

DELAWARE LEHIGH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB Inc.



W3OK

CORRAL

OCTOBER 2008

Club Meeting October 2nd At The 911Center

UP COMING EVENTS

Executive Committee Elections

October 4th - Simulated Emergency Test

October 11th & 12th - PA QSO Party

October 18th - Emmaus Halloween Parade

MEETING PROGRAM

"PA QSO PARTY." by AI / W3CE.

2008 Rule changes; operating tips; logging programs; winning strategies. Plus Bonus station plans and information.



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S SHACK

Well the first year of my term as president is almost over. It's been a rewarding job with all the help received from other club members. I want to thank all who gave a helping hand at our activities, especially public service. My personal interest is in emergency communications and public service. I had mixed emotions during this years MS150 bicycle ride. I had a lot of fun riding in the event but felt disappointed that we could not staff all stations and SAG vehicles. I have already decided to operate next year instead of riding. Please consider volunteering your time and energy next year. We also could have done better at Field Day, our biggest problems were weather and propagation. However Tom, KB3IUE did yeoman's duty in chairing the event. The logs were sent into ARRL and we will find out how good or bad we did when the results are published. One of our biggest successes was signing up many new members as a result of our mass mailing. Hopefully they will remain members and give support to all our activities. I am also happy with the program's we have presented at our club meetings this past year. I'm sure that is one of the reasons turnout has been good. Let's continue our momentum for the next year and remember;

Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer!

73's AI / W3CE



MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 4th MEETING

Call to Order: President AI / W3CE, 1930L

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by W3CE.

Visitors/Guests: Peg / W3RXV & friend Ken; Greg / WB3CLL; Rick / KC2ZA; Mike / KC2SJT

Approval of August Minutes: Bruce / KA3TIU **moved** to accept the August minutes as printed in the on-line Newsletter. Seconded by Carl / AA3IX, the motion was carried without dissent.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Jay / N3OW **moved** to accept the Treasurer's report as given. Seconded by Don / KC3II, the motion was carried without dissent.

REPORTS:

Membership: Membership Chairman Vic / N2OFF reported DLARC had at the time of the report 184 members. Vic also presented four new applications for membership:

Walter Talbot / KC2ZA, Tom Dowell / N3EBH; Mike Unangst / KC2SJT and Greg Chester / WB2CLL

Bill / N2DH moved to accept the above applicants into the Club. Seconded by Bud / W3BUD, the motion was carried without dissent. The new members were applauded by the members present.

Website & Repeaters: Long-time DLARC Webmaster Barry / N3NVA has stepped down after many years of faithful service. Thanks for all your efforts, Barry! DLARC member Brad / W3JXQ volunteered to fill the void.

W3OK Club Station – 'The Milk House': W3CE invited all Members to join the regular crowd every Wednesday evening at the Milk House.

VE Session: George / N3SQD reported that a VE Session was to be held Friday, 05SEP2008, at the 911 Center. VE sessions are held regularly; check the Calendar at <http://www.dlarc.org> for dates.

2009 Officers & Board Nominating Committee: Nominating Committee Chairman Bill / NC3P reported the following slate of Officers and Board members for 2009:

President: AI / W3CE

Vice President: George / N3SQD

Treasurer: Pete / NL7XM

Secretary: Charlie / W3DEA

Executive Board:

Jeff / KX3Q, Don / KC3II, Jay / N3OW, Dave / KA3IWC, Bob / NE2C, Vic / N2OFF

W3CE solicited further nominations from the floor. As no other nominations were put forward, W3CE from the chair declared the nominations closed. Thus, in accordance with the By-Laws the slate of Officers will be voted in by the current Secretary at the October General meeting. The Executive Board race will be run, as six nominees are competing for five positions.

NC3P noted that both an absentee ballot and instructions for same will be placed in the online Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DLARC Picnic: W3CE reported that the annual Fall Picnic is scheduled for September 21st, 2008 from 9AM to whenever, at Louise Moore Park, Pavilion #5 (East side). Please RSVP with how many people will be attending with you to w3ce@arrl.net

Transmitter Hunt: W3CE also reported the Autumn Transmitter "Fox" Hunt, with a date TBD in November. The hunt will start at 1000L and will be followed by lunch.

OLD BUSINESS:

PA QSO Party: NL7XM reminded us that DLARC and W3OK will be the Bonus Stations in the 2008 PA QSO Party. NL7XM and W3DEA are compiling an operations plan for counties covered and types of operation for the Party. **Please** seriously consider operating as W3OK to support the DLARC effort! The more counties and modes we can cover, the more of an impact DLARC will have. If you've ever wanted to be on the receiving end of a pileup, this is the time! Fixed, Rover, Portable and Mobile operations are all being planned. Please contact Pete and/or Charlie with your operating intentions for this year. W3CE reported that the Club might suspend the Norm Zoltack Award competition for 2008 (Single-Operator High Score from DLARC); final decision will be made by the Board and announced at the October General Meeting.

SKYWARN Training: Brian / KW3K announced that NWS Mount Holly (NJ) will be holding an Open House on 20SEP08 from 1200-1600L. Brian also announced that an Advanced Spotter class will be conducted at the Carbon County EOC in Jim Thorpe on 18OCT08 at 1100L – you must have completed the Basic class in order to attend. A Basic class is being considered at this time, but no details are known. Brian also reported that he and a Girl Scout will be doing a display in Macungie later this month; contact him for details.

Regional D-Star Net: Charlie / N3WXO reported that a new Mid-Atlantic D-Star Net has started using the D-Star V/UHF link on the W3OI system. Several states are/will be linked in. Data transfer experimentation has been taking place, along with lots of information and technical discussion. Check the W3OI D-Star link the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 1930L. The Net might be going weekly; stay tuned for changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Associate Memberships for New Licensees: As most members are aware, VE examinees who are licensed thanks to a DLARC class are automatically granted a free year's Full membership in DLARC. W3CE reported that, at the last Board meeting, the Executive Board decided to replace the Full membership in this instance with an Associate membership, as too many free Full memberships given without that member attending the General Meeting translates into a difficulty meeting the By-Laws quorum requirement.

Kit-Building Activity: Lamar / N3AT reported that an exciting new kit is now available through an ARRL design competition. He asked if there was any interest in revisiting his popular kit-building activity, and some interest was noted. If you're interested in building a spiffy radio kit, contact Lamar via his <http://qrz.com> listing.

Amending of Bylaws: W3DEA moved that DLARC amend its bylaws to read: "Membership dues for any licensed amateur eighteen years of age or younger upon application will be paid by the Club, renewable annually until the age of eighteen is reached." Seconded by KC3II. KW3K asked why not issue an Associate Membership? W3DEA explained that even the \$2-3 to upgrade from Associate to Full Membership is often a hardship for teens. NL7XM noted that regardless of finances, the intent is simply to remove any obstacle to Membership for young amateurs. AA3WM agreed with KW3K and noted that other associations of which he is a member disallow minors full voting rights, and also noted that issues with attendance might present the same problem that the Associate Membership issue/solution just resolved by the Board (see Associate Memberships for New Licensees, above). In view of these observations, W3DEA withdrew his motion for further consideration by the Board.

Licensing Classes: Bob / KE3AW reported that licensing classes are scheduled to begin 16SEP08 at Northampton Community College, though NACC reports little if any interest. Bob then revisited the idea of a General Class upgrade class, and promised to keep up posted.

10m Net: N3OW reported that there has been some – though little – activity on the DLARC 10m Net, which takes place at 1600L every Sunday on 28.430 MHz. All interested amateurs are invited to join in!

There being no further business for the Members present, W3CE **closed** the meeting from the Chair at 2023L. The program which followed was "Homemade QSL Cards" by W3DEA.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary **Bob/NQ3X**



AUGUST 2008
D.L.A.R.C. EXPENDURE REPORT

Expenditures:

Postage	42.00
Telephone	<u>17.68</u>
Total Expenditures:	(59.68)

Respectfully Submitted,
Pete Varounis / NL7XM
Treasurer / D.L.A.R.C.

ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

From 2008 nominating committee: Bill / NC3P, Bob / KE3AW and Bob / N3SNZ

The slate for the 2009 Executive Committee is:

President: Al Wiemann / W3CE running unopposed (no vote required)
Vice President: George Wieland / N3SQD running unopposed (no vote required)
Secretary: Charlie Lazarchak / W3DEA running unopposed (no vote required)
Treasurer: Pete Varounis / NL7XM running unopposed (no vote required)

Board of Directors: (five to be chosen)

Bob Oppen / NE2C
Don Holmes / KC3II (*Incumbent*)
Dave Mellman / KA3IWC
Vic Zeno / N2OFF (*Incumbent*)
Jay Mason / N3OW
Jeff Fehr / KX3Q (*Incumbent*)

The tenth position on the board of directors according to the D.L.A.R.C. By-Laws is "*The Most recent Past President*", Bill Twaddell / N2DH (no vote required)

**An Absent ballot is located at the end of this newsletter
following the listing of the club officers.**

VE TEST SESSION

There will not be a test session this month. The next session will be November 7th at 7:00 PM at the Northampton County 911 Center. Pretest registration is required. Contact George / N3SQD at george@bioserv.com or Al / W3CE at w3ce@arrl.net.

FUTURE MEETING PROGRAMS

November 6th: "Antarctic Ham Radio; Signals from the South Pole" by Chris / WZ3Q What is life like in Antarctica? Chris lived there from 2001-2005 and will tell us how they communicate via Amateur Radio from "The Bottom of the World." <http://www.chrispost.net/antarctica>

December 4th: Join us for our "Annual Christmas Party!" Put your diet on hold for a few hours while we enjoy each other's company and share homemade delectables at the big table. Bring a dish or dessert, and a few copies of your recipe along with your appetite and sweet tooth.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

<http://www.time.gov>

2008 EMMAUS HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 18 is this year's parade, with Monday, October 20 is the rain date. We'll need about 15 radio operators, with 2-meter rig capabilities, who will ride in their own vehicles in the parade, and a net control operator, who will be with the parade marshal. This is both a valuable service and a fun event. For those who have participated in past parades, I hope you will be part of this year's event. For hams who have not been involved, and are wondering about any details, please contact me at ke3aw@arrl.net or by phone at 610.432.8286. The first 15 hams will be in the parade. Thanks!

de **Bob / KE3AW**

MONTHLY BRAIN TEASER

"A special prize awaits the first Club Member to submit the correct answer to this month's Brainteaser to the Treasurer via E-mail. He must be present at the next Meeting to receive it, or it goes unrewarded. Officers, Board members, and Brain Teaser Authors are not eligible to win."

de **NL7XM**

The winner of last month's BrainTeaser was Bill Goodman / K3ANS. His was the first correct entry 8/22/2008 3:14:40 PM Eastern Daylight Time.

The answer was: Leg, arm, eye, ear, toe, lip, hip, rib, gum, jaw.

OCTOBER BRAIN TEASER

The last few BrainTeasers were very easy.

Not this month! Three separate word problems are presented here and to win, you must be the first to provide solutions to all of them.

Good luck!

- 1) What word in the English language has three dotted letters in a row?
- 2) What word has eight letters and only one vowel?
- 3) What word, starting with a consonant, is trailed by four vowels?

THANK YOU!

A word of thanks to Bob Green / KE3AW, our Publicity Chairman, who does an outstanding job ensuring the DLARC enjoys maximum exposure in area publications. Our Meeting schedule and License Instruction Class information are printed everywhere I look, it seems.

Many of the guests you meet at our monthly Club Membership Meetings found their way because of Bob's loyal effort. Thank you, Bob!

NOTICE

Brad / W3JXQ will be assuming the duties of webmaster for the DLARC website, he is replacing Barry / N3NVA, who is stepping down because of other commitments. Barry has been the webmaster for many years and just a "Thank You" will not cover all the time and effort he has put into the website. We welcome Brad and wish him success with this endeavor..

SET SCHEDULED FOR Oct 4th

On October 4th the ARRL is holding a nationwide Simulated Emergency Test. In Northampton County we will be participating by holding a search and rescue operation involving a fox hunt. The scenario will be either a downed airplane or a lost and injured hiker. Please give serious consideration in participating. We will need several personal to man the club station in addition to the hams doing the hunting. The best way to hunt is in teams of two, one to drive and one to do the direction finding. I will be either the pilot or the hiker and will stay put until I see one of your friendly faces.

73's **AI / W3CE**

NEW MEMBERS

Come shake hands and greet our new members. Welcome them to our club. Greg / WB2CLL, Tom / N3EBH, N3EBH, Mike / KC2SJG and Walt / KC2ZA.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT NETS

Additional Net Controls are needed for the Wednesday Night ARES, RACES & DLARC net. If we have enough interested operators, it will only be necessary for each operator to have only one net session in each three month period. Actually 13 weeks in a period, so 13 net controls would be ideal, and maybe some extras to fill in if needed. This would give us a pool of experienced controls, for any emergency which would arise. Interested parties should contact Don / KC3II at kc3ii@arrl.net.

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

District Wide SET Planned for October 4th Weekend

Pennsylvania ARES District 2 member counties have been working on plans for a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) during the ARRL suggested weekend of October 4th and 5th. The objectives differ in each county and are determined by the county ECs and AECs, who make up the county's SET planning teams. However, the general scenario is an area wide ice storm that would affect power, travel and loss of homes in the 6 county area. In addition, inter-county communication is a suggested feature of each county's scenario. All interested counties should participate at the same time to facilitate county-2-county traffic. A suggested secondary objective would be the use of simplex frequencies and alternate repeaters and also the possibility of using the linked .255/.180 repeaters as an inter-county traffic and assistance frequency.

Each county SET planning team sets out the proposed disaster events and list of objectives they'd like to accomplish. Ham volunteers (that's YOU!) are then solicited during the event to provide coverage of the affected venues. In past SETs, deployment could be simulated or real, depending on the whims of the event managers. 2008's event will follow the same loose guidelines but given the current cost of petrol, I'm hoping it's simulated! Most locals know how long it would take them to deploy from home to usual shelters, anyway.

So, what's your role in all this? Glad you asked! First off, contact your EC and see if he needs help planning the event. Next, listen to the repeaters and jump in to help out on the day of the event. Finally, and this is real world stuff, make sure your deployment gear is ready for possible assignment in case the SET turns into a SNAFU, Katrina style...

73,

Paul / N0KIA, D2EC

SEPTEMBER MEETING PROGRAM



Charlie / W3DEA presented a fun and cost saving project. "How To Design and Print Your Own QSO Cards". Using OpenOffice.org (free down load from the internet) or Print Master (\$19.99 from Best Buy), you can have the fun of designing your own cards and not be tied down to commercially printed cards. You can easily change the design for an event, a change in call, or a change of address. This ends the accumulation of out dated cards in your shack. You may print the cards on Photo Stock or Card Stock paper, easily available from Best Buy and Staples. The designing of your own card allows an unlimited variety of what you want on your card, from pictures of yourself and your equipment, to a listing of the organizations you belong to. It is only dependent upon your imagination.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the D.L.A.R.C.'s participation in the PA QSO Party as a Bonus Station, the K3NZ Award has been canceled for this year, 2008. It will resume again for the 2009 PA QSO Party.

DLARCforum

Go to <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/dlarcforum> and sign up for the DLARCforum. Subscribing to the forum will insure your accessibility to the DLARC's latest news and information. This a way to address any questions to the membership in general, on any Amateur Radio and/or DLARC subject. Additional forum information is available in the January 2008 issue of the OK Corral.

HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

Donate your old, empty printer ink cartridges to the Club for recycling. Any brand, model, size or shape; color or black. Please bring them to the meeting in a leak proof ziplock type baggie and give them to the Treasurer. This simple act can help your Club by reducing recurring expenses, and make you feel a lot better about our environment.

CHRISTMAS CITY SPECIAL EVENT STATION

Again this holiday season, the DLARC special event branch, "The Christmas City Station" will be on the air. Over the weekend of December 13th and 14th with the call of WX3MAS. This our way of celebrating Christmas and wishing other hams around the world a "Merry Christmas" from the twin Christmas Cities of Nazareth and Bethlehem. Lou / KB2VCI will again chair this event and is looking for support from the general membership. Operators will be needed to set up and tear down the station, plus man the radios during the on air period. Lou did a good job last year, even with equipment failures, but volunteers are needed to continue our tradition. A sign-up sheet will be at the next three monthly meetings.

RACES EMERGENCY REQUIREMENTS

As of September 2006, NIMS IS-700 and ICS-100 course certifications are required for participation in on site RACES emergency operations. These courses can be taken on line by going to www.fema.gov and following the directions. These certifications are also necessary in order to receive the county photo IDs. These IDs will be forth coming, but at this time the fire, police and other emergency groups are being taken care of. These requirements are not needed to participate in the weekly Wednesday nets. The only requirement for these nets is a valid amateur radio license and an interest in emergency communications.

MEETING PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

The DLARC is still in need for a General Meeting Program Chairman. Someone who can plan and organize programs for each monthly meeting, beginning in January 2009. This chairman can select a committee to assist him and can get ideas from his committee and the general membership. Ideas from the general membership, will enable the Chairman and his committee to get an understanding of what subjects would be of interest to those attending the meetings. Subject matter does not have to be amateur radio related, but just of interest in general. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, contact any member of the Executive Committee.

HARD COPY SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due the increased number of newsletter hard copy requests, the escalating costs have made it necessary to establish a subscription rate of \$10.00 per year for hard copies. This rate is strictly for the mailed hard copies, and not for anything else. And with first class postage having increased in May, there will be an increase in that portion of the hard copy costs. Our club membership number no longer allows us to use bulk mailing, thus the first class postage requirement. That plus paper and printer supplies have to be covered since a member is doing the printing on his own printer. His costs have to be covered. To Subscribe contact Pete / NL7XM at nl7xm@arrl.net.

ARRL PRESENTS NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT

From The ARRL Letter September 12th 2008

With just a mouse click or two, ARRL members can now access the online QST magazine archive

[<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qqnsearch.html>](http://www.arrl.org/members-only/qqnsearch.html).

This new benefit -- a service of the ARRL Technical Information Service (TIS) [<http://www.arrl.org/tis/>](http://www.arrl.org/tis/) -- provides PDF copies of all QST articles from December 1915 through December 2004, enabling members to view and print their favorite article, project and more. Access to the new online digital QST archive is free for ARRL members.

The ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search lists every article for QST from 1915 to the present, QEX from 1981 to the present, Ham Radio from 1968 to 1990 and NCJ from 1973 to the present (please note that beginning in 1998, each issue of QEX covers two months). Only ARRL members will be able to download and print copies of the QST articles.

W3OK TECHNICIANS

To all interested Technician Class Operators who are W3OK Members:

We have no 2m FM or 440 ops scheduled anywhere to provide Bonus Points for the PAQSOP contest October 11 & 12. Here's a chance for a Club Member with a Technician Class License to do a lot of good and get his feet wet with contesting and logging. A really substantial 2m station (beam & 100w brick) would be desirable, but so would a mobile with 65w dual bander and a laptop on a high hill somewhere, if that's all you can muster up.

Please contact me forthwith if you are interested and can commit several hours to the Club effort in this years' Special Event activities. Contact Pete / NL7XM at nl7xm@arrl.net.

"Ham Radio? They still do that?"

By NL7XM

Some say Amateur Radio is disappearing from the modern American landscape. Others claim that the opposite is true, having more to offer than ever before as it represents a natural complement to today's computer environment.

Regardless of who you side with, the fact is that Amateur Radio's *exposure* is far from what it was in years' past.

I believe there's one simple thing that almost all Hams could only have to do once, but would result in many years of residual advertising and welcome exposure that our hobby could desperately use these days.

"What could that be?" you ask.

Get yourself a Call Letter Ham Tag license plate for your vehicle.

That's right. For a one-time fee of only \$20 (in Pennsylvania) you could have an attractive, personalized, shiny, new State License Plate bearing your unique FCC issued Amateur Radio Callsign for all the world to admire anytime you drive, and anywhere you park your vehicle. Let everyone know that Ham Radio is both alive and well while making certain no one mistakes your 1/4 λ 2m antenna for a CB whip, "Fer sure, Good Buddy!"

Just click here and print PennDOT form MV-904.

<http://search.state.pa.us/query.html?style=dmv33&qt=amateur+radio+tags&other=opt%3Awhole+opt%3Aand>

Simply complete Sections A, C, and E and enclose a copy of your Ham Ticket + \$20, mail it back and wait for your friendly neighborhood US Mail Carrier to deliver your vehicle's new official credentials in time to show them off at the November Membership Meeting. You can even get more than one!



Since I got mine, bugs don't stick to the windshield and I get better gas mileage. Pretty girls ask for rides while I'm stopped at red lights. Perfect strangers wave to me and other drivers don't blow their horns anymore except for an occasional "CQ." I get free E-Z Pass, oil changes, valet parking at Wal-Mart®, and no more speeding tickets!

OK... I'm lying about the girls... (My wife reads the Newsletter.)

I'll bring a few MV-904's with me to the next Meeting if you're interested in doing a lot of real easy good.

F.Y.I.

The EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA District 2 ARES Net meets every Wednesday at 1930 hours local time. (Just after the DLARC Net) On 147.255 (pl 162.2). And linked to 449.375 on Blue Mountain, 443.350 in Allentown and 147.180 in Berks County.

The August Door Prize was won by Brian / KW3K

DLARC 10 METER NET

Sundays At 1600 EDT 20:00 GMT @ 28430 ±10 kc

The Net control for this net will be **N3OW**

Bob / KE3AW has had an article on Ham Radio printed in the "Northern Valley Gazette". E-Mail, Don / KC3II at kc3ii@arrl.net if a copy is desired.

The **OK Corral** is an organization publication for the purpose of informing members of the D.L.A.R.C. of educational and training opportunities, club events, relevant news articles and a monthly calendar of daily activities, meetings and dates. Every member of the D.L.A.R.C. is welcome to contribute articles of interest to this newsletter. Opinions, items of interest, and even suggestions towards the improvement of newsletter and/or the DLARC itself would also be accepted, a sort of "Letters to the Editor" section.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2007 – 2008
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CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE / MEMBERSHIP LISTING**

CLUB MEETINGS

All regular meetings of the D.L.A.R.C. Are held on the first Thursday of each month at
7:30 PM at the Northampton County 911 Center.
TALK IN ON 146.700 (PL 151.4)

**THE W3OK TRUSTEE
DON REAMER / KA3JWE**

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ARES, RACES AND DLARC NET

All Radio Amateurs are welcome to participate in the ARES, RACES and DLARC net.
This net meets Wednesday at 1900 hours local time, on the W3OK Repeater 51.76,
146.70 and 444.90 (pl 151.4). With an alternate frequency of 145.11 (151.4)

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Reports, articles, notices and general information should be in before the
15th of the month so as to allow enough time for lay out and posting.

Official DLARC Absentee Ballot and instructions

This is the official absentee ballot for the DLARC elections to be held at the October 2, 2008 general monthly meeting. You must follow these instructions in order to have your absentee vote count.

1. Select one candidate for each of the officer positions. **This year, since there is only one candidate each for President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and according to the DLARC By-laws, “the Secretary shall cast the necessary vote” for those positions, and no vote is needed by you.**
2. Select five candidates for the positions of Director from the list of nominees.
3. Place the ballot into a plain unmarked envelope and seal it.
4. Put the sealed unmarked envelope containing the ballot into another envelope, which contains your call, and return address. Mail this envelope by September 26, 2008 to:

William Fahs, NC3P
3976 Kenrick Drive
Bethlehem, PA 18020-4557

Below are the candidates that have been nominated to run for this year’s Executive Committee. Please select five of the six candidates listed for the Directors.

Position	Nominee	Vote
President	Al Wiemann / W3CE	(no vote needed)
Vice President	George Wieland / N3SQD	(no vote needed)
Secretary	Charlie Lazarchak/ W3DEA	(no vote needed)
Treasurer	Pete Varounis/ NL7XM	(no vote needed)
	Jeff Fehr/ KX3Q (Incumbent)	o
	Don Holmes/ KC3II (Incumbent)	o
	Jay Mason/ N3OW	o
	Dave Mellman/ KA3IWC	o
	Bob Oppen/ NE2C	o
	Victor Zeno/ N2OFF (Incumbent)	o

The tenth position on the Executive Committee, according to the DLARC By-laws, is “the most recent past president”, so Bill Twaddell/ N2DH, will be the tenth member on this year’s Executive committee.