

Minutes of Special Board Meeting ARRL Board of Directors

November 14, 2017

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the ARRL, Inc. met in special session by teleconference at 9:02 PM Tuesday November 14, 2017 with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair and the following Directors on the conference call:

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

Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division

David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Present without vote were Greg Widin, KØGW, First Vice President; Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, Second Vice-President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; and Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary. Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; and Dan Henderson, N1ND, as Assistant Secretary. Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division Director joined the meeting at 9:53 PM. Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY; and Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer were not present on the teleconference.

2. President Roderick stated that the noticed purpose of the meeting was to discuss the report of the Ethics and Elections Committee. Mr. Carlson, moved seconded by Mr. Pace, that the Board resolve to a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters, with all

officers, directors, General Counsel Imlay and Mr. Henderson, as recording secretary, remaining in the meeting. A recorded vote being requested, the motion was **ADOPTED** with 11 yeas, 0 nays, and 3 voting present or abstaining. Directors Abernethy, Carlson, Olson, Norris, Williams, Lisenco, Blocksome, Frenaye, Pace, Boehner and Allen voted YEA, and Directors Vallio, Norton and Woolweaver abstained or voted present and the Board resolved to a Committee of the Whole at 9:23 PM.

3. On the motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Frenaye the Committee of the Whole rose at 11:25 PM. On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Dr. Boehner, the report of the Committee of the Whole was **ADOPTED** by a unanimous 15-0 vote with all Board Members voting Aye.
4. Mr. Carlson, moved, seconded by Mr. Lisenco that:

Whereas, Mr. Richard Norton, N6AA, publicly criticized the ARRL Code of Conduct for Board members at a public Amateur Radio gathering by virtue of his characterizations thereof, thus criticizing publicly the collective action of the Board of Directors adopting said Code of Conduct and drawing the Board's collective decision making into disrepute, in violation of multiple portions of the Code of Conduct, including but not limited to Sections 1.b. and 8.a, 8.b., 8.d; and 8.f; and

Whereas, Mr. Norton has been cautioned by Board members that his actions and his manner in the above respects are not acceptable and cannot continue, with no notable change in his behavior since that time; and

Whereas, Mr. Norton has been given a copy of the Recommendation of the Ethics and Elections Committee dated September 7, 2017, and has responded to it and tendered to the Board of Directors four statements of ARRL members in support of his response;

Now, therefore, the Board of Directors having considered the recommendation of the Ethics and Elections Committee at a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors duly called for the purpose of considering the actions of Mr. Norton and an appropriate remedy therefor, and in view of the information before it and taking into account Mr. Norton's response and his submissions in response thereto, finds that there exists sufficient cause (i.e. a material violation of the ARRL Code of Conduct that has caused harm to the League) to publicly censure Mr. Norton for his unacceptable behavior as an ARRL Board Member, and Mr. Norton is admonished by the Board that no further, similar behavior will be tolerated. That action is so ordered.

After discussion and a roll call vote being requested, the motion was **ADOPTED** by a vote of 11 Aye, 3 Nay and 1 abstention with Directors Carlson, Olson, Norris, Williams, Lisenco, Blocksome, Frenaye, Pace, Boehner, Allen and Sarratt voting aye, Directors Abernethy, Norton and Woolweaver voting nay, and Director Vallio abstaining.

5. On the motion of Dr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Lisenco the Board voted to adjourn at 11:55 PM EST with all fifteen directors voting Aye. (Time in session as a Board: 51 minutes. Time in session as a Committee of the Whole: 2 hours 2 minutes).

Respectfully submitted;

Daniel Henderson, N1ND
Assistant Secretary – ARRL.