

Dear Instructor/Teacher,

Let me introduce myself. I'm the manager of the newly created Education Services Department at ARRL. The former Field & Educational Services Department has been reorganized and the education mission of the ARRL refocused. You may have read the report from the January 2006 meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors at which a Mission and Vision statement for Education was adopted. That statement is printed in this newsletter.

You haven't heard from us very regularly in the past few years but we haven't forgotten you're there volunteering your time to recruit and instruct new hams. We appreciate your dedication of time, your knowledge and your enthusiasm to open the world of amateur radio to others. And we confess, we just haven't been around to support you as much as we would like. But we hope to change that.

There is a lot of work to do! And the first step is to rebuild the connection with you. Your experience and knowledge is invaluable and essential to the education mission of ARRL.

-Debra Johnson, K1DMJ

### **Recent Licensing Instruction Projects**

First let me tell you about the licensing projects recently completed.

If you have not already used the new *Technician Instructors' Manual* that was released last fall you should take a look! This updated manual was created as an instructional tool to accompany the new *Ham Radio License Manual*. We developed this manual to respond to requests we received from you in our on-line instructor's survey conducted late last summer. The *Instructor's Manual* comes with a CD of PowerPoint lesson plans as well as ExamWin software. Many instructors are finding it a useful supplement to the materials they use for instruction. And that is how it is intended—for you

to adapt to your style and preferred sequence of instruction.

And check out a new ARRL publication written by Steve Ford, WB8IMY, *Getting Started with Ham Radio*, targeted to new hams. This volume provides lots of practical tips to help the new ham assemble a station and make first contacts exploring different operating modes. It's a valuable resource for those moments when a mentor isn't available. You can review these materials at <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/index.php3?category=Help+for+Beginners>

### **ARRL Mission Statement for Education**

ARRL will advance the art and science of radio through education,

- 1) by providing instruction and instructional materials to prepare new amateur radio operators for licensing as well as to prepare licensed amateurs to upgrade to higher levels of licenses;
- 2) by advancing the knowledge of radio science and operating skills among licensed operators through instruction, publications and activities;
- 3) by training radio amateurs in the skills needed to provide service to their communities in times of emergency;
- 4) by engaging youth in the magic of radio, inspiring them to further personal investigation in the sciences and engineering as well as expanding their horizons to promote global goodwill through contact with cultures around the world;
- 5) by expanding interest and understanding of the science of radio and the application of wireless technology in daily life.

### **Current Licensing Instruction Projects**

The QPC has released a new question pool for the General Class License which will be effective July

1, 2007. Ward Silver, NØAX, author of the new Technician Class manual released last year, is currently hard at work on this project.

In addition there are two other licensing projects being developed. One is a new Technician Video Course for DVD and the other is an Instructors' Manual for both Technician and General Level instruction. We are especially interested in any suggestions you have for these two projects. If at any time you have specific ideas, requests or resources that could be helpful to us or to other instructors, *please share them with us!*

### **Recent Licensing Statistics**

As I'm sure you're aware there has been a recent surge in licensing in response to the elimination of Morse code requirements. Our Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Department has been blitzed lately by new Technician license applications and General and Extra upgrade applications. Some licensees prepare through self-study, but many prepare by enrolling in classes you teach. You've been busy too! You may be interested in the statistics reported for all VECs through 3/25/2007:

	<i>2006 Jan 1 – Mar 25</i>	<i>2007 Jan 1 – Mar 25</i>
New Technicians	4685	6565
New/Upgrade Generals	945	7395
New/Upgrade Extras	775	1910

### **For VEs: A new procedural request**

Maria Somma AB1FM, ARRL VE Department Manager, requests that VEs administering exams to students who are part of a licensing class include the names of the instructors of the class on the reverse of the Test Session Report. This information can be reported in the Session Evaluation Section.

**Contact us to learn how to list your classes on the ARRL website!**

### **Sidebar for Teachers**

This summer ARRL will once again host four sessions of our professional development workshop, the **Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology**.

This is a learning opportunity designed for motivated teachers and other school staff who want to learn more about wireless technology and bring that knowledge to their students. All forty-eight seats have been filled, but we are currently accepting applications for a waiting list. Read more about this rewarding program for teachers at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/ti.html>

### **Let's stay connected!**

We're going to be cleaning out some stale data in our database in the next few weeks and in the future will be maintaining one contact e-mail address for instructors. This will be the e-mail address you can maintain directly on your member page on the ARRL website. We'll use this e-mail address for all future contacts. Please keep your e-mail address current so that we can continue to include you in our registered instructor program. At a later date we'll be asking you to let us know what kind of instructing you're doing so we can update your instructor registration.

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### **Instructional Resources on the ARRL Website**

We realize it can be difficult to locate resources on our website. Here are some links that will take you to some of our most current resources:

Instructional Kits and Projects for Instructors and Teachers

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/kits-projects.html>

Latest ExamWin updates (reflecting recent changes in the question pools):

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/examwin/>

Education & Technology Program main page for information about ARRL's outreach program to schools. Curricula and classroom ideas for use with Amateur Radio, equipment grant information, etc.

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/tbp/>