

Technical Advisor (TA)

Many amateurs confuse the Technical Advisor (TA) with the Technical Coordinator (TC). The big similarity is that they both have the word *technical* in their titles. But even though a few amateurs may handle both the TA and TC jobs, for example, there is still a distinct difference in the duties. The TC duties are described in Section 9.2. In comparison, the Technical Advisor must have expertise in their appointment area. Although it is preferred for the appointee to be engaged professionally in that technical area, we do consider the appointment of people who have equivalent ability through formal education, along with some practical experience.

The TA is appointed by the Editorial and Publications Director. The term of office is two years and is subject to renewal at expiration. A certificate of appointment is issued to all TAs.

Responsibilities

1. Reviewing manuscripts and ARRL publications relating to the TA's areas of expertise.
2. Voting for the annual ARRL Technical Excellence Award, bestowed on the author of the best technical article of the year.
3. Promoting technical expertise by speaking at hamfests and club meetings.
4. Provide feedback on how our technical articles and other publications can be improved.
5. Writing articles and other material for ARRL publications (at the TA's option).
6. Remaining an ARRL member throughout the term of appointment.
7. Filling out and returning to ARRL HQ a bi-annual Activity Report.
8. Requesting reappointment at the end of the term.

TAs are eligible to receive, upon request, a complimentary subscription to QEX, the ARRL's monthly magazine for experimenters. TAs receive, for review purposes, complimentary copies of some technical material the ARRL publishes, depending on the TA's area of expertise. Books and other material sold but not published by the League are available at cost.