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Tim is Chief Technology Officer for Stelera Wireless – a wireless broadband internet company serving rural communities in the USA. He was an executive with AT&T Mobility from 2007 to 2009 and Chief Technology Officer and Senior Vice President for Dobson Communications from 1999 to 2007 (dba Cellular One). He was responsible for Dobson's wireless network infrastructure and backbone wireless technology in 17 states.

Prior to joining Stelera, AT&T and Dobson, Tim had various senior management and engineering roles at Sygnet Communications, was Director of Engineering for multiple AM and FM broadcast Stations with Constrander Corporation and started as Chief Engineer at WGRP AM-FM in Greenville, Pennsylvania when he was 16 years old. He graduated with a degree in Electrical Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University and is a member of the IEEE. He also holds several US Patents concerning wireless communications.

Tim served on the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) for 6 years as Atlantic Division representative. He was appointed to CAC chairman by the ARRL President for 2 years. He was awarded the ARRL Atlantic Division Technical Achievement award in 1993 and was honored for his service to Amateur Radio Contesting with his induction into the prestigious CQ Contest Hall of Fame in 2006. He currently serves as Chairman and founder of Contest University which holds day long instructional classes in Dayton, Ohio, Montichiari, Italy and Bedfordshire, England with now over 500 alumni.

### **Position Statement**

As a Director of The Radio Club of America (RCA) I will continue to use my 25 years of mobile and fixed wireless management experience and 37 years as an Amateur Radio operator to increase RCA membership and the visibility of the RCA to Mobile Wireless Professionals, Amateur Radio enthusiasts and young students who should consider a wireless technology career path.

Since 1980, Cellular Telephone Technology and Personal Wireless Communications has taken the world by storm. This ever changing technology has created a new wireless workforce that is highly technical and eager to exchange ideas. Even with all of the information about opportunities there is a tremendous shortage of trained and qualified wireless engineers and technicians. The Radio Club of America is the natural organization to embrace and further these emerging technologies and provide enthusiastic illumination to young people that "Wireless Technology" careers are very exciting and rewarding. With our club's long history of encouraging communications innovation, I believe there exists a platform for purposeful growth within this group. I am committed to expanding our wireless presence in young people and leveraging our impact on the global frontier.

I will continue to encourage our membership and the Board of Directors to look at opportunities to increase our club's involvement and exposure to High School and University students. Many of the youth today do not see the lure or attraction with Wireless which caused all of us to become involved in RCA. I believe it is incumbent on RCA members to plant the seeds of Wireless career building in the hearts and minds of young people. I know how to do this and I can bring the vision needed to help secure a sound wireless future with RCA so that we will continue to enjoy technology growth with members that contribute to the club on many fronts for generations to come.

My exposure to wireless started when I was 12 years old and 37 years later my intensity continues at the highest level. I am confident that my early and constant exposure to Amateur Radio and professional Wireless experience is valuable as a Director of the RCA. My enthusiasm for the RCA as a Director and the support for the RCA core values surrounded by my management and organizational skills are unique. I will contribute in a positive and professional manner to the RCA vision.