

## **OCRA Board Meeting Minutes – October 22, 2025**

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**Board Meeting Attendees** – Bruce (N1LN), Fred (KN4QBZ), Dan (KR4UB), Matt (KQ4ZYW), Wilson (W4BOH), Boyd (KO4GJO), Bob (W4FK), and Laurie (N1YXU)

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The minutes for the October Membership Meeting and the September BOD Meeting were approved.

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### **Discussion Topics:**

- 2025 Nominating Committee Report – Bruce
  - Fred, Ron, and Bruce met to discuss the process for putting together the slate of candidates for the January elections.
  - The Nominating Committee process and steps to prepare for the January election include –
    - September – Nominating Committee members were selected by the President and approved by the BOD. This step was done based on the recent update to the Bylaws.
    - October –
      - Nominating Committee members were announced at the Membership Meeting.
      - Each candidate who is on the proposed slate was sent an email asking confirmation of willingness to stand for an office/seat.
      - After receiving confirmation from the candidate, eligibility was confirmed. This included making sure OCRA dues were current and the candidate has a valid, current FCC license.
      - The proposed slate is to be presented at the October BOD Meeting for approval.
    - November –
      - The slate will be reviewed at the Membership Meeting.
    - January –
      - The outgoing President will oversee the election.
      - Those who will no longer be on the BOD are asked to work out a plan with the incoming BOD members for transfer of information.
  - For tonight's meeting and the November Membership Meeting, Ron took the action item to create slides. Copies of the slides are shown below.

## OCRA 2026 Officer Elections

Coming  
Election  
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| Officers  | 2024         | 2025        | 2026           | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------------|------|------|------|
| President | Bruce N1LN   |             | OPEN *         |      |      |      |
| Vice Pres | Bill N8BR    | Boyd KO4GJO |                |      |      |      |
| Secretary | Laurie N1YXU |             | Matthew KQ4ZYW |      |      |      |
| Treasurer | Dan          | Ron KO4RON  |                |      |      |      |
| Trustee   | Dan KR4UB    |             | Dave W4SAR     |      |      |      |

Past Officer

Current Officer

Proposed Nominee

Future Officer

Each officer is elected to a 2-year term.

Bruce has hit the 4-year term limit and cannot serve again.

## OCRA 2026 BOD At-Large Elections

Coming  
Election  
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| 2024                   | 2025        | 2026            | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------|------|------|
| Wilson W4BOH           |             | Wilson          |      |      |      |
| Karen KD4YJZ           |             | Karen           |      |      |      |
| Aurora KN4VXB          |             | Aurora          |      |      |      |
|                        | Fred KN4QBZ |                 |      |      |      |
| Dave W4SAR             |             |                 |      |      |      |
| Chris KY4OU (Resigned) |             |                 |      |      |      |
| Bob W4FK               |             | Bob W4FK        |      |      |      |
|                        |             | Ken KO4DHJ      |      |      |      |
|                        |             | Ben KO4BHX      |      |      |      |
|                        |             | Jonathan KR4GOK |      |      |      |

Current Director

1-Year Director\*

Proposed Nominee

Future Director

- We want 8 At-Large members on BOD.

- \*2026 ONLY – 3 1-year seats to get back on 2-year intervals.

- In summary, the slate of candidates for the January elections are as shown below.  
The slate will be presented at the November Membership Meeting.
  - President – Open
  - Vice President – Boyd (KO4GJO) – Term ends Dec 2026
  - Secretary – Matthew (KQ4ZYW) – Term ends Dec 2027
  - Treasurer – Ron (KO4RON) – Term ends Dec 2026
  - Trustee – Dave (W4SAR) – Term ends Dec 2027
  - Board Members at-Large –
    - Wilson (W4BOH) – Term ends Dec 2026
    - Karen (KD4YJZ) – Term ends Dec 2026
    - Aurora (KN4VXB) – Term ends Dec 2026
    - Fred (KN4QBZ) – Term ends Dec 2026
    - Bob (W4FK) – Term ends Dec 2027
    - Ken (KO4DHJ) – Term ends Dec 2027
    - Ben (KO4BHX) – Term ends Dec 2027
    - Jonathan (KR4GOK) – Term ends Dec 2027
- Repeater Usage Process Documentation - All
  - The overarching direction was to keep the process simple.
  - The basic steps that were discussed are listed below.
    - After the process is approved, it will be posted on the OCRA website.
    - When a group/individual want to request usage of the OCRA repeater or backup repeater, the request will be submitted via the email address in the posted procedure. The email address will direct the request to the OCRA Trustee.
    - Criteria for the request were discussed to include –
      - Request to be sent a minimum of 10 days prior to the event – Assuming the request is approved, this will allow communication of the event to occur on the Saturday training net and via the OCRA reflector.
      - Request to include (1) the name of the group/individual, (2) the requested day(s), (3) beginning and ending time of the event, and (4) a brief description of the event and why the use of the repeater is being requested.
    - The Trustee will approve/disapprove the request. Regardless of the decision, the Trustee will communicate the decision to the OCRA President, Repeater Lead, and requestor via email.
    - If the request is approved, the Trustee will also inform the requestor about the requirement of making an announcement every 10/15 minutes on the repeater to let those listening know an event is taking place. Emergency

communications will always take precedence to non-critical communications during the event.

- If the request is approved, the OCRA President will send a summary email via the OCRA reflector giving the highlights of the event to make members aware that the repeater/backup repeater will be in use.
- Bruce will draft a proposed procedure for the BOD members to review. The proposed procedure will be reviewed at the October BOD meeting.
- ARRL HOA Support Letter – All
  - Ron forwarded the ARRL announcement regarding this support letter effort and asked for the BOD to discuss and decide if OCRA should send a letter. Note: DFMA has discussed the same issue. Wilson volunteered to research and write the letter on DFMA's behalf.
  - The letters are focused on asking members of Congress to support and co-sponsor the H.R. 1094/S. 459. This is legislation focused on eliminating all HOA restrictions related to Amateur Radio.
  - After significant discussion, it was decided that Bruce will put together a draft for the OCRA response. It would be based on the response that Wilson is creating for the DFMA.
- Results of the Programs Survey – Matthew
  - Matthew gave a preview of the information that will be reviewed at the November Membership Meeting.
  - The topics that received the most votes were reviewed – Antennas; Station Safety and Grounding; Battery Types; DX Operating and Contesting; Digital Modes; Propagation; Winlink; and Remote Operating.
  - Additional topics that people wanted to mention/potentially include in programs were also reviewed.
  - Several members indicated they would be either interested in presenting topics or help in creating the presentations for specific topics.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Meier, N1YXU  
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