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To: NW Division ARRL Clubs and Members

Re: 2018 ARRL NW Div. Vice Director election

Friends and club members,

As some of you may know, I have submitted a petition to run for ARRL Vice Director, Northwestern Division. I have served in the position of Eastern Washington Section Manager for the past 15 years and in other appointments dating back to 1993. Working with many of the former Directors and Vice Directors during those 25 years, I am well aware of the roles, duties, and responsibilities of the Vice Director position.

Supporting the league is very important as I feel it's the only real advocate for preservation of our spectrum and in turn the continuance of this hobby we all love so much. Serving as Vice Director, if I am fortunate enough to win the election, is another way I can give back to the amateur community. I believe my time serving as Section Manager and other appointments is a view some on the board have never experienced.

Over the years I've been fortunate to attend many conventions, meetings, and hamfests. Having served in the various ARRL appointed positions I have learned to listen to what the members are saying, engage them in dialogue, and work with them to help solve the issue at hand, or if nothing else, provide direction to ARRL staff to resolve the matter. During this time, I have met and made friends with folks from all across the division and in just about every aspect of Ham Radio. In return for those friendships, I would like the opportunity to represent you on the ARRL board.

Voting will take place this fall, and with your support, I can help bring your voice to the ARRL board.

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candidate for Vice Director, NW Division ARRL

Background:

1989 first licensed after taking a novice class sponsored by the Yakima ARC  
1990 became a league member and have been ever since. (Life member)  
1990-1991 elected to Vice President of the Yakima ARC  
1992-1997 Served as President of Yakima ARC  
1993 became Official Observer for ARRL (appointment still current)  
1994-1997 served as Emergency Coordinator for Yakima county  
1995 cofounded Yakima County Radio Amateurs, an ARES® support club  
1995 President and Trustee of Yakima County Radio Amateurs (current)  
1998 Served as Trustee for Yakima ARC on its board until 2013  
1999 appointed Assistant Section Manager EWA  
2000 appointed Assistant Director, NW division  
2003 elected as Section Manager EWA and have served unopposed for 15 years this fall  
I have also held the section level positions of OOC, and OES  
I am a Registered Instructor with ARRL and current Volunteer Examiner  
I hold an Extra class license  
In 2014 coordinated the second week of the W1AW/7 centennial QSO party.  
I hold DXCC on 10, 15, and 20 meters with 166 confirmed  
I hold WAS on phone and RTTY  
In 2015 coordinated the NU1AW/7 effort for IARU contest  
2017 accepted as DXCC card checker  
CQ WPX award with 1079 confirmed prefixes  
Operated as W1AW/7 NU1AW/7 and guest operated in contests and events as W1AW W7DX  
K7SDX WX7P WA7LT  
I have also served from 1990 as a volunteer for Yakima County Emergency Management and  
the Yakima Sheriff's office Search and Rescue.  
In 2013 and 2014 I assisted the Yakima Sheriff's office as a volunteer (unpaid) consultant on the  
overhaul of the existing communications system for the county.  
I help maintain seven amateur repeaters in the state, two packet nodes and two APRS nodes.  
Current member of Yakima County Radio Amateurs, Western Washington DX Club, Pacific NW  
VHF Society, Eastern Washington Amateur Radio Group, and Yakima ARC.  
  
Professionally I am employed with an equipment manufacturer as office and operations  
manager. Our company produces equipment for packing of apples and pears in the northwest.