coverage.

Action was taken to express our thanks to Jeff Winship for his service as Treasurer with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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multiple classes to teach and then test students who wished to become amateur radio operators. Most recently was the class held at SPEC 02 last fall where 100% of the class passed the Technician's test. (OK, there was only one person in the class but 100% is 100%!) Many years ago Doug Shaw, WAØEMX, actually went to Honduras to set up an ASCRA donated radio station and then teach a class so staff members of the La Buena Fe medical clinic would be able to communicate with their loved ones in the United States.

Many of you, I'm sure, participate in your local club in teaching potential hams or those wishing to upgrade their license. Perhaps you are a member of a VE team in your city. There may even be an ASCRA member who teaches in the public school system and either covers amateur radio or has an actual station in their classroom.

Purpose 5 - To conduct and encourage scientific research and investigation into the radio and electronics art. With just the few ASCRA members I know, there are some great technical minds. They understand the complexities of the electronic world. Others have a grasp on the mysterious inner

workings of the internet and how it can be connected to a radio in order to facilitate communications. Not me! I'm as dumb as a person can get when it comes to the "science" of almost anything, let alone radio. Thanks to these "whiz kids," we are continuing to look at ways to link the Lamoni and Independence repeaters. Understanding the technology will help some day to be able to do that and more.

Purpose 6 - To do all and everything necessary, suitable, and proper for the accomplishment of the foregoing purposes and anything which the Board of Directors of the Association may deem conclusive or expedient for the proper conduct of the Association and for the carrying out of its purposes. This is really a catch-all purpose in order to maintain the association as it and the world change. And we all know that the world has indeed changed in ways that are both wonderful and terrifying to us.

Having highlighted each purpose of ASCRA in the last couple of issues, I want to now ask some questions. While they may seem rhetorical they really are not. I do expect to find answers. It would be great to get responses to these questions from outside the Independence area and from those ASCRA members not on the board of directors. Some of these questions may be very hard to answer. There may be many different ways to answer them - contrary and opposed to each other. Any yet, I think they need to be both asked and answered by all of us.

Are the purposes with which ASCRA was established still viable? Are they still appropriate to our organization? How? How can we better accomplish our purposes? What do we do to accomplish them? How do we get more members involved in the decision making process? How do we decide as an organization what is important for the organization? Is participating in only one purpose enough to continue the association? Which purpose is most important? Is it appropriate to prioritize our purposes?

These are just a few of a multitude of questions that need to be answered in the months and years ahead as ASCRA lives out its purposes in the 21st century. I believe that even though technology, and radio, and our world has changed dramatically from the early 1970s when ASCRA was formed, we can find a reason to exist today.

At the board meeting just completed on April 19th, I have been commissioned to form a committee to review our stated purposes and determine any need for, and make recommendations for, any possible changes. Further, the committee is charged with developing mission and vision statements and goals for the next four years (2004-2008). These are to be presented to the board of directors and to the general membership next year.

I believe that there are many opportunities for ASCRA in the future. If we are to find and meet those opportunities we must all be committed to doing what we can and participating in whatever way we can. No one person can do it all. Too often only a few do all the work and that makes it hard for an organization like ASCRA to succeed. I encourage all to find ways you can make your contribution and share in the possibilities that are ours in the future.

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Planetary Society's SETI@home Takes New Step in Search for ET

Stellar Countdown Will Revisit Most Promising Signals

After nearly four years of searching for extraterrestrial intelligence, the SETI@home project has taken a closer look at its most promising candidate radio sources. The "Stellar Countdown" used Puerto Rico's Arecibo radio telescope on March 18-20, 2003 to re-observe up to 150 of the most interesting radio sources found out of the billions detected since the distributed computing project began in May 1999. Analysis is still in progress,

SETI@home harnesses the computing power of four million volunteers to analyze data from the Arecibo telescope. Designed as an innovative screensaver program, SETI@home parcels out packets of raw data from Arecibo to be processed in the personal computers of volunteers around the world. SETI@home is the largest computation in human history, logging a staggering 1.3 million years of computer time. The screensaver program runs on computers in homes, offices and schools worldwide, and volunteers range in age from school children to retirees. ASCRA has a seti group called "ASCRA" on seti's database. You are welcome to join the group.

See more of this article at:

<http://planetary.org/stellarcountdown/index.html>

20 Meter Net

Frequency 14.287 MHz 1530 Central Time Sunday
Net Control WB2UJL Ernie Miles

These are the checkins that I have recorded since 1/15/03. I hope I didn't miss you if you should be on the list

Ernie

KØBKZ, Gene Chadwick	WB5BRD, Ray Hooper
WAØBS, Andy Ferrara	N5ECP, Jeff Salmons
NØELM, Fred Troch	W5HXR, Bill Hubbard
KBØGR, Dave Bland	K5ID, Ken Graham
KØSHF, Lenny Klosinski	N5LCL, David Gates
WØSHQ, Robin Cross (Guest operator WØFEN)	K5RY, Tom Alexander
KØWTU, Joseph Magnum 3rd	KB5SKW, Bill Borstel
WBØWWU, Ed Morris	W6LMJ, Terry Redding
NØWZH, Steve Hampton	KE6RRU, Dan Cater
NØXMS, Gary Lance	W6RWH, Hale Collins
KGØXU, Michael Hahn	KL7DTH, Charles Wareham
KA1DKY, Jack Cheasty	KA7VMA, Dick Wynes
KD1R, Ralph Stetson	N8LCD, Bob Moy
VA2RZ, Ray Else	K8QA, Mike Oiler
W2TFT, Tom Thatcher	W8QK, Muirl Robins on
K2VI, Anthony Costa Jr.	N9HNQ, John Czajka
W3HEN, John Seither, II	KB9JLC, Ken Collard
KF4GHK, Justin Grenier	N9RAT, Bob Harris
AE4VA, Charles Armstrong, III	K9YB, Steve Fagan
KE4VXC, Chester Allen	WA9YWK, Keith Peterson
	KB9ZLW, Mike Peters

Experimental Link

The Lamoni Chapter of ASCRA has an experimental connection with the Internet using the WIRES system. At present the Internet connects with a transceiver on 146.52. Later it probably will feed into the WØSHQ Lamoni repeater. If you are near a repeater that is connected to WIRES you can connect with the Lamoni transceiver. To find the nearest WIRES repeater go to the following web site: <http://www.vxstd.com/en/wiresinfo-en/> for a list of repeaters connected to their system. (Use the FIND function under EDIT and search for your city) If you can access one of these repeaters just dial #1183D using your touchtone pad and call CQ Lamoni. If one of our stations is monitoring they will answer. Keep transmissions short as the system has a short timeout. If the circuit disconnects after you are in QSO just dial again. When you are finished dial #9999D to break the connection. Remember this is experimental and there may yet be bugs to be worked out.

We get two or three calls a day from Japanese stations wanting their first VHF "DX" contact.

In-Service Editor Position Open

By Ernie Miles, WB2UJL and Michael Hahn, KGØXU

In-Service, the official newsletter of the Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs, has been in existence longer than ASCRA has been incorporated. That's over 25 years. Begun by the founder of ASCRA, David Bland, KBØGR, he accomplished that task using a typewriter, photocopier and who knows what else. There was even a contest which culminated in the name "In-Service."

Since its beginning there have been many people serving as its editor and publisher. As ASCRA's membership grew so did the task of putting the newsletter together. Today it requires the use of sophisticated software, a keen eye and dedicated patience to get the newsletter out 4 times a year and on time. It is a major task and easily the hardest job in ASCRA.

The current editor, Hale Collins, has asked to be relieved of this responsibility after doing a fantastic job for 4 years with this issue. You all know how significant the In-Service is to you and to the ASCRA organization.

The In-Service provides an essential means of contact with the membership. It is your newsletter where you can offer your perspective of the amateur radio avocation. It has been ASCRA's diary. We feel strongly about it being continued. Our primary budget item has always been for the expense of the newsletter.

We need another editor and there are only a few that can do the job as it requires a desk top publishing skill few have mastered. Do you have an interest in assisting the association?

Can you do this job for us?

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2. Hale Collins	3323
3. kg0ii	1776
4. Rod Schall	967
5. Ralph T. Stetson III	484
6. Joe AD6VD	441
7. n0oxk	438
8. W6LMJ	352
9. ka0vtb	247
10. Ernie	145
11. K0BKZ	21

