



URGENT NEWS!

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Dear Society Members, Trustees and Friends,

We have some sad and disturbing news to report.

In January of this year, The Texas VHF-FM Society membership overwhelmingly approved an amendment made by Steve Agee, N5ZUA, to require elections to be carried out by mail ballot to all members, similar to how the ARRL holds elections.

As many of you know the Texas VHF-FM Society is dominated and controlled by a special interest group. They make up a majority of the Board of Directors and have for the last 20+ years. They decided because vote by mail posed a threat to their ability to control the Society, they have refused to honor the new by-law amendments adopted by the membership. They claim that this amendment fell under an obscure rule and adversely affects repeater trustees. The membership ruled that it did not adversely affect trustees and two licensed attorneys and a Certified, Professional Parliamentarian all agree that this amendment **DID NOT** fall under this obscure rule and was **PROPERLY PASSED** and is in effect now. We believe that their claim that this amendment did not pass in January is a bold face lie. They have **denied** you your right to vote by mail! We find this to be an extreme injustice to **ALL** Society members.

Now, to make things even worse, this Special Interest Majority wants to start **CHARGING YOU ANNUALLY FOR COORDINATION!!**

They held a last minute, "Special Meeting" in April in an attempt to overturn vote by mail. During this "Special Meeting" they made a proposal to amend the by-laws to start charging for coordination.

Because we, The Reform Party, have stood up to these injustices and stood up for ALL member rights, they have attempted to label us as "the bad guys" or "troublemakers." Don't be fooled or misled. We are regular, down to earth people who only want the best for the Society. We live in the real world. We understand that gasoline is around \$2.50 a gallon and could reach \$3.00 by the end of the year. We understand that it is closer from Austin Texas to Jackson Mississippi, than it is from Austin Texas to El Paso Texas! We understand that you have family and work commitments. These factors can create a hardship that could prevent you from being able to travel to Austin to vote. We believe that you have a right to vote even if you cannot travel to Austin. The Special Interest Majority has forbid you this right merely so they can remain the Majority on the Board of Directors.

They have disguised themselves as "The Committee to Save the Texas VHF-FM Society." Nothing could be further from the truth. They only seek to maintain their control of the Society, forbid members from voting who cannot attend the meetings, and to start charging for coordination.

The time has come for every member, trustee, and ham in Texas to make a sacrifice and come to Austin this Saturday, August 6th and attend the Texas VHF-FM Society meeting. We need everyone who supports vote by mail, Democracy, and opposes charging for coordination to come and vote for the Reform Party listed below. Bring your whole ham club and every ham you know. If you are a club member, contact your club officials to arrange for a caravan to Austin. This Frequency Coordination Crisis can only be resolved by hams coming to this meeting and voting. Hams who are not Society members may sign up at the door. We also ask that you come and insist that Steve Agee's motion for vote by mail be reaffirmed and upheld in the future. If elected, the Reform Party promises to respect and uphold the rights of ALL members. For those of you who are receiving this by mail, we have enclosed wallet size cards. Pass one to a friend. If you are receiving this by email, please print this letter. Bring the cards or the letter with you to the meeting so you will know who the Reform Party is, and where we stand.

Meeting times and locations can be found at <http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

Feel free to contact any of us to ask questions or to discuss any past, present or future issues concerning the TX VHF-FM Society or view our website at: www.texasvotebymail.info.

We ask that you vote for all five of us, because we can only make a difference if we are elected as a team. This is the only way the Special Interest Majority will no longer remain the majority and prevent the Society from continuing down the problematic path that it has been on for a very long time. Remember that every vote counts. We are here to support you, and hope you will support us in this election.

73's!

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