

# 5 The Watter



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# The Fine Print

The Michigan QRP Club was organized on January 19, 1978 in Michigan's central lower peninsula and has grown to include members from many parts of the country and around the World.

Section 2(a) of our Constitution reflects the club's purpose: "to foster and develop friendships and cooperation among amateur radio operators who have a common interest in the unique pleasure and challenge of operation...at power levels of 5 watts output or less." The Michigan QRP Club is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League. Membership is open to all amateur radio operators.

The MiQRP Club subscribes to the now generally recognized position that QRP is operation at an output power of five watts or less.

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# Special Edition

## Election - Annual Meeting - Picnic

This Special Edition contains the latest Michigan QRP club information regarding elections, the annual meeting and the club picnic.

### Elections

Pursuant to Article VII of our Bylaws, nomination and election of club officers and directors shall proceed as follows:

### Nominations

Active members<sup>1</sup> can submit their nominations for the following positions by email to our club secretary (N8GAS) at: [stobbs@mac.com](mailto:stobbs@mac.com).

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Directors (There are three slots to fill; you may submit up to three names.)

The Nomination period is open now and closes at midnight on **June 21, 2023**.

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<sup>1</sup> The quickest way to reinstate your active membership is to pay your dues via the club website: [miqrp.org](http://miqrp.org).

## Website Ballot System

After all nominations are received and verified as active members, a biography of each nominee will be published on the club website in conjunction with the website ballot. If you are nominated, the club secretary will contact you to obtain a suitable biography. If your biography is unavailable, we will endeavor to use information from QRZ where possible.

The polls will open on or about **July 1, 2023** and will remain open until **midnight July 15, 2023**.

You may cast your votes using our website ballot system during this timeframe. The ballot system does not support write-in candidates, so please use the Nomination process to ensure your candidate will be on the ballot.

The results of the Election will be announced in The 5 Watter and published on the club website. Look for the results on or about **July 21, 2023**.

## **Annual Meeting and Club Picnic**

This year we are planning to conduct our Annual Meeting in conjunction with the **Club Picnic**, which will be held on **September 9 at the Bald Mountain Hearth Shelter**. We are asking for a \$5 per person donation to help defer the food costs. Bring a dish to pass if you can.

### **About our decision to combine the Annual Meeting with the Club Picnic**

Longtime members will recall that in years past, the Annual Meeting was often held at a designated swap meet, or at the restaurant where our monthly Saturday breakfasts were held. The COVID pandemic era disrupted our ability to meet in person, so recently the club has conducted its Annual Meeting electronically by ZOOM conference.

With the pandemic threat now behind us, the Michigan QRP club is trying to encourage members to meet up in person again, as we did before the pandemic. As elections are now being handled by web ballot, we feel that the Annual Meeting can become more of an opportunity to share ideas about the club, while enjoying the picnic activities. Thus, we felt that it made sense to combine the annual meeting with the picnic.

For those of you who simply cannot travel to the picnic, but still want to share your ideas about the club, we encourage you to do so on our reflector, or join one of our weekly ZOOM meet-ups, or send an email with your ideas to one of the officers or directors.

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