

220 Spectrum Management Association of Southern California

President's Message

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Happy New Year! I hope 2018 is a great year for all of you. I would like to thank all of you who attended the collocated 220 SMA and SCRRBA meetings in October at the Arcadia Police Department. I was glad to see people attend and take the time to learn what the state of the Association is and to help shape the future of our Association.

The new year brings again, another very important Association meeting. It is the meeting that we elect the Association Officers for the year. In order for the Association to be functional and relevant, we need participation. This participation requires volunteers for leadership positions and discussions from both leaders and members. Please consider volunteering to be one of these leaders and run for an office. There will be vacancies. As a previous Coordination Board Member and your current President, I can assure you that it will be a fulfilling experience and you will be supported by your fellow members.

At the last meeting, we continued discussion on how we should make changes to the Coordination Board. I want to continue this conversation in more detail at our January meeting. The most frequent comments I have heard is that the Association should accept applications electronically. The Association agrees and the Coordination Board has been working on this item and I look forward to hearing the status on this change.

Some think the Coordination Board is too large and whether the need to establish a quorum should be reconsidered to enable more responsiveness from the board. What do you think? Would a smaller board or changes to the quorum rule result in more responsiveness? What kinds of actions, if any, should be allowed from the Coordination Board in the absence of a quorum?

Another repeated comment is that there are no consequences for lack of action from the Coordination Board. The Coordination Board has the authority to remove members for cause, such as lack of action. The Coordination Board has not done so in recent history. Do you think we should make changes to the Constitution and Bylaws to grant the authority to remove Coordination Board members by others in the association? If so, who and how?

Would the creation of a new position in the Coordination Board, help in increasing responsiveness? How would this position be different from the existing position of Coordination Board Secretary?

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Coordination Board? If so, please come to the January meeting and introduce yourself to the organization. There will be a vacancy at the next meeting in April.

Please bring your ideas to the January meeting. If you can't join us at this meeting, please send your thoughts to me by email at president@220sma.org.

My final comment is to remind every one of you that participation is the key to having a healthy organization. I encourage all of you to attend this very important meeting and to please consider volunteering for a leadership position. Your Association needs you.

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