

## **ASCRA Board Meeting Minutes for July 7, 2012**

**Doug Shaw WAØEMX/Jim Craft ADØAC, Secretary**

At approximately 10:30 AM, on July 7, 2012, the ASCRA Board of Directors met at the KCUR-FM studios near the UMKC campus in Kansas City, Missouri.

Six of our twelve board members (Chuck Palmer NØONN, Doug Shaw WAØEMX, Larry Ragan NØAIX, Mike Thayer KMØS, Robin Cross WØFEN, and Jim Craft ADØAC) met on site. Four board members attended via the conference bridge (Terry Redding W6LMJ, Dave Atkins WØDZX, Ernie Miles WB2UJL, and new member Chuck Brady KAØGFC) generously provided by Terry's Online Training, distance learning company. New board members David Cook KCØMHT and Tim Pfohl KØOA were unable to attend due to other commitments. The number attending exceeded the quorum required in the Bylaws.

Following an invocation by Larry Ragan, the *Board of Directors Election Certification*, submitted by the Ballot Tabulation Committee of John Chapman NØIYD, Bill Shaw KCØCDD, and Secretary Doug Shaw WAØEMX was reported for the record.

Minutes of the May 7, 2011, board meeting were accepted unanimously (Terry Redding moved, Larry Ragan seconded). The Combined Secretary/Executive Director (hard copy) and President's (verbal) annual reports to the board were also presented and accepted without changes.

Secretary Doug Shaw presided as the board unanimously reelected Robin Cross WØFEN as President (Larry Ragan moved, Chuck Palmer seconded). President Cross again presided as the board elected the following officers for 2012: Secretary Jim Craft ADØAC (Doug Shaw moved, Chuck Palmer seconded), and Treasurer Chuck Palmer NØONN (Robin Cross moved and Dave Atkins seconded). The board then unanimously concurred with President Cross' appointment of Doug Shaw WAØEMX to continue as Executive Director.

The Executive Director briefly reviewed current staff appointments for the record: Larry Ragan NØAIX as membership database manager, awards manager and Joomla website platform developer; Ernie Miles as webmaster for current website HTML platform, Robin Cross WØFEN as WØSHQ club station Trustee; and until other assistance volunteers, Doug Shaw WAØEMX as acting newsletter editor.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Executive Director reviewed Action Items Plan and Possible Expenses for the coming year. No changes or additions were proposed.

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The board then discussed, modified (as moved by Jim Craft, seconded by Larry Ragan), and unanimously approved the following budget for the 2010-11 fiscal year:

IN SERVICE	500.00
New Member Development	350.00 (includes licensing class and VEC exam costs at SPEC)
P. O. Box	48.00
Copies	20.00
License Fees	20.00
<u>Misc.</u>	<u>20.00</u>
	958.00

A proposed clarifying change to Bylaw IV.4 was discussed briefly then withdrawn by Executive Director as not substantive and therefore unnecessary.

The board then discussed the current status of Larry Ragan's pilot of the Joomla platform for the ASCRA website. As indicated by Larry at several past board meetings, Joomla is a content management system which allows subdivisions of a website to be defined and managed for content by multiple 'page masters', thus spreading the work load for maintaining a dynamic website content beyond a single webmaster. Larry indicated that the pilot has been hampered by a need for security access to the Apache Server where hosting is generously provided by Terry Redding's Online Training, distance learning company. Mike Thayer indicated that he has and understands an access to a similar hosting service. President Cross appointed a subcommittee composed of Terry Redding, Ernie Miles, Mike Thayer and Larry Ragan, to meet separately in subcommittee as needed to assist Larry, and to report progress on the Joomla platform website to Executive Director no later than next full board meeting.

The board then discussed current and developing forms of membership communications, including personal Email Lists, List Servers (such as our current one hosted by Graceland University, the recently developed ASCRA\_Members Yahoo Group (set up by Mike Thayer KMØS) and Facebook page (set up by Jim Craft ADØAC), etc. We will continue to urge members to join the ASCRA Yahoo Group (recently set up by Mike Thayer) and to utilize the Facebook webpage (defined and managed by Jim Craft). All may be used by members to post information for the group as to when and on what frequency they are on the air to facilitate contacts among the membership and to announce changes to net times or frequencies as dictated by propagation conditions.

An application for a new ASCRA chapter affiliation was presented by Mike Thayer KMØS in the form of an initial incorporation document for the Mid-Missouri Amateur Radio Association (club license: KDØSAF). The board unanimously approved the new chapter affiliation. Officers have not yet been selected. Chapter reports are expected from each chapter at least annually. All chapter news pertinent to ASCRA at large will be shared in the ASCRA newsletter as in the past.

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The Rocky Mountain Mission Center area chapter that has been discussed for an extended period with the Executive Director by Dave Cook KCØMHT could not be addressed at this meeting since Dave could not attend. Once it has organized and can apply to the board for affiliation c/o the Executive Director, its affiliation can be considered and acted upon prior to the next board meeting by a special conference call or other means as deemed appropriate by the Executive Council (Pres., Sec'y, Treas., Exec.Dir.).

No substantive progress had yet been made to reorganize or restart a Central Mission Center (USA) ASCRA chapter (the former Center Place Amateur Radio Association). John Chapman NØIYD, Jim Craft ADØAC, Ed Briley KDØMEI, Gary Martin NØJHX, Doug Shaw WAØEMX, Tim Pfohl KØOA, Robin Cross WØFEN, Chuck Palmer NØONN, and others have indicated interest in assisting in this effort. The Executive Director was directed to appoint a group to discuss reorganization and funds from the former chapter have not been merged with ASCRA funds.

The Board of Directors then approved Recognition to the following persons (certificates to be mailed to honorees):

- David Gates N5LCL of Newcastle, OK, for his 9 years service as a Director.
- Jim Fish K7NCG of Woodinville, WA, for his 5 years service as a Director.
- Doug Shaw WAØEMX of Raytown, MO, for his 12 years service as Secretary.

Dave Atkins and Doug Shaw discussed the impact of using of the high power capabilities of the WØSHQ station during World Conference, including existing issue of potential RF interference with the Auditorium fire and smoke alarm system.

Ernie Miles expressed appreciation for the use of Terry Redding's conference bridge for the meeting. The board also expressed birthday wishes to Dave Atkins. Chuck Palmer expressed his appreciation for the outpouring of concern over the recent motorcycle accident involving his wife Jennifer and himself in Independence.

Terry Redding posted 30-40 new pictures of ASCRA activities to the ASCRA Facebook page during the meeting. Further discussion was held on the capability of the Facebook photo page. Doug Shaw suggested an article for In-Service be written to introduce members to the social network and ASCRA's Facebook page in particular.

Robin Cross suggested that the Executive Director study the use and capabilities of PSK-31 for WØSHQ.

The meeting adjourned following a closing prayer by Terry Redding at 12:27 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,

*Doug Shaw WAØEMX, immediate past Secretary*  
*Jim Craft ADØAC, Secretary*