

QCWA 2023 Election Candidates

Officer Candidates:

Ron Fish	KX1W	President
Walter (Tom) Loughney	AJ4XM	President
Vicki Zumwalt	N6KLS	President
Jeff Beals	WA4AW	Vice-President
Anthony (Tony) Perales	AI1U	Secretary
Larry Gabriel	K7LG	Treasurer **

Director Candidates:

William (Bill) P. Cahill	AD8BC
Howard F. Cunningham	WD5DBC
Chuck W. Farnham	WD6CHC
Robert (Bob) M. Hajdak	N8QE
Pete Varounis	NL7XM **

** Incumbent

The following are all candidates' biographies and photographs.

As per QCWA Bylaw **Article VI, Section 1**. The regular election of Officers and five (5) Directors shall be held every three (3) years at the Annual Meeting of Members. Those candidates who were not contested will not be listed on the ballot.

The office of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer (**incumbent**) were not contested. Directors William (Bill) P. Cahill AD8BC, Howard F. Cunningham, WD5DBC, Chuck W. Farnham, WD6CHC, Robert (Bob) M. Hajdak, N8QE and Pete Varounis, NL7XM (**incumbent**) were not contested, and therefore will not appear on the ballot.

Ron Fish - KX1W



My name is Ron Fish, KX1W, and I'm running for QCWA President.

My QCWA activities include:

- QCWA National Secretary for the past three-year term.
 - Principal proofreader for both the QCWA Journal and the QCWA webpage.
 - QCWA Silent Key Administrator since 2016. I have catalogued more than 9,300 QCWA Silent Keys to keep our membership files current. This is an ongoing activity as most Silent Keys are not reported to Headquarters.
 - Official QCWA headquarters station in the 2019 QCWA QSO Party.
- Recipient of two QCWA Presidential Awards (2011 and 2018).

I've received the endorsement of President Emeritus Bob Roske. I have worked closely with President Oelke during the past three years to keep QCWA a viable organization in the face of declining membership. After the Board of Directors approved the 75/75 Contest, I created the rules, and I will be tabulating the results.

I was first licensed in 1971 as WN1OQT in New Haven, Connecticut. I hold an undergraduate degree from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Electrical Engineering and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). I'm retired from the Aerospace industry.

I was active in the WPI Radio Club, W1YK, although primarily as a SWL since my license had lapsed during my college years. I am a past president of the Northrop Radio Club (then W6VPZ, now WI6NG), a past president of the Los Angeles Area Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, and I was the first Affiliated Club Coordinator in the Los Angeles Section of the ARRL when they expanded the field appointments. I was also one of the operators at the 1984 Olympic Village commemorative station in Los Angeles. Until my relocation to southern New Jersey in 2021, I was the Affiliated Club Coordinator for the Eastern New York Section of ARRL.

I am a Life Member of ARRL, QCWA, and OOTC. I am also the Director of Region 2 of OOTC, and a member of QCWA Chapter 149.

I solicit your vote to carry on the good work created by my predecessors. I look forward to our next 25 years when QCWA will celebrate its Centennial. Thank you.

Walter (Tom) Loughney – AJ4XM



For QCWA President

I became a Novice in 1956, progressing through the ranks to Extra. I currently serve as your Vice President. (More details are found at: www.qrz.com/db/AJ4XM).

I received my BS degree in Broadcasting from the University of Florida in 1964. I have a lot of experience in other industries, giving me a great understanding of what others are looking for in belonging to an organization.

What will I bring as President of QCWA?

- I will ensure QCWA is prepared for the next 75 years and our 100th Anniversary milestone. I may not be there physically to celebrate with you, but QCWA will be there for *you*.
- I will always remain accessible to your concerns and suggestions. I constantly solicit feedback.
- Provide discounts for QCWA Members with equipment vendors, manufacturers, and retailers. New deals are close to agreement on some terms. I want every QCWA Member to have the opportunity to obtain at least \$25/year in real discounts to offset the cost and increase the value of your membership.
- Increase involvement that supports Youth Activities. Young Amateurs are the future of Ham Radio and QCWA. I see support for Carole Perry and RCA's Youth Programs as an integral point for middle to high schoolers. We already support post-secondary education for Hams via our Scholarship Program. I want QCWA to be involved with YOTA, the Collegiate Amateur Radio Program, the Citizen Science Program, and the YLRL Program.
- Strengthen our Chapters by providing ready-to-play programs that can be shown at local Meetings. Update our Chapter Manual with guidance on getting more attendance and members. I believe we need to engage younger hams in our Chapter Meetings, even if they are not eligible to join. They need to know who to contact for Elmering, and be kept active from high school, through college and beyond.

We are the Elmers.

- Offer regular Zoom Meetings for Members who are not near a local Chapter. Every member should feel involved with QCWA and each other.

Vote for Tom Loughney, AJ4XM. **Thank you.**

Vicki Zumwalt – N6KLS



I am excited to place my name on the ballot for President of Q.C.W.A. 2023 will mark my 40-year anniversary as a Ham and I have enjoyed each year. My Extra Class license has allowed me to operate on most of our diverse frequency bands and modes. I have been in the VE program, President of several radio clubs and a Y.L.R.L. member. Other activities: co-chair, vendor chair and antenna forum organizer for the A.R.R.L. Pacific Division Convention; presently Assistant Director for both Pacific and Southwest Divisions. My OM is an accomplished amateur, Tom, N6BT. Perhaps you know him, or we have met at conventions in his booth for Next Generation Antennas, or Force 12, Inc. You might have read his articles, or his Array of Light books. We are active in the local Amateur Radio community and I enjoy HF nets, rag chewing, contesting, as well as hosting hams to our 7-acre ranch and antenna farm, hihi. I have been fortunate to operate at world-class contest stations, such as N6RO, “Radio Oakley”

in CA. I especially enjoy our local Route 66 On the Air event out of our hometown of Kingman, Arizona where we live full time. I retired after 26 years at Kaiser Permanente, a large HMO, as Senior Manager for our National Compliance Office. Education includes both BA and MS degrees. Business experience shows a history of domestic and international travel, developing proposals, auditing books, contracts and creating budgets; plus, I am comfortable presenting to large groups. My friends say I never met anyone who remained a stranger. I am passionate about scholarships for students and work diligently with my chapter 228 to generate and donate funds to this Q.C.W.A. worthy cause. It is important to have new perspectives in organizations and of course, continue programs that are working well. I ask you to vote for me as Q.C.W.A. President with the new term approaching. If you have questions, please feel to contact me via N6KLS@yahoo.com. You might also browse my QRZ page.

Jeff Beals – WA4AW



Like so many of us, as a youngster, Jeff was fascinated with # 6 dry cells, bells, buzzers and crystal radios. He became an SWL with a Knight Kit Span Master regen set that he built himself. At age 12, was to become a ham with a Novice "ticket" and the call WN2OUK in his home town of Long Beach, NY. He joined the local 5 Towns Radio Club and Nassau County ARES/RACES. He has been continuously licensed almost 60 years.

Jeff joined QCWA at the earliest opportunity as a Life Member and joined the Palm Beach Chapter. He serves as the Chapter Secretary-Treasurer since 1999. He also belongs to and supports the Edison, Everglades, Highlands and Citrus Chapters. Jeff has "flown the QCWA flag "at many hamfests in Florida.

Jeff currently serves QCWA as National Director and Historian since 2012. He is the curator of the Yesteryear Village Radio Museum. The museum has a QCWA area with many artifacts of QCWA history.

Jeff currently holds FCC Extra Class and First Class Radiotelephone "tickets". For many years, he has been active with the ARRL Field Organization in the Southern Florida Section. He served as the Section Manager and has held many leadership positions including Section Emergency Coordinator, Affiliated Club Coordinator and Technical Coordinator.

Jeff is a Life Member of QCWA, ARRL, OOTC, AWA and is a Fellow of the Radio Club of America. He has been a member, officer and board member for many radio clubs in Florida. Jeff is a member of the ARRL A-1 Operator and Old Timer Clubs. He was elected Life Member of the West Palm Beach and Fort Myers Amateur Radio clubs.

He carefully considers all members' interests when dealing with issues before the Board of Directors. Traveling to area hamfests and chapter meetings, I solicit your input on any issue that is of concern and also like to hear how we are doing on your behalf. Please feel free to contact me at anytime via email or phone. I ask for your vote to continue to proudly serve you as QCWA Vice President.

Anthony (Tony) Perales - AI1U



25 years of emergency communication experience as the “retired” associate and deputy director for the FEMA Mission Support Division. Served as the Information Technology Branch Chief and Coordinator for our country’s most horrific terrorist attack in New York (World Trade Center 9/11). I was responsible for restoring communication for lower Manhattan in collaboration with the General Service Administration and the National Communication System team.

Previous Board experience - Served as the Board President, Treasurer, and Secretary for two non-profit organizations from 2018-2021. In my previous position, I formulate, manage, and execute an annual operating budget of \$100M; review budget documents and requests for allocation; oversee an integrated financial management system. Coordinate, administer, and evaluate a broad range of programs spanning Security, Information Technology, Budget,

Finance and Administration, Human Resources, Contracting, and Safety as the Assoc. Director for Mission Support. Define program scope, requirements and deliverables, resources management, and the development of program plans to ensure a seamless and successful program launch. Manage the development and implementation of logistics support functions to include coordination, decision-making, resource management, personnel staffing and supervision and prioritizing of plans and projects. I believe in fiscal stewardship while formulating and executing the annual operating budget. It is my desire to bring these skills to QCWA as a board director and current webmaster in support of our members and mission.

Larry Gabriel – K7LG



I got my Novice and upgraded to the Technician license at age 24, in 1978, WB7PZE, in Las Vegas, Nevada, and slowly upgraded over the years to General, Advanced and then an Extra. When we were allowed to apply for a Vanity Call about 1995, I applied for K7LG. I've been a member of ARRL also since about 1978. Over the years I've worked everything from 160m to 440, and CW thru digital modes (WSPR). Over the years I've helped with field day, helped with antennas for all sorts of ham friends, and also experimented with very long wire antennas laying on the ground.

I worked in the communications industry starting in 1978, when I hired on as a radio technician at the Union Pacific Railroad in Los Angeles, eventually transferring back to Las Vegas, Nevada and worked there until 1985, when I started work on the road with Harris/Farinon installing microwave equipment all over the US for the next two years. I discovered that I didn't like life on the road, and started to work for Los Angeles County Dept of Public Works in 1987, also as a radio tech. I was promoted to supervisor of the Telecomm shop in 2014, after the previous supervisor retired.

Since retirement in June 2021, I've spent more time on the air and have most recently been working with our local QCWA Chapter as the Treasurer/Secretary. I have been the QCWA Certificate Custodian since August 2021 and QCWA Treasurer since April 2022. I have worked with President Ken Oelke and Office Manager Roberta Cohen in processing the various daily tasks involved with both areas of responsibility.

William (Bill) P. Cahill - AD8BC



Amateur radio is a hobby like none other – there are so many aspects to our avocation that none of us will ever experience them all. Whether your niche is antennas, building, CW, digital, contesting, public service, the Maker Movement, or just a good old-fashioned rag-chew, we all have one thing in common – we worked hard for that license and we treasure it.

I'm Bill Cahill, AD8BC, and I'm running for one of the director positions at the QCWA. I was first licensed in 1989 at the age of 14 as KB9DTK and quickly upgraded to Technician in 1990. In the beginning I enjoyed operating the local repeaters in South Bend, Indiana, and the small sliver of 10 Meter voice that Novices were allowed to use – I still remember turning the dial on the Drake TR-4 that the Michiana Amateur Radio Club loaned to me, as well

as the opportunity they gave me as a teenager to serve on their board of directors as Assistant Secretary.

Later, I became an active member of the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association in Michigan, serving multiple terms as Secretary and then President. During this time, I wrote grants and we received \$15,000 for a repeater rebuild.

After moving to Texas, I joined the Dallas Amateur Radio Club and served on our committee to replace our club vehicle, as well as serving as a director.

I have worked in the Industrial Automation industry for nearly 25 years designing, programming, and commissioning large conveyor, material handling, and sorter systems both here and abroad, and I am currently a Principal Controls Engineer for Fidus Global, LLC.

At the 2022 QCWA annual meeting at Hamvention, I decided to step up and run for a director position.

The QCWA is a wonderful organization serving both those licensed for 25 years, as well as our younger hams trying to pay for their education. I feel that we should address both our declining membership as well as kick-start our local chapters. I have some ideas, and I hope that you will give me the opportunity to try to make an impact.

Howard F. Cunningham - WD5DBC



My first exposure to Amateur Radio was when I was a fourth grader living next door to K5OSH (SK) in the 60's. What I remember was the green lines that wiggled on several monitors.

I have been licensed since 1976 and WD5DBC is the only call sign that I have held. I was licensed in Dallas Texas while working at the HeathKit store in Dallas, Texas. I still have some of the "One of the Hams at Heath" QSL cards.

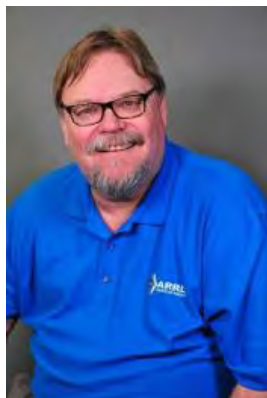
I joined the QCWA as soon as I was eligible in 2001. I am a life member of the QCWA, ARRL, and 10-10 International. I am a member of the QCWA Vic Clark Chapter 91.

I hold an Extra Class license. I am active on the air from HF to 1.2 GHz. I am or have been active in various local ham radio clubs, ARES/Races, and SkyWarn. I am an Extra Class Volunteer Examiner for the ARRL and Laurel VECs. I supported 1979 Wichita Falls tornado ham radio communications. I was the ARES DEC that was responsible for the ham radio support at the Pentagon after the 9-11 attack.

Professionally, I have owned my IT support company since 1997. Prior to that I was a tech support engineer for several companies.

I was a QCWA Director from 2012 to 2020. In addition to serving on the QCWA Board, I have also served on several non-profit organization boards including Brithpaths.org and CompTIA.

Chuck W. Farnham - WD6CHC



I became obsessed with communications after a Cub Scout trip to a local radio station in 1969, when the station manager asked if we wanted to say our name over the air. I got a 3-channel Radio Shack CB right after that and a Montgomery Ward shortwave soon thereafter.

By the mid-1970's, I was studying for my amateur radio license after befriending a radio station engineer in Billings, Montana. After a family move to San Jose, CA, I continued that education with the Santa Clara Amateur Radio group with twice-weekly meetings and at the same time got a degree in computer science from TTI.

Upon graduation, I immediately got a job in Analytical Chemistry hardware and bought with my first paycheck my first radio, a Yaesu 101 EE, from HRO at the train station in Burlingame, CA. I also developed an interest in home computers that resulted in my publishing a book on computer software for beginners.

As if this weren't enough, I brought that obsession to individuals who didn't have access to that early technology—the developmentally disabled—and created a technological teaching program for the State of California which was recognized by a U.S. Senate subcommittee.

I am a Life Member of the ARRL, Assistant Section Manager of the ARRL Nevada Section, and a 45 year licensed ham radio operator. I have amassed a large collection of radios and microphones from every decade imaginable.

I have focused my time in retirement on teaching individuals about amateur radio and increasing our membership numbers as President of the Silver State QCWA Chapter 190 in Reno.

Robert (Bob) M. Hajdak - N8QE



I was first licensed as WN3FNT in Greenville, PA in 1966 at the age of 15. I am Extra Class License holder.

I am the past Treasurer, past Trustee, 2012 President's Award Winner, and current Antenna Special Interest Group Moderator for the Portage County Amateur Radio Service Club in Ravenna, Ohio.

I belong to the following Ham Radio Groups: QRP-ARCI #3014, 10-10 International #55415, SMIRK #6760, QCWA #33362, Flying Pigs QRP #1795, and EPC #3048 plus the ARRL, and I am a Volunteer Examiner. I also teach Technician and General Classes.

The picture is me sitting at the 2018 Portage County Amateur Radio Service Club Field Day VHF Station operating & logging contacts. I am an active contester, and enjoy operating all the different amateur radio modes. I have qualified for WAS and DXCC.

I hold an Electrical Engineering Degree from Youngstown State University. I retired after a 33 year career with General Electric Lighting Business Group where I finished my career as Manager - Manufacturing Engineering & Product Quality HID. I am also retired from my second career at DX Engineering after 10 years in a Technical / Sales Support role.

I am looking forward to serving "your" interests on the QCWA Board of Directors. I thank you in advance for your vote.

Pete Varounis - NL7XM



Pete Varounis / NL7XM has been a licensed Amateur over 40 years and is a Life Member of RCA, ARRL, the AWA, and QCWA, as well as your National Board Director for ten years. Pete is the past Country Manager for the UK Six Metre Group and an ARRL A1-Op.

He has successfully introduced countless motions to improve QCWA's governing documents and the Members experience, singlehandedly recruiting 114 New Members to our ranks resulting in reinforcing current or reactivating dormant Chapters.

A retired NYC law enforcement superior officer, Pete is a Champion Pistol Competitor, winning 18 Gold Medals in the Police Olympics.

As a U.S. Amateur Callsign Historian, he was awarded the prestigious AWA Houck Award for Preservation and consulted for the TV comedy, "Last Man Standing," designing custom callsigns.

Pete has assembled a vast, 113+ year-old library collection of rare, vintage Callbooks stretching over 26 linear feet that he makes available for research to independent historians, Universities and Organizations.

He is an unashamed proponent of creating an official non-voting but dues paying QCWA Class category that would recognize the support of countless licensed friends and guests that regularly attend, participate, and support Chapter activities, recognizing their contributions while preparing this younger demographic for future local Leadership by the time they achieve their 25 years.