

## Nominees for Officer and Director positions in IARC

### PRESIDENT

#### RON FORD KF5OMH



Personal: Retired from American Airlines Maintenance Division. Prior to American I also worked for TWA and Braniff. Prior to getting into aviation, I also was in the Fire Service in a Fire District north of Kansas City, Missouri. Retirement as a Deputy Chief drove me to an aviation career. For the past 15 years I have served the Lewisville Fire Department in the Reserve Division where, as citizen volunteers we provide various support functions to the department.

Experience: Irving Amateur Radio Club – Currently Director (term expires in April)  
Lewisville Amateur Radio Association – Past president (2 terms), Secretary and Treasurer  
Lake Area Amateur Radio Klub – Past Secretary, currently Director term ends in April  
Dallas Amateur Radio Club – currently Treasurer (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Denton County Amateur Radio Association – member

#### My vision for the IARC:

- Hold board meetings separate from the membership meetings. Most of the club business is taken care of in this meeting unless something requires membership action. I envision this being a Zoom meeting, so board members do not have to travel to an in-person meeting place.
- Membership meetings will be a report from the recent board meeting, educational presentation and social time to get to know our fellow members.
- Directors will have an area of responsibility. At this point I foresee the following four areas of responsibility: Operations, Technical, Education and Administration.
- Live stream meetings in order that those who are unable to attend in person can benefit from the presentations and other meeting activities. This will also provide the ability to have interactive presentations from remote locations.
- Work with our present membership to increase our membership levels. As of this writing our roster has more inactive (62) than active (50) members. Six memberships expired in January and February, which were not renewed. We need to work on maintaining these members and bringing in more.

### Vice President

#### Ron Tabb KC5HPO

No information provided.

## **Directors – 2 openings (6 Nominees in alphabetical order)**

### **Roger Bacak N5RCB**

Hello, my name is Roger Bacak, N5RCB, and I am honored to be a nominee for Director of the Irving Amateur Radio Club.

My journey with IARC began in the late 1980s, when I was an active member for about 10–12 years. I rejoined the club in 2017 and have been actively involved ever since. Currently, I manage the IARC website and serve as the W5YI Contact VE for the club.

Though I have not previously held a board or officer position, I bring fresh ideas and a strong commitment to the club's future. To grow our membership, we must embrace emerging technologies that appeal to both seasoned hams and the younger generation. Additionally, I believe we should expand our role in providing communication support for public events and activities—not just in Irving but throughout the county—to increase our visibility and impact.

During my earlier years with IARC, our active membership was nearly twice what it is today. We were a premier club that many hams aspired to be a part of, regularly participating in a variety of events and activities. I would love to see us return to that level of engagement—rebuilding our reputation as a leading club while attracting and retaining members of all ages.

I appreciate your support and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to IARC's success.

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Roger Bacak, N5RCB

## **Lyle Baker AI5NO**

I've never been an officer in a HAM Club but I do have a fair amount of experience with Radio. I have 15 years of experience repairing radio equipment in the Paging (Beepers) industry, including working as a Motorola FTR. I hold a General Commercial Radiotelegraph License. Many years ago I built and maintained the original BEAR (Broadcast Employees Amateur Repeater) repeater in Chicago. Since then, I've also been a computer programmer, Network and Datacenter engineer, and I'm currently working as the Manager of Global Network Operations for a company in Arlington.

I'm fairly happy with how the club has been operating so I don't envision any major changes.

I'm not actively seeking the director position, but I am willing to serve if the membership so desires.

Lyle Baker

## **Bill Byrom N5BB**

I have been a licensed Amateur for 56 years and an Extra Class licensee for 52 years. I am an electrical engineer and worked for Tektronix as a field application engineer for 32 years in the DFW area before retiring in late 2019. For the past 31 years I have lived across the street from the hospital at Hwy 183 and MacArthur. I have been a member of the Irving Amateur Radio Club for over 30 years and also a member of the Dallas Amateur Radio Club for many years. Before moving to Irving I was very active in the Austin Amateur Radio Club for about 17 years, serving as club secretary, newsletter editor, and running the ARRL VEC tests in Austin. I was responsible for obtaining the [irvingarc.org](http://irvingarc.org) domain name and set up the first IARC website about 25 years ago, as well as being an active member of Irving RACES/ARES. More recently I have been the Vice President of the IARC, and have been in charge of distributing our three large gifts to local charitable groups in the last few days.

Why should I continue participating on the board of IARC as a director? My wish is to allow me to give some continuity to several club projects I have led over the past few years by staying on the board. These include:

- Micro-grant project - Several projects we have funded over the past few years have not been reported as completed. I have been communicating with these clubs and hope to get updated reports on the projects for our club. I maintain all the records on these micro-grant awards.
- Irving Schools Foundation scholarships - I'm the main club contact person and manager for the scholarship program. I have attended the ISF Breakfast with the Stars scholarship awards banquet for several years and plan to again this year.
- WA5CKF-R echolink node - This is currently set up in my house, across the street from the repeater.
- WA5CKF 146.72 MHz repeater controller - I'm responsible for programming this device remotely.

Looking to the future, I think we should try to get young people involved with our club, Amateur Radio, and public service in general. I would like to work with the officers and directors on plans to improve our outreach to the public and especially young people.

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Bill Byrom N5BB

### **Billy Geer KA5OZC**

No information provided.

### **Ken Hansen N2VIP**

No information provided.

### **Will Turk N5TLH**



I believe I would be an excellent candidate for Director of the Irving Amateur Radio Club because of my passion for ham radio and my desire to help others grow in their knowledge of the hobby. I have a solid understanding of how ham radios work, and I am confident in my ability to assist both beginners and experienced members in improving their skills.

Additionally, I have good organizational and communication skills that would help the club run smoothly and ensure that all members feel included and supported.

I am also excited about expanding the club by attracting new members and creating engaging events, such as contests and educational activities. As Director, I would work to make the club a place where people can learn, collaborate, and have fun while exploring the world of amateur radio. My goal is to keep the club active and thriving, providing a valuable community for anyone who is enthusiastic about ham radio.