

**Mo-Kan Regional Council of
Amateur Radio Organizations, Inc.**

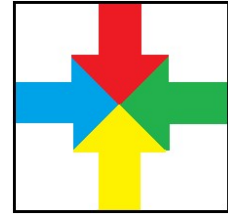
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**Meeting Minutes, Third Quarter Meeting
3:00 PM CDT, Saturday, October 10, 2026
ARRL Midwest Conference - Spark-Con,
Missouri State Fair Grounds
Sedalia, MO**

1. **Call to Order – Randy Schulze, W0ICQ**
2. **Welcome to Spark-con**
3. **Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives We had 21 attendees both members and the public. Members included Art Zeigelbaum Midwest Director**
4. **Secretary's Report (David Hinkley for Charles Van Way)**
 - a. Minutes from the July 18, 2026 Meeting were accepted as published
 - b. Any New Membership Applications to the Council – We have added several new member organizations: Jackson County ARES, Clay County ARC, Missouri Valley ARC, KB0LSM Repeater Group
 - c. Status of ARRL Foundation Grant Application – no report
5. **Treasurer's Report (Jerry Chamberlain)**
 - a. Regular Report – Accepted
 - i. Report attached to Agenda.
 - b. Request to Approve Out of Pocket Expenses
 - i. Randy Schulze presented additional expenses
 1. \$26.84 – Meal expenses for Chair and Treasurer at Liberty, MO
 2. \$40.00 – Ham Threads, Digitizing Logo for Mo-Kan Shirts
 - c. Update regarding our 501(c)(3) Status – No report
6. **Regular Committee Reports**
 - a. Activities Committee – Bill Brinker, Chair – nothing to report
 - b. Recognition Committee – Kristl Thompson, Chair
 - i. We now have Four Silver Eagle Mics in our inventory.
 - ii. Two Presentations were made yesterday to Matt May and Brian Short
 - c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair – nothing to report

7. Regular Business:

a. 2025 ARRL Division Convention: (Bret Kuhn)

1. Excellent Event Brent and his helpers have done a fantastic job and we are looking forward to next year. With the facilities and help they have this event could grow into another Dayton.
2. Bret spoke about the convention and was very appreciative of the support he has received. He reports the balloon launch made it to 110,859 feet in and landed on a farm near Pilot Grove, Missouri.

b. KCMesh Project and Mo-Kan Support. (Bill Gery)

- i. Report on the status of the KCMesh Project. There is now consideration for a new name using MOKAN Emergency KC Mesh Project



- ii. We continue to add nodes which is filling in more of the region.

c. National Amateur Radio Alliance

- i. Following up on 2026 is the ARRL Year of the Club! NARA is featuring the first week of November with an on-air activity. The goal of which is to get clubs connecting with each other and the public spreading the word on Amateur Radio.



d. Ongoing Project Status:

i. Ham 400 Training Events

- a. Clay County took advantage of our training and we received a very appreciative and complimentary letter in response.

e. Mo-Kan Elmer's Table

- i. We're here. – One referral!

f. **Upcoming ARRL Midwest Division Elections – Candidate’s Comments**

Rules: *Each Candidate will have an opportunity to introduce themselves, and provide a statement why they should be elected. No other individuals will be allowed to introduce any candidate or endorse any candidate. After each candidate has spoken, members present may ask a single question per individual which may be answered by each candidate.*

i. **Division Vice-Director**

1. Candidate’s Comments
 - a. Ron Ochu, KO0Z, St Peters, MO
2. Candidate’s Comments
 - a. Todd LeMense, KK0DX, Omaha, NE
Unable to Attend

ii. **Division Director**

1. Challenger’s Comments
 - a. Drew Vonda-Smith, K3PA, Tonganoxie, KS
2. Incumbent’s Comments
 - a. Art Zygielbaum, K0AIZ, Lincoln, NE

iii. **Q&A From the Membership Present**

Outcome: *In general, each of the candidates present provided comments to the membership present about their candidacy, and why they would serve the ARRL well. In addition to comments, Art Zygielbaum provided PowerPoint slides. Questions were asked by the membership, and answered by the candidates. It was a well-informed discussion.*

Old Business:

8. **“Proud Mo-Kan Member Icon on your websites!”**

- a. For Placement on *Your* Organizations Website:



9. **Any New Business from the Floor?**

10. **1st Quarter 2027 Meeting:**

- i. **To be Scheduled**

11. **Adjourn**