

TASMA

APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Thank you for your interest in serving on the TASMA Technical Committee! Please read the information contained in this application. This document describes the duties and expectations of a Committee member and may help you decide if you wish to proceed in submitting an application.

The primary purpose of TASMA and its Technical Committee is the definition of technical operating standards and the creation, execution and maintenance of an orderly band plan for the enjoyment, proper operation, reliability, safety, general welfare and convenience of Amateur Radio operators utilizing the Two Meter spectrum in Southern California. Here are some of the "basics" that apply to Technical Committee membership:

APPOINTMENT AND QUALIFICATIONS:

1. The Chairman of TASMA appoints members of the Technical Committee for an indefinite term. The appointment is "at will," as such, the appointment of any person to the Technical Committee may begin or terminate at any time.
2. Applicants for Committee membership and members of the Committee must hold a valid Technician Class, or higher level, Amateur Radio License issued by the Federal Communications Commission.
3. Members of the Committee and applicants must reside or work in the TASMA service area.
4. Members of the Committee shall attend all meetings of the Committee. A member who is unable to attend three or more meetings in a 12-month period will be considered excessively absent.
5. Applicants and members of the Technical Committee must notify the Chairman if there are any changes in status that may affect their eligibility and/or general ability to serve on the Committee.

GUIDELINES FOR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

TASMA maintains a public duty and trust. Members of the Technical Committee are the embodiment of that trust. As such, the conduct of Committee Members is to be above reproach where the execution of their duties to TASMA is concerned.

1. Members are expected to be familiar with the rules applicable to Amateur Radio as described in Part 97 of the FCC Rules. Each member must own a current copy of the rules.
2. Members must become familiar with TASMA policies and procedures that pertain to frequency coordination functions.
3. Members are expected to execute their duties in a fair, unbiased, objective and professional manner. Those bringing business before the Committee are to be treated in a professional manner.
4. Members are to conduct the business of the Technical Committee in open meetings. If, outside Technical Committee meetings, you have contact with other committee members regarding a matter before the committee, or applicants appearing before the Technical Committee, you must report the nature and substance of those contacts at the meeting where the matter is discussed.
5. Decisions of the Technical Committee must be based, to the greatest extent possible, on findings, rules, established procedures and verifiable information.
6. If a matter before the Technical Committee is linked in any way to property or close interests (e.g.: member or control operator of a repeater under discussion) of a Technical Committee member, that member is to excuse him or her self from all deliberations connected with that particular matter.
7. Members of the Technical Committee do not act independently. Their function is mainly executed in meetings of that committee. Exceptions might include outside research, or field measurements, all of which are reported to the Committee when it meets on the matter related to the outside activity,
8. Members of the Technical Committee may identify themselves as members of the Committee for biographical, historical or identification purposes directly tied to their duties on the Technical Committee. They may not attach their title or function to routine, correspondence that is not directly related to their official duties. Members of the Technical Committee are not authorized to speak for TASMA in an official capacity. That right is reserved to the Chairman of TASMA and possibly others as authorized by the TASMA Board.
9. TASMA and the Technical Committee are not direct agents of enforcement. The organization may identify to agents of enforcement operations that are not in compliance with FCC rules or TASMA's coordination policies and procedures.
10. The Committee Chair, in conjunction with the Committee Secretary composes the agenda of the Technical Committee. Members of the Committee who wish to add an item to the agenda should make the request to the Chairman.

