

# QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## ***Greetings fellow QCWA members!***

Our newly elected President, Ron Fish, **KX1W**, resigned for personal reasons in early September. A special Board meeting was held per QCWA By-Laws with 8 of the remaining 9 Board members in attendance. They unanimously selected me to be the new President. I think that was based mostly on my being the next highest vote getter in our recent election. I was not at that meeting.

### ***Moving Forward...***

I will work on the issues I campaigned for. (See [www.AJ4XM.com](http://www.AJ4XM.com)). My goals are simple. Provide more Services and Benefits to QCWA members, Increase QCWA membership, Share Ideas between Chapter Leaders, Continuously solicit Input.

### ***On The Air and Online with QCWA***

Our Net Manager, Doug Gordon, **W6KE**, is one of the unsung heroes of QCWA. He officiates over International On-The-Air Nets with CW & SSB, and an Online Net via Facebook. See page 3 of The QCWA Journal for details. We are integrated with The QuadNet Array which uses D-STAR, DMR, and C4FM Fusion II. Thanks to Darly Stout, **WX4QZ** for being D-STAR Net Control. Daryl also runs the QCWA Sunflower Net for users on platforms like EchoLink, AllStarLink, and more. There are so many ways to enjoy the excitement and camaraderie of Amateur Radio that no one should have a reason to not get in touch and stay in touch.

### ***Another Step Forward for Face-to-Face Communication***

Beginning in October, I will host online QCWA Zoom meetings. These will be like Chapter Meetings for those unable to Attend an In-person Chapter mostly because of distance or disability. Each will have a monthly technical Program of some type, about 30-45 minutes in length, plus time for members to introduce themselves (if desired). I am planning on two sessions in the beginning, one for the East & Central US Time Zones and one for the Mountain & Pacific US Time Zones. They will start on the weekend with a different date for each. Programs will be recorded and available to local Chapters in the future. You will receive an Email with more details.

### ***Activities***

QCWA Activities Manager, John Kludt, **K7SYS**, has a full slate of QCWA specific activities coming up. Some only for QCWA members and some open to all. There is a great activity with the Boy Scouts of America on October 20-22 called **JOTA**, Jamboree On The Air. You probably have a local **BSA** organization in your area. Find them online and volunteer to help with the 16 **STEM** (mostly radio related) Merit Badges or help Elmer youngsters at a campsite to Get On The Air. They always need experienced Hams.

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