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What to expect from WØIY as SM.

Things are going to be different. As the Section MANAGER, my plan is to appoint qualified and enthusiastic amateur radio operators and let them do their jobs. It will be their responsibility to keep me informed and to request my help as needed. This is my management style.

I do not intend to be net control for any nets. There are plenty of qualified operators to be NCS. The traffic folks should communicate with me and recommend whoever they want to be their leaders. If the net is not an ARRL or ARES event, then I see no need to be involved. There are many local activities which should continue to operate without SM intervention. However, if you/they need help, just ask.

Similarly, where there are clubs, I want the club to recommend an EC for their county or area. Or EMA can make a recommendation. Clubs are vital to the success and growth of amateur radio. I want to attend as many club meetings as I can to listen and to offer assistance where I can. Some meetings will have to be via Zoom.

I'm creating a new Council of Clubs to assist clubs by sharing success stories and helping all clubs grow. This will be a monthly Zoom meeting. Individual clubs can learn from each other. Physically adjacent clubs can help provide operators for events.

The concept of strengthening clubs is to then have the club begin more outreach to youth and their community. Think: visibility and publicity.

These actions will bring more people to amateur radio, local clubs and the ARRL.

What can I do for your club?

For the monthly newsletter, I'd like to know about any activity: individual, club or net.

- Nets: Numbers of checkins, traffic count
- POTA activations, club name, event location, # of Q's
- Significant DX activity
- Contest Activity
- Supported public events. # hams, # participants, what works, what doesn't?
- VE test numbers
- Upcoming classes and events

I'm looking for the following:

A. Public Information Officers (both statewide and for a region)

B. (Area) School Outreach Coordinators (Are you or your wife a teacher? Let's talk!)

Send me an email and tell me your qualifications and interests.

What else? You tell me. I'm listening.

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