

Statement from Frank Piper, KI8GW

I am running for Great Lakes Division Vice Director to assist the ARRL achieve its strategic goal to promote the growth of Amateur Radio. I will bring the same honesty, integrity and professionalism to the role of Vice Director as I have to previous ARRL positions.

The ARRL is the only Amateur Radio organization which represents Amateur Radio to the FCC and Congress. In my ARRL leadership role, I led a successful team to the enactment of Ohio's PRB-1 law. As new technology brings changes to communications, the ARRL must also be ever-changing. I believe the ARRL can meet the challenges of the future and I am seeking your vote to help lead the way.

Today's youth needs to be one of the focal points of our goal to promote growth. The continuous improvement of ARRL's efforts to promote Amateur Radio using STEM programs needs to expand beyond traditional classrooms to include virtual and home-school environments. I have personally witnessed home-school classroom teams effectively integrate Amateur Radio within their curricula.

I have held many positions in the Ohio ARES program, including SEC, DEC, EC and AEC. In 2009, I was appointed Section Manager for Ohio and continued to be re-elected until my retirement at the end of 2013. I serve as an Assistant Director for The Great Lakes Division.

I conduct VE test sessions for the ARRL-VEC. I serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for Friends of W8LT, a 501(c)(3) corporation supporting the amateur radio station at The Ohio State University (W8LT) and the University's Amateur Radio Club, and also active with the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative.

Please visit www.ki8gw.net for more information of my vision.

I would appreciate your trust and vote for Vice Director of the Great Lakes Division. Thank You!