

## **ARRL Board of Directors**

**January 20 – 21, 2017**

### *Summary Agenda*

- 1. Roll call*
- 2. Moment of silence*
- 3. Courtesies*
- 4. Consideration of the agenda of the meeting*
- 5. Elections*
- 6. Receipt and consideration of financial reports*
- 7. Motion to adopt Consent Agenda*
- 8. Consideration of items removed from Consent Agenda*
- 9. Consider recommendations of the standing committees*
- 10. Consider additional recommendations as contained in reports*
- 11. Directors' motions*
- 12. Any other business*
- 13. Adjournment*

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. met in annual session at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott in Windsor, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM EDT Friday, January 20, 2017 with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division

Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division

Kent Olson, KAØLDG, Dakota Division

David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division

Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division

Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division

Rod Blocksome, KØDAS, Midwest Division  
Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division  
Jim Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division  
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division  
James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division  
Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division  
Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division  
Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division  
David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Also present without vote were Greg Widin, KØGW, First Vice President; Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, Second Vice President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary; Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY, Chief Financial Officer, and Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer.

Also in attendance were the following Vice Directors: Robert Famiglio, K3RF, Atlantic Division; Matt Holden, KØBBC, Dakota Division; Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ, Delta Division; Thomas Delaney, W8WTD, Great Lakes Division; Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ, Northwestern Division; James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division; Bill Morine, N2COP, Roanoke Division; Jeff Ryan KØRM, Rocky Mountain Division; Joseph Tiritilli, N4ZUW, Southeastern Division; and John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division. Vice-Directors Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, Central Division; and Marty Woll, N6VI, Southwestern Division were unable to attend.

Also present were Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD, General Counsel; Tim Ellam, VE6SH; International Amateur Radio Union President; Glenn MacDonell VE3XRA, President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada; David Patton, NN1N, Field Services Department Manager; and Dan Henderson, N1ND, Regulatory Information Manager / Assistant Secretary in the capacity of Recording Secretary.

2. The assembly observed a moment of silence in recollection of radio amateurs who had passed away since the previous Board meeting, especially Robert "Bob" Adams, KC5OO; King Bhumibol Adulyadej, HS1A; Eileen Armagost, WDØDGL; Nancy Biederman WA6PRW; Nate Brightman, K6OSC; Clement "Clem" Burke, W5IXR; Suzanne Chism, N4ENX; John Crockett, W3KH; Charlene Davis, KC7RQF; Bill De Wolfe, WØLVI; Patrick G. Doherty, VE3PD; Pat Dyer, WA5IYX; Charlie Emerson, N4OKL; Travis Flatt, W5IXQ; Bobby Dale Foard, N5WNF; Julius T. Freeman, KB2OFV; Mike Freeman, K7UIJ; Jim Gary, KB5CIJ; William James "Bill" Gillis, VE1WG, former President Radio Amateurs of Canada; Virginia Gordon, W5DOJ; Frank Robert "Robin" Haighton, VE3FRH; Jim Haynie, W5JBP, former ARRL President; Don Holck, K5WJY; Maynard Hoffer, KC7FUZ; Ray Kassis, N4LEM; Doug Loughmiller, W5BL; John Malone, N7AAM; Mike Manes, W5VSI; Bill McGowan, W7FQQ; Donald "Mac" McGrath, KZ1A; Lloyd Melick, W5UZL; Bill Moore, NC1L; Dornis C. "Bud" Morin, Jr, K9ZT; Gladys Munoz NP3BY; Paul Obert, K8PO; Tod Olson, KØTO, ARRL Honorary Vice-President; Ivan Pastre, F3AT; Richard Rosner N2STU; Tim Shy, KM4KS; Kelly Silvano KG6WYB; Joseph Simonet, WØTBC Garnet C Snow, KA7LNH; Charles "Chuck" Stanton, W5LBU; Randy Stimson, KZ7T; Haakon Sørbye, LA8Y; Paul Thomson, K5TCU; Ellie Van Winkle, NØQCX; Gene Wicklund, WØZOK; and Owen Wormser, K3CB.

3. Mr. Roderick acknowledged Mr. Carlson, attending his first full meeting as Central Division Director and presented him with a certificate indicating his new position. He next welcomed new Southeastern Division Director Sarratt and presented him with a certificate indicating his new position, then invited Mr. Sarratt to introduce his new Vice-Director, Mr. Tiritilli, and present him with a certificate and Vice-Director's pin. Mr. Roderick then presented Mr. Famiglio with a 50-year membership certificate.

4. IARU President Mr. Ellam, brought greetings from the IARU. He stressed what the IARU does at the international level affects all Amateurs and appreciates the support of the ARRL in achieving the international goals. He especially thanked Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, for his new role working with the IARU.

5. Mr. MacDonell brought greetings from the Radio Amateurs of Canada. He highlighted efforts to coordinate band plans within IARU Region 2. He also announced that special call sign prefixes will be in use in Canada during this 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their country's founding.

6. Mr. Frenaye, as president of the ARRL Foundation, brought greetings from the Foundation and announced several new scholarships were added in the last half of 2016. He noted that many groups that provide grant funding to foundations look towards diversity of foundation membership as a preference. The ARRL Foundation members will be looking to recruit a more diverse membership for service on the Foundation board.

7. Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Vallio, moved to adopt the agenda. Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver, to amend the agenda to move elections for the ARRL Executive Committee until after the reports of the Executive, Elections and Ethics, Programs and Services, Reapportionment and Legislative Advocacy Committees had been presented. After discussion, the motion to amend **FAILED**. The agenda was then **ADOPTED**.

8. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the ARRL Executive Committee. Mr. Lisenco nominated Mr. Williams, Mr. Norris, Mr. Frenaye, Dr. Boehner, and Mr. Lisenco. Mr. Pace nominated Mr. Vallio. On the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, nominations were closed. Mr. Roderick appointed Mr. Hudzik, Ms. Altus, and Mr. Ryan to serve as tellers. The tellers reported Mr. Norris with 9 votes, Mr. Vallio with 12 votes, Dr. Boehner with 8 votes, Mr. Lisenco with 9 votes, Mr. Williams with 11 votes, and Mr. Frenaye with 7 votes. Mr. Norris, Williams, Vallio, Lisenco and Boehner were declared **ELECTED**.

9. The Board moved to elections of Directors for the ARRL Foundation Mr. Frenaye nominated Mr. Pace, ARRL Honorary Vice-President James Fenstermaker, K9JF, and Mr. Daniel A Davis. On the motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Allen, nominations were closed and the nominees were declared **ELECTED**.

10. Mr. Niswander presented the report of the Treasurer and entertained questions. He reported that the total return on the ARRL portfolio in 2016 was very close to its benchmarks, in a market

that was somewhat volatile. The impact of the new administration increases the degree of market uncertainty. The importance of diversity in the portfolio is amplified in the current financial and political climate.

11. Mr. Shelley presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer. The ARRL's balance sheet is strong. While advertising revenues are down, but the cash flow continues to be good. A break even budget does not leave room for significant organizational growth.

12. The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda: International Affairs Vice-President, Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel, Executive Committee, Administration and Finance Committee, Programs and Services Committee, Ethics and Elections Committee, EMC Committee, Ad Hoc LoTW Committee, Legislative Advocacy Committee, Membership Department, Entry Level License Committee, and Reapportionment Committee. On the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Lisenco, the Consent Agenda was **ADOPTED**.

The Board was on break from 10:09 AM until 10: 21 AM, when ARRL Headquarters Staff Members, Diane Petrilli, KB1RNF, Steve Ford WB8IMY, Sean Kutzko, KX9X, Becky Schoenfeld, WIBKY, and Debra Jahnke, K1DAJ, joined the meeting.

13. The Board moved to consider items lifted from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Petrilli presented the report of the Membership Department. The report presented a detailed analysis of data affecting membership recruitment and retention from the recent READEX survey. After entertaining questions, the Headquarters staff group left the meeting at 11:01 AM.

14. Mr. Bellows presented his report as International Affairs Vice-President. He discussed how the work with sister societies, in Region 2 and globally, benefits our mutual efforts on behalf of Amateur Radio. Mr. Bellows referred to his written report on the 2016 Region 2 General Assembly where he was elected as the new Treasurer for Region 2. Finally, he outlined the work of the Region 2 Executive Committee at its on-line meeting on January 17, 2017.

15. Mr. Gallagher presented the report of the CEO and entertained questions. He is focusing on what he calls “the five big things” currently receiving his direct attention at Headquarters: financial stabilization, outreach, corporate and institutional funding, replacing legacy IT systems, and practicing good governance and organizational management.

16. Mr. Imlay presented the report of the General Counsel and entertained questions. He reported that there are few threats to Amateur spectrum at this time. He explained the importance of a comprehensive review of the Amateur Auxiliary.

The Board was in recess for lunch from 12:00 PM until 1:14 PM with all persons previously noted in attendance, at which time the Board returned to the discussion of Mr. Imlay’s report.

17. Mr. Roderick presented the report of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has proposed a Policy on Board Governance and Conduct of Members of the Board of Directors and Vice-Directors. After discussion, Mr. Bellows moved, seconded by Mr. Carlson, that the Policy on Board Governance and Conduct of Members of Board of Directors and Vice-Directors be adopted. After discussion, Mr. Pace moved to call the question, seconded by Mr. Lisenco. The motion to call the question passed by a vote of 10 AYE and 5 NAY.

A roll call vote on the motion was request by Mr. Norris. The motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 12 to 3 with Mr. Carlson, Mr. Olson, Mr. Norris, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lisenco, Mr. Blocksome, Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Pace, Mr. Vallio, Dr. Boehner, Mr. Allen and Mr. Sarratt voting AYE and Mr. Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Norton and Dr. Woolweaver voting NAY.

The Board was on break from 2:46 PM until 3:13 PM.

17. Mr. Pace presented report of the Administration and Finance Committee. At 3:14 PM, on the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the Board resolved into a Committee of the Whole, to include Directors and Officers. The Committee of the Whole rose at 3:22 and on the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Dr. Boehner, the report of the Committee of the Whole was **ADOPTED**.

18. Dr. Boehner presented the report of the Programs and Services Committee and entertained questions. The DX Advisory Committee is being tasked to study ethical considerations related to remote operations for DXCC. The Contest Advisory Committee is continuing its work on the Youth in Contesting study and the consolidation of the HF Contest rules project. The Ad Hoc VHF Contest Revitalization Committee is being extended for a minimum of two years to allow them to monitor the newly created “222 And Up Distance Contest.”

19. Mr. Williams presented the report of the Ethics and Elections Committee and entertained questions. The committee had many issues to consider in 2016.

20. Mr. Carlson expanded upon the report of the EMC committee. He complimented the work of the ARRL Lab staff involved with his committee – Ed Hare, W1RFI, and Mike Gruber, W1MG. The frustration with the lack of FCC action on Part 15 device interference was emphasized.

21. Mr. Widin presented the report of the LoTW Study Committee and entertained questions. The committee is considering options to fully utilize LoTW in the long term.

22. Mr. Frenaye presented the report of the Entry Level Licensing Committee and entertained questions. It has been over ten years since the ARRL asked the FCC to consider a proposal for restructuring licensing requirements and creating a more appropriate entry-level license. After a comprehensive study, the committee is still discussing possible recommendations to bring forward to the Board for consideration.

The Board was in recess from 5:26 PM until 9:01 AM Saturday January 21, 2017 , reconvening with all persons herein before noted.

23. Mr. Vallio presented the report of the Reapportionment Study Committee and entertained questions. Mr. Vallio, moved and Mr. Olson seconded that:

WHEREAS the ARRL Board has considered the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Reapportionment:

RESOLVED, that the ARRL Board of Directors thanks the members of the committee for their efforts; and

ACCEPTS the recommendation of the committee to take no action and sunsets the Ad Hoc Committee on Reapportionment effective January 21, 2017.

Mr. Norton moved that the motion be amended to include “So that the members are aware of the issues involved, the report of the Reapportionment Committee will be published”, but the motion did not receive a second. After discussion the original motion was **ADOPTED**.

24. At this point the Board next considered recommendations from the standing committees. On the motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Carlson, the 2017-2018 Plan, as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee, was **ADOPTED**.

The Board was on break from 10:00 until 10:30 AM.

25. ARRL Legislative Relations Consultant Frank McCarthy of the Keelen Group joined the meeting at 10:33 AM, at which time the Board considered the report of the Legislative Advocacy Committee. Mr. Lisenco, Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Imlay answered questions pertaining to the report of the Legislative Advocacy Committee. It is likely that HR 555 – The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017 - will be considered by the full House of Representatives relatively quickly. Specific instructions to the FCC on implementation of the bill would be included in the report language from Congress.

26. Mr. Lisenco, moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, that:

The following legislative objectives for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States are adopted:

Objective #1: The ARRL seeks early passage of H.R. 555 and any Senate Companion Bill that might be introduced, as being in the best interests of Amateur Radio Operators nationwide:

Objective #2: The ARRL opposes legislation that would lead to the reallocation of amateur spectrum or to sharing arrangements that reduce the utility of existing allocations.

Objective #3: The ARRL opposes legislation that diminishes the rights of federal licensees in favor of unlicensed emitters or encourages the deployment of spectrum-polluting technologies.

Objective #4: The ARRL seeks recognition of the unique resources, capabilities, and expertise of the Amateur Radio Service in any legislation addressing communications issues related to emergencies, disasters, or homeland security.

Objective #5: The ARRL supports the complementary legislative objectives of other radio-communication services.

After discussion, the motion was **ADOPTED** 14-0 with one abstention.

27. On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Lisenco the Board unanimously **ADOPTED** (with applause) the following resolution:

Whereas, in 2014, the ARRL Board of Directors created the Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, Achievement Award, to recognize outstanding support of Amateur Radio by an elected Federal official; and

Whereas, the recipients of that award will be officials who have, in a significant way, supported the well-being and continuity of the Amateur Service in the United States; and

Whereas, United States Representative Adam Kinzinger has been the original sponsor of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, initially H.R. 4969 in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress; then H.R. 1301 in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress; and now H.R. 555 in the current, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

Whereas, Representative Kinzinger has often spoken publicly in favor of our legislation, and of the benefits of Amateur Radio to the public; and he has been a steadfast, advocate for this important and beneficial legislation, leading the effort resulting in unanimous passage of H.R. 1301 in the House last term and the very early introduction of H.R. 555 in the current Congressional term; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio could never hope for better leadership and support than that consistently provided by Representative Kinzinger with respect to the Amateur Radio Parity Act, which is critical to the well-being and continuity of the Amateur Radio Service in the United States;

Now, therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors hereby confers the second Barry Goldwater, K7UGA Achievement Award upon United States Representative Adam Kinzinger, a great friend to Amateur Radio over the last 4 years and a patriotic American, with our utmost appreciation and gratitude. Representative Kinzinger's understanding of the value of Amateur Radio to the public interest and the pursuit of scientific and technical knowledge has led him to act in the spirit of Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, whose exemplary support for Amateur Radio in Washington inspired the award in his honor. The award should be presented to Representative Kinzinger in Washington on a timely basis.

Mr. McCarthy left the meeting at 11:30.

28. On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Pace, the following By-Law change was proposed:



~~—————(a). The Chief Operating Officer, who shall have responsibility for and supervision over any and all matters relating to publication, advertising, circulation, membership services, field services and volunteer examinations. He shall under the general direction of the Chief Executive Officer, employ such personnel as may be necessary for the effective accomplishment of the duties set forth in this By Law. He shall sign checks drawn by the Business Manager. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chief Executive Officer. His entire time shall be devoted to the duties as set forth above. He shall furnish a bond satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the expense of the same to be borne by the League.~~

(a.) ~~(b)~~The Chief Financial Officer, who shall have responsibility for and supervision over any matters related to personnel policies, comptroller functions, purchasing and administrative services and data processing. He shall, under the general direction of the Chief Executive Officer, employ such personnel as may be necessary for the effective accomplishment of the duties set forth above. He shall be the Business Manager of the League. He shall collect all monies due the League and shall deposit the same in the name of the League in the depository specified by the Board of Directors, and shall deliver to the Treasurer such surplus funds as may be available for investment. He shall certify the accuracy of bills and vouchers on which money is to be paid and shall draw and countersign checks. He shall have charge of the books and accounts of the League and shall furnish the Chief Executive Officer from time to time such statements as may be required. He shall be in responsible charge, under the Chief Executive Officer, of all the property of the League. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chief Executive Officer. His entire time shall be devoted to the duties as set forth above. He shall furnish a bond satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the expense of the same to be borne by the League.

~~—————(c). The Chief Development Officer, who shall have responsibility for and supervision over any and all matters relating to fundraising, including but not limited to annual and planned giving, endowments, grants, and other gifts. He shall under the general direction of the Chief Executive Officer, employ such personnel as may be~~

necessary for the effective accomplishment of the duties set forth in the By Law. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chief Executive Officer. His entire time shall be devoted to the duties as set forth above. He shall furnish a bond satisfactory to the Board of Directors, the expense of the same to be borne by the League.

———(d). The Chief Technology Officer, who shall advise the Chief Executive Officer and the Board on matters relating to the encouragement and use of new technologies in the amateur services. He shall assist the President and Chief Executive Officer in representing the League to federal government agencies and international organizations on technical issues. Under the general direction of the Chief Executive Officer, he shall employ such personnel as may be necessary for the effective accomplishment of the duties set forth in the Bylaw. He shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Chief Executive Officer.

>>>>>>>>> *End of Bylaw 36* >>>>>>

>>>>> *Bylaw 38 will be changed to remove the reference to the Chief Operating Officer, the Chief Development Officer and the Chief Technology Officer* >>>>>

38. The Administration and Finance Committee shall:

- Annually review and report to the Board of Directors the compensation packages of the Chief Executive Officer, ~~the Chief Operating Officer,~~ and the Chief Financial Officer. ~~, the Chief Development Officer, and the Chief Technology Officer.~~
- Review and recommend all changes to the ARRL membership dues structure to the Board of Directors. All changes shall be listed in the annual operating budget.
- Annually review the operating budget prepared by the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer
- Once approved, forward the annual operating budget to the Board for ratification

- Review the Chief Financial Officer’s budgetary projections and make appropriate recommendations to the Board
- Review ARRL finances on a continuing basis
- Advise and supervise the Treasurer on investment of ARRL funds
- Make recommendations to the Board regarding audit and tax matters, and act as Board audit committee
- Monitor and review fundraising efforts
- Make recommendations to the Board and Chief Executive Officer regarding fundraising programs
- Interface with ARRL Foundation on issues related to fundraising, especially related to scholarships and grants for non-ARRL programs
- Make recommendations to the Board and Chief Executive Officer regarding staff management, procedures, and remuneration
- Monitor and review key infrastructure projects, including capital improvements and significant information technology changes
- Advise the Chief Executive Officer on marketing issues, including but not limited to identifying markets, building and implementing the marketing plan, proposing products, services, and programs to support marketing efforts, and promoting programs; promotional and sales issues, including but not limited to promoting programs and services to ARRL members, licensed non-members, related communities of interest, and the general public; and publications programs, including books, CDs, *QST*, and other periodicals
- Evaluate Chief Executive Officer in coordination with the President
- Review ARRL management performance and effectiveness on a continuing basis

>>>>>>>>> ***End of Bylaw 38*** >>>>>>>>>

It was pointed out this by-law change reflects the current organization structure. The eliminated positions were not required under the current organization structure. A three-quarters majority

being required for passage and a roll call vote being required, the proposal was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 15-0, with all Directors voting AYE.

29. The Chair continued with consideration of recommendations from the Programs and Services Committee, on the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Dr. Boehner, the Board **ADOPTED** (with applause):

**WHEREAS** Richard Darling, AH6G and Barbara Darling, NH7FY, have spent many years in support of former International Humanitarian Award winner John Bush, KH6DLK/V63JB; and

**WHEREAS** the Darlings activities have included providing significant material support to Mr. Bush's efforts in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

**WHEREAS** they have also supported these on-going efforts over many years with on-the-air activities including communications during weather events, including several typhoons, as well as other emergency activities including assistance to boaters in trouble; and

**WHEREAS** the Darlings allow Mr. Bush to utilize their Amateur station to support activities back in Micronesia when he is resident in Hawaii;

**THEREFORE**, the ARRL Board of Directors confers the 2016 International Humanitarian Award on Richard Darling, AH6G and Barbara Darling, NH7FY.

30. On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the following resolution was **ADOPTED** (with applause)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2016 Doug DeMaw Technical Excellence Award is bestowed on Stephen J. Franke, K9AN and Joseph H. Taylor, K1JT for the article "Open Source Soft-Decision Decoder for the JT65 (63,12) Reed Solomon Code" published in the May/June issue of QEX.

31. On the motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pace, the Board **ADOPTED** (with applause) the following:

**WHEREAS**, the active promotion of Amateur Radio in the media is necessary for generating interest in and growth of the Service, preservation of spectrum and fulfillment of our mission; and

**WHEREAS** the ARRL recognizes the unique arts in creating print, audio and video based news; and

**WHEREAS**, Wayne Rash, N4HCR, Senior Columnist for eWEEK and a freelance writer and editor who has written about technology topics for 35 years in numerous publications, wrote an article for Yahoo Tech entitled, “Why Modern Makers are Bringing Back Ham Radio;” [Print] and

**WHEREAS**, Jamala Henderson, a reporter/producer for National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate KUOW-FM in Seattle, Washington, showcased the efforts of the Seattle Auxiliary Communications Services group just prior to the Cascadia Rising exercise in her piece, “Ham Radio Operators Could be Superheroes When the Earthquake Hits;”[Audio] and

**WHEREAS**, Derek Felton, a videographer and editor for WGNO-TV in Metairie, Louisiana, highlighted twelve-year old Bryant Rascoll, KG5HVO, as part of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club’s 2016 Field Day effort; [Video] and

**WHEREAS** these submissions have gained the recognition and recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as worthy of the 2016 Bill Leonard Award;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The ARRL Board of Directors at the recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, awards the 2016 Bill Leonard, W2SKE, Professional

Media Awards to Wayne Rash, N4HCR for print, Jamala Henderson for audio and Derek Felton for video excellence in covering Amateur Radio topics in media

32. On the motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the following resolution was

**ADOPTED:**

The Belize Amateur Radio Club (BARC) has forwarded an application for IARU Membership through IARU Region 2 to the IARU Secretary;

The application reflects that BARC meets the requirements for IARU Member Society status;

There is no current IARU member society in Belize;

The IARU Administrative Council voted to conduct a vote of all member societies on the admission of BARC as IARU Proposal No. 255;

That in order to be counted Proposal 255 vote sheets must be received by the International Secretariat no later than 9 May 2017;

**THEREFORE**, after due and careful consideration, the ARRL Board directs the ARRL CEO to vote YES on the application of Belize Amateur Radio Club (BARC) to be an IARU Member Society and forward the attached Proposal 255 vote sheet to the IARU International Secretariat prior 9 May 2017.

The Board was on break for lunch from 12:00 until 1:03 PM with all previously noted persons in attendance with Mr. McCarthy rejoining the meeting.

33. Mr. McCarthy shared final comments, thanking especially the efforts of Mr. Lisenco and Mr. Imlay for their efforts on Capitol Hill. In the future, the Keelen Group looks forward to

continuing its work with the ARRL to advocate for Amateur Radio. Mr. McCarthy left the meeting at 1:08 PM.

34. Returning to motions from the Programs and Services Committee, On the motion of Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Olson, the following resolution was **ADOPTED**:

**Resolved** that the DXCC Field Checking of QSL Cards be revised to read as follows:

#### **Section IV. Field Checking of QSL Cards**

QSL cards for new DXCC awards and endorsements may be checked by an approved DXCC Card Checker. This program applies to any DXCC award for an individual or station. Awards available can be found in Section I: Basic Rules, **Rule 1**.

##### **1) Entities Eligible for Field Checking:**

a) With an exception for 160 meters, cards for all current and deleted entities dating back to November 15, 1945 can be checked. Cards for 160 Meters can only be checked by card checkers who currently hold an active 160 Meter DXCC, ARRL Headquarters staff who have been authorized by the Manager of the Radiosport Department or existing Card Checkers who agree to allow their work to be vetted by the Radiosport Department. The Manager of the Radiosport Department shall make a special reporting form available for this purpose. 160 Meter Card Checkers can be found on the complete list of DXCC 160 Meter Card Checkers.

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##### **2) DXCC Card Checkers:**

###### **a) Nominations for Card Checkers may be made by:**

- i) The Section Manager of the section in which the prospective checker resides.
- ii) An ARRL affiliated DX specialty club with at least 25 members who are DXCC members, and which has DX as its primary interest. If there are any questions regarding

the validity of a DX club, the issue shall be determined by the division director where the DX club is located. The nominee shall be a member of the nominating DX club.

**iii)** By Division Director. The Division Director may nominate two Card Checkers in each Section within his/her Division.

**iv)** By IARU Member Societies and reviewed by the ARRL International Affairs Vice President. Officers of non-IARU Societies may make nominations if those associations are determined to be eligible by the ARRL International Vice President.

**v)** By the Manager of the Radiosport Department. The Radiosport Manager may appoint temporary “At-Large” Card Checkers on an as-needed basis to cover specific events for the duration of those events. At-large Card Checkers must meet all requirements of the DXCC rules for Card Checkers, unless specified in writing by the Radiosport Manager. Headquarters staff and ARRL Board members may also be appointed by the Radiosport Manager as At-Large Card Checkers.

**b) Qualifications:**

**i)** A candidate for Card Checker must be personally known to be of high integrity by the person or organization making the nomination.

**ii)** A candidate must be an ARRL member who holds a DXCC award endorsed for at least 150 entities.

**iii)** A candidate must agree that he/she has reviewed and understands the DXCC rules and the Card Checker instructions.

**iv)** A candidate, where geographically appropriate must be willing to serve at reasonable times and places, including at least one ARRL sanctioned hamfest, or Section, State or Division Convention.

**v)** The applicant must have e-mail and internet capabilities, be subscribed to a closed email list for Card Checkers, be willing to check QSLs for all applicable phases of the

ARRL DXCC program and maintain a current e-mail address with the DXCC desk. Approved DXCC Card Checkers may also check cards for ARRL's other operating awards such as VUCC and WAS, at the Card Checker's discretion.

**c) Approval:**

Appointments of DXCC Card Checkers are made by the Director of the ARRL Division in which they reside following consultation with the Radiosport Manager and/or IARU society (or eligible non-IARU society) in consultation with the ARRL International Affairs Vice President.

**d) Terms:**

Appointments are made for a two year period, or the current term of the appointing Director or Section Manager, whichever ends first. Retention of appointees is determined by their performance of the duties of the position as determined by the Director of the Division or IARU society in consultation with the DXCC desk. Card Checkers shall maintain their ARRL membership. A DXCC Card Checker may have his/her appointment revoked by decision of the Awards Committee after consultation with the current nominating office holders.

**e) Replacement:**

If a Card Checker vacates the office for any reason, a replacement card checker can be nominated by the current Director, current Section Manager, IARU Society or the DX club that nominated the vacating checker. When a Card Checker relocates from a Section or Division, that appointment shall be vacated.

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**3) Card Checking Process:**

**a)** An application for a new award may contain any number of QSL confirmations from the DXCC List and shall not contain any QSLs that are not eligible for this program (eQSLs, altered cards, SWL cards, etc.) The application may contain any number of

cards, subject to eligibility requirements and fees as determined by Section I, Basic Rules, part 15.

**b)** It is the applicant's responsibility to get cards to and from the DXCC Card Checker.

**c)** Checkers may, at their own discretion, handle members' cards by mail.

**d)** The ARRL is not responsible for cards handled by DXCC Card Checkers and will not honor any claims made for cards lost in shipment.

**e)** The applicant and DXCC Card Checker must sign the application form. (See Section I, part 11 regarding altered, forged or otherwise invalid confirmations.)

**f)** The applicant shall provide a SASE addressed to ARRL HQ, or, sufficient postage, to the DXCC Card Checker for mailing applications to ARRL HQ. The applicant shall also provide the applicable fees (check or money order payable to ARRL; credit card number and expiration date is also acceptable. Cash is OK, but not recommended).

**g)** The DXCC Card Checker will forward completed applications and appropriate fee(s) to ARRL HQ.

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4) ARRL HQ involvement in the card checking process:

**a)** ARRL HQ staff will perform random audits of applications. Applicants or members may be requested to forward cards to HQ, at ARRL's expense, for checking before or after credit is issued.

**b)** The applicant and the DXCC Card Checker will be advised of any errors or discrepancies encountered by ARRL staff.

**c)** ARRL HQ staff provides instructions and guidelines to DXCC Card Checkers.

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5) Applicants and DXCC members may send cards to ARRL HQ at any time for review or recheck if the individual feels that an incorrect determination was made by the DXCC Card Checker.

35. Moving to Directors motions, on the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was **VOTED** that:

The interim report of the Entry Level Licensing Committee is received with appreciation;  
and

That we endorse the committee's recommendation to work towards improvements in the current license Question Pools,

That we seek aggregate demographic data from the FCC's Amateur Radio database

That HQ staff continue to examine public attitudes towards Amateur Radio with a goal of better understanding how to reach out and attract new licensees.

Further,

We request that the ELL Committee work with staff to gather ARRL member input regarding potential changes to the entry level license, and

Develop several different proposals for change to the entry level license, and

Work towards finalizing a recommendation for the Board to consider at the July 2017 meeting.

36. Mr. Allen moved, seconded my Mr. Norris that:

**WHEREAS,** The ARRL may hold elections regularly for Directors, Vice-Directors and Section Managers; and

**WHEREAS,** The Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections were last updated January 2013; and

**WHEREAS,** These rules and regulations do not address Social Media platforms such as but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, Linked In or any other similar platform present or future;and

**WHEREAS:** Many ARRL Sections and Divisions have a Social Media presence using the ARRL logo and other ARRL associated writings that could possibly be mistaken for actual ARRL controlled sites; and

**WHEREAS:** The ARRL may have little or no control over these Social Media platforms;

**THEREFORE, be it moved:** The Elections and Ethics Committee be tasked to study and consider possible changes to The Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections. Recommendations for these changes will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors at the July 2017 ARRL Board of Directors meeting for possible updates to include ethical guidelines for using Division and Section Social Media.

After discussion the motion was **ADOPTED**.

38. Mr. Carlson, moved, seconded by Mr. Olson, that:

**WHEREAS,** in 1917, the The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club was formed by Dr. Loy Schell Hillegas-Baird 9HO, A. C. Klettsch Jr., J. B. Hitz, and Alonzo Pawlin; and

**WHEREAS**, Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club has been in continuous existence since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club has promoted the enjoyment, science and art of Amateur Radio continuously during the past Century; and

**WHEREAS** the Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club has consistently been a proud, vibrant, and professional organization in support of Amateur Radio,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the ARRL Board of Directors recognizes and congratulates the Milwaukee Radio Amateur Club upon the beginning of its second century.

After discussion, the motion was **ADOPTED** (with applause).

39. Mr. Roderick announced the following committee assignments:

*Administration and Finance:* Mr. Pace (chair), Mr. Carlson, Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Norton, Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Morine, Mr. Niswander

*Programs and Services:* Mr. Olson (chair), Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Allen, Mr. Blocksome, Mr. Sarratt, Ms. Altus, Mr. Fusaro (staff liaison)

*CAC Chairman* – To be determined

*DXAC Chairman* - Mr. Gary Jones W5FI

*Amateur Radio Direction Finding:* Joe Moell, KØOV (coordinator), Jerry Boyd WB8WFK

*Electromagnetic Compatibility* – Mr. Carlson (chair), Mr. Gruber (Staff Liaison), Mr. Hare (Staff Liaison), Mr. Allison (Lab Staff), Mr. Gordon Beattie W2TTT, Ms. Jody Boucher WA1ZBL, Mr. Brian Cramer W9RFI, Mr. Ron Hranac NØIVN, Mr. Jerry Ramie KI6LGY, Mr. Cortland Richmond KA5S, Mr. Mark Steffka WW8MS, Mr. Phil Barsky K3EW, Mr. James Roop K9SE, Dr. Richard Dubroff W9XW

*Ethics and Elections* – Mr. Frenaye (chair), Mr. Carlson, Mr. Pace

*HF Band Planning* - Vice President Mileschosky (chair), Mr. Steve Ford, (Staff Liaison), *Others as tasking requires*

*Historical Committee* – Mr. Blocksome (chair), Mr. Allison (Staff Liaison), Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Norton, Mr. Michael Marinaro WN1M

*Legal Defense and Assistance* – Mr. Raisbeck (chair), Mr. Lisenco, Mr. Famiglio, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Tiemstra, Mr. Imlay

*Legislative Advocacy Committee* – Mr. Lisenco (chair), Mr. Roderick, Mr. Gallagher, Mr. Imlay, others as tasking requires

*Logbook of the World Study Committee* – Mr. Widin (Chairman), Mr. Shelley, Mr. Niswander, Mr. Fusaro, Mr. Keane, Mr. Dave Bernstein AA6YQ, Mr. Rick Murphy K1MU

*Public Relations*- Mr. Scott Westerman W9WSW (chair), Mr. Kutzko KX9X (Staff Liaison), Mrs. Katie Allen WY7YL, Mr. Sid Caesar NH7C, Mr. Randy Hall K7AGE, Mr. Angel Santana WP3GW, Mr. Tommy Gober N5DUX, Mr. Jeff Davis KE9V. Mr. Alan Griffith (RAC representative), Mr. Ryan (Board Liaison)

*RF Safety* - Dr. Gregory Lapin N9GL (chair), Mr. Zygielbaum (Board Liaison), Mr. Hare (Staff Liaison), Mr. Robert Gold WØKIZ, Mr. William Kaune W7IEQ, Mr. James Ross W4GHL, Mr. Kai Siwiak KE4PT, Mr. Bruce Small KM2L, Mr. Guy "Bud" Tribble N6SN, Mr. Gerald Griffin K6MD (Emeritus), Mr. William Raskoff K6SQL (Emeritus)

*Entry Level License Committee* - Mr. Frenaye (chair), Ms. Altus, Mr. Delaney, Ms. Maria Somma (Staff), Mr. Bruce Blain K1BG, Mrs. Andrea Wayward KG4IUM, Mr. Paul Veal NØAH Mr. Ward Silver NØAX

40. On the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the Board **ADOPTED** (with applause) the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, in 1916 The Radio Club of Tacoma was formed; and

**WHEREAS**, The Radio Club of Tacoma has been in continuous existence since that time; and

**WHEREAS**, The Radio Club of Tacoma has promoted the enjoyment, science and art of Amateur Radio continuously during the past Century; and

**WHEREAS** The Radio Club of Tacoma has consistently been a proud, vibrant, and professional organization in support of Amateur Radio,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the ARRL Board of Directors recognizes and congratulates The Radio Club of Tacoma upon the beginning of its second century.

41. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Dr. Boehner, it was **ADOPTED** (with applause) that:

**WHEREAS**, the April 1916 issue of QST reported the formation of a new radio club of sixteen local wireless amateurs in Santa Cruz, California; and

**WHEREAS**, The Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club has promoted the enjoyment, science and art of Amateur Radio continuously during the past Century; and

**WHEREAS**, The Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club has consistently been a proud, vibrant, and professional organization in support of Amateur Radio;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the ARRL Board of Directors recognizes and congratulates The Santa Cruz County Amateur Radio Club upon the beginning of its second century.

42. On the motion of Mr. Sarratt, seconded unanimously by the members of the Board, it was **VOTED** (with applause) that:

**WHEREAS**, the 2017 ARRL Annual Board meeting has been conducted with efficiency and style; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board family appreciates the care and attention to detail provided by ARRL Headquarters staff and volunteers;

**THEREFORE**, the Board expresses its thanks to the staff at ARRL Headquarters for their assistance and preparations; and especially thanks Carla Pereira, new Assistant to the CEO, for her hard work in organizing and coordinating the meeting.

There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting adjourned sine die at 2:06 PM. (Time in session as a Board: 9 hours and 55 minutes, time in session as a Committee of the Whole: 8 minutes.)

Daniel Henderson, N1ND

Assistant Secretary / Recording Secretary, ARRL Inc.