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Minutes of the Annual Meeting – January 11, 2025

The 2025 annual meeting was held in-person in rooms E, F, G at El Camino Hospital in Mountain view and also online via Google Meet

08:30 Informal social hour with donuts and coffee

09:00 Meeting called to order by Grant Elliot, KK6FMQ, President, on Saturday, January 11, 2025. There were 35 members present in person and 2 members attending online.

Welcome, Preliminary Business and Introductions:

Grant welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized City ECs and city ARES members present.

Attending SPECS Board Members:

Yes	Grant Elliot	President	KK6FMQ
No	Neil Katin	Secretary	K2LL
Yes	Jim Weatherford	Treasurer	WU6K
Yes	Stiv Ostenberg	Community Outreach	K9STV
Yes	Jerry Thalls	Director-At-Large, Sunnyvale	KG6HI
Yes	Lea Roberts	Director-At-Large, Stanford	WA6ITV
Yes	Rick Van Mell	Director-At-Large, Mountain View	KI6PUR

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Featured Speakers

Jim Clark, N6JRC

How Los Altos increased its check-in numbers

Abstract: Over the years Los Altos, has steadily increased their Monday Night check-in totals from single-digit numbers to counts in the mid-twenties. As the smallest city in the SPECS area, how did they do it? What lessons could be learned to help increase your city's numbers?

Nigel Armstrong, NA6D

Think you're ready? Lessons from Hurricane Helene

You know your radio, you've done your training, and you've got a packed go-kit. But are you truly ready for the chaos of a real disaster? Nigel, NA6D, shares his experience deploying with the IT Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC) after Hurricane Helene ravaged North Carolina. This talk dives into the reality of disaster response, where perfect plans meet human limitations, and preparedness extends far beyond technical skills.

Break 10:25 to 10:35

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Election of Officers:

Grant led the election portion of the meeting. The slate of officers for 2025 from the nomination committee was:

President:	Grant Elliot	KK6FMQ
Secretary:	Neil Katin	K2LL
Treasurer:	Jim Weatherford	WU6K
Community Outreach	Stiv Ostenberg	K9STV
At Large	Lea Roberts	WA6ITV
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There were no objections to the slate and it was accepted unanimously.

SPECS UG Business Meeting

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the 2024 meeting had been posted on the website and available to members for review for the past year. There were no questions or objections and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jim, WU6K, reported that there were 81 paid members. Funds available are about $39,000.

Community Outreach Report: Stiv, K9STV, reported on efforts to reach out to new hams using Meetup and reaching out to other clubs in the Bay Area, and more.

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SPECS RA Report: Phil Hawkins reported that the W6ASH repeaters are operating well and now have an active phone line for phone patching. There is also a backup repeater tested regularly. The repeater group has several new members.

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220/UHF Nets report: Patrick Muffler, KG6TMI, noted that the net roster is updated every month, adding new members and removing names for members that haven't checked in for the past 4 months. There were 116 individual hams that checked in during the past year. Participation has been very good – an average of 50, with a high of 61 and a low of 41 (December 30).

Special Report: Dave Platt, AE6EO, has designed a TNC kit that can be purchased for about $50, in contrast to the cost of Kantronics TNCs that sell for about $250.

Meeting Close

Grant closed the meeting at 11:47 am.

Respectfully submitted by Leslie Grimm, KK6EKN