

220 Spectrum Management Association of Southern California

President's Message

July 2020

I hope all of you are healthy as we endure the COVID Pandemic. The 220SMA team has done well in adapting to the realities of life in California these past few months. The attendance at the January 18th meeting was exceptionally light, and those in attendance made that call to postpone the elections of officers for 2020 to the April meeting – which we cancelled due to the shelter-in-place health orders. While the situation is easing up in general, a number of areas are still 'locked down' – so we are going to practice Social Distancing and adapt current technology to conduct the July meeting virtually. See the meeting announcement for information and instructions on how to participate from the comfort of your home by computer or telephone.

Officer elections will be conducted, as well as election of two members to the Coordination Board. As I have previously indicated I am not running for re-election, as I will be retiring at the end of July and moving out of the area. All Officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Information Systems Officer) are up for election. We have solicited a team of individuals to pass the reins to.

As I have 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. New coordinations are being processed.

At prior meetings we have discussed the request to essentially take the business of the Association totally electronic. The Pandemic has provided the opportunity for the Association to try out various methods to achieve that. 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.

Thank you for your confidence in electing me to office in the 220 SMA. I have been involved in Amateur frequency coordination for more than 45 years now. It has been a privilege to serve you, the repeater owners and users, over this time. I look forward to seeing you in the virtual meeting on July 18th.

73s,

Don Root, K6CDO
2019 President, 220 Spectrum Management Association