

REPORT OF THE Administration and Finance Committee

January 2017

2016 A&F Committee Members: James D Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division Director, Chairman, Richard J. Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division Director, Tom Frenaye, K1KI, Central Division Director, Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Midwest Division Director, Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division Director, Bill Morine, N2COP Roanoke Division Vice Director, Rick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer. President Rick Roderick, K5UR (ex officio)

Staff Participants: CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, CFO Barry Shelley, N1VXY and Controller Diane Middleton, KC1BQF.

Activity: The committee had before it many issues, this year, including but not limited to the 2017-18 Financial plan. After some staff changes, budget reductions and conservative forecasts, the plan was approved and is to be recommended to the Board of Directors, at the January 2017 meeting.

A Bylaw change has been suggested by the committee, and will be forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration. The subject of the recommendation is to remove from the Bylaws, by way of Resolution, the offices of Chief Operating Officer (COO), Chief Development Officer (CDO) and Chief Technology Officer (CTO).

Beyond the topics presented to the Board of Directors in the Treasurer's Report, the committee considered efficient use of 'cash reserves'. The matter is still being considered as the 2017-18 plan is implemented.

Much progress has been accomplished by the Logbook of The World Committee, as activities are reported and discussed with the A&F Committee. A work in progress with technical debt decreasing steadily.

The A&F Committee is reviewing 'membership benefits' to make certain that membership includes viable and useable benefits, for all ARRL members.

Financial support of International Affairs was reviewed by the Committee. International Affairs Vice President Bellows, addressed the Committee with details of International activity and the benefit to Amateur Radio and the ARRL. After discussion, the Committee made a recommendation on funding that is reflected in the 2017-18 plan.

Discussions on the Repeater Directory/Frequency Coordinator activities, Official Observer Program and Legislative Activities – with regard to financial impact – will continue into 2017.

The Committee continues to pursue ways to increase revenues and limit expenditures, with an eye on financial efficiency, leading to the successful future of the ARRL, as it serves all the Amateur Radio hobby.

Respectfully Submitted

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Chair