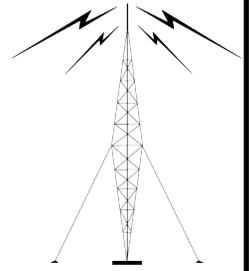




Western Public Service System Newsletter



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Letter from the President, Genie, KM6D

Hi Everyone,

It is time to start thinking about running for a position on our Executive Board. If you are interested in being on the Nominating Committee or running for an Office please contact our Nominations Chairman Dave WA6KEL or one of the members of the Nominating Committee. Thank you Joe WA6FFJ, Michael W7HUT, Joe N6JRZ and Ben KI6VLC for serving on the Nominating Committee. The nominations are open from September 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016 for

Officers and Directors to take office January 2017. There are 4 Director and 2 Alternate Director positions open as well as President, Vice-President/Net Manager and Secretary.

I want to thank our outgoing Directors Toby W6PXD, Mickie KT6U, Joe WA6FFJ and Lloyd W6LGS, they have all been a great asset to WPSS and we appreciate their participation. Thank you also to all of the Executive Board, Chairpersons and Net Controllers, we couldn't do it without all of your help and commitment to WPSS.

Here is a partial description of the duties of each office, a more detailed description can be found on our website in the by-laws Article VI Duties of the Officers.

The position of Director is for 2 years; they will serve as members of the Executive Board and will advise officers and members regarding procedures and policies of WPSS. Alternate Directors serve for 1 year unless called to fill a Director position then they serve out the remainder of that term.

The position of Secretary is for 2 years; maintain the records and carry on all correspondence. Keep the by laws and update any amendments, changes, additions or deletions to be noted. Send out updates to membership and updated membership list each week to the Executive Board, all net controllers and the Webmaster. Record and keep the minutes of all Executive Board meetings and send to the President and the Newsletter Editor. The Secretary may, if willing, serve more than 2 years if no one is willing to run for office.

The position of Vice-President/Net Manager is for 1 year; assist the President and act for the President in their absence. As Net Manager of the daily net, appoint net controllers as needed to assure proper functioning of the net. The Vice-President/Net Manager may, if willing, serve more than 1 year if no one is willing to run for office.

The position of President is for 1 year; the chief executive of WPSS, conduct the office and meetings in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order except where they might conflict with the WPSS by-laws, decide all questions of order and procedure in all circumstances, perform all customary duties pertaining to the office of President. Appoint and dismiss committees and chairpersons. Serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President may, if willing, serve more than 1 year if no one is willing to run for office.

Thank you everyone for helping make Western Public Service System such a great Net.

73
Genie Balentine-Segroves KM6D
President WPSS

From the Editor: Mike KJ6Tii

Summer will soon be coming to an end and cooler days and nights are ahead. On 80 meters the higher static noise levels associated with summer will decrease...some, and winter will bring longer distance communications over darkness paths. Last winter I made East Coast contacts on 80 meters. It was rarely easy to do but always fun. So as band conditions improve this fall and winter try for some long distance 80 meter contacts and have some fun.

As Ham radio operators we are often complacent about our hobby and the lifesaving roll it can have in an emergency. How many Ham HF stations are plugged only into the wall for power and a fixed base station antenna? When the power goes out do you have an operational station or a few thousand dollars' worth of door stops. Many Hams do not have emergency backup power to operate their HF stations. The common answer from these Ham's is "In an emergency I'll use my 2 meter handheld to communicate with". 2 meter communication is good and often used in local limited short duration emergencies. But what happens when you have a large disaster and need to communicate reliably 100 miles or more. Here in California we live daily with the threat of earthquakes. The many fires we have had this year could cause mudslides during heavy rains, blocking major roadways as we saw happen last winter. Your ham station might be the only reliable communications for you and your neighbors. Battery backup is a good start however it will not keep you on the air for more than a few hours. A small generator with 5 gallons of gas will run for between 10 to 20 hours. Going on the air for a few hours each day you could have communications for 5 days. Solar panels are a great way to power your station during the day. You do not need a whole house Solar panel installation, just figure out how many watts you need to operate and buy enough panels for an emergency. When my neighbors first see my Ham Shack the common response is "wow" followed by "isn't this just a bit overkill?" My wife refers to it as "Egyptian". Large, costly and over built! I have a bank of deep cell batteries that will last 24 hours and can be recharged by solar panels. I have 4 250 watt solar panels that meet my minimum needs for station power. And I have a 6K gas generator that I bought off Craigslist for \$175.00. Is my stations backup power overkill? Maybe. Can I operate after an earthquake, flood or Zombie apocalypse? Yes, I can. Think about your station set up and how it will operate in an emergency. If you need/want backup power calculate your requirements and add as you can. In an emergency your neighbors will come to the house with the "antenna farm" looking for news. Will you be prepared?

Articles on Ham Radio Needed from You!

Your experiences with Ham radio and computers are wanted. Have you ever done something and failed the first time? Share your story and save a fellow Ham from the aggravation you felt. Are you re-doing your Ham Shack? Just installed a Panadapter? Have a mobile HF installation? Share your experience. Contact your friendly Editor, Mike KJ6Tii, at oldwesthand@hotmail.com.

Upcoming Events

WPSS events and events of interest to HAMS.

- ♦ September 8, 2016 WPSS luncheon at the Steer 'n Stein, Hemet
- ♦ October 8, 2016 WPSS luncheon at China Buffet, Citris Heights
- ♦ October 14 – 16, 2016 Pacificon 2016, San Ramon, Ca.
- ♦ January 22 – 28, 2017 QuartzFest at Quartzsite, Arizona

If you're reading this newsletter in a printed format, don't forget that we have a great website with all of our current and past WPSS Newsletters available on-line!

If you haven't visited the WPSS website do so now at:

<http://3952khz.net>

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<u>President</u>		<u>Health & Welfare</u>		<u>WPSS Picnic Tickets</u>	
Genie Balentine-Segroves	KM6D	Marty Daily	KI6SUR	Joe Cardoza	WA6FFJ
48525 Madison St		<u>Awards</u>		<u>Past Presidents</u>	
Indio, CA 92201		Marty Daily	KI6SUR	Theda Nail	W6BSW
<u>VP/Net Manager</u>		<u>Life & Membership Chairman</u>		Hal Snethen	K6KIH
Scott Hoffman	AG6IS	Toby Mort	W6PXD	Claude Owens	WB6MDN
<u>Secretary</u>		<u>Roll Call Roster</u>		Carl Winter	W6OAW
Michael Ditmore	W7HUT	Michael Ditmore	W7HUT	Wendell Seymour	AA6MI
<u>Treasurer</u>		<u>Honorary Members</u>		Van Lyons	WB6IY
Dave Wheelock	K6DAW	Theda Nail	W6BSW	Frank Towne	K6ZZB
750 West Kanai Ave		Betty Lyons	WA6BJF	John Rose	A7HKV
Porterville, CA 93257		<u>Life Members</u>		Frank Allen	WB6ERR
<u>Directors Through 2015</u>		Rick White	K6AMU	Bill Herron	WA6JPB
Gary Westrope	N6CZE	Joe Zboril	WB6DRH	Don Westcott	WD6EWP
John Stocksdale	WB6ABW	M. Lindsay Simmons	KD7EB	Jim Moody	KB6ZO
Ralph Mathews	NA6D	Al Baisch	WA6EFT	Alan Michaelson	WB6BNA
Marty Daily	KI6SUR	Renee Deeter	K6FSB	Zip Melcon	K6BMW
<u>Directors Through 2016</u>		Jack Green	KK6LK	Peg Austin	KD6QA
Toby Mort	W6PXD	Michael Dobrzensky	WB6NVT	Jerry Nadler	WA6FOU
Mickie LoGrasso	KT6U	Mike Siegel	KI6PR	Erwin Mattes	AD6NX
Lloyd Segroves	W6LGS	Toby Mort	W6PXD	Patty Smith	WB6DRG
Joe Cardoza	WA6FFJ	Fred Silveira	K6RAU	Renee Deeter	K6FSB
<u>Past President</u>		Speed Gonsalves	K7TFJ	Carl Nelson	NJ6K
Ron Genovesi	N3ETA	Jack Richetti	KC6UUO	M. Lindsay Simmons	KD7EB
<u>Historian</u>		Kevin White	KG6UGF	Jerry Whitney	A6ZZK
Bob McKusick	W6ZAP	Earle Anten	KM6WM	Fred Metcalfe	N6FME
<u>Webmasters</u>		<u>Nominating Committee Chairman</u>		Bill Brandenburg	W0QNI
Michael Dobrzensky	WB6NVT	Dave Wilson	WA6KEL	Renee Deeter	K6FSB
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<u>Newsletter Web Publisher</u>		<u>WPSS Prize Chairman</u>		Michael Martinez	KJ6TII
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