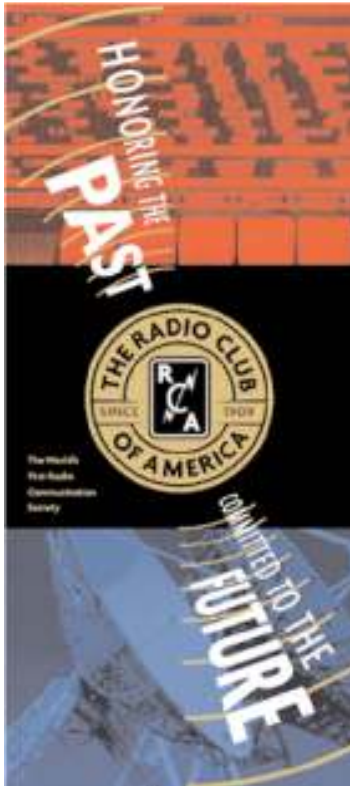




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Make Your Plans Now For The 99th Annual Banquet

The 99th Annual Banquet and Awards ceremony is set for Friday, Nov. 21, at the New York Athletic Club, so mark your calendar now to join in the excitement. Ticket pricing this year is \$150 per person, and we will present more information in our next issue. The keynote speaker has not been finalized. Please call the RCA office at 303/948-4921 if you have any questions.

The Technical Symposium will start at 2 p.m., preceding the Annual Banquet. Several speakers are being considered and more information will follow. Please contact [Rich Reichler](#) if you would like to support the Symposium in any way or to provide any other helpful thoughts. Special thanks to RadioWaves Inc. for sponsoring a portion of this event.

RCA at APCO

The annual RCA breakfast at APCO was held Aug. 6 at the Kansas City Marriott Downtown. Manfred Blaha, technology advisor for the National Crisis and Disaster Prevention Management Team in Austria, spoke to 113 hungry RCA members and non-members. Blaha spoke about the telecommunications needed at the 2008 EURO Soccer Championships in Austria and how it was handled. There was a question-and-answer



session at the end that helped clear up the picture. Thank you to the sponsors for this event: EMR Consulting, Intrado, Mission *Critical* magazine, IWCE, RCC Consultants, Tait Radio Communications., and the NEW *Urgent Communications* (formerly *MRT* magazine).

RCA also had a booth at APCO. Thank you to Don Bishop, Sandra Black, David Byrum, Jack Hart, Bruce McIntyre and David Swan, who assisted Karen Clark in the booth. Your time is always appreciated.



Understanding the Nominations and Election Process

It's almost election time again for the Radio Club of America, and here's a refresher on how the process works. The Nominations and Elections Committee (Committee) is a standing committee of the Radio Club of America. The Committee is tasked with organizing and facilitating the annual election of the Club's officers and directors. Members of the committee can be seen on the [Committee page](#) on the Radio Club website.

The Club has two methods of nominating candidates to run for office. One route is via petition, whereby a member in good standing can be placed on the ballot by getting at least 25 Club members, also in good standing, to sign a petition asking that the candidate be placed on the ballot. These petitions must be received no later than **July 1** each year.

The other method is when a candidate is selected and nominated directly by the Committee. An **Officer-Director Proposal Form** is available for members to utilize to propose such a candidate to the Committee. This form is available on the Club website and must be received by **July 1** at the address on the form to be considered.

The Committee then reviews the nominations and, by **Sept. 1** of each year, releases to the membership the list of candidates who will be appearing on the ballot. Candidates are encouraged to create position statements which they can post on the Club website. The ballots along with a brief biography for each candidate are mailed to the membership by **Oct. 10** of each year.

The **polls close at close of business on Nov. 1** of each year. The **ballot envelopes must be signed** by the member for the ballot to be considered valid. The Committee then meets to conduct the ballot count. The Committee reports the results of the voting at the Club's annual meeting in November. The ballots then are held and are made available for inspection and audit for a minimum period of 30 days following the annual meeting.

The Club By-Laws provide for an orderly succession of experienced and qualified officers to run the Club. Article III, Section 4, states: "The Executive Vice President shall succeed the President and the Vice President

shall succeed the Executive Vice President." Officers normally serve one-year terms. At the option of the Board of Directors, the President, Executive Vice President and Vice President shall be eligible to serve a second consecutive one-year term. The Vice President, at the end of their term, will become the Executive Vice President. In order to run for Vice President, a member must have previously served as an Officer or Director of the Club. Directors serve two-year terms and, each year, half of the directors are elected.

by Tony Sabino, Chairman- Nominations and Elections Committee

WHF Plans Cellular 25 Celebratory Dinner

The Wireless History Foundation (WHF), a sister group to the Radio Club of America chartered to preserve and promote the rich history of wireless, will hold its kickoff event Oct. 13 at the Drake Hotel in downtown Chicago. The date marks the Silver Anniversary of the start of commercial cellular communications.

Starting as a grassroots wireless history initiative, the WHF (www.wirelesshistoryfoundation.org) and its Cellular 25 event have gained support from trade associations and luminaries from across the industry.

"Wireless entrepreneurs and innovators made this industry great. We owe it to future generations to capture in a dedicated repository the important events and contributions these pioneers have made over the past several decades," says Arlene Harris, founder of Jitterbug, WHF president and wife of Radio Club Vice President Martin Cooper. "Given the evolution of ubiquitous services and open network access, the convergence of the Internet and wireless broadband technologies, we are living history that is in the making—history that is WHF's mission to organize and preserve."

In addition to Harris, the WHF is led by Elizabeth Maxfield, Esq., former senior vice president at CTIA, founder of CIBERNET and a Radio Club Fellow; and Judith (Lockwood) Purcell, managing director, Coracle Group LLC.

The Oct. 13 festivities will begin with a 5 p.m. reception, followed by dinner and dessert. The evening program is designed to encourage professional connections and, importantly, to reconnect colleagues from across wireless generations.

As part of its plans to provide deserved recognition for industry leaders, the WHF also is assuming leadership of the long-standing "Wireless Hall of Fame" awards program founded by *RCR Wireless News*. Radio Club members who have been named to this body in the past include Martin Cooper (F), Morgan O'Brien (F), James Dwyer, Dale Hatfield, Mal Gurian, Arlene Harris, Jay Kitchen, Edwin H. Armstrong and Fred M. Link.

Tickets for the October event in Chicago are \$250 each; tables of 10 cost \$2,500. To register for the history-making event, go to www.wirelessfoundation.org/Cellular25/index.cfm. For information on corporate sponsorships, please e-mail to cellular25sponsor@coraclegroup.com.

RCA Board Member selected to fill open temporary position

RCA Board Member Andy Singer resigned from the Board in June. At a special Board of Directors meeting held in August, by majority vote of the Board the open position was filled by Sandra Black for the remainder of his tenure which is until the end of the year. Sandra is the Marketing Committee Chair and a recent Fellow.

Debra Wants To Know Your Thoughts!

As noted in the previous story, this October marks the 25th anniversary of the first commercial cellular phone call, and the Radio Club of America *Fall 2008 Proceedings* is going to mark that event with a special feature focusing on your thoughts regarding that event. Where were you on that day? For whom were you working? What's been your part in the evolution of the wireless industry since then? What has cellular telephony meant to you? Please email *Proceedings* editor [Debra Baker](mailto:Debra.Baker@radioclubofamerica.org) a few sentences detailing your take on the past 25 years of cellular telephony, and she'll share them with the Club. **Deadline is Sept. 7.** Please participate! We need your thoughts!

Centennial Celebration Update

The Marriott Conference Center Georgetown University, the Washington, D.C., venue for the Radio Club's 100th -anniversary bash, has opened the reservation process for our event, scheduled for Nov. 20-21, 2009. You soon will be receiving a brochure describing the hotel and its amenities along with reservation pricing (that you will like), procedures and a list of things to do in our nation's capital. Preparations are well-underway for this two-day celebration, and all Radio Club members should save the dates to meet and greet during this historic event! Do you know someone who isn't yet a member of the Radio Club of America? Click [here](#) for more information.. Do you know someone who wants to sponsor an event at a trade show? Contact us!

✉ **We'd love to hear from you! Send your feedback to karen@radioclubofamerica.org or phone 303/948-4921.**

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