

## The VP Waveform – January 2026

When I was asked to run for Vice President this year, I gladly accepted. Then I asked myself: “What does a VP do?” That sent me to the KCARC Constitution. The shorthand answer is: “Absolutely nothing.”

I quote our Constitution, “The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in the temporary absence of the President.” Period. The end. So I am wishing our newly elected President Mark Carlson a very healthy year!

All joking aside, the Vice President is also a member of the Executive Committee, which means I will have a voice and a vote on the future direction of our club. That also means that I am your voice. Be assured that I will listen to you. Contact me anytime.

Speaking of our Constitution, I invite everyone to do a fresh reading of our Constitution and By-Laws. In particular, I call your attention to the stated purposes of the club:

- *To further the exchange of information and cooperation between members to promote the art and science of radio knowledge, to promote fraternalism, and to promote individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct Club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of amateur radio in the community and in Kent County, Delaware.*
- *To educate, train and assist members of the public who are interested in amateur radio to prepare for licensing exams and to conduct said exams on a regular and public basis.*
- *To establish repeaters for the use and participation of those members who may be interested in such activities. The purpose of these repeaters shall be to serve the general interest of the membership and promote the interest and welfare of the community through their use, and to serve as an emergency communications resource.*
- *To support emergency communications for public service and to support the local ARES®/RACES and/or AUXCOMM groups.*
- *To offer and provide free communications services and support for public events such as festivals, parades, races, and like events.*

So—how well do you think we’re doing to achieve our purposes? I’d say pretty well, but there is always room for improvement. Right? What are your suggestions? What’s missing? What should continue? What should be strengthened? What should be changed?

I look forward to working with the new leadership team and all our members to think about these questions to ensure the Kent County Amateur Radio Club continues to meet its stated purpose with excellence and is fully prepared to serve our membership and our community.

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**John, AB3JS**