

Ten-Ten International Net, Inc.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Chuck Imsande, W6YLJ #19636

Board of Directors Meeting

June 2006

Omaha, NE

Due to my stroke at the 10-10 convention in June of 2005, I was unable to attend the Southwestern ARRL Convention in August, representing 10-10 by having a table and giving a forum, as I have done in the past years.

I worked closely with Jon Goering, NJ7I and the Convention Committee in having a really great 2005 convention. Good room rates, good tours, good prizes, good programs, good attendance, etc.

Mike Elliott, K7BOI, Vice President, stepped up and took over the President duties since my stroke. He has kept in touch with me on a regular basis, and has been working in my behalf for the entire period from June 10, 2005 to date. Mike has performed every task the President is required to do to keep 10-10 running in a normal fashion.

He has also written the bi-monthly article for Word Radio as well as the President's column for the 10-10 news.

10-10 is really blessed by having such a capable Vice President (Mike Elliott, K7BOI) especially in this time of need. I want to thank Mike on behalf of 10-10 in working above and beyond the call of duty. He is an excellent leader.

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Vice President
Annual Report (2006-2006)

May 1, 2006

The following is a summary of the activities of the Vice President between June 2005 and May 2006.

This has been a very busy year as the 10-10 President, Chuck Imsande W6YLJ, suffered a stroke at the 2005 10-10 convention. Because of doctor's orders, Chuck has been unable to fully resume his duties. In addition, the 10-10 Secretary, Dick Corlew NC6V, passed away.

Much of last summer was spent completing the 2005 Board meeting minutes and preparing the Annual Report CD. It was also necessary to work closely with Dick Corlew's family to gather and disseminate his numerous 10-10 materials.

It has also been necessary to author the President's 10-10 NEWS column and the bi-monthly Worldradio column.

During the fall of 2005, the 10-10 Operations Manuals were updated. This update included revisions from the 2005 Board of Directors meeting and the update of various 10-10 forms and certificates. A final version was provided to each Board member on CD.

Coordinated support of the 10-10 QSL Bureau. The Bureau became operational in January 2004 and has been successful. This success is due in large part to the efforts of Bob Peschka, (K7QXG) and his wife Shirley. Poor propagation has significantly impacted Bureau business this year. However, Bob remains sure that with an increase in propagation will result in a corresponding increase in Bureau activity.

As I said at the start, this has been a very busy year for me. I am very grateful to each member of the Board for their help. With the health issues that have plagued the Board this year, it has taken a sustained effort from each Board member to work through the issues that face 10-10.

I want to thank each member of the Board for their support - what a great group!!!

This completes the Vice Presidents report for 2005-2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Elliott, K7BOI

REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

I do not have a report for the 2005 convention as I was not in the loop of that convention. When contacting the chairman, I was told that his info was lost with his hard drive crashing. I therefore went to our treasurer for a report. Keith will give a report on what he has.

Since the 2005 convention, we've had one chapter to volunteer to hold the 2007 convention. That was the group in Baltimore. They proceeded to prepare a presentation which was then presented to the planning committee for their comments, and then to the Board Of Directors. The biggest problem with the proposal was the price of the hotel. It was unanimous that the prices were too high. And this answer was relayed back to the group with hopes of a revised proposal with better pricing. Nothing was ever heard from them again. I did send a follow-up correspondence to them in hopes of some type of positive reply, but no response was received.

A request for help in securing a location for 2007 was published in the Ten-Tan Bulletin, and I received a couple of emails. One was a suggestion to have it along with an ARRL convention in September of 2007. And the other was about having it in Estes Park Colorado. I contacted Gerry Villhauer who put me in contact with a member of an ARRL committee who set up a Hamcon there. That fell through because there was no one in our group to work with. None of the persons contacting me was willing to help with the convention.

I made contact with the Sky Blue Water Chapter and was told that there was only a couple of members left and they were not in a position to help with a convention.

Gerry Gross volunteered to hold the convention in Nebraska if no other location could be found. I contacted Gerry and he agreed to do the convention but I help. I told him I would do what ever I can to help him. I am also calling on the rest of the planning committee to pitch in and give a hand in making this a reality.

I contacted some hotel chains, checking on prices. The most answers I received was above \$110.00 in the time period we would want. (spring and summer)

Reading most of the survey replies that came in, Most of them did not attend the convention. It was either to costly or too far. The convention is not on many of the members minds. Most of the members that it did interest are silent keys, or no longer members. It might be a good idea to look into changing the convention from every two years to every three or four years. This is a proposal I intend to have discussed at the board meeting.

73's

Joe Williams/WA9TSG

May 2, 2006

Director Report from Doris Slye, N3TGB, 10-10 #68129

I am pleased to report that with the appointment of K4QHH, Bob Bischoff to take the Tuesday, 28.800 Net, the roster of Net Controls is complete. With the resignation of WD8QHY (Dick Huggins), and K4QHH's move up to full Net Control status, I requested volunteers for Alternate Net Control status. I have received a note from KC8IM, Dan Wisner, and will probably be appointing him to Alternate Net Control Status shortly. I think that we need at least one more alternate, perhaps from South Central U.S. I believe that now we have reached solar minimum, our Net Controls are to be congratulated on their perseverance as they call nets often in vain week after week.

I have enjoyed working with all of you for the past year and a half, but find that I am not able to run for election for a term of my own.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Slye, N3TGB, 10-10 # 68129

Annual Report of Jack Moore for the Period July 2005 to June 2006

I am responsible for Internet operations for 10-10. This involves the 10-10 Website and Newsgroup. I work closely with Darwin Piatt, W9HZC who is the 10-10 Webmaster. I approve the information on the Website and Darwin is responsible for the technical operation of the Website. The Website is a continuing activity in that new information and updates are an ongoing effort. Sections that are updated regularly include: 10-10 beacons, contest results, Chapter Net guide, DX activity, links to Chapters and members, and Daily Nets Control Stations. The Breaking News section has proved popular in alerting members to such items as silent keys, Board Activities, and changes in Awards Managers and Net Control Stations. No dissatisfaction was expressed in the 10-10 Survey about the format or operation of the Website.

The 10-10 Newsgroup is available to all members to post comments about 10-10 or ten meters. In a few instances members have had problems in accessing the Newsgroup. The Webmaster has assisted in working out these problems. I use the Newsgroup to post items such as the weekly ARRL Newsletter, information on upcoming contests and special events, and information that other 10-10 Officers ask to be posted. No issues have arisen concerning misuse of the Newsgroup.

During July and August 2005, with the assistance of Mel (KD5DE) I conducted an online survey in two parts- the first asked for comments about the Mesa Convention and the second requested comments about 10-10 in general. Members could furnish comments anonymously if they desired. Forty-eight replies were received about the Mesa Convention and 89 replies about 10-10 in general.

Jack Moore K5CC 30 April 2006

Report on W6OI Activities for the Period July 2005 through June 2006

W6OI #109 is the official club station of 10-10 International. The club station participated in all the 10-10 contests. Louise Chapman, N6ELK #36654 operates the club station on the 10-10 Net each Wednesday. The W6OI Special Event, now an approved annual operating event, was held on 26-27 November 2005. The results were a disappointment compared to 2004. Band conditions were poor and no station qualified for a certificate by working all call areas. Forty-seven operators signed up to give out W6OI in the ten call areas. Logs were received from 41 operators with 258 total contacts. Special Event QSL cards were designed and printed by Cliff, K5FBS #48461. W6OI has Geratol and FISTS numbers. These numbers are given out from time to time, primarily by request. The W6OI station license was renewed and now expires in November 2015.

Jack Moore K5CC #50708
Trustee for W6OI

Directors's Report - 2006

Steve Rasmussen NOWY

As Editor, published 4 issues of the Ten Ten NEWS and wrote several articles in same. Also kept 10-10 Brochure updated.

As Contest Manager, scored 7 contests and sent information to Webmaster, Certificate Manager, and published results in the 10-10 NEWS.

Also did a test on e-mail addresses and spam for the webmaster.

Have been very active in every contest, although during the last calendar year was not able to make any contacts in the 2005 Sprint or the 2006 Mobile Contest (not for lack of trying!).

73, Steve NOWY

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ANNUAL REPORT
Director/Chapter Manager

Here is the summary of activities of this director/chapter manager for the period June 2005 through May 2006.

Continued to accept the quarterly reports from the currently active 93 affiliated chapters and/or subchapters and used these reports to insure that the "Chapter Net Guide" and "Chapter Heads, Certificate Managers" listing were up to date on the 10-10 website, and that the "Chapter Net Guide" as listed in the 10-10 Newsletter and on the website was also current. Maintained a suspense file of these quarterly reports and reminded the appropriate net official if need be to submit a new report if the chapter was delinquent.

Continued to write the Chapter Manager's column for the 10-10 News and, preparatory to writing, queried the chapters on possible future chapter activities. Used these answers, items from the quarterly reports, and e-mail notifications, to inform the membership of these activities.

Worked with K4HAV, Jim, on making changes to the CHAPNAME and SEALNAME listings in the WIN1010 program. These listings are updated monthly and contain the latest information on chapters and chapter seals (whether collectible or used on work-sheets). This information is available to any 10-10 member on the WIN1010DL web site.

Worked with the Chapter Committee on matters relating to affiliation and/or re-affiliation of chapters.

If necessary, coordinated with other members of the BOD on questions from chapter officials which might pertain to area of interest. Worked with the 10-10 Organization webmaster, W9HZC, in establishing an on-line quarterly report on the website. Worked with the 10-10 Internet Manager, K5CC, on keeping the "Chapter Links" section of the website up-to-date.

Worked with W4GKF, Chaz, on resurrecting the North Georgia Chapter. When VK3PJB, Peter, obtained the available records from the previous Certificate Manager of the City of Melbourne Chapter and wanted to revive the chapter, I provided advice on how to go about doing so. Worked with the newly affiliated Palmetto Chapter on how to increase chapter membership and maintain chapter interest through their certificate program. Coordinated with NC6V, Dick, and KC5QCB and AJ5ZX, Janet and Randy, on the changeover of the reins of the Busy Bee Chapter, and subsequent affiliation of same.

Upon the SK status of the CH/CM of the Santa Fe Trail Chapter, and thanks to the efforts of KB9MJ, Bill, we were able to obtain the records for that chapter. KA9PCU, Larry, offered to take over the chapter, and, subsequently, the chapter records were sent to him.

Attempted to obtain the chapter records of the other chapters which went QRT, but was unable to do so.

Acted upon queries, etc., from chapter officials, and answered questions from any member relative to the 10-10 chapters, and, in general, tried to keep the 10-10 members aware of what was happening in the different chapters.

Actively participated in the QSO parties (missed one due to antenna problems), Sprint and anniversary QSO party and advocated 10-10 to those non-members.

As my term of office is expiring, I am going to run for re-election and my paperwork for same has been sent to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, VE9KM.

Clifford A. Taylor
Director/Chapter Manager

Director Report from Brad Kimble, K0DBK #55192
Chairman, Awards Committee

As chairman of the awards committee and an award manager as well, I am quite pleased with how the awards program has been going. During the decline in propagation for the past few years, activity from members in submitting for awards has been somewhat limited for a few of the managers but continues to get fairly respectable support. For the most part all awards have been well represented, but for obvious reasons, the Worked All Continents and GB Counties and Regions awards have been practically nonexistent.

The turnaround for awards applications are normally within one week or better and the awards managers have had very few complaints from members who have submitted for basic or upgrades to basic awards.

For calendar year 2006, I began requesting quarterly updates from each of the awards managers. A suggestion that I have received from more than one has been to submit articles to the 10-10 News concerning the awards program. I have written one article so far which was included in the spring issue of the news.

Last fall I received a suggestion from Mel Sojka, KD5DE, #33513. That suggestion was for a new award that would encompass all of the current and future digital modes (i.e., PSK31/63, RTTY, etc.). A committee was established, which included me, Mel, Jeff Steinkamp, N7YG, #65084, and Bill Heberling, WD5EDR, #23693. Over a one month period, suggestions were made on what a digital award might look like and consist of for requirements. Ideas were traded back and forth and a proposal began to take shape. A survey was put out on the Tenmeters email list asking for input from members on a start date and whether or not digital contacts should be retroactive back to a certain date. The majority of members who answered the survey agreed that a new start date was the fairest. The committee came up with the final proposal and draft certificate, which each board member will have to review. In keeping with the intent of the requirements within the 10-10 Operations Manual for contacts to be considered proper, I believe we have a good proposal that I hope will be given favorable consideration by the 10-10 Board of Directors. If approved, an awards manager has been selected and agrees to fill the position. He is ready to begin.

I am aware of the current term as director is coming to an end this year and I appreciate the confidence you have all given me in doing my job as a volunteer for 10-10. My intent to run for election for a new term has been made and the Nominations Committee should be in receipt of my package.

My report for the past year is respectfully submitted as required.

Brad Kimble, K0DBK #55192

- In 2005 we collected \$281 for pins, patches and decals, compared to \$239.50 in 2004 and \$449.00 in 2003. Sales have been declining for these items for several years. Most are sold by Gerry Gross at Dayton.
- My expenses have been minimal, maybe \$75 a year for postage, supplies and mailing envelopes.
- In each issue of the news I have asked for volunteers to be part of the Scholarship Committee but to date I have not gotten any volunteers. I'll keep trying.

Ways to Increase Donations

- I would suggest that we send a letter to our chapter heads, suggesting that chapter donations would be very appropriate and that this could be done on a yearly basis. We could give out an award to the chapter that donates the most each year. This could be a letter or an announcement in the News.
- We should continue to promote the idea that donating in memory of a 10-10 member or family member is a fine way to honor the person. I will continue to promote this in the News.
- Expand targeted mailings. Work toward sending a letter to each active member once a year. Personal appeals appear to be very effective, as evidenced by our experience with Life Members and new members.
- Send reminder letters to those who have donated in the past. Last year I wrote to ten people who had donated \$100 or more in the past but who we had not heard from in 2005. I had an excellent response, including the large \$2700 donation in December.
- Ask previous scholarship winners to be part of the campaign for solicitations and thank you letters. I will be contacting some of the winners asking them to consider writing thank you letters to some of the larger donors.
- Effective with the last issue of the News we started reporting donations in four levels: gold, silver, bronze and copper. This concept was discussed at the last Board meeting and the reaction by the members has been positive.

(I will try to update the scholarship fund figures prior to the Board meeting to include the month of May).

Recommendation

- I would recommend that we add a sixth scholarship for 2007. We have a good cushion right now and I believe our large donors would like to see the funds used for

scholarships now rather than to bank the large cushion for a rainy day. (Keith can provide the actual figures). As in the past, 10-10 will provide funding to support the six scholarships if member donations are insufficient. Our present cushion should guarantee that any monies necessary to fund the six scholarships would come entirely out of the scholarship account.

- Our participation in the Foundation for Amateur Radio's scholarship program is looked upon very favorably by the amateur community and is one factor that build's 10-10's image. We should continue to monitor trends closely and re-evaluate the situation next year to see whether we can support six scholarships or go back to five.

Larry Berger
10-10 Scholarship Manager
May 2006

Ten-Ten International Net, Inc.
Contest Committee Annual Report, May 2006

The committee suffered a significant loss this year with the passing of KB0ON: while we might often have been at odds with Don's opinions, he kept us all on our toes, and was a passionate advocate of proper operating procedures. He will be missed.

The committee has debated a few issues over the past year, but given the poor propagation conditions, no real sense of urgency was felt.

1. **Mobile Contest.** Several active testers from the northern U.S. and Canada have requested that the mobile contest be re-scheduled to later in the year. The current timing often yields quite inclement weather for many members who wish to operate in the contest, and a later date would allow for increased participation by folk in the northern states and Canada.
2. **CW contest.** Several members have expressed concern over the "lumping together" of CW and digital modes in the CW contests. Committee members have mixed views on this, but a fairly widely-held view is that the contest should continue to include both modes, but that they be scored in different categories: perhaps CW, digital, and mixed. It has also been suggested that a differential scoring system might be used, e.g. 2 points for a CW contact, 1 for digital etc.
3. **New YL/OM contest.** The committee was pleased to receive a suggestion from WA4EEZ pertaining to the introduction of a new contest, involving YL-OM teams. We will be considering this over the next year, and will circulate a draft proposal for comments.
4. **New committee member.** The committee recommends that the board approve Leslie (#15675), WA4EEZ, as a member of the contest committee. Leslie has considerable experience in various aspects of 10-10, and has been an enthusiastic tester for over 40 years. Her input would be useful and welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Ireland, VE9KM
Chair, Contest Committee

Contest Committee Members 2005-2006

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