

President's Message
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The year is moving right along, as we enter the last quarter of 2019. Thank you to those members who attended the July meeting at SCE's Orange County Service Center in Westminster. For this meeting we once again take the opportunity to partner with SCRRBA and share a meeting venue (220SMA in the morning, and SCRRBA's annual meeting in the afternoon).

As I've noted before, 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. Since the July meeting, the Coordination Board used the established processes to finalize coordinations for four repeater systems. Meanwhile, as of the end of September, there are thirteen systems in test coordination status, and one system waiting for an available pair for use in Los Angeles.

We will again be electing one member (Position #5) of the Coordinating Board at the upcoming meeting. We will also be voting on the proposal to expand the Coordinating Board by adding a seventh member. This requires an amendment to Article IV Section 2 of the By-Laws of the Association. See the notice of this change elsewhere in this bulletin.

At prior meetings this year, we have discussed the request to essentially take 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 would require formal notice to the membership and would be voted on at a future meeting.

Officer elections will be coming up in January. As I indicated when I was elected last January, I will not be running for re-election. If you have any interest in assisting the Association, **please** consider running for one of the Officer positions (a one-year commitment) or for one of the Coordinating Board positions (a two-year commitment). You can also assist by making 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 are interested in one of the Officer's positions, please reach out to me, John, David or Jim and let us know. We would be happy to fill you in on what the duties of the position consist of. You can email any of the officers using <the title of the position>@220sma.org.

I look forward to seeing you at the October Meeting

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