

# *National Capitol DX Association's*

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**



**November 10, 2011**

Dear NCDXA Charter, Honorary and Regular Members:

The Officers of NCDXA have worked together during the last week to update the NCDXA website. A new domain name was purchased ([www.NCDXA.org](http://www.NCDXA.org)) and the improved website content has been put on line for your review and comment. Rick Murphy, (K1MU) will collect your comments for the Association Officers review and action where warranted.

We also created numerous versions of a new club logo plus took the current one and enhanced it. Of the 20 different proposed logos and colors, four are being presented to the club with one being the enhanced old one. Please let us know which one you like (see attached to the email).

Within a week, I will present a revision to the "Constitution and By-Laws of NCDXA" for our NCDXA members to review, comment and vote. It is my belief, the current Constitution and By-Laws, though was crafted eloquently 40 years ago, is myopic and limiting in that it doesn't address the concept of education and the mentoring of less talented DXers and youth. It is my intent to remove the restrictions for others to become a member in our club and create an atmosphere where our senior and most gifted DXers can meet new members and mentor them without the new members feeling they can't participate. Also, our current Constitution and By-Laws does not address an annual Reward system (i.e. DX-Pedition of the Year, DXer of the Year, and Special Achievement awards) and the concept of Student Members and Sub-Regional meetings.

It is my belief the club has enjoyed the personal home style meetings for the last twelve years except for the PVRC and later summer meeting at the river. Though I think this home style meeting is perceived not to be expensive and more comfortable, I believe it limiting in itself to our club's future. It is my recommendation, that we seek two non-home style locations in Maryland and Virginia for future meetings. I believe a place with open space is conducive to a larger crowd coming together to accomplish wonderful goals.

Starting November/December 2012, we'll have a Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter NCDXA Newsletter. This will include interesting ham radio and DXer stories, photos, DX-pedition articles and advertisers. If you are interested in being the Editor, please let me know.

I have assigned Mr. Mike Cizek (W3MC), as the NCDXA DX Convention 2012 committee leader. It is our goal to have a NCDXA DX Convention during the late summer of 2012. I think we have an excellent outline for the convention and will be pleased to share the details in the next few weeks. See our NXDCA website for details as they evolve.

As your new President, I would be remiss in my duties and responsibilities to our club not to assess, explore and direct change that will enhance the clubs chances for success, long-term survival and the chance to grow our group by a multiplier of 5 X within the next two years. There is no doubt about the loyalty of the Charter Members in this club in the fact we have survived since 1972 (over 40 years). The concern is how we will sustain and will we be able to create the next generation of loyalty? I would greatly appreciate your support as we make necessary changes in our club to achieve much in the near future.

Sincerely,  
David Collingham – K3LP  
President- NCDXA