

***Mercury Northwest* / An Amateur Radio Club**

Minutes of Mail Balloting Ending December 14, 2008

Of 40 ballots sent out to Voting Members of Mercury Northwest, 22 were returned. A unanimous vote was cast for all five Board Members and ratification of the new by-laws. Since a quorum consists of all ballots returned by the specified deadline date, this election is official.

11 members took the opportunity to renew their membership for the year 2009. One new Voting Membership and one participating membership were also registered.

The Board encourages all who are interested in officially being members of Mercury Northwest for 2009 to indicate their intention by sending in a registration form found on the website. Note that membership in Mercury Northwest and membership on the Mercury Northwest Roundtable (Net) roster are not the same; each has its own requirements for membership. Amateurs who do not wish to join Mercury Northwest as Voting or Participating members are more than welcome to be members on the HF or local Chapter net rosters. Also note that being on a roster for an ERC net is encouraged, but is not the same as MNW.

The new Board consists of Mel Martin, N7BCY, President; Hollis Kiger, W7UFM, Vice President; Dave Zehrunge, AA7L, Secretary/Treasurer; and Barbara Ashley, KE7KEV and John Swapp, K7CXJ, Board Members at Large. Under the new By-Laws, locally elected representatives of MNW Chapters and Affiliated Clubs are also non-voting members of the Executive Board. A local Chapter must have five voting members in MNW to qualify for Chapter status, and the Chapter representative must be a Voting Member of MNW. Local MNW Chapters are encouraged to meet in person or by on-air net as soon as possible and report the name of their representative to the Board.

The new Board officially takes office as of a meeting to be held on Saturday, January 3, 2009. They will be working hard this year to make membership in Mercury Northwest a valuable experience for all.

2009 Membership as of this time: Voting: N7BCY, K7CXJ, KF7D, KE7DEM, KE7KEV, AA7L, VE6MU, KE7OIT, K7QEI, KK7RG, KE7SMU, N7TSM: Participating: N7TSB.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Zehrunge, AA7L
Interim Secretary, 2008