

DX Advisory Committee Report

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to the

**American Radio Relay League
Board of Directors**

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Introduction

The DX community continues to be active with the increase in the number of sun spots. This is demonstrated by a continued interest in DXCC programs and DXpeditions being planned and actively occurring around the world.

The committee has been relatively inactive the last six months with only one item of significance to address.

Feedback from the DX Community

DXers around the world are anxiously watching the political situation in Sudan for a possible new entity. As a result some concern has been expressed by a prominent DXpedition organizer that the DXCC rules for a new entity need to be revised. He says that because of the way the rules are set, the start date may not be the "historical" event as suggested by the rules - but only the day when the event has resulted in U.N. membership. As a result, I sent the following question to the committee: "Is it time for a review of the DXCC entity criteria? It has been several years since the last major look at it and quite a few things have changed. Please let me know your thoughts on this." The response was absolute silence on the subject.

Committee Happenings

On January 11th, we received the Awards Committee response to our recommendations about the RTTY DXCC and other digital modes. Concerning the following recommendation the Awards Committee concurred:

1. The current RTTY award is improperly named because you can receive credit for this DXCC award by submitting credits for any Digital mode.

See: DXCC Basic rules I, Section **1 d) RTTY**: *Contacts must be made using radio teletype since November 15, 1945. (Baudot, ASCII, AMTOR, PSK, packet and other digital modes count towards RTTY.)*

Therefore **we recommend changing the name of the RTTY award to Digital or RTTY/Digital or Digital Mixed**. This change would more properly identify the basic award, as currently configured, and match the name with the criteria required to receive the award.

However, concerning recommendations 2. and 3., the Awards Committee had valid concerns and the DXAC concurred with the recommendation that they not go forward.

Final Comments

I'm very proud of the committee and their continued dedication, innovation and participation. However, I have concerns that a lack of feedback will curb their enthusiasm. The committee would like to know the status of recommendations made and we have made several for which we have received no feedback. We request that the DXAC Liaison interface with HQ staff to enhance this feedback for the committee.

The committee continues with a great deal of expertise and stands ready for any possible tasking.

Respectfully submitted,

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