

STANDING ORDERS RECOMMENDED FOR DELETION

1) From time to time, at his discretion, the Editor of *QST* shall print a statement to inform members of ARRL policy with regard to the acceptance of display advertising.

[DS comment: Unnecessary. Recommend deletion.]

2) The Secretary is instructed to have an Annual Club Report filed with the League by affiliated clubs. [Amended January 2005]

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. We can ask but we cannot actually "have [a report] filed." Historically the problem has been that clubs do not all operate on the same schedule. The best time for the submission of an Annual Report is around the election of officers, which may occur at different times of the year. By the way, the January 2005 amendment deleted detailed instructions as to what should be done with the original and various copies of the report form.]

8) The Board reaffirms its support of the ARRL Foundation by providing administrative services through the use of Hq personnel and *QST*.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. It surely goes without saying that the ARRL Board supports the Foundation. Recent practice has been for the Foundation to reimburse the ARRL for a portion of the administrative services provided by the ARRL Development Office.]

9) A "Technical Merit Award" (consisting of a scroll or plaque) is established by ARRL to be presented to an Amateur chosen for his outstanding technical contributions to the art of Amateur Radio communication during his Amateur experience. This Award is to be administered by the Programs and Services Committee and presented either to the Amateur to be so honored, or his proxy, at an ARRL function commensurate with the national importance of such an award presentation. [Amended January 2005]

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. The Technical Merit Award was established in 1953 but has been given only rarely since 1976. Since then the following four awards have been added:

- Doug Demaw, WIFB, Technical Excellence Award*
- Technical Innovation Award*
- Technical Service Award*
- Microwave Development Award*

The terms of reference of the Technical Merit Award are so broad that they overlap these other awards.]

10) To give proper recognition for the outstanding contributions of deserving individuals, a Certificate of Merit shall be available to Section Managers and Directors for issuance within their respective Sections and/or Divisions.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. This dates back to the era when certificates were printed in bulk on Goss stock, rather than custom printed by inkjet.]

17) A special plaque award shall be established for the first 10 Amateurs to accomplish WAS on 220 MHz and above. Thereafter, a particularly attractive certificate would be provided.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. The objective of this Board action has long since been achieved.]

23) Candidates for Director, Vice Director and Section Manager shall not use League assets, facilities, electronic media or other resources to solicit votes from members. [Amended January 2005]

[DS comment: This policy is a part of the Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections which was separately adopted by the Board. Therefore, this Standing Order can be deleted.]

31) All labels for election purposes shall be shipped no later than five working days after receipt of request, or time of certification, whichever is later.

[DS comment: This Standing Order was prompted by one instance of delay more than 30 years ago. Today it is rare for printed labels to be requested. Recommend deletion.]

36) The Executive Vice President is to clearly categorize and identify all expenses reasonably capable of budgetary identification in the preparation of his annual proposed budget, particularly, but not limited to, all expenses relating to the IARU and that each member of the Board be furnished a detailed quarterly statement of all expenses reasonably related to or identifiable with the IARU, including the purpose, reason, or justification for the expenditure.

[DS comment: The annual budget plan categorizes all expenses, with a category for International/IARU. The corresponding actual results vs. budget are reported monthly rather than quarterly. The "detailed quarterly statement of all expenses reasonably related to or identifiable with the IARU, including the purpose, reason, or justification for the expenditure" requirement has not been provided since the one Director who made this request left the Board. Recommend deletion.]

43) The Executive Vice President shall make available on the ARRL Web site the Articles of Association and Bylaws and a codification of all rules and regulations concerning conventions, affiliated societies, and the Field Organization. [Amended January 2005]

[DS comment: The 2005 amendment eliminated the reference to a printed booklet. Recommend deletion as no longer necessary.]

54) The Secretary is instructed to mail Director, Vice Director and SM ballots in envelopes imprinted with the words "Official Ballot Enclosed" and "Return Postage Guaranteed."

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. Such matters of detail should be left to the Ethics & Elections Committee and the Secretary.]

58) A statement of the duties and responsibilities of the Director, Vice Director and Section Manager, shall be prepared in brief but concise summary form and shall be supplied to each such nominee for elective office.

[DS comment: Like Standing Order 54, this is within the purview of the Ethics & Elections Committee. Recommend deletion.]

60) In order to achieve uniformity of reporting which will permit more efficient record keeping and analysis, Officers and Directors requests for authorized administrative expense reimbursement shall be submitted to Hq on forms designed by the Administration and Finance Committee.

[DS comment: Administrative detail that may have been useful at the time it was adopted but is no longer necessary as a Standing Order. Recommend deletion.]

66) Photographs and resumes shall be prepared for the Officers and such staff members having contact with the membership and the general public. Hq shall make this material available to the host or sponsoring organization for distribution to the communications media.

[DS comment: These are now available on the website and are such a routine publicity item that a Standing Order is unnecessary. Recommend deletion.]

68) Since the ARRL Director in each Division is the official elected agent on policy matters, any non-profit mailing permit in the name of the ARRL shall be applied for and issued to only the Division Director or his designee according to U.S. Postal Policy.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. The ARRL no longer reimburses the cost of printing and mailing division newsletters. Division emails have long since replaced printed newsletters.]

71) WHEREAS, the American Radio Relay League, Inc., is a corporation exempt from Federal Taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and WHEREAS, said corporation wishes to compensate its employees and help them provide for their future security, and WHEREAS, the corporation desires to make available retirement-income contracts in lieu of salary for certain employees at their option which will qualify under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and any amendment thereto or successor section, it being the intention of the corporation that premiums paid by the corporation on such contracts will not be considered as currently taxable income to such employees. RESOLVED, that the corporation, through its Executive Vice President or other authorized official, apply to an insurance company for a non-transferable and non-assignable retirement-income contract (with or without incidental life-insurance protection) on the life of each such employee, and, so long as said employee(s) shall continue in the employ of the corporation, the corporation is expected to pay the premiums

of such contract(s), and said employees are to be given the possession of said contracts when issued and are to be the owners of all rights in such contracts, and such rights shall be non-forfeitable, and the Executive Vice President, or other official, is authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. The purpose of this resolution was to authorize employee-funded 403(b) contracts to supplement the ARRL-funded defined benefit pension. Standing Order 09-1.26 memorializes the current 403(b) plan.]

72) The Executive Vice President is authorized to purchase key-man insurance in amounts approximating one and one-half times annual salary, with the League to be sole beneficiary, on those cases where the death of an employee and subsequent hiring and training of a replacement would, in the opinion of the Executive Vice President, cause the League more than ordinary hardship.

[DS comment: The ARRL is able to self-insure against the sudden death of a key employee. Recommend deletion.]

74) The League shall solicit suitable donations of publications and documents to be used for the establishment of an historical library, located at League Hq upon acquisition of the necessary facilities.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. The historical library is established and occupies as much space as can reasonably be allocated for the purpose.]

75) The Executive Vice President shall establish a library of recordings to preserve the on-the-air sounds of Amateur Radio through the years; this undertaking is to employ volunteer assistance insofar as possible.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. The objective of this motion was not accomplished at the time. Since then, the Historical Committee Collections Policy and Terms of Reference have been developed and cover, among other things, audio recordings.]

81) The Executive Vice President shall provide certificates for an appointment known as "QSL Bureau Assistant," with appointments to be made by the individual QSL Bureau managers.

[DS comment: While volunteer recognition is important, the recognition of QSL Bureau workers is now well established and does not rise to the level of a Standing Order. Recommend deletion.]

82) Because of the clear need to encourage and support international Amateur activities in the years ahead, and in light of ARRL's vital role as International Secretariat, the Executive Vice President is instructed to accord full and continuing staff attention to the matter of disseminating information and encouraging rapport and cooperation among the member societies of IARU, including sustained assistance to the work of the Region 2 IARU organization.

[DS comment: I do not recall the history behind this Standing Order, but it is unnecessary and may be deleted. It predates the current IARU Constitution which sets out the duties of the International Secretariat.]

85) Information regarding the name and address of new licensees shall be furnished to Division Directors upon request.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. It is no longer necessary to request this information. It is available as one of the monthly reports that a Director can download from the ODV section of the website.]

92) A personal visit by the respective Division Director or his designee to all continental US QSL bureaus shall be made at least once a year, and to other bureaus as often as feasible, to provide assistance and assure uniformity of procedures.

[DS comment: This provision is rarely observed and is no longer useful. Recommend deletion.]

100) Regular summaries of pending and completed government activity relating to Amateur Radio shall be published in an effort to better inform all amateurs concerning regulatory action that may affect them.

[DS comment: The thought behind this Standing Order is good, although today "publishing" is best done on the website. The page <http://www.arrl.org/recent-fcc-actions> has not been updated since 2011 but is now on the list for revision. Summaries of "pending activity" can be excerpted from General Counsel Imlay's reports and added as a separate section. Recommend deletion of the Standing Order as it should be unnecessary.]

101) The ARRL shall not fund any Amateur Radio cases; League participation shall be restricted to support by collating briefs and pleadings as well as amicus filings when appropriate. [But see Minute 47, January 2006 Meeting and Minute 43, January 2010 Meeting]

[DS comment: While this Standing Order has never been deleted it has been overtaken by subsequent Board actions as noted. It should be deleted now.]

107) The Board of Directors shall endorse a program of maximum assistance by ARRL to the WARC preparatory efforts of the IARU and its regional organizations, including prompt response to requests by other member societies for pertinent resources and information.

[DS comment: The "WARC" reference has been obsolete for more than 20 years. Recommend deletion as unnecessary.]

115) The Editor of *QST* shall appraise material from overseas radio Amateur and electronics magazines, with a view to reprinting certain articles in League publications when appropriate.

[DS comment: There is very good material published overseas, but most is not written in English and requires translation. The Editor has the option to secure translation and reprinting rights if he/she believes that a particular article is worth the expense. Recommend deletion.]

117) The Executive Vice President shall periodically publish in *QST* information on the structure of the League, including diagrams, an explanation of duties and functions of various League officials, including Directors and SMs, and a glossary of ham terminology.

[DS comment: The organizational information is now available on the web site. As for the glossary, we ran a "Hamspeak" column in QST for some time but reader interest was low relative to the space it consumed. Recommend deletion.]

121) The Executive Vice President shall emphasize periodically in *QST* the existence of a "gentlemen's agreement" concerning frequencies used for "various specialized modes" on the HF bands so as to minimize friction and avoid undesirable rulemaking on the subject.

[DS comment: This is the basis for the "Considerate Operator's Frequency Guide" (COFG) that appears, generally annually, in QST. The "undesirable rulemaking" rationale is no longer relevant. The COFG and the ARRL band plans were somewhat out of sync until July 2015, when the HF Band Planning Committee's recommendations were adopted by the Board. The Standing Order is dated and no longer necessary; recommend deletion.]

122) The Editor of *QST* shall publish the names, callsigns and brief facts surrounding the suspension or revocations of Amateur license privileges with a view toward bringing this information to the attention of Amateurs in general.

[DS comment: If only there was such information to be published! Seriously, this is hardly necessary as a Standing Order. Recommend deletion.]

124) *QST* shall be continued for the term of membership, other than Life Membership, to a surviving member of the family of a Silent Key upon request by such member of the family.

[DS comment: I hope today's Board has enough confidence in the judgment of the staff to allow this Standing Order to expire, on the understanding that we would continue to honor such a request. Typically, the family likes to receive the issue with the Silent Key listing.]

125) An appropriate certificate of recognition shall be awarded to each author whose article has been accepted and published in *QST*.

[DS comment: This Standing Order dates back to the time when QST authors were not compensated financially. Sending the certificates is now an established part of the QST editorial routine. Recommend deletion.]

126) The *QST* column "Product Review" shall include in a review: (1) all significant operating parameters of specimen equipment as measured in the technical laboratory, and (2) where appropriate, manufacturers' specifications of claimed performance compared to the actual measurements.

[DS comment: This is now established practice and the Standing Order is no longer needed. Recommend deletion.]

128) With permission, the phone numbers of Vice Directors shall appear in the listing on page 15 of *QST*. [Editorially corrected from page 8 to page 15]

[DS comment: This is now established practice and the Standing Order is no longer needed. Recommend deletion.]

84-2.17) The ARRL assumes financial responsibility for all administrative expenses of the ARRL Foundation, it being understood that expense authorization shall be in accordance with ARRL standing policies with respect to travel, accounting procedures, and auditing.

[DS comment: This was written at a time when the assets of the Foundation were about \$122,000 and administrative expenses were minimal. The Foundation now can afford to pay, and does pay, an administrative fee that represents a portion of the cost of services provided by the Development Office, which are considerable – particularly with respect to the scholarship program. Recommend deletion.]

84-2.96) The Executive Vice President shall arrange for an ARRL HQ Open House at least once per year, with suitable notice to be placed in *QST*.

[DS comment: We did this for a couple of years, but attendance declined sharply after the novelty wore off. We now have a team of volunteer tour guides who do a great job of supplementing staff in hosting visitors during the week. Recommend deletion.]

85-1.80) The ARRL name badge shall be issued to all future ARRL Officers, Directors, Vice Directors, Section Managers and staff.

[DS comment: Clearly no longer needed as a Standing Order. Recommend deletion.]

85-2.51) Staff is encouraged to cooperate with and supply information to youth groups (such as the Boy Scouts of America and Young Astronaut Council) as seems likely to develop interest in Amateur Radio among their members. Such support will recognize principles of fairness to both League members and other youth groups.

[DS comment: Youth recruiting is now firmly embedded in our organizational DNA. We have a formal agreement with BSA that supplants the Standing Order. The Young Astronaut Council appears to be inactive if indeed it still exists. Recommend deletion.]

85-2.63) A quality certificate, suitable for framing, will be offered to persons holding the Extra Class license. The price will be fixed by the Executive Vice President at an amount which will cover all applicable costs.

[DS comment: We now offer such certificates for all classes of license except Novice. Recommend deletion.]

86-2.18) The Executive Vice President is to pay authors appropriate honorariums for feature articles published in *QST* and *QEX*.

[DS comment: At the time this was adopted it represented a significant change in philosophy. Now, almost 30 years later, it is no longer required as a Standing Order. Recommend deletion.]

87-1.78) The ARRL Call-Sign Badge Program for ARRL Field Organization appointees shall include: QSL Bureau Managers and workers, Technical Advisors, Volunteer Examiners, Volunteer Counsel, and ARRL Monitoring System volunteers. The eligibility standards and the procedures for obtaining badges for these additional volunteers shall be as set forth in the Volunteer Resources Committee report delivered at the January 1987 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion. Once these additional appointees were included in the program the Standing Order was no longer required. The problem with having such details spelled out in Board minutes and Standing Orders is that it prevents adding other appropriate appointees administratively. For example, recently a question arose about Public Relations Committee members' eligibility for badges and what color they should be. This is not something that should occupy the Board's time.]

87-2.89) The ARRL shall award suitable commemorative plaques to the first ten amateurs to qualify for DXCC on each VHF and higher-frequency band, and certificates to subsequent qualifiers, with rules to parallel those previously promulgated with respect to the 160-meter DXCC award.

[DS comment: The original focus of this motion was on 6 and 2 meters, for which DXCC had not yet been earned by anyone at the time. A lot has changed since the motion was adopted; JT65 has brought EME within reach of many more amateurs. Dozens of DXCCs have been issued for 70 cm. The only remaining higher-frequency band on which DXCC is possible, owing to regulatory restrictions in other countries, is 23 cm (1296 MHz) for which 4 DXCCs have been issued just recently to amateurs in Europe. So, after 28 years the objective of the motion, to promote pioneering VHF/UHF achievement, has been achieved. Recommend deletion.]

87-2.90) The officers of the League are charged with collective responsibility, under general direction of the President, for drafting a long-range plan for the organization for consideration by the Board, and with periodic review and updates of any such plan as may be adopted by the Board, with progress reports to be rendered at each Board meeting. The Executive Vice President is instructed to provide such staff support as may be required by the officers in the discharge of this responsibility. [Amended at 1990 Second Meeting, Minute 57, to permit participation of those Directors or Vice Directors who express interest in serving and who the President may see fit to appoint.]

[DS comment: The initial attempts to implement this approach to long-range planning were unsuccessful. Recommend deletion.]

88-2.61) 1. After due consideration by the ARRL, it has been determined that the authority of the following listed frequency coordinators is derived from the voluntary participation of the entire amateur community in the areas they serve.

2. The ARRL, in recognition of the specific terms of the FCC's Report and Order in PR Docket 85-22, agrees that there can be only one recognized frequency coordinator per band per geographic area.

Therefore, the following are acknowledged, by virtue of the recognition accorded them by the entire amateur community, as the sole frequency coordinators in their respective jurisdictions:
[list not reproduced]

3. In those few geographic or political areas in which no clear determination of the desired repeater coordinator/spectrum manager exists or the existing coordination mechanism is in significant dispute, based on a Commission determination, then no coordinator is, or shall be, listed in the *ARRL Repeater Directory* until, by a settlement of differences within the area, a recognition of a single coordinator can be made by mediation, arbitration or other means.

4. The President, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, together with such other persons as they deem necessary, shall solicit from the FCC a reaffirmation of the principles set forth in PR Docket 85-22 in support of frequency coordination efforts.

[DS comment: This no longer reflects reality. Recommend deletion.]

89-1.29) The following statement of purpose is adopted for the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator: The purpose of the ARRL/VEC is to provide amateur licensing examination for prospective new hams and upgrade exam opportunity for those already licensed. Objectives: The ARRL VEC will provide sufficient number of examination opportunities to meet the above purpose, on a schedule that is convenient to the applicants. The ARRL VEC will provide the examination candidate with tests that meet all applicable requirements of current Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations and are administered in accordance with those requirements and generally accepted educational testing principles and practices. The ARRL VEC will provide a service level of the highest order to our customers, the Volunteer Examiners.

[DS comment: This statement of purpose appears in the Volunteer Examiner Manual and is referenced to the January 1989 Board Meeting. Its retention as a Standing Order is unnecessary under the principle that Standing Orders are "...Board actions that have lasting effect, and are not otherwise incorporated into the working documents of the organization."

89-1.116) The Board hereby affirms that its policy governing amateur/media interaction is and has been consistent with the literal, not liberal, interpretation of the "four part test" established by the FCC in Docket 79-47, to wit: Conveying news information to media sources can be done on Amateur Radio only when all of the following conditions are met:

1. the event is unforeseen, and
2. the news information is directly related to the event, and
3. the information is critical to protecting the safety of life of individuals or the immediate protection of property, and

4. the news information cannot be transmitted by any means other than an Amateur Radio station, because normal communications systems including wireline or radio, are not available.

[DS comment: At the time, RTNDA (now RTDNA) was pressuring the FCC in Docket 88-139 to liberalize the rules governing news gathering by Amateur Radio. They did not succeed. The current Section 97.113(b) is perfectly clear and does not require elaboration. Recommend deletion.]

89-2.37) The Board of Directors endorses the recommendation of the SAREX Working Group that the amateur community take full advantage of SAREX as a means of bringing Amateur Radio into classrooms, and instructs the Executive Vice President to cooperate with NASA and AMSAT in undertaking educational and public-information efforts toward that goal.

[DS comment: SAREX has become ARISS and the scope of cooperation has become international. While this was useful at the time it was adopted it is no longer needed. Recommend deletion.]

89-2.83) It is the policy of the ARRL Board to oppose Amateur Radio station or operator license fees that are:

1. either in excess of the actual cost of administration, or in excess of those charged licensees of any stations in other services operated for a not-for-profit purpose;
2. for license modifications;
3. for upgrading, other than those to reimburse Volunteer Examiners;
4. for reciprocal operating permits; and
5. for RACES, military-recreation, or school club stations. The President is directed to pursue efforts toward these ends, employing staff, counsel, and other personnel as required.

[DS comment: Since there are no longer any fees related to FCC amateur licensing, it would be best to delete this Standing Order in order to permit a future Board to formulate its own policy with regard to any future proposals for fees.]

90-1.72) Standing Order 83 is amended to read as follows: "The Executive Vice President, upon request, shall furnish each Section Manager and Director a list showing each member of his area who fails to renew membership prior to expiration of the grace period."

[DS comment: This list, and more, are now available to elected officials at <http://www.arrl.org/new-amateur-reports>. Recommend deletion.]

90-2.37) The ARRL *Repeater Directory* shall provide a page upon which a map of the United States is drawn, showing which states are using a 15 kHz separation between repeaters, and which states are using a 20 kHz separation between repeaters, on the popular two-meter band.

[DS comment: This presupposes that the Repeater Directory will continue to be published in book form. Even if it is, efficient channeling for digital repeaters is different than for analog. While the map was useful 25 years ago it is less so today. Recommend deletion, which will leave publication of the map to editorial discretion.]

91-1.46) The League shall solicit the services of members who are consulting engineers to serve in a volunteer capacity similar to Volunteer Counsel. Lists of such people would be made available to members upon application of the member in a manner similar to the Volunteer Counsel program.

[DS comment: The Volunteer Consulting Engineer program is now well established and is included in other working documents. Recommend deletion.]

91-2.64) Affiliated clubs may buy the *Handbook* and the *Antenna Book* for donation to a library at a special price.

[DS comment: The Standing Order does not specify the "special price." Our current offering to affiliated clubs is shown at <http://www.arrl.org/shop/ARRL-Library-Book-Set/>. It includes the Handbook and Antenna Book along with other titles. Recommend deletion of the Standing Order.]

92-1.39) The Executive Vice President is authorized to reimburse expenses of all Standing Committees up to \$10,000 unless otherwise directed by the Board.

[DS comment: The authorized amount has not been adjusted in 23 years. In recent years our practice has been to include a lump sum for committees in the budget plan that is ratified by the Board. Annual expenses of the Executive Committee and A&F Committee currently run about \$18,000 each; the Programs & Services Committee generally stays within the \$10,000 cap by not meeting in person very often except in conjunction with a Board Meeting. Recommend deletion.]

92-1.42) Ad Hoc Committees may be designated and members appointed by the President for specific purposes deemed necessary under existing Standard Operating Procedures. Such committees may be funded to an extent of not more than \$5,000 unless a greater sum is approved by the Board or the Executive Committee between Board Meetings.

[DS comment: Ad Hoc Committees rarely meet in person, and other expenses are minimal. The funding requirements of a particular Ad Hoc Committee ought to be considered at the time the committee is created. Recommend deletion.]

92-2.42) The ARRL adopts a National DTMF tone standard that would cause muted VHF/UHF receivers, with the proper decoders, to become unmuted upon receipt of this DTMF tone. This DTMF tone would be the number zero (0), nationally recognized on the telephone as "Operator," transmitted for a continuous period of three seconds or longer. This Long Tone Zero (LiTZ

Alert) would be used to summon road assistance, to seek travel directions, to ask for local area information or to seek emergency assistance. The ARRL will publicize this newly adopted standard in *QST* with clear explanation of purpose and operation. The *Repeater Directory* will indicate with a special code designation (e.g. "0" or "H" for help) those repeaters reporting adoption of this standardized procedure.

[DS comment: LiTZ and another standard that is not the subject of a Standing Order, the Wilderness Protocol, are both described in the Repeater Directory. A few repeater listings carry the LiTZ designation. Recommend deletion of the Standing Order, since it does not serve an ongoing purpose.]

92-2.51) A new class of ARRL plastic name/callsign badge is authorized for purchase by Life and Charter Life Members. "Life Member" badges shall be the same size and format as those worn by ARRL officers, directors, staff and appointees. The color shall be of high recognition value so that the wearer's status may be quickly recognized. A deep yellow or golden color is suggested. The member may have the badge imprinted either "LIFE MEMBER" or "CHARTER LIFE MEMBER" depending upon his/her status.

[DS comment: Recommend deletion, consistent with other recommendations concerning the Call Sign Badge Program.]

92-2.57) It shall be a standing order that all League official business travel shall be reimbursed in accordance with the following policy:

1. Travel and lodging expenses will be reimbursed for the day preceding the meeting, days of meetings, and the day following official meetings. Other times will be considered personal and will be billed to the traveler.
2. Except under unusual circumstances, room service will not be reimbursed.
3. Expenses of spouses accompanying the traveler will not be reimbursed or charged to the League unless the spouse is actively involved with the meeting. Room rate differentials and meals for spouses should be identified on Travel Expense Reimbursement Forms as personal and be deducted from amounts requested for reimbursements. Transportation expenses of spouses are not reimbursable. Any expense reimbursement outside this policy shall be authorized only by the express written consent of the President.

[DS comment: This is now part of the Travel Policy and does not need to be a Standing Order as well. Recommend deletion.]

93-1.15) A contingency Building Fund is created to provide for future repair/maintenance of the Headquarters building and facilities. An amount of \$50,000 from 1992 revenues shall be initially placed in this fund. Future funding will be at the discretion of the Administration and Finance Committee and/or Board. Access to the fund will be per the approval of the A&F Committee based upon a written staff proposal.

[DS comment: Since future funding is left to the discretion of the A&F Committee and the Board there is no need for this to be a Standing Order. Recommend deletion.]

93-1.19) Current election procedures are to be included in the pamphlet containing the Articles of Association and Bylaws published by the League, without having the force and effect of bylaws.

[DS comment: We no longer publish the pamphlet because the information is available on the web site. Recommend deletion.]

93.2-37) The ARRL Board of Directors supports the concept of plug-to-plug compatibility between Amateur Radio equipment, including the development of a common transverter interface for multimode transceivers.

[DS comment: Great idea but it didn't gain any traction. Recommend deletion.]

93.2-53) The Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League endorses the concept of an international Amateur Radio permit and urges that the foundation be laid for the submission of a proposal to create such a permit to a future International Telecommunication Union conference.

[DS comment: The International Amateur Radio Permit has been implemented in several countries in the Americas. The IARU pursued an ITU-level permit at WRC-03 in the course of Article 25 revision. However, we were only able to add what is in effect an invitation to administrations to consider allowing visiting amateurs to operate. Anything beyond that is a matter of national sovereignty. Recommend deletion.]

93-2.63) The General Counsel shall file comments in opposition to any attempt by any authority, other than FCC, to provide a point-of-examination temporary operating authority.

[DS comment: Whatever prompted this Board action in 1993 is no longer under consideration. Recommend deletion.] [Craigie: This action was taken in response to a bad FCC scheme to avoid dealing with an enormous backlog of new license applications. The scheme failed. Agree with deletion.]

94-1.66) Lists of members, clubs and such information currently available as printed labels shall also be made available in standard data electronic format, on disk, to Directors, Vice Directors and Section Managers as may be appropriate. Such list information shall conform to the rules set forth in the Articles of Association and By-Laws.

[DS comment: This is now done as a matter of course and a Standing Order clearly is no longer needed. Recommend deletion.]

94-2.35) The ARRL Professional Media Award is established to be presented, when appropriate, to media professionals who have demonstrably added to the positive public image of the Amateur Radio Service. The Public Relations Committee shall act as a selection committee for this award.

[DS comment: This is now thoroughly documented and promoted as the Bill Leonard Award. The Standing Order is not informative and is no longer required. Recommend deletion.]

95-1.82) It is ARRL policy that any deficit in the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator program shall be covered from membership dues income.

[DS comment: Whatever was the rationale for this policy at the time, it is no longer required as a Standing Order. Recommend deletion.] [Craigie: This was related to now-deleted FCC requirements prohibiting license preparation material publishers from being VE/VECs. Agree with deletion.]

95-2.77) It is the policy of the ARRL relative to volunteer examination coordination that the League shall participate with a national VEC Corporation only by observation and comment.

[DS comment: Our relationship with NCVEC has stabilized in recent years. Recommend deletion.]

97-2.27) It is the policy of the ARRL that ARRL Volunteer Examiners shall not administer examination elements for which they have received credit on the basis of a medical exemption.

[DS comment: With the elimination of the Morse code examination this is now moot. Recommend deletion.]

98-1.25) The advertising policy with regard to antenna gain is amended to permit the advertising of performance claims derived from antenna modeling programs, subject to the conditions described in the report of the Executive Vice President.

[DS comment: Since the policy has been amended and the amended policy is documented this Standing Order is no longer necessary. Recommend deletion.]

00-2.38) The Executive Vice President is directed to print *QST* in full color.

[DS comment: No longer required. Recommend deletion.]

01-2.26) A one time non-endorsable DXCC award similar to the DXCC Millennium Award shall be offered for contacts made using QRP power levels.

[DS comment: As this award has been implemented, the Standing Order is no longer necessary. If the history of why the award is non-endorsable and does not require QSL cards is ever needed it can be found elsewhere. Recommend deletion.]

01-2.54) The ARRL Board of Directors believes that the "past is prologue to the future." We acknowledge the linkage between Amateur Radio's long and creative history and the development of modern communications technology. Such technology has made a major contribution to modern life. Therefore, we endorse a firm commitment to preserving the history of Amateur Radio and its connection and contribution to modern technology through the preservation of ARRL archives, historical records and collection of historical objects. By

preserving the past, we are looking toward the future. This forward looking commitment is for the benefit of contemporary scientific researchers, experimenters and historians as well as for the Amateur Radio community itself.

[DS comment: While this is a nice statement of principle, Standing Order 12-2.29 put the principle into practice by establishing clear guidelines. Recommend deletion.]

01-2.67) Whereas, the amount of valuable news and information available on the ARRL web site has increased rapidly over the past few years, resolved, that steps be taken to preserve the content for future archived historical purposes.

[DS comment: This is (and was) done as a matter of course. A Standing Order is not required. Recommend deletion.]

02-1.33) The Public Service Honor Roll (PSHR) criteria, as amended by the Volunteer Resources Committee, are adopted.

[DS comment: Since the criteria have been implemented a Standing Order is not required. Recommend deletion.]

02-1.67) "Moved and Seconded" shall be moved from *QST* but be published on the ARRL Web and other media.

[DS comment: This action removed the minutes of Board and Executive Committee meetings from the pages of QST which was a significant change at the time. Members can now request that they be sent copies of the minutes when they are released, which provides even better access. Since this Board action has now been fully implemented a Standing Order is no longer necessary. Recommend deletion.]

02-2.31) A donor recognition program as designed by the Development Office is adopted, to attract renewable annual major gifts and to recognize member generosity.

[DS comment: The donor recognition program has been revised since 2002 and is likely to be further revised in the future. Recommend deletion of the Standing Order to eliminate the perception that the program should not be tweaked without Board approval.]

02-2.34) As of the January 2003 issue of *QST*, Section News shall be relocated from *QST* to the ARRL Web.

[DS comment: Implemented with overwhelming acceptance. Can be deleted as a Standing Order.]

02-2.35) As of the January 2003 issue of *QST*, contest line scores shall be relocated from *QST* to the ARRL Web.

[DS comment: Also implemented with overwhelming acceptance. Contrary to some predictions, the popularity of contesting has grown significantly since 2003. Can be deleted as a Standing Order.]

05-1.21) Resolved, that the ARRL Board implement a listing of volunteer examination participation by state and callsign to be published and available to all via the ARRL web site.

[DS comment: This has been implemented. A Standing Order is not required. Recommend deletion.]

09-2.25) the Terms of Reference of the Volunteer Consulting Engineer position are modified as described below:

(1) Amend the 5th bullet under the “the Volunteer Consulting Engineer:” to read: “Must be a registered professional engineer by the appropriate department of state government;” and

(2) Amend the 7th bullet to read “Should be able to provide expert testimony and information on issues such as, but not limited to, structure wind loading, guy anchor requirements for given soil conditions, antenna height effectiveness and data on antenna structure safety and consistency with local building codes, radio frequency interference, grounding and electrical safety.”

[DS comment: These changes have been implemented. Recommend deletion. HOWEVER, the terms of reference do not appear to be available to members via the web site. We will fix that.]

09-2.30) The Board of Directors establish[es] a new award to be known as the “George Hart Distinguished Service Award” with the following terms of reference:

The George Hart Distinguished Service Award may be presented by the Board of Directors to the ARRL member whose service to the ARRL’s Field Organization is of the most exemplary nature. The Distinguished Service Award is named in honor of George Hart, WINJM, long-time Communications Manager at ARRL Headquarters and chief developer of the National Traffic System.

Selection criteria include

Operating record with the National Traffic System; or

Participation within the Amateur Radio Emergency Service; or

Station appointments and/or leadership positions held within the Field Organization.

Procedure

Nominations shall be accepted from anyone.

Nominations shall be submitted to the Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager at ARRL HQ by November 1.

Nominations should document as thoroughly as possible the nominee’s lifetime activities and achievements within the Field Organization. It is expected that nominated candidates will have 15 or more years of distinguished service.

The Programs and Services Committee will serve as the Review Committee.

The Board of Directors shall make the final determination at its Annual Meeting in January.

The award shall consist of:

An engraved plaque and cover letter.

Coverage in QST.

[DS comment: This is included in other working documents. Standing Order no longer required. Recommend deletion.]

12-2.31) To satisfy changing technology of badge making as well as to embrace long-standing tradition, the Official ARRL Field Organization Call Sign Badge Program is now authorized to accept the services of call sign badge makers that use a dye sublimation process as well as to continue using those vendors that produce badges with engraved silk-screened blanks.

[DS comment: This is a good example of what happens when a subject that should have been handled administratively ends up as a formal Board action: any subsequent changes also have to be Board actions. Recommend deletion.]

[End]