DRAFT AGENDA
ARRL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
8:30 AM CST March 12, 2016 - DFW

1. Welcome to first-time attendees and consideration of agenda for the meeting

2. President’s report

3. Chief Executive Officer and Secretary’s report

4. FCC/Regulatory items
   4.1. Action items
       4.1.2. RM-11759; Review status of ARRL Petition for Rule Making to effect changes in the 80 and 75-meter RTTY/data and phone/image subbands; to restore 80-meter frequency privileges for certain license classes; to shift the 80-meter automatically controlled digital station band segment; and to authorize Novice and Technician class licensees to utilize RTTY/data emissions in certain bands. (Petition called for by Minute 32 of the July, 2015 Board Meeting filed January 8, 2016; on PN February 22, 2016. Comments due March 23, 2016. Reply comments April 7, 2016.)
       4.1.3. RM-11708; ARRL Petition for Rule Making to delete restrictions on symbol rates for data communications and to establish a 2.8 kilohertz maximum occupied bandwidth for data emissions below 29.7 MHz. (Discussion of advocacy efforts to cause NPRM to be issued; Petition filed November 15, 2013 and placed on PN November 21, 2013.)
       4.1.4. RM-11760; Petition for Rule Making of Mark F. Krotz, N7MK to amend Section 97.25 of the FCC rules to permit lifetime operator licenses and to obviate license renewal applications in order to reduce administrative costs. (Petition placed on PN February 23, 2016. Comments due March 24, 2016. Reply comments April 8, 2016; issue similar to that discussed in WT Docket 12-283.)
       4.1.5. RM-______________; Petition for Rule Making filed on or about November 12, 2015 by James Edwin Whedbee to authorize special, limited, low-power and time-limited experimental operation by all Amateur licensees on all Amateur Service frequencies. (Petition has not yet been placed on PN; no comment dates established on Petition.)
       4.1.6. ET Docket No. 15-99; Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 15, 74, 78, 87, 90 & 97 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva 2012), Other Allocation Issues, and Related Rule Updates; (135.7-137.8 kHz service rules; 472-479 kHz allocation and service rules; and rules for
1900-2000 kHz primary allocation upgrade and ocean fishing buoys; review of status of proceeding; and determination of immediate further strategy).

4.2. Status update/reporting items and/or FCC submissions since January 2016 Board Meeting

4.2.1. RF Lighting Device Complaints to FCC (Status of efforts to cause FCC enforcement of overpower RF lighting ballast devices; report on filed complaints aimed at ballast importers and retailers and large consumer retailers of RF lighting devices intended for industrial applications only).

4.2.2. ET Docket 14-177, Provision of Mobile Services in the Bands above 24 GHz (status of proceeding after January 26, 2016 comment date and update on Amateur band threats in comments).

4.2.3. ET Docket 15-26, Vehicular Radars in the 76-81 GHz band (status of proceeding and ex parte filings since January Board Meeting).

4.3. Open items with no FCC action since January 2016 Board Meeting

4.3.1. ET Docket 13-213, Terrestrial Use of the 2473-2495 MHz Band for Low-Power Mobile Broadband Networks; Amendments to Rules for the Ancillary Terrestrial Component of Mobile Satellite Service Systems.

4.3.2. ET Docket 13-49; Revision of Part 15 of the Commission’s Rules to permit unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band. (Comments filed May 28, 2013 re rules governing Part 15 devices and Wi-Fi in the 5850-5925 MHz band; update on status of proceeding.)

4.3.3. Pave Paws Radar and Amateur Interaction, 70 cm. (Air Force plans for upgrades of Eglin or other Florida AFB radar systems and effect on 70 cm repeater networks in Florida.)

4.3.4. General Docket 14-25; Public Comment on FCC Report on Process Reform (Comments in response to Public Notice filed March 31, 2014.)

4.3.5. FEMA proposal for Modification of FCC Rules for licensing of FEMA stations and use of Special Call Signs Denoting FEMA (akin to Milrec or Club Station Licensing).

4.3.6. WT Dockets 03-187 and 08-61; Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds. (No action since March, 2012 FCC report.)

4.3.7. ET Docket 14-99, Model City for Demonstrating and Evaluating Advanced Sharing Technologies (ARRL Comments Filed August 29, 2014).

4.3.8. ET Docket 13-84; Reexamination of RF exposure regulations. (FCC proposal to subject the Amateur Service to a “general exemption” table for conducting a routine
environmental review of a proposed new or modified station configuration; exemption criteria as the preemptive standard as against more stringent state or local criteria. ARRL Comments filed 9/3/2013 and Ex Parte to WTB made on 5/13/2014.)


4.3.10. WP Docket 08-63, ReconRobotics, Inc. Video and Audio Surveillance System at 430-450 MHz.

4.3.11. MITRE Corporation Experimental License WH2XCI, File No. 1062-EX-PL-2014, granted October 1, 2014.

4.3.12. WT Docket No. 15-81, Amendment of FCC Rules Concerning Electronically Stored Application and Licensing Data. (ARRL Comments filed June 16, 2015 in response to FCC proposal to delete historical licensee address data in ULS for privacy reasons; Ex Parte written submission made per FCC request November 13, 2015.)


5. Local antenna/RFI cases

5.1. Jeffrey DePolo v. Board of Supervisors of Trevyfrin Township et al. (status of 3rd Circuit United States Court of Appeals consideration of USDC dismissal of Amateur PRB-1 complaint for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted; Amicus Brief filed for ARRL August 17, 2015.)

5.2. Myles Landstein, N2EHG v. Town of LaGrangeville, NY. (Status Report on Complaint vs. LaGrangeville; trial court resolution unfavorable to N2EHG; appeal pending.)

6. Other legal/regulatory matters


6.2. Report on ARRL administration of Handiham program restricted funds and status of transfer of funds to ARRL from Alina Health/Courage Kenny Foundation.

7. Legislative matters


8. International matters
8.1. Preparations for IARU Region 2 Conference (Mr. Bellows)

8.2. Plan for IARU Secretary transition

9. Organizational matters

9.1. Review of Standing Orders

9.2. Digital Media Content Channel Report (Minute 41, January 2016 Board Meeting)

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. Date and place of next meeting of the Executive Committee

15. Other business and adjournment