



# TASMA NEWS

Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association

*Frequency Coordination and Spectrum Management for Southern California*

Annual Meeting – Saturday, December 5, 2009

## Chairman’s Message Bob Dengler, NO6B



Fellow TASMA members:

The ballot for our upcoming annual meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup> includes some critical questions for us to decide. Essentially, the question of whether TASMA will add the function of 70 cm band frequency coordination to its list of activities will be decided. While there is the potential for us to provide

what some consider a greatly needed service to the community, the added workload our organization would endure would be significant. We will also have some “selling” to the overall 70 cm community to do in order to gain its recognition, which is necessary in order for our coordination efforts to be truly effective. I’m not going to offer any opinions as to how you should vote, other than to carefully consider the arguments for and against the issue. I do ask that you attend the annual meeting to vote in person rather than vote by absentee ballot, as I feel that there hasn’t been enough discussion amongst our membership on the issue, and an evenly balanced set of pro & con arguments is not included in this newsletter. Considerable time will be set aside in the agenda for discussion of this important question.

The end of the year brings about a couple of changes to our Technical Committee, the committee in TASMA that performs the actual frequency coordination function. As Lou KG6FCT now resides out of the area part-time, his shoes will now be filled by two new committee members: Rick Freidel KB6OT and Brian Roode NJ6N. Rick has already provided major contributions in resolving several interference problems for us. A retired engineer, he’s been a ham for over 30 years and currently maintains several repeater systems on 2 meters, 220 & 440 MHz. Brian is a world-renowned D-Star expert and has considerable monitoring resources in this area, so he will be our “go-to” guy for all our digital emission issues, especially D-Star. Both Rick & Brian have impressed me with their technical depth, & I expect their addition to be a significant improvement to the committee. Please join me in

thankings Lou for his many years of service to the committee, and Rick and Brian for volunteering their precious time in support of our coordination mission.

## The Passing of Karl Pagel, N6BVU

The following message is being passed from Fried Heyn, WA6WZO on November 11, 2009:

It is with much sadness I must report the passing of Karl V. Pagel, N6BVU. We got a call from his mother Mary, KA6IGG, this afternoon that he became a silent key last night at 11:30 PM. Karl passed away peacefully in his sleep at the age of 66. He was an ARRL Life Member.

Karl was a very close friend to Sandi (her “cookie buddy”) and me for almost 30 years. As you know he was very involved with all three of the repeater organizations in southern California for many years which included maintaining the most inclusive data base (and directory). He represented the Southwestern Division on the VHF Repeater Advisory Committee. He also was the ARRL VRAC chairman for a term. His awards include the SWD Meritorious Service Award.

73/Fried & Sandi Heyn

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**Next Meeting in Walnut on  
December 5<sup>th</sup>**

TASMA's annual meeting of 2009 will take place on Saturday morning, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Walnut Public Library at 21155 La Puente Road next to City Hall in Walnut, a few miles northwest of the 60/57 intersection. From 57 north, exit at N. Grand and proceed north; turn left and proceed approximately 1/2 mile.



Talk-in Frequency = 146.64 MHz, PL = 167.9 Hz

Please arrive at 10:00 AM to take care of renewing your membership and avoid disrupting the meeting. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30.

Agenda for TASMA Annual Meeting  
December 5<sup>th</sup>:

1. Registration
2. Call to Order
3. Introductions
4. Approval of Previous Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
  - Membership Status
  - Budget and Financial Review
6. Correspondence Summary
7. Committee Reports:
  - Technical Committee Report
  - TASMA database
8. Old Business
  - 70 cm frequency coordination.
  - Proposed Bylaw changes for 70 cm coordination.

- Proposed Bylaw changes for Board expansion
  - Bandplan change (simplex channelization 145.51 to 145.615 MHz )
9. Election of officers :
    - Nominations for 2010 Board
  10. New Business :
    - Open Forum
  11. Next General Meeting Date is : **April 3, 2010**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**Saturday, August 8, 2009**

Location:

Walnut Library  
21155 La Puente Rd.  
Walnut, CA 91789

These Minutes Are Not Approved

Attendees:

- |                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Bob Dengler    | NO6B   |
| Gene Thorpe    | KB6CMO |
| Jose Almada    | KB6KOV |
| Howard Brown   | KG6GI  |
| Tracy Lenocker | N6ERA  |
| Craig Holmes   | KF6ZAF |
| Suzan LaDuke   | K6CDK  |
| Ben Sanchez    | WH6UC  |
| Robert Vielma  | N6NIK  |
| David Elder    | KA6TBF |
| Max Miller     | KC6ZUT |
| Jason Lansky   | NF6E   |
| Ken Chafin     | W6CPA  |
| Leon Brown     | KC6JAR |
| Chuck Wood     | WD6APP |
| Lauro Sanchez  | N0ZEL  |
| Burton Brink   | N6USO  |
| Rick Freidel   | KB6OT  |
| Dan Corth      | AD6HK  |
| Frank Shannon  | KR6AL  |

Visitors:

- |                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Noah Massengale |        |
| Cheryl Thorpe   | KE6TZU |
| Jodi Lenocker   | KD6OEJ |
| Sergio Acosta   | KC6ELL |
| Maria Sanchez   |        |
| John Henderson  | N6VEO  |
| Terry Neal      | AA6TN  |
| Jim Ford        | N6UF   |
| Jim Sanders,    | KA6MOB |
| David Summers   | KD6DDM |

## 1. Registration

- a. The Treasurer was present to accept Membership Dues as needed. Six new members were registered (see receipts on file).

## 2. Call to order

- a. Meeting called to order at 10:30AM by Bob Dengler, NO6B.

## 3. Introduction

- a. The members present introduced themselves and guests. A sign-in sheet was passed around to record the attendees and guests.

## 4. Approval of previous minutes

- a. A motion to approve the minutes of the General Membership meeting of 04/04/2009 was made by Rick Freidel, KB6OT and seconded by Burton Brink, N6USO. The motion passed 12 to zero.

## 5. Treasurer's report

- a. Ken Chafin, W6CPA presented the Treasurer's report for accounting period January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009. A Copy has been included with these minutes.

- b. Effective June 30, 2009 there were 105 paid members.

## 6. Correspondence report

- a. Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK reported that the mail log is available for review at the meeting and will be included as part of the minutes.

## 7. Committee reports

## a. NFCC Report

- i. Bob Dengler, NO6B reported that there has been no NFCC traffic observed. This will probably be the last NFCC report on the TASMA General Meeting agenda due to inactivity of this group. No increase in activity is expected, and in face the opposite is expected at this time. If this trend changes, the topic will be revisited.

## b. Technical Committee report

- i. Bob Dengler, NO6B reported that two bootleg repeaters were discovered.
  1. The first repeater is now licensed (the license had expired when discovered). This repeater is WT6F (146.590 MHz/224.78 MHz) and operates in the Valley somewhere.
  2. The second is operating in the Oat Mountain area. This repeater identifies as CATDXL (146.595 MHz/144.930 MHz). Bob is attempting to determine the language being used. 146.595 have been extensively monitored as this is recorded. When output is generated on 146.590 (the now-licensed repeater in item 1 above) it is jamming the other one on 146.595.

- ii. The Technical Committee will generate a report to the appropriate authoritative group for subsequent action.

## c. TASMA database

- i. Bob Dengler, NO6B reports that there is nothing more to add to the TASMA database at this time.
- ii. The TASMA database is currently hosted on Bob's server. Howard Brown, KG6GI and Brian Roode, NJ6N are working to host the database elsewhere.
- iii. Currently when the database is viewed through the TASMA website the link accesses the actual database, not a copy. The information viewed is subsequently current.

## 8. Old Business

## a. Coordinating the 440-450 MHz band

- i. Proposed By-Law changes were distributed at this meeting for review and will be voted on in the December General Membership meeting (see proposed By-Law changes attached to these minutes). The direction is not to interfere with the existing 440-450 MHz coordination and use.

## b. Processes

## 1. Propose By-Law Changes

## 2. Propose TASMA Name Change

## ii. Why?

## 1. SCRRBA has not been doing any coordinating and band-planning for a significant period of time

## a. SCRRBA does not meet frequently

- i. When a meeting is scheduled, it is an annual meeting scheduled for the third Saturday in October generally held at Harvey Mudd College and is published on SCRRBA.org
- ii. No meeting has been scheduled for this year at this time.

## b. Inactivity is an issue

## c. No acknowledgement of communications sent to SCRRBA from the amateur community

## d. No open forum to exchange dialogue

## e. SCRRBA considers the location of coordination repeaters to be secret.

- i. Bob Dengler, NO6B has had some communications with SCRRBA and SCRRBA has indicated that they do not want to publish the exact locations of coordinated repeaters. For security reasons, this is acceptable but the general location should be identified. SCRRBA will not discuss this concern.

2. Preference has been that SCRRBA reforms itself and TASMA does not get into this coordination area, but nothing appears to be changing.
  - a. It is noted that there are some very good people in the SCRRBA organization but those individuals are not allowed to do the work they are tasked to do for the group and they are not allowed to communicate to their membership regarding what is getting accomplished.
3. TASMA direction in the coordination of 440-450 MHz band was not spearheaded by only one person. Many 440 repeater owners are requesting this direction.
4. TASMA conducts business in an open forum with all minutes open for discussion.
  - a. Hypothetical Question – if an existing repeater does not recognize TASMA, will their frequencies be given away?
    - i. No. As long as TASMA is aware of their existence, the Technical Committee will avoid this.
5. TASMA's approach to 440-450 MHz Coordination should be to create a separate Technical Committee for this band and manage it the same as the current Two-Meter Technical Committee business.
  - a. Question – will the Two-Meter band management suffer?
    - i. No – it will be managed separately
6. For the reasons stated above, Bob Dengler, NO6B stated that he would be interested in entertaining a motion for the By-Laws to be changed as presented and, if passed by vote of the TASMA General Membership in December 2009 then the name of the TASMA organization should also be changed.
  - a. Leon Brown, KC6JAR so moved.
  - b. Burton Brink, N6USO seconded the motion.
    - i. Motion passed 12 to zero and will be included on the December ballot.
  - c. Revised Dues Payment
    - i. In December 2008, the General Membership voted to change the By-Laws to have the dues paid on a calendar year basis. How to implement this change was not determined.
    - ii. The TASMA Board discussed the implementation challenges and decided on the following solution:
      1. Membership Dues, if paid before or during Jan through Jun = \$15.00 for the full year
      2. Membership Dues, if paid after June 30<sup>th</sup> = \$7.50 for that year
      3. For existing members, if the membership expired Jan –Jun, then “round down”; if membership expires Jul – Dec, then “round up”
9. New Business (order of new business items revised from agenda)
  - a. Discussion of Proposed By-Law Changes to the number of Board Member seats
    - i. If the General Membership votes in December for TASMA to assume 440-450 band coordination activities, then the Board recommends additional By-Law changes which would add two additional positions to the Board beginning in 2010.
  - b. Revised Board Responsibilities
    1. Membership Director
      - a. Membership recruitment and growth is a vital part of the organization. Without this function, any organization is short-lived.
    2. Internet Services Manager
      - a. Our current web management needs updating. A person with specific skills is needed to meet today's standards.
        - ii. Rick Freidel, KB6OT so moved
        - iii. Burton Brink, N6USO seconded
        - iv. Motion passed 12 to zero
  - c. Nominations for 2010 Board (existing positions)
    - i. Procedure
      1. Nominations for board positions are entertained every year at the third-quarter General Membership meeting. Those nominated for these positions will appear on the absentee ballot included in the November Newsletter.
      2. At the General Membership meeting in December additional persons may be nominated from the floor. The ballots are then distributed and tallied along with the absentee ballots to determine the 2010 TASMA Board members.
      3. Only persons holding valid TASMA membership for 45 days or longer may vote.
        - ii. President
          1. Nominee - Bob Dengler, NO6B
            - a. nominated by Dave Elder, KA6TBF
            - b. Bob announced at this time that he will accept the nomination for year 2010, however work and family obligation will require that he be less active in future years as a TASMA board

member so this will be the last year he is available for this consideration.

2. Bob called for any additional nominations. There were none.

iii. Vice-President

1. Nominee – Ken Chafin, W6CPA

a. Nominated by Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK

2. Nominee – Pat Finke, KC6ACL

a. Nominated by Leon Brown, KC6JAR

iv. Secretary

1. Nominee – Dave Elder, KA6TBF

a. Nominated by Bob Dengler, NO6B

v. Treasurer

1. Nominee – Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK

a. Nominated by Bob Dengler, NO6B

vi. Member At Large

1. Nominee – Howard Brown, KG6GI

a. Nominated by Bob Dengler, NO6B

vii. Nominations for 2010 Board (tentative positions, pending December ballot outcome)

1. Membership Director

a. Nominee – Pat Finke, KC6ACL

2. Internet Services Manager

a. Nominee – Brian Roode, NJ6N

i. Noted: Brian is an IT specialist at UC Irvine and performs these duties for SOARA as a member of that group.

d. Recommended Band Plan Changes – Ballot

i. The Technical Committee was challenged to find a way to approach D-Star coordination in our region.

1. The original approach to D-Star was to consider these devices as Auxiliary stations.

2. Kenwood submitted a request for a rule making decision from the FCC, resulting in the authority to use the frequencies but not redefinition of the Auxiliary versus Repeater licensing.

3. Bob Dengler, NO6B provided a history regarding FCC and other activity leading up to the Technical Committee proposal which is now presented to the General Membership for vote.

4. Discussion

a. The proposed solution is to modify the use of two frequencies currently identified as simplex

frequencies in the Southern California band plan such that they will be used for D-Star repeater designation. In exchange, two frequencies currently identified in the Southern California band plan as potential repeater frequencies will be re-designated for simplex use.

b. Several Guests present at the General Membership meeting today indicated that the Technical Committee proposal is unacceptable.

i. Terry Neal, AA6TN specifically took issue with the reallocation of simplex frequency 147.54 which has extensive activity 24X7 in Orange County and surrounding areas. His arguments against the changes are:

1. There are widely-recognized ‘54’ group members and organizations which identify with this frequency which originated over 40 years ago.

2. Simplex frequencies have never been coordinated like repeaters and are not channelized, causing additional potential issues where none exist for the simplex users today if the allocated frequencies are relocated elsewhere in the band.

3. There was no impact study done by the Technical committee before their proposal was submitted for a vote to the General Membership or these issues would have been identified.

4. The FCC has not issued a permanent decision regarding their approach for D-Star and the reliability of D-Star has not been determined. The band plan should not be changed until these issues have been resolved.

ii. Rick Freidel, KB6OT asked if there was any financial impact for the simplex users. It was determined that there is no financial impact, but a greater social and emotional impact.

iii. Through discussion it was further clarified with all present that the function of TASMA is to manage the full Two-Meter band, not just coordinate repeaters. As such, the amateur radio community needs to continue to be aware of the activities which may impact them, just as efforts of the TASMA committees need to make attempts to consider all affected groups in their proposals.

iv. Bob Dengler, NO6B suggested that Terry Neal made a valid argument regarding the

un-channelized frequencies for simplex. Bob further suggested that the Technical Committee could revisit the proposal and identify another frequency such as 145.540 to be used for channelized simplex use which would meet the identification needs for the '54' simplex group, yet allow for the coordination of the D-Star repeaters.

c. Because there is a ballot and vote at hand with absentee ballots, the Technical Committee proposal must be voted upon by the group present today. Bob Dengler recommended that the membership present vote 'No' on their ballots and send the item back to the Technical Committee for additional research.

5. Ballot

a. Due to the number of absentee ballots, the proposal passed. The vote announced at the meeting was Yes = 17 and No = 12. (Please note that verification of the Absentee Ballots versus General Membership revealed that one member was both present to vote and had an absentee ballot which was disregarded. The final vote therefore was Yes=16, No=12).

6. Bob Dengler then indicated he would like to entertain a motion to suspend implementation of the ballot item just passed until December and ask the Technical Committee to revisit their proposal.

- a. Burton Brink, N6USO moved to suspend
- b. Rick Freidel, KB6OT seconded the motion

i. Passed 12 to zero

10. New Business/Open Forum

a. Discussion for 15 KHz spacing in the Band Plan

i. Chuck Wood, WD6APP noted that at the last meeting a "straw vote" was taken regarding interest in changing the 145 MHz frequencies to 15 KHz spacing. He is opposed to 15 KHz spacing. Chuck noted the following:

1. 147 MHz is currently using this spacing with several unresolved issues.
2. There is an expense involved for the repeater owners to convert the equipment if different frequencies are assigned due to spacing changes.
3. Users must modify their equipment for effective use. This may be a signification educational issue.
4. Chuck present an article from *ham radio*, August 1995 entitled *FM repeater separation - 20 kHz Yes, 15 kHz No* and asked that this be

appended to these meeting minutes. (see attached)

ii. Bob Dengler, NO6B recognized that although 15 kHz spacing has generally worked quite well in the 146-148 MHz sub band, there are a few adjacent channel issues. Bob proposed that we fix the issues in the upper segments of the band before approaching any similar changes to the 145 MHz segment.

11. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK, Secretary

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Two Meter Area Spectrum Management Association  
1439 W. Chapman, PMB 90  
Orange, CA 92868**

**TASMA Board Meeting Minutes**

**These Minutes Are Not Approved**

**Saturday, November 8, 2009**

@

Murray Community Center  
24932 Veterans Way  
Mission Viejo, CA 92692

Attendees:

Board Members (Current and Retiring):

NO6B	Bob Dengler	President
KC6ACL	Pat Finke	Vice President
KG6GI	Howard Brown	Retired Member-at-Large
K6CDK	Suzan LaDuke	Secretary
KA6TBF	David Elder	Member-at-Large

Guests:

KC6FNA	Jeannette Finke
NJ6N	Brian Roode
	Noah Massengale

1. Meeting called to order at 9:20AM by Bob Dengler, NO6B.
2. Technical Subcommittee Business
  - a. Louis Frank - KG6FCT has resigned from the Technical Subcommittee. Lou is spending much time out of the area, in Northern CA as he has two residences, and finds that he is not sufficiently available to continue the duties required for Technical Subcommittee membership. The Board thanks Lou for his dedicated service and contribution to TASMA in the past.
  - b. Rick Freidel - KB6OT has applied for Technical Subcommittee membership. Rick is a retired engineer

with the technical skills and equipment available to accomplish the frequency monitoring functions which are part of the Technical Committee member duties.

- c. Brian Roode – NJ6N has applied for Technical Subcommittee membership. Brian is an IT Specialist at UC Irvine and active member of SOARA. Brian also has the technical skills and availability to accomplish the frequency monitoring functions which are part of the Technical Committee member duties.
  - d. Suzan LaDuke moved that the board proceed with ratification of the above changes to the Technical Subcommittee membership. Pat Finke seconded the motion. Ratification passed for=5, Against=0.
  - e. Bob Dengler reported that there have been problems securing verification of the location for the Technical Subcommittee meeting. This has been discussed with the Dan Lechliter and this week Dan verified that he has received a confirmed reservation for the Red Cross location. Confirmation in the past has not been forthcoming so this is a good step. Alternative locations were discussed but are not acceptable to Dan Lechliter and Matt Lechliter. As long as reservation confirmation is forthcoming for each meeting the Red Cross location is acceptable to the Subcommittee membership.
3. Newsletter
- a. Dave Elder is constructing the Annual edition of the Newsletter for membership distribution. Because there is to be a Ballot included in the Newsletter, it is critical that the Newsletter is distributed according to the Bylaws, two weeks prior to the Annual Membership meeting scheduled for December 5, 2009.
  - b. Bob Dengler provided his article for the Newsletter to Dave at the board meeting.
  - c. The 70cm Coordination Working Group report was submitted to Dave by Ken Chafin via email.
  - d. A Motion to Direct was also provided by Ken Chafin for inclusion on the December Ballot.
  - e. The Newsletter processes and structure were reviewed in detail by the board members. The Newsletter will include the entire text of both the Motion to Direct and the Motion to Change the Bylaws related to 70cm Repeater Coordination. The Ballot will refer to these texts but will contain a statement for the voters in a Yes/No format similar to that found in current State or Federal ballot measures, frequently beginning with the word “Shall...”.
  - f. Howard Brown will develop the 2010 TASMA Meeting schedule to be included in the Annual Newsletter.
4. 70cm Coordination Working Group
- a. Bob Dengler and approximately 10 TASMA members attended the recent annual SCRRBA membership meeting. Bob stated that they are a very large

organization compared to TASMA with several hundred members. TASMA is outnumbered in every way. However we have the ability to be more effective in this coordination because we function out in the open. Acceptance is another matter, however. We would need the support as well as additional members to gain acceptance as a coordinating organization for 70cm frequencies. The question becomes which comes first – Change the TASMA Bylaws and put the appropriate organizational structure in place to support the function, or Obtain the needed acceptance, support and membership and then develop the TASMA structure?

#### 5. Documents Update

- a. Dave Elder has updated the Membership Application form with the July Breakpoint information.
- b. Dave Elder and the Board discussed the format and content of the Ballot for December. Dave will develop a draft of the ballot and distribute it with the Newsletter Draft.
- c. Suzan will provide the updated Bylaws text in the next couple of weeks as discussed in the prior Board meeting.

#### 6. Board Meeting Minutes from 07/11/2009

- a. Pat Finke moved the minutes be approved; Dave Elder seconded the motion. The minutes were approved: For=5; Against=0

#### 7. Website Updates

- a. Howard Brown pointed out that many of the items on the TASMA web site still indicate that they are in “Draft” state. The website needs to be reviewed and brought current.
- b. Suzan LaDuke will review the website general membership documents and requested drafts will be finalized.
- c. Bob Dengler will review the website documents for the Technical Subcommittee section and update that portion.
- d. Brian Roode indicated that with the current website, our Webmaster may not have the security required to update specific documents as they have ‘owners’. If Bob originally updated the website he “owns” that portion and she may not be able to perform the needed updates. We will have to coordinate the updates requested to be successful.

#### 8. ARRL Repeater Directory

- a. Howard Brown reminded us that it is time for us to submit the TASMA data of coordinated repeaters to ARRL for their directory. Howard has the ability to submit the data (password, etc.) and is willing to do this but does not have the data. Bob Dengler will provide the data and Howard will complete this task.

9. Projector Acquisition

- a. Bob Dengler brought documentation for three different projectors for discussion. He had a preferred item which is \$699.00. The Board supports his projector selection. Approval for the purchase was decided at the last Board meeting.

10. Website Automation

- a. Howard Brown has been noting requirements which he believes should be part of the TASMA website automation project. He has also been corresponding with several members of NARCC regarding the software which they use. Many of their features and functions are automated as Howard envisions TASMA needs. Our functions are archaic, primarily paper-based. The communication from Tim Sivils of NARCC indicated that the schemas which NARCC uses could be made available for use by TASMA; however their system has been developed to fit the specific needs and policy decisions of their group. These may not meet the needs of TASMA. The Board review Mr. Sivils description and the consensus was that we should develop our own system using tools with which our membership is familiar.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted

By Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK, Secretary

**Treasurer's Report  
Ken Chafin W6CPA**

January 1, 2009 through October 31, 2009

**Revenue:**

Membership Dues	1,585
ARRL Data Base Sale	337
Donation	<u>8</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,930</b>

**Expenses:**

Domain Name Renewal	10
Insurance	320
Mail Forwarding Expense	392
Postage	51
Sect of State Info Stmt Fee	20
Web Hosting Expense	<u>191</u>

**Total Expenses** **984**

Excess of Revenues over Expenses 946

Bank Balance as of 1/1/09 \$ 4,253

Bank Balance as of 10/30/09 **\$ 5,199**

**Plan to Increase The Number of Board of Directors.**

At the August 8, 2009 meeting, the Board of Directors presented a proposed by-law change to the membership to increase the number of TASMA board members by two. The proposed by-law change would add two new elected members to the board of directors. The new positions would be Membership Director and the Internet Services Manager. The vote to adopt those by-law changes will be held at the annual meeting December 5.

The board is requesting this amendment to the by-laws to try to alleviate the work load of the board and to bring in skilled members to assist with web based coordination modernization. The board feels that the membership director position is critical to the continued functioning of TASMA as membership drives our organization. The board also feels that the election of an Internet Services Manager is vital to obtain the qualified members to propose and develop automated web based processes for coordination activities. Automation of coordination based activities will lead to getting more accurate information to the technical committee, ease the workload of the technical committee, and make the coordination process easier for the members.

Should the by-law change to increase the number of officers pass, the election to fill the two new board positions will be held at the annual December 5 meeting along with the normal election of officers for 2010. We request that you review the following proposed by-law changes and that you vote for them at the December 5 meeting.

**Proposed Bylaw Change Regarding Composition of the Board of Directors**

**TASMA**

Proposed Bylaw Change Regarding Composition of Board of Directors

Article II, Section 1

**Current language:**

The Officers of the Association shall be:

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice-Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Board Member At Large

These elected officers shall be the Board of Directors of the Association.

**Proposed language:**

The Officers of the Association shall be:

- a. Chairman
- b. Vice-Chairman
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Board Member At Large
- f. Membership Director
- g. Internet Services Manager

These elected officers shall be the Board of Directors of the Association.

Article II, Section 10

Section 10 to remain unchanged but to be renumbered as Section 12.

Article III, Section 4

**Current language:**

The Internet Services Manager (ISM) shall serve at the pleasure of the Chairman until replaced or terminated. The duties of the ISM are:

- a. The ISM shall prepare and submit an expenditure plan for inclusion in the annual budget.
- b. The ISM shall arrange and manage the services of an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and shall approve invoices associated with the ISP. The ISM will keep the Board advised of all agreements with the ISP.
- c. The ISM shall arrange for and maintain a domain name for TASMA.
- d. The ISM shall maintain mailing lists as requested by the Board and update these lists as required. The ISM shall moderate use of these lists in accordance with direction from the Board.
- e. The ISM shall arrange for a Webmaster to maintain a TASMA web site under direction of the Board.

The ISM shall maintain a file server for use by the Board, the Newsletter Editor, the Database manager, the Technical Committee and other entities identified by the Board. Access privileges shall be maintained in accordance with Board direction.

**Proposed language:**

This article is to be deleted in its entirety.

New Article II, Section 10

Current language: None

**Proposed Language:**

Title: Section 10. DUTIES OF THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

The Membership Director:

- a. Shall maintain the membership database.
- b. Shall process all membership applications.
- c. Shall be responsible for leading membership drives and retaining and increasing association membership.
- d. Shall be responsible for obtaining membership statistics.
- e. Shall be responsible for determining membership status and eligibility for voting.

New Article II, Section 11

Current Language: None

Proposed Language:

Title: Section 11. DUTIES OF THE INTERNET SERVICES MANGER

The Internet Services Manager (ISM):

- a. Shall prepare and submit an expenditure plan for inclusion in the annual budget.
- b. Shall arrange and manage the services of an Internet Service Provider (ISP) and shall approve invoices associated with the ISP. The ISM will keep the Board advised of all agreements with the ISP.
- c. Shall arrange for and maintain a domain name for TASMA.
- d. Shall maintain mailing lists as requested by the Board and update these lists as required. The ISM shall moderate use of these lists in accordance with direction from the Board.
- e. Shall arrange for a Webmaster to maintain a TASMA web site under direction of the Board.
- f. Shall maintain a file server for use by the Board, the Newsletter Editor, the Database manager, the Technical Committee and other entities identified by the Board. Access privileges shall be maintained in accordance with Board direction.

Article II, Section 5, Subsection i

**Current Language:**

i. Shall appoint an Internet Services Manager.

**Proposed language:**

Subsection i is to be deleted in its entirety.

**70 cm Band Coordination Plan**

**Ken Chafin W6CPA**

The 440 coordination working group committee presented the 440 coordination plan to the TASMA membership at its August 8 general membership meeting. This plan, if adopted by the membership, would allow TASMA to start coordinating activities in the 70 cm band in Southern California. The plan consists of two changes to the bylaws and a motion to direct the Technical Committee to begin coordinating repeaters and auxiliary stations in the 70 cm band in Southern California. The bylaw changes consist of the changes necessary to authorize TASMA to perform 70 cm coordination and a bylaw change to change the name of the association. The proposed bylaw changes and motion will be voted on at our annual meeting on December 5.

This plan is the culmination of two years of deliberation and work based on persistent requests from our membership that the association perform 70 cm coordination. TASMA would prefer to stick to coordinating the 2 meter band; however, we felt we had to respond to our members' continued frustration over the past several years about the lack of 70 cm coordination activity in Southern California. TASMA is in a position to solve this problem, to make the coordination process better, and to have the process serve the entire amateur community. The coordination process would be improved because we have frequent meetings where all coordination requests are addressed by the Technical Committee, the Technical Committee meetings are open to the public, and the results of those meetings are published in our newsletters and on our web site. Applicants have the right to appeal any Technical Committee decision to the Board of Directors.

In order to make the coordination transition smoother, the committee has proposed that the current 70 cm band plan be initially adopted by TASMA and that stations with existing coordinations be granted grandfather coordinations. The committee has also proposed that stations with long standing operations, which are not causing interference, which have been unable to obtain coordination due to the lack of coordinating activity can obtain a grandfathered coordination as well. The goal is to start performing 70 cm coordination activities with a minimal impact on existing coordinees and users. After getting the process started and the existing coordinees

recorded, TASMA will be in a position to evaluate existing band usage to determine if there are unused repeater pairs available and if additional co channeling can be accomplished. It is unlikely that TASMA will be able to coordinate new 70 cm repeaters for some time until the grandfathered coordinations can be worked out by the Technical Committee. Should the membership decide that the band plan or the coordinating policies need to be changed; standard TASMA procedures are available to the membership to make its concerns known and to implement those concerns.

The committee proposals were designed to make the transition process as smooth as possible and to attempt to be as fair as possible to existing 70 cm users. There are many different opinions about how to go about this. If you would like to make your voice heard we recommend that you attend the December 5 meeting where the details of the changes will be presented, discussed, and voted on. In order to attempt to answer as many questions as possible, we have prepared a FAQ which appears after this article and on our web site. We welcome your comments and suggestions and look forward to better serve the entire amateur community.

**Motion to Direct Technical Committee to Coordinate the 70 cm Band**

The TASMA membership hereby directs the TASMA Technical Committee to begin coordination activities for the 70 centimeter band in the Southern California area as defined in the Technical Committee Purpose and Processes Outline.

We direct the Technical Committee to use the existing 2 meter coordination rules, procedures and functional standards to perform 70 centimeter coordination. If the Technical Committee determines that the 70 centimeter coordination rules, procedures or functional standards need to be different from the existing 2 meter rules, the Technical Committee shall use standard TASMA procedures to produce separate 70 centimeter technical standards pursuant to the TASMA bylaws.

We direct the Technical Committee to adopt the current SCRRBA 70 centimeter band plan as the initial TASMA 70 centimeter band plan. Any proposed changes to the initial 70 centimeter band plan shall be made in accordance with normal TASMA rules and procedures for changing band plans.

The Technical Committee shall initially use the existing 2 meter coordination forms and documents for 70 centimeter coordination purposes. These forms and documents may be changed by the Technical Committee as they see fit.

We direct the Technical Committee to issue automatic coordinations (grandfather coordination) during the transition period to existing 70 centimeter repeaters using the following priority:

1. If the coordinee shows proof of current existing SCRRBA coordination via written or electronic means.
2. If the coordinee shows an application for coordination to SCRRBA prior to 2009 that has not been acted on by SCRRBA for a frequency that will not cause interference to any coordinated repeater.
3. Stations that can demonstrate the use of a frequency over a long period of time that is not causing interference to other stations.

The transition period will expire December 31, 2011. The Technical Committee is authorized to resolve disputes regarding grandfathered coordinations subject to the right of the coordinee to appeal Technical Committee decisions to the Board of Directors as provided in TASMA bylaws.

**Proposed Bylaw Changes to Implement 70 cm Coordination**

**TASMA**

Bylaw Changes to Implement 70 cm Coordination

**Article III, Section 1, a**

Current language:

- a. The Technical Committee shall prepare and submit a Band Plan and Technical Standards to the membership for approval. These documents will describe the spectrum plan for the 2-Meter Band and the functional standards for having coordination on this band. The Technical Committee is bound by these documents, once approved. All changes to these documents require a majority approval of both the Technical Committee and the voting membership at a General or Special Meeting.

Proposed language:

- a. The Technical Committee shall prepare and submit a Band Plan and Technical Standards to the membership for approval. These documents will describe the spectrum plan for the 2-Meter Band, and the 70 cm band as well as ~~and~~ the functional standards for having coordination on ~~this~~ these bands. The Technical Committee is bound by these documents, once approved. All changes to these documents require a majority approval of both the Technical Committee and the voting membership at a General or Special Meeting.

**Article I, Section 1, a**

Current language:

- a. REGULAR membership is open to any person who is authorized to operate an amateur radio station on frequencies within the two-meter band.

Proposed language:

- a. REGULAR membership is open to any person who is authorized to operate an amateur radio station on frequencies within the two-meter or seventy centimeter bands.

**Article I, Section 1, b**

Current language:

- b. DELEGATE membership is open to any person who (1) qualifies for membership under section 1a and (2) is authorized to represent any club or organization, the interests of which include two-meter operations.

Proposed language:

- b. DELEGATE membership is open to any person who (1) qualifies for membership under section 1a and (2) is authorized to represent any club or organization, the interests of which include two-meter or seventy centimeter operations.

**Motion to Change Band Plan**

After the vote at the last general membership meeting approving the bandplan change submitted by the Technical Committee to move the D-Star system outputs from 145.585-145.615 to 147.540-147.570 & move the simplex channels in that region to un-channelized simplex above 145.570, another resolution was passed suspending implementation of that bandplan change so that the TC could further revise the bandplan to resolve issues presented by users of 147.540 that were present at the meeting. The primary concern was that users of 147.540 would be displaced into an un-channelized simplex band, thereby enduring more adjacent channel interference than if that sub-band were channelized. It was subsequently agreed that simply channelizing the 145.510 to 145.615 MHz FM simplex segment would resolve this issue.

The following proposal is submitted to the General Membership by the Technical Committee for approval:

**Resolved, that the band plan be changed as follows:**

The un-channelized FM voice simplex sub-band at 145.510-145.615 MHz be changed to the following 15 kHz spaced FM voice simplex channels (in MHz):

- 145.510, 145.525, 145.540, 145.555, 145.570, 145.585, 145.600, 145.615.**

**Candidate Statements**

**Howard Brown, KG6GI  
Board Member @ Large Candidate**

I would once again like to offer my services to TASMA in the role of Board Member @ Large.

Having previously served in this role for the years 2001 thru 2008, believe that I have a complete understanding of the operation and needs of TASMA.

From my point of view, the @ Large position provides an individual to take up special projects and other tasks that are not within the formal requirements of other Board positions. In the past I have lead membership drives, edited a comprehensive and professional newsletter, and maintained a mail recording and distribution system. I also obtained meeting rooms when the need arose.

If elected, I would like to spend 2010 leading TASMA along the path of enhanced automation tools including on-line coordination applications and updates.

I seek your support and, if elected, will serve to the best of my ability as I have in the past.

Howard Brown  
November 2009

**David Elder, KA6TBF  
Candidate for Secretary**

I have served as Board Member at Large for the past year and I would like to be considered for the office of Secretary in the TASMA organization for the upcoming year.

During my term in office, I have gained an understanding of TASMA operations and have had the pleasure of working with the amateur community. I have supported and helped resolve issues that are important to many of you. My goal is to continue supporting all of you in this role if elected.

I would like this opportunity to thank Howard Brown and Bob Dengler for mentoring and guiding me during my term in office.

I ask for your support to allow me to continue working with TASMA and the community

David Elder  
November 2009

**2009 & 2010 Schedule of Meetings**

<b>Year 2009</b>	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>Board Meeting</b>	24 (Sat)		7 (Sat)				11 (Sat)				7 (Sat)	
<b>General Meeting</b>				4 (Sat)				8 (Sat)				5 (Sat)
<b>Technical Committee</b>		28 (Sat)			30 (Sat)			22 (Sat)			14 (Sat)	

The following schedule has been established for TASMA's 2010 activities. The current Board hopes to adhere to this plan but it may have to be adjusted to allow for personnel and meeting space availability.

<b>Year 2010</b>	Jan	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
<b>Board Meeting</b>	23 (Sat)		6 (Sat)				10 (Sat)				6 (Sat)	
<b>General Meeting</b>				3 (Sat)				7 (Sat)				4 (Sat)
<b>Technical Committee</b>		27 (Sat)			29 (Sat)			28 (Sat)			13 (Sat)	

## TASMA 2009 Annual Meeting Absentee Ballot

Call \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Shall the TASMA Bylaws be changed to increase the Board of Directors by two new Officers to include the Membership Director and the Internet Services Manager as described in the "Proposed Bylaw Change Regarding Composition of Board of Directors" article of the November, 2009 <i>TASMA News</i> ?	Yes  No	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
Shall the TASMA Bylaws be changed to allow coordination of the 70 centimeter band as described in the Motion to Direct Technical Committee to Coordinate the 70 cm Band article of the November, 2009 <i>TASMA News</i> ?	Yes  No	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
Shall the TASMA Technical Committee be directed to begin coordination activities for the 70 centimeter band in the Southern California area as defined in the Technical Committee Purpose and Processes Outline as described in "Motion to Direct Technical Committee to Coordinate the 70 cm Band" article of the November, 2009 <i>TASMA News</i> ?	Yes  No	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
Shall the band plan be changed as follows?  The un-channelized FM voice simplex sub-band at 145.510-145.615 MHz be changed to the following 15 kHz spaced FM voice simplex channels (in MHz):  145.510, 145.525, 145.540, 145.555, 145.570, 145.585, 145.600, 145.615	Yes  No	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>

## TASMA 2009 Annual Meeting Absentee Ballot Continued

Call \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Election of Officers for 2010:

Position	Candidates	Vote For One
<b>Chairman</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">Write In Candidate</div>	Bob Dengler, NO6B	<input type="checkbox"/>
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Vice Chairman</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">Write In Candidate</div>	Ken Chafin, W6CPA	<input type="checkbox"/>
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Secretary</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">Write In Candidate</div>	David Elder, KA6TBF	<input type="checkbox"/>
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Treasurer</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">Write In Candidate</div>	Suzan LaDuke, K6CDK	<input type="checkbox"/>
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Member at Large</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">Write In Candidate</div>	Howard Brown, KG6GI	<input type="checkbox"/>
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Membership Director</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">Write In Candidate</div>	Pat Finke, KC6ACL	<input type="checkbox"/>
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Internet Services Manager</b>  <div style="text-align: right;">Write In Candidate</div>	Brian Roode, NJ6N	<input type="checkbox"/>
	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Instructions:** For this ballot to be counted:

1. It must include your name, signature, call-sign, date and time,
2. It must be received at the TASMA mailbox no later than December 3, 2009,
3. The ballots can be scanned and e-mailed to k6cdk@aol.com but must be received no later than December 3, 2009, or
4. Ballot can be hand delivered to the Treasurer prior to the beginning of the meeting. (no proxies permitted)

Absentee ballots for any members present at the December 5, 2009 meeting, as evidenced by the sign-in sheet, will be discarded before counting of ballots.



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Address Correction Requested

**Remember: 2009, the year to rebuild Association membership!**

**NOTICE:** The next General Membership Meeting is at 10:30 AM, **Saturday, December 5, 2009** at the Walnut Library. Check in starts promptly at 10:00.

*You can contact your board members at the following:*

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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ken Chafin, W6CPA	818/957-1699	kchafin1@pacbell.net
<b>Member at Large:</b>	David Elder, KA6TBF	949/348-2724	dselder@gmail.com

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NO6B	Bob Dengler – ex-officio member & Secretary	909/396-0991	no6b@no6b.com
AC6NZ	Dan Lechliter	805/485-1398	

**Database Manager**

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