

## Irving, Texas – October 24, 2009

Pursuant to due notice, the Executive Committee of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. met at 9:00 AM CDT Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Marriott DFW Airport North, Irving, Texas. Present were committee members President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, in the Chair; First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN; Chief Executive Officer and Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; and Directors Jay Bellows, K0QB, Bill Edgar, N3LLR, Tom Frenaye, K1KI, George R. Isely, W9GIG and Bob Vallio, W6RGG. Also present were Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR and General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of five radio amateurs who had died the previous week: Dallas Carter, W3PP, Randy Hargenrader, K4QO, Peter Radding, W2GJ, Ed Steeble, K3IXD, and Past Director Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK.

1. On motion of Mr. Isely the following agenda was adopted:
  1. *Consideration of agenda for the meeting*
  2. *President's report*
  3. *Chief Executive Officer's report*
  4. *FCC/Regulatory Items*
  5. *Antenna regulatory matters, RFI matters and other legal matters*
  6. *Memoranda of understanding*
  7. *Legislative matters*
  8. *International matters*
  9. *Organizational matters*
  10. *Review of pending action items including work in progress by committees*
  11. *Approval of conventions*
  12. *Affiliation of clubs*
  13. *Recognition of new Life Members*
  14. *Approval of minutes of March 14, 2009 meeting and July 7, 2009 teleconference*
  15. *Other business*
2. Mr. Harrison gave a brief oral report. He noted progress on the ARRL's legislative objectives, his recent attendance at the IARU Region 3 Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, and ongoing discussions of what constitutes "communications on behalf of an employer" that are prohibited in the FCC Rules.
3. Mr. Sumner also reported briefly on the IARU conference and subsequent meeting of the IARU Administrative Council. He observed that ARRL operations were within budget for the first nine months of the year and that work on the 2010 budget/plan was proceeding well.
4. FCC/Regulatory Items
  1. 4.1. Mr. Imlay noted that the ARRL had filed extensive comments and reply comments in response to the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Broadband Over Power Line (BPL) regulations, ET Docket 04-37, and cited the excellent work of Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI in preparing the technical documentation. He outlined plans for *ex parte* submissions to bolster our

principal contentions and objectives; the committee concurred with the planned approach.

2. 4.2. The subject of the appropriate use of Amateur Radio, and particularly the limits on use on behalf of employers, has attracted a great deal of attention in recent months. The most recent development was the release of an FCC Public Notice on October 20 affirming the prohibition and outlining a waiver procedure for government-sponsored emergency preparedness and disaster drills. The committee discussed the need to implement the recommendations contained in the “guidelines” document recently adopted by the Board.
3. 4.3. and 4.4. Mr. Imlay observed that the FCC’s principal preoccupation at this time is the preparation of a National Broadband Plan that is due for delivery to Congress by February 17, 2010. The ARRL has filed two responses in this proceeding and is monitoring for specific threats to amateur spectrum in order to respond appropriately should any arise.
4. 4.5. Mr. Imlay briefed the committee on the status of efforts to mitigate reported interference to Pave Paws radars operating in the 420-450 MHz band in northern California and eastern Massachusetts. Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND continues to assist repeater operators with interference mitigation. Some problems have arisen with regard to identification of some repeaters in California. There is a very good working relationship between Air Force officials at the Cape Cod site and the local frequency coordinator; the Air Force would like to achieve a similar relationship in California.
5. 4.6. The ARRL filed comments on October 5 in response to a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket 08-59. GE Healthcare seeks a secondary allocation at 2360-2400 MHz for wireless “Medical Body Area Network” (MBAN) technology. While the ARRL would prefer a frequency range that does not include 2390-2400 MHz or another amateur allocation, our principal concern is with counterproposals from others who have suggested 2300-2305 MHz as an alternative.
6. 4.7. Efforts continue toward developing an engineering study of the interference potential of amateur operations in the international secondary allocation of 135.7-137.8 kHz to existing Power Line Carrier systems operating below 490 kHz. The objective is to show, prior to submitting a petition for rule making seeking a domestic allocation, that the use of the allocation could be managed so as to avoid any potential interference to PLC systems. In the meantime there is an ongoing experimental project at 500 kHz. Addressing agenda item 1.23 of the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference (previously scheduled for 2011), the FCC’s WRC Advisory Committee (WAC) has recommended that the US propose an amateur secondary allocation at 495-510 kHz. This recommendation does not have the support of the federal government interests at this time; efforts are underway to reconcile the two views. The ARRL supports the WAC proposal.
7. 4.8. Mr. Imlay reported briefly on several items, the status of which has not changed in recent months. The FCC’s handling of experimental license applications and requests for Special Temporary Authority to operate in amateur allocations continues to be somewhat problematic, with some applications that

have a high potential for harmful interference coming to the ARRL's attention only after the license grant.

8. 4.9. The committee discussed possible improvements to the FCC's amateur call sign assignment system (Minute 34, January 2009 Board Meeting). The committee identified several changes that could be made that would increase the number of call signs available for assignment and provide greater flexibility in the temporary assignment of special-event call signs. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, the General Counsel and staff were requested to prepare a draft petition for rule making to serve as the basis for further consideration of the issue.
5. Mr. Imlay reviewed the status of litigation between the City of Palmdale, California and Alec Zubarau, WB6X, over a permit for a 55-foot tower that was granted and then rescinded. There are pending cross-appeals of the Superior Court judge's decisions in the case. He also reported that there has been no resolution of an ARRL complaint filed with the FCC's Enforcement Bureau last April concerning the PowerLinx SecureView surveillance camera, which has been found to be a prodigious source of interference in the 21-MHz amateur band.
6. Memoranda of understanding
  1. 6.1. Mr. Sumner reported that a reply was expected shortly to President Harrison's latest letter to the American Red Cross concerning the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organizations.
  2. 6.2. The committee reviewed a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the ARRL and the Boy Scouts of America that was received from the Ad Hoc Committee on Scouting. On motion of Mr. Bellows, the committee authorized the transmittal of the draft to BSA for review by its leadership.
  3. 6.3. There was a brief discussion of how the various memoranda of understanding to which the ARRL is a party might best be monitored to ensure that organizational objectives are being met.
7. Legislative matters
  1. 7.1. Mr. Sumner reported that H.R.2160, the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009, has attracted 28 co-sponsors in addition to the original sponsor. A similar Senate bill, S.1755, may see committee action shortly.
  2. 7.2. The ARRL's legislative relations firm, Chwat & Co., has been working to acquaint the committees of jurisdiction with the ARRL's concerns about possible unintended consequences of "distracted driver" legislation. Bills currently under consideration include H.R.3535, H.R.3829 and S.1536. It is helpful that the National Safety Council has gone on record as not supporting legislative bans or prohibitions on the use of two-way radios, including Amateur Radio, by drivers since there is no evidence that using them while driving poses significant crash risks.
8. International matters
  1. 8.1. Mr. Harrison elaborated briefly on his earlier comments regarding the IARU Region 3 Conference in Christchurch, New Zealand. Region 3 is being effectively managed by its Directors, all of whom were re-elected for another three-year term. The conference accepted the invitation of the Vietnam Amateur Radio Club to hold the next Region 3 Conference in Ho Chi Minh City in 2012.

2. 8.2. Mr. Sumner also elaborated briefly on his earlier remarks about the meeting of the IARU Administrative Council that followed the Region 3 Conference. This was the first meeting conducted by the new IARU officer team, President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, and Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD, and it went very smoothly. The most important business concerned preparations for the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference.
9. Organizational matters
    1. 9.1. The committee reviewed and edited portions of the draft document that resulted from the Strategic Planning session conducted by the Board of Directors at its July meeting. Committee members agreed to provide their rankings of the strategies contained in the document by November 2, with the objective of finalizing the document for completion of a mail vote of the Board by the end of November.
    2. 9.2. Pending complaints regarding a recent Section Manager election and certain actions of the newly elected Section Manager were reviewed. The Secretary was instructed to write to the complainant and advise that the allegations do not rise to a level that would justify considering effectively overturning the results of an election.
    3. 9.3. Work on possible changes to election rules and procedures is still pending, so the item was held over.
    4. 9.4. The committee requested that in the future, club affiliation paperwork sent to Directors for approval be sent electronically as PDF attachments and not by mail. After approval by the Director the same material is to be sent the same way to the Executive Committee for its review and approval.
    5. 9.5. A draft revision of the "ARRL Hamfest/Convention Rules and Regulations" prepared by staff was reviewed and revised. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Bellows the amended draft was recommended to the Board for consideration and adoption.
    6. 9.6. A staff report was received that explains "pre-screened" offers of insurance and credit to ARRL members by the affinity benefit providers with which we are partnered. Staff was asked to look into providing additional explanations of such offers on the Web site.
  10. Review of pending action items including work in progress by committees
    1. 10.1. Mr. Sumner distributed a chart showing the status of pending Board action items. On motion of Mr. Bellows, the committee asked the Secretary to contact the committee or individual listed as having disposition of each pending item to request an interim or status report as to their activities. The Executive Committee's report to the Board in January will include the status of pending Board action items.
    2. 10.2. First Vice President Craigie reported that she, Director Bellows and Director Frenaye were in the process of reviewing the Director's Workbook with the objective of bringing it up to date and identifying the policy areas that may need further attention. She acknowledged the assistance of several newer Board members who had offered suggestions.

11. On motion of Mr. Isely the holding of the following ARRL conventions was approved (all in 2010):
  1. New Jersey State, April 25, Ewing  
New England Division, August 20-22, Boxborough, MA (possible date change pending)  
West Virginia State, August 21, Weston  
Western Pennsylvania Section, August 22, New Kensington  
Florida State, October 9-10, Melbourne
12. There were no applications for club affiliation pending.
13. On motion of Mr. Edgar the committee recognized 186 recently elected Life Members and instructed the Secretary to list their names in *QST*.
14. On motion of Mr. Bellows the minutes of the March 14, 2009 meeting and July 7, 2009 teleconference were approved as distributed.
15. Mr. Harrison announced that he will not seek re-election as President at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Board and will retire from the Board at the conclusion of that meeting. He recounted his 27 years of service as an elected ARRL volunteer, beginning in 1983 as Section Manager, and noted the ARRL's achievements during his two terms as President. At the end of his remarks he was given a standing ovation in recognition of his contributions, service and friendship.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Secretary