

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – November 11, 2024

Meeting Attendees (Total of 25 in-person and on Zoom) – Wilson (W4BOH), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), John (KX4P), Bob (W4FK), Pat (KO4QLU), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Ken (KO4DHJ), Sam (KJ4VWG), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Dave (NA4VY), Randy (KF4O), Ron (KO4RON), Jose (KD4JWF), Fred (KN4BQZ), Brad (WB4BSS), JR (N4JQR), Tim (KC1TWR), Matthew Stafford, Dave (K4DJW), Nick (K4NYW), and Mark (KR3AM)

Opening Comments –

- **OCRA Christmas Party (Laurie)** – In lieu of a December membership meeting, OCRA will have its annual Christmas Party on the evening of Monday, December 9th at Union Grove United Methodist Church in Hillsborough. The party will be from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Please reference emails that have been sent to the OCRA/DFMA reflector for specific information about the party and note that the deadline for your RSVP is Monday, November 25. If you have any questions or need further information, contact Laurie (lbmeier@bellsouth.net) directly.

Meeting Presentation –

- **US Navy Communications – The 1950s Internet (Nick England, K4NYW)** – The recording of the presentation (and meeting), is available on the OCRA YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnXdFV-YmwY>

Additional Topics –

- **2025 OCRA Officers and Board of Director Election – (Bruce)**
 - The elections for officers and BOD at-large members will take place during the January OCRA membership meeting.
 - Current Slate of Officers –
 - President – [Note below]
 - Vice President – Boyd (KO4GJO) is willing to serve another year in this position. Note that this is a one-year term.
 - Treasurer – Ron (KO4RON) is willing to serve in this capacity. He has been the Assistant Treasurer to Dan (KR4UB) this past year. Note that this is a one-year term. Dan – Sincere thanks for your many years of service as OCRA's Treasurer!
 - Secretary – [Note below]
 - President/Secretary Note –
 - Bruce (N1LN) and Laurie (N1YXU) have served as OCRA's President and Secretary, respectively, for the last three years. Note that these

positions are also one-year terms. Looking forward into 2025, they will have quite a lot of obligations that will not permit them to dedicate as much time and efforts to supporting the club.

- Bruce and Laurie are willing to serve in their current roles for *one final year* with the understanding that they will each have an assistant. That assistant will step in when Bruce and/or Laurie are unavailable. The assistant will also learn the role to potentially take over in 2026.
 - If anyone is interested in being an assistant to the President or Secretary in 2025, please let Bruce know.
- Board of Directors at-large members –
 - The term for at-large BOD members is two years.
 - Wilson (W4BOH), Karen (KD4YJZ), Aurora (KN4VXB), and Chris (KY4OU) will be on the slate for 2025. Each has completed a term of at least two years and is willing to serve another year. Sincere thanks to these folks for the dedicated service to the club.
 - Bob (W4FK) will serve his second year of a two-year term in 2026. He will not be on the slate in January since his term will continue next year.
 - *There are two open positions for at-large Board of Directors.* These positions are open due to Dee's (KU4GC) move to New Mexico and John's (KX4P) decision to leave the Board. John – Thank you for your work in securing programs for the membership meetings! If anyone is interested in serving as an at-large Board member, please let Bruce know.
 - Support Functions –
 - Repeater Team Lead – Dan (KR4UB) will serve in this capacity.
 - Membership Meetings Program Coordinator – *This position is open* due to John's (KX4P) leaving the Board.
 - Field Day Coordinator – Dave (W4SAR) will serve in this function.
 - Ham Pi Lead – Aurora (KN4VXB) will continue to lead this group.
 - Outreach Coordinator – Aurora (KN4VXB) will continue to serve in this capacity.
 - Net Manager – Randy (KF4O) will lead this newly defined position. Note that Randy will assist the Training Coordinate (to be named).
 - DFMA Liaison – Bob (W4FK), as DFMA President and OCRA Board member, will continue to serve in this position.
 - Training Coordinator – *This position is open.* Training may be included as part of the weekly nets in addition to in-person, Zoom, or other on-the-air topics.

Respectfully submitted,
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OCRA Secretary