

## **220 Spectrum Management Association**

### **President's Letter**

**July 2015**

As the recognized frequency coordinator in Southern California for the 220 MHz amateur radio band the 220 SMA strives for ensuring continuity within our authorized spectrum. But sometimes we experience change—whether intentional or unexpected.

At our April 18, 2015, meeting in Thousand Oaks we began steps to make our Coordination Board more effective: we took the unusual step of opting not to fill the Coordination Board position that was up for election that day. This reduced the number of Coordination Board positions from seven to six and should partially reduce our difficulty finding common times for Coordination Board members to convene.

220 SMA members will be asked to vote at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in Long Beach on several changes to our governing documents that will enable us to operate more effectively. These are described separately by Jim Fortney, K6IYK, and we hope 220 SMA members will attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to approve these modifications.

Also at our April meeting in Thousand Oaks we decided to investigate electronic meetings for the Coordination Board if that would better facilitate the Board's meetings.

But we've also had an unexpected change. We are saddened to report our long-time 220 SMA Secretary Michael "Jug" Jogoleff, WA6MBZ, stepped down recently to focus on his health. As some 220 SMA members know, Jug has been dealing with a lengthy illness and we wish him all the best in the months ahead. We are most grateful for Jug's exemplary service to the 220 SMA over many years—not only accurately keeping minutes of our quarterly meetings but willingly driving from Santa Barbara to all the sites where we meet. That's been no small task. Jug: Thank you very much—we'll miss you but we will have you in our thoughts.

73,

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