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# Minutes of the Annual Meeting – January 14, 2023

The 2023 annual meeting was held in-person in rooms E, F, G at El Camino Hospital in Mountain view and also online via Zoom, hosted by Dave Koberstein N9DK

08:30 Zoom link opened with radio and telephone support provided so members could check that they could use all the zoom features needed for the meeting.

09:00 Meeting called to order by Grant Elliot, KK6FMQ, President, on Saturday, January 14, 2022. There were 22 members present in person and 15 members attending by zoom.

## Welcome, Preliminary Business and Introductions:

NOTE: **MSC** means the motion was seconded and carried unanimously

Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized City ECs and city members present.

Attending SPECS Board Members:

Yes	Grant Elliot	President	KK6FMQ
Yes	Dave Koberstein	1st VP	N9DK
Yes	Stiv Ostenberg	2nd VP	K9STV
Yes	Jim Weatherford	Treasurer	WU6K
Yes	Leslie Grimm	Secretary	KK6EKN
Yes	Rick Van Mell	Training	KI6PUR
Yes	Marc Roddin	Past President, (via zoom)	KI6HLH
Yes	Scott Overstreet	RA Liaison	N6NXI
Yes	Jerry Thalls	Director-At-Large, Sunnyvale	KG6HI
No	Steve Olsen	Director-At-Large, Los Altos	KI6MYE
No	Lea Roberts	Director-At-Large, Stanford	WA6ITV
No	Neil Katin	Director-At-Large, Los Altos Hills	K2LL



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## Proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws:

Grant noted that the Board had made one change to the By-Laws: the requirement for approval of changes to the by-laws will be 10 percent of members being present at the meeting. (The proposed by-laws said 30%.)

A motion was made to add a statement to the proposed Articles saying that the articles could be amended in the future. **MSC.**

A motion was made to accept the proposed By-laws and Articles of Incorporation as amended above. **MSC**

## Election of Officers:

Grant led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2023 from the nomination committee was:

President:	Grant Elliot	KK6FMQ
Secretary:	Leslie Grimm	KK6EKN
Treasurer:	Jim Weatherford	WU6K
Director	Neil Katin, Los Altos Hills	K2LL
Director	Lea Roberts, Stanford	WA6ITV
Director	Jerry Thalls, Sunnyvale	KG6HI
Director	Stiv Ostenberg, Mt. View	K9STV

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made to accept the slate as presented. **MSC**

## SPECSRA Representative:

Dave Platt gave a brief report and asked for new volunteers for the group. They can contact him if interested.



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## Featured Speaker

Jim Armstrong, NV6W

ARRL Santa Clara Valley Section Manager

*Amateur Radio Response to 2021 Firestorms*

Jim gave a little history of the role of the Section Manager and the evolving role of the NTS (National Traffic System.) He complimented Tim Howard and the county training program and stressed the value of CERT training. In the 2021 Firestorms amateur radio operators used mostly 2 meter and 440 bands to communicate (not HF), and were mainly deployed for animal rescue units. Jim stressed the importance of getting direction from local officials to learn what is needed – never self-deploy.

## Break 10:15 to 10:30

## SPECS UG Business Meeting

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the 2022 meeting had been posted on the website and available to members for review for the past year. A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted. **MSC**

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim, WU6K, reported that there was little change from last year, since there was no flea market. Funds available are about \$35,000.

**Training Report:** Training Officer Rick Van Mell, KI6PUR, was commended for his contributions during the past year.



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**Repeater Status:** Dave Platt, AE6EO, presented an update on the W6ASH Repeaters. The move to the Sobrato Pavilion (the highest building in Mountain View) is almost complete and the system is as functional as it was prior to the move. The interference problem at the original location did not reappear at the new location, and coverage is similar to the previous coverage. He described the process of moving the site and expressed appreciation for the contribution and support from the hospital. There will be some additional work “phase two” to add more low-loss coax for redundancy and get the phone line auto patch set up.

**220/UHF Nets report:** Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI, noted that the net roster is updated every month, adding new members and removing names for members that haven’t checked in for the past 4 months. There were 107 hams that checked in during the past year. Participation has been very good – an average of 53, with a high of 67 and a low of 30 (July 4).

## Meeting Close

Grant closed the meeting at 10:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Grimm, Secretary



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