

**SECTION APPOINTMENTS** - All positions require *ARRL membership* and *monthly reporting*. Some positions have additional requirements. Contact [Don Michalski, W9IXG](#) at 608-274-1886 (evenings). Hope you can join the Wisconsin team. Descriptions:

- [\*Official Relay Station\*](#) (ORS) - If you handle traffic (ARRL radiograms) regularly on HF and/or repeater nets, the ORS appointment is for you. Traffic handling is a great way to hone your operating skills, and meet new friends. The League was founded in 1914 on the principle of relaying messages via Amateur Radio.
- [\*Official Emergency Station\*](#) (OES) - Involved in emergency preparedness and operating. Requirements include regular participation in the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) drills and tests, emergency nets and, of course, real emergency situations. OES appointees must be able to operate on emergency power (battery, for example) and have at least one-band mobile capability (such as 2 meters).
- [\*Official Observer\*](#) (OO) - Help amateurs maintain their transmitting equipment and operating procedures in compliance with FCC regulations through an on-the-air monitoring and notification program. The OO may also assist the FCC in serious cases as a member of the Amateur Auxiliary to the FCC's Field Operations Bureau. Requires successful completion of a certification examination, monthly reporting, and at least a Technician Class license for a minimum of four years.
- [\*Official Bulletin Station\*](#) (OBS) - Copy news and information bulletins transmitted by the ARRL HQ station, W1AW, and disseminate them via nets and repeaters for the benefit of amateurs in the local coverage area, many of whom are not equipped to receive bulletins directly from W1AW. OBS appointees also upload bulletins to local Packet Bulletin Board Systems to foster an informed amateur community.
- [\*Technical Specialist\*](#) (TS) - Serves as a technical oracle to local hams and clubs, helping them with technical questions, problems and radio frequency interference cases. You need not be an electrical engineer, just someone who's willing to help others enjoy their hobby. TS's also speak at local ham clubs and conventions.
- [\*Public Information Officer\*](#) (PIO) - Provide local grass-roots public relations. They give regular and frequent information about amateur services to the public via the local media, school programs, presentations to civic groups, exhibits and demonstrations. They also promote the distribution and airing of ARRL public service announcements and other audiovisual material, and public awareness of club recruiting and training activities.
- [\*Local Government Liaison\*](#) (LGL) - Responsible for monitoring proposals and actions by local government bodies which may affect Amateur Radio. They work with the local PIO to alert area amateurs to problems and opportunities involving local government agencies, and coordinate local responses.

Please let us know about any updates or corrections to this web site. [Don Michalski, W9IXG](#).