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To: All Wisconsin Amateur Radio Operators
 From: Chris W9JOL, Chairman
 Date: October 1, 2016
 re: Activity By Your Board of Directors

Greetings! I want to get you up to speed on what your board has been up to. I know it seems like we've been pretty quiet, but to be honest we've been more active than we've been in many years.

The Board of Directors has been meeting at least twice a month since March, working to create proposed changes to our policy and by-laws for members to review and ultimately vote on.

Why all the work? Well, as we started to plow through our agenda at the first meeting, it was obvious that our policy and by-laws were outdated and not very functional. It was my feeling that any of the cosmetic changes we were discussing would really be meaningless without a strong foundation to build upon. So we made the decision to forego (for now) coordination updates and many of the formalities of years past while we work on these difficult but wholesale changes to how we conduct business.

As of this writing, we are 99% finished with the proposed policy changes, and we have a meeting scheduled in November to hammer out the proposed bylaw changes. Right after that meeting takes place we'll be posting the proposals here, and sending out snail mail to our members asking to review them.

Here's the important part: We need YOU to participate. Look at the documents. Review them. Ask questions. We will be asking the membership to vote on the changes at our next membership meeting in March 2017. It is important that we get these changes done so that we can put our organization back on track and get back to the bigger non-policy changes and ideas that we have for the future.

As I've said in the beginning, my goal as the current Chairman is to be able to hand off a strong, focused organization to the next Chairman. It should be more modern, streamlined, and in tune to the spectrum challenges we face in the future. I don't look at my term as Chairman as ceremonial. I look at it as an opportunity to get to work and position the organization for the future.

I hope that when you see the proposed policy and by-law changes that your Board has worked on diligently to craft, you'll agree that I met my goal.

As always, I welcome your feedback. As others have found, you'll always get a reply from me. You can email me at: chairman@wi-repeaters.org.

Thanks and 73,
 Chris, W9JOL