Honorary Vice President

Distinguished members of the ARRL may be elected as Honorary Vice Presidents of the ARRL in order to recognize their outstanding contributions to ARRL and Amateur Radio. Candidates may be nominated by the following criteria, which was adopted as a revision to Standing Order 69 at Minute 38 of the 2002 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors:

69) Distinguished members of the League may be elected as Honorary Vice Presidents of ARRL in order to recognize their outstanding contributions to ARRL and Amateur Radio. Candidates may be nominated in accordance with the following criteria.

Service Eligibility:

(a) Volunteers: Not less than 15 years of service as an official of ARRL, elected by the Board of Directors or the membership.

(b) Staff: Not less than 25 years of service to the ARRL, which could include prior or subsequent service as an elected official, similar to (a) above.

Achievement Eligibility:

(a) Volunteers: Must have made an exceptionally notable contribution to the health and strength of ARRL which is clearly and demonstrably above and beyond the call of duty. Must have demonstrated leadership among leaders, including service as either a committee chairman or officer.

(b) Staff: Must have contributed significantly, above and beyond the call of duty, to the efficiency and unity of League affairs.

General Consideration:

(a) There shall be an upper limit of ten living Honorary Vice Presidents.

(b) Not less than 60 days before the election of Honorary Vice Presidents, which shall take place only at Annual meetings of the Board, the Officer or Director making a nomination must supply a written biographical sketch to the Directors. This sketch shall fully substantiate the candidate’s term of qualifying service and shall spell out the candidate’s extraordinary accomplishments that justify the election as an Honorary Vice President.

(c) No nomination may be made unless there is a current vacancy.

(d) No elected official of the ARRL or member of the staff may serve simultaneously as an Honorary Vice President.
(e) The election of an Honorary Vice President requires eight affirmative votes cast by secret ballot. Only the fact of election or non-election shall be announced by the tellers. The vote count shall not be announced.

* Before 1976, Honorary Vice Presidents served only until the next election of Officers. The Annual Meeting in 1976 amended the Standing Order to make the honor permanent.