

Who is Bonnie?

Please visit my web page at <http://www.bonnie-altus.com> to learn more about me.

I have the professional background and ham radio experience to lead this Division into the future. I have 28 years of experience in leadership positions in healthcare and education and have held leadership positions in my professional associations. I am a past President of the Oregon Health Information Management Association and serve on committees for the national organization.

I have been licensed since 1997. I am an Extra Class operator and has focused over the years on public service events, emergency communications, and service to local clubs. I was the President of the McMinnville Amateur Radio Club in 2000-2001, ARES Emergency Coordinator in 2006 and Assistant Emergency Coordinator previously. I am currently Secretary-Treasurer for the Radio Operators Association of Dallas (Oregon). I served as Oregon Section Manager from 2006-2013 and as Northwestern Division Vice-Director since 2014.

My experience as a Vice-Director will help me become effective immediately as Division Director because I have had time to build good relationships with the other Division Directors. The other candidates will need time to get up-to-speed and with only two board meetings a year, this may hinder them from bringing your concerns and interests to the board effectively.

There are things that can be done at the board level to increase transparency to the membership. As the Division Director, I would like to encourage the board to publish reports prior to the board meetings to allow for more input from members of the division. I would also like to form an advisory committee of division members with expertise in various areas, along with assistant directors, to meet with by Webinar prior to board meetings and committee meetings to provide recommendations for board and committee meeting discussions.

I ask for your vote to serve you as the Northwestern Division Director for the next three years and will respond to your questions and requests for information about ARRL activities. I recognize that an important responsibility is to ensure regular two-way communications between the board and the membership. You can count on me to accomplish that.