

**ARRL Executive Committee Meeting  
October 25, 2021  
11:00 AM ET via Zoom**

**1. The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 AM Eastern Time via Zoom with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair.** Present were committee members Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bud Hippisley, W2RU; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS and Dale Williams, WA8EFK; **Present without vote:** David Minster, NA2AA. Also present were ARRL FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ, and Kelly Wells, serving as meeting recorder.

**Present as observers** were, Mickey Baker, N4MB, Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, Mike Ritz, W7VO, Lee Cooper, W5LHC, Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, Mark Tharp, KB7HDX, Scott Yonally, N8SY, Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ, Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ, David Norris, K5UZ and Diane Middleton, W2DLM.

**2. On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Agenda was ADOPTED.**

**3. Chief Executive Officer/Secretary's update**

*Personnel:* **On the motion of Mr. Hippisley, seconded by Mr. Stratton, the group moved into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters from 11:07 AM – 11:30 AM ET.**

**On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Hippisley, the report of the Committee of the Whole was ADOPTED.**

*Personify:* Mr. Minster resumed his report with a status update on the Personify project, noting "GO LIVE" will happen in January 2022, and not October 2021 as planned. The new "Go Live" date will prevent any financial disruption to the holiday retail season. It will also allow for user testing on the new inventory interface that is currently being built. The interface will sync current store inventory between Personify and Great Plains (the system of record).

*Articles:* Mr. Minster noted that the Articles of Incorporation that were approved during the July 2021 Board Meeting have been filed with the State of Connecticut.

*Publications & Editorial:* Mr. Minster also discussed issues with books that are published and sold by ARRL. There are legacy issues with errors and misspellings that require correction before reprinting. Currently, books will not be published or reprinted until they are edited by staff and reviewed as a final by Mr. Minster.

*QST:* The timing of the magazine will be affected due to issues in the printing industry. Members should expect to receive their December issue about a week late. ARRL is also expecting to see an increase in the price we pay for paper, effective February 2022. It is unclear whether this will be a short-term impact as seen in the lumber industry.

*Elections:* On October 1, 2021, the U.S. Postmaster General announced that they are overhauling the USPS to slash costs affecting the delivery time for mail. This slowdown has affected some regions more than others and replacement ballots have been sent to those that reached out to Headquarters. There have been fewer calls for replacement ballots than expected due to the announcement.

*CT AUXCOMM:* Mr. Minster met Mike Walters, W8ZY, Field Services Manager, on Friday, October 22, at Bradley International Airport to observe ARRL taking part in an emergency management exercise. The exercise concluded on Saturday, October 23. Mike participated on all three days and finished his assigned tasks early so he could help other teams attending the event.

#### **4. FCC Counsel's Update and FCC Matters**

Mr. Siddall discussed recent efforts at the FCC and on Capitol Hill with the Legislative Advocacy Committee to have the FCC act on proceedings and items addressing amateur concerns that have long been pending. Mr. Siddall also noted that he will be attending a meeting with FCC staff at which Michele Thompson of the Open Research Institute will discuss a variety of pending matters of concern to those involved with amateur satellites.

Mr. Siddall then addressed new legislation pending before Congress that would set deadlines for the allocation to commercial 5G concerns of additional spectrum below 3.45 GHz. He described the League's efforts to obtain support for continued sharing by amateurs on a non-interference basis.

Mr. Siddall also discussed a proceeding initiated by the Commission in September to consider ways of improving communications resiliency and recovery during hurricanes and other disasters. He noted that ARRL submitted reports to the FCC staff during and immediately after Hurricane Ida.

He then moved on to RF exposure matters. Mr. Siddall noted the progress of the RF Safety Committee in addressing and clarifying issues concerning amateur compliance with the Commission's RF exposure rules and suggesting appropriate updates to the related FCC bulletin. He concluded that the Committee, under Greg Lapin's leadership, is doing work that will benefit every amateur for years to come in assessing compliance and ensuring safety.

*The committee was on break from 12:40 PM - 12:55 PM with all returning as noted above.*

#### **5. Legislative Advocacy Committee status report**

Mr. Stratton updated the committee on the status of a resolution to declare a National Amateur Radio Operators Day. The plan is to reintroduce the resolution by December 2021.

Mr. Stratton also stated that he is currently reviewing the language and verbiage of the Articles of Association, By-Laws, and Standing Orders. Mr. Stratton will present any recommendations pertaining to the documents during the January 2022 Board meeting.

Mr. Stratton is also working on a draft amendment to Article 16 to broaden the indemnification of our volunteers, staff, officers, directors, and vice-directors for liability. The amendment will also be presented at Board of Directors Meeting.

#### **6. International Matters**

Mr. Stafford reported that it has been a very busy couple of months attending workshops/conferences, albeit virtually. Mr. Stafford also discussed Argentina's amateur radio society 100th Year Anniversary Celebration. For now, the celebration is still in the planning phase. Mr. Stafford will update the group on whether the celebration will be held virtually or in person.

#### **7. Recognition of new Life Members**

The committee reviewed the list of new Life Members.

**On the motion of Mr. Hippisley, seconded by Mr. Williams, the recognition of new Life Members CARRIED (with applause).**

#### **12. Other Business**

3rd Party Advertising-Janet Rocco, Bob Nauman and Mike Walters are working together to evaluate opportunities with advertisers outside the amateur radio industry that would be of interest to members, such as Harbor Freight.

The next Executive Committee is scheduled for December 13, 2021, at 11 AM ET.

**13. There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Hippisley, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by,

David A. Minster, NA2AA  
ARRL Secretary