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To: NW Division ARRL Clubs and Members

Re: 2018 ARRL NW Div. Vice Director election

Friends and Club Members,

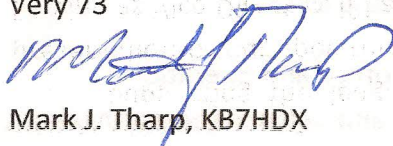
As some of you may know, I am running for ARRL Vice Director, Northwestern Division. I have served in the position of Eastern Washington Section Manager for the past 15 years and in other appointments dating back to 1993. Working with many of the former Directors and Vice Directors during those 25 years, I am well aware of the roles, duties, and responsibilities of the Vice Director position.

Supporting the league is very important as I feel it's the only real advocate for preservation of our spectrum and in turn the continuance of this hobby we all love so much. Serving as Vice Director, if I am fortunate enough to win the election, is another way I can give back to the amateur community. I believe my time serving as Section Manager and other appointments is a view some on the board have never experienced.

Over the years I've been fortunate to attend many conventions, meetings, and hamfests. Having served in the various ARRL appointed positions I have learned to listen to what the members are saying, engage them in dialogue, and work with them to help solve the issue at hand, or if nothing else, provide direction to ARRL staff to resolve the matter. During this time, I have met and made friends with folks from all across the division and in just about every aspect of Ham Radio. In return for those friendships, I would like the opportunity to represent you on the ARRL board.

Voting will take place this fall, and with your support, I can help bring your voice to the ARRL board. I hope I can count on your support.

Very 73



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