

President's Message
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Welcome to the middle of the year, complete with opportunities to functionally test repeater system seismic bracing at sites in the High Desert (you do have your system properly braced, right?). Thank you to those members who attended the April meeting at SCE's Orange County Service Center in Westminster. Congratulations to Matt Lechliter, W6KGB on his election to the Coordinating Board.

Under the steady hand of Mike Collis, WA6SVT, your Coordination Board continues to verify the Association records for on-the-air systems, and that the systems are at the coordinated locations. I note that between the middle of March and the middle of June, the Coordination Board used the established processes to terminate coordinations for a total of **nine** repeater systems, and is tracking another system while it is repaired and returned to its assigned location. Meanwhile, as of the middle of June there are **eighteen** systems in test coordination status.

We will be electing one (and possibly two) members of the Coordinating Board at the upcoming meeting. At the April meeting it was proposed that the Coordinating Board be expanded by adding a seventh member. This requires an amendment to Article IV Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Association. The proposal will be voted on at the July meeting.

If you have **any** interest in assisting the Association, **please** consider running for the Coordinating Board (a two-year commitment), or make yourself known to one of the officers if you can assist the members of the board as 'eyes and ears' in the more rural areas of Southern California. If you have an interest in helping the Association by moving in to backfill one of the Officer's positions next year, please reach out to me, John, David or Jim and let us know. We would be happy to fill you in on what the details of the position consist of. You can email any of the officers using <the title of the position>@220sma.org.

At the January meeting there was a request for discussion about essentially taking the business of the Association totally electronic. Time permitting, we will continue this discussion, particularly regarding the changes to the Governing Documents (Constitution, Bylaws and the Coordinating Board Procedures) that would be required to implement. Any such changes will require formal notice to the membership, and would be voted on at a future meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the July Meeting

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