



Palmetto Amateur Radio Club

PARC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2026 • 6:55 PM (GMT -4)

Key Outcomes

- The board reviewed and proposed multiple bylaw amendments to better align with current operational realities.
- Major topics included removal of the quorum requirement, clarification of board positions, and granting the Trustee full voting rights.
- Ricky will be invited to fill the Secretary position, which includes membership responsibilities.

Bylaw Amendments Approved for Member Vote

- Section 8.3 (Quorum): Remove the 20% paid member quorum requirement entirely.
- Section 9.1: Change from 'four board members' to 'majority of board members' for meeting requirements.
- Section 6.1: Clarify that Secretary and Director-at-Large/PIO positions are optional; core board consists of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Trustee.
- Section 6.6C: Add clause stating that the Trustee will have voting rights the same as a board member.
- Section 6.12A: Change 'secretary' to 'the board' for presenting charges against board members.
- Section 6.12B: Change from 'two-thirds vote' to 'majority vote' for removing board members.

Board Structure

- Director-at-Large position will remain vacant and optional.
- Secretary position will be offered to Ricky, who expressed interest in board participation and already assists with membership.

VHF Net Operations

- A rotation will be established among the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Trustee to serve as control operator for bi-monthly VHF nets.

Pending Confirmation

- David (President) will contact Ricky regarding the Secretary position before Wednesday's member meeting.

- Secretary nomination and vote will be added to Wednesday's general meeting agenda.
- A MailChimp survey will be sent to members within the next week for bylaw amendment votes with a 14-day response window.
- Board members will research and propose enhanced role definitions for President and Vice President positions.

Board Position Clarifications

- No existing bylaw prohibits serving on multiple club boards simultaneously.
- The board agreed not to add such restrictions and will instead address performance issues individually if needed.
- Trustee and Treasurer roles are well-defined in the bylaws; President and Vice President roles require better definition.

Secretary Responsibilities

- Maintain the current roster of all members.
- Keep records of all meetings.
- Post meeting minutes to the website within 7 days of each meeting.
- Work in conjunction with the Treasurer on membership matters.

All-Star Node Initiative

- The club will build an All-Star node as a loaner unit using David's Raspberry Pi 4, Mike's donated Baofeng UV17R, and a Sherry interface board.
- Members can test the system before purchasing; if they buy the loaner, the club will build a replacement.
- The goal is to offer members analog radio access to digital networks without requiring expensive DMR/D-Star radios.
- Estimated DIY build cost is \$210–\$225 compared to a \$454 turnkey solution.
- Mike is testing ASL3 software on Pi Zero 2W and Pi 4 platforms.
- Jim will design and 3D-print a custom case with the PARC logo once hardware dimensions are finalized.

Equipment & Technical Updates

- The VHF repeater link has remained stable with no dropouts to Boynton.
- A Friday contact with an operator in Taiwan via All-Star demonstrated system capability.
- Jim is researching a 100Ah LiFePO4 battery to replace the dual 12Ah setup for Field Day.
- Mike recommends testing the inverter for RF noise before committing to the new battery solution.
- The club is considering purchasing an additional fan for summer operation after RF testing.

Action Items

- David: Contact Ricky regarding the Secretary role and add the Secretary nomination to Wednesday's agenda.

- Jim: Create the MailChimp survey and design the 3D-printable case.
- Mike: Test ASL3 installations and research DVSwitch software.
- All Board Members: Research President and Vice President role definitions for future bylaw updates.

Next Meeting

- General Membership Meeting: Wednesday at 8:00 PM (third Wednesday of each month).
- Agenda includes Secretary position vote and bylaw amendment announcement.

Approval & Signatures

Approved by the PARC Board

Name	Signature	Date
David Pomerantz (KO4DKN) President	<i>David Pomerantz</i>	4/22/2026
Nemury Valladares (W4NEM) Vice President	<i>Nemury Valladares</i>	4/22/2026
Jim Schwantes (KJ4GJB) Treasurer	<i>Jim Schwantes</i>	4/21/2026
Mike Sam (KF4ZW) Repeater Trustee	<i>Mike Sam</i>	4/21/2026