

**ARRL Board of Directors  
Special Board Meeting  
August 26, 2020**

Minutes

**Agenda**

- 1) Roll call and announcement that meeting is being recorded.
  - 2) Election of Chief Executive Officer
  - 3) Election of Secretary
  - 4) Adjournment
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1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. met in annual session electronically via Zoom video and audio meeting hosting. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM EDT Wednesday, August 26, 2020 with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division  
Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division  
Matt Holden, KØBBC, Dakota Division  
David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division  
Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division  
Ria Jairam, N2RJ, Hudson Division  
Rod Blocksome, KØDAS, Midwest Division  
Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, New England Division  
Mike Ritz, W7VO, Northwestern Division  
Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division  
George "Bud" Hippisley, W2RU, Roanoke Division  
Jeff Ryan, KØRM, Rocky Mountain Division  
Mickey Baker, N4MB, Southeastern Division  
Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division  
John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division

Also present without vote were:

Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, First Vice-President  
Robert Vallio, W6RGG, Second Vice-President  
Rod Stafford, W6ROD, International Affairs Vice-President  
Barry Shelley, N1VXY, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary  
Diane Middleton, W2DLM, Chief Financial Officer  
Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer

The following Vice Directors were also in attendance:

Robert Famiglio, K3RF, Atlantic Division  
Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, Central Division

Lynn Nelson WØND, Dakota Division  
Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ, Delta Division  
Thomas Delaney, W8WTD, Great Lakes Division  
Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division  
Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ, Midwest Division  
Mark Tharp, KB7HDX, Northwestern Division  
Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, Pacific Division  
Bill Morine, N2COP, Roanoke Division  
Dan Grady, N2SRK, Rocky Mountain Division  
James Schilling, KG4JSZ, Southeastern Division  
Ned Stearns, AA7A, Southwestern Division

Vice Director Lee Cooper, W5LHC, was unable to attend. The New England Vice Director position is currently vacant.

2. Moved by Mr. Hippisley, seconded by Mr. Stratton, that David Minster, NA2AA, be elected to the position of Chief Executive Officer effective September 28, 2020. A discussion ensued with each Director given the opportunity to express his or her opinion.

Mr. Tiemstra moved, Mr. Baker seconded, to postpone the vote for approximately 2 weeks to allow for further discussion among Board members. After discussion, a roll call vote was requested. The motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE and 10 NAY. Messers. Hopengarten, Ritz, Tiemstra, Baker and Norton voting Aye and Ms. Jairam, and Messers. Abernethy, Carlson, Holden, Norris, Williams, Blocksome, Hippisley, Ryan and Stratton voting Nay.

After further discussion on the original motion, a roll call vote was requested. The motion was adopted 10 AYE and 5 NAY. Ms. Jairam, and Messers. Abernethy, Carlson, Holden, Norris, Williams, Blocksome, Hippisley, Ryan and Stratton voting Aye and Messers. Hopengarten, Ritz, Tiemstra, Baker and Norton voting Nay.

3. Mr. Carlson moved, Mr. Stratton seconded, that David Minster, NA2AA, be elected to the position of Secretary effective September 28, 2020. A roll call vote was requested, and the motion was adopted 11 AYE to 3 NAY with 1 ABSTENSION. Ms. Jairam and Messers. Abernethy, Carlson, Holden, Norris, Williams, Blocksome, Tiemstra, Hippisley, Ryan and Stratton voted Aye. Messers. Hopengarten, Ritz and Baker voted Nay. Mr. Norton abstained.

4. Mr. Roderick on behalf of the Board thanked Mr. Shelley for his many years of dedicated service to the League and Amateur Radio, and especially for returning to the CEO position again during this recent transition.

5. There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Ryan, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:23 PM. Time in session: 1 hour 18 minutes.