

ARRL 2021 ANNUAL BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

JANUARY 15 – 16, 2021 – 11:00 AM ET

MINUTES

Summary Agenda

- 1. Roll call*
- 2. Moment of silence*
- 3. Courtesies*
- 4. Consideration of the agenda of the meeting*
- 5. Elections*
- 6. Receipt and consideration of financial reports*
- 7. Motion to adopt consent agenda*
- 8. Consideration of items removed from consent agenda*
- 9. Consider recommendations of the standing committees*
- 10. Consider additional recommendations as contained in reports*
- 11. Proposals for amendments to Articles of Association and Bylaws*
- 12. Directors' motions*
- 13. Other business*
- 14. Closing courtesies*
- 15. Adjournment*

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 11:02 AM ET Friday, January 15, 2021 with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division
Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division
Vernon Lippert, ACØW, Dakota Division
David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division
Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division
Ria Jairam, N2RJ, Hudson Division
Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ, Midwest Division
Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, New England Division
Mike Ritz, W7VO, Northwestern Division
Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, 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
David Minster, NA2AA, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary
Diane Middleton, W2DLM, Chief Financial Officer
Rick 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
Scott Yonally, N8SY, Great Lakes Division
Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division
Dave Propper, K2DP, Midwest Division
Phil Temples, K9HI, New England Division
Mark Tharp, KB7HDX, Northwestern Division
Bill Morine, N2COP, Roanoke Division
Dan Grady, N2SRK, Rocky Mountain Division
James Schilling, KG4JSZ, Southeastern Division
Ned Stearns, AA7A, Southwestern Division
Lee Cooper, W5LHC, West Gulf Division

The Pacific Division Vice Director position is currently vacant.

Also present were:

Tim Ellam, VE6SH, International Amateur Radio Union President
Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA, President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada
Carla Pereira, KC1HSX, Executive Manager
David Siddall, Esq., K3ZJ, FCC Communications Counsel
Edward Spinella, Esq., Connecticut Counsel

Moment of Silence

2. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Amateurs who have passed away since the last meeting, especially: James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT; Ed M. Beeler, AC5QS; Tom Blackwell, N5GAR; Oleg A Chernozymov, N7PLS; Dennis Clemenson, NTØV; Roger Corey, W1AX; John Devoldere, ON4UN; David DuBois, N7LIY; Marshall Emm, N1FN; Grady Ferguson, W5FU; Dorothy Figgins, WØSWK; Ronald "Ron" L.

Grossman, AF5Q; J Farrell "Hoppy" Hopwood VE7RD; Colin Horrabin, G3SBI; Charles Clifford "Cliff" Kayhart, W4KKP; Frank Kollatt, Jr., W5BPT; Ken Kucera, KAØY; James Larner, N1ATO; Victor Madera, KP4PQ; E. Drew Moore, W2OU; Scott Moses WØYOB; Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM; Steve Ostrove, K2SO; Phil Pace, K7HSQ; Dave Pruett, K8CC; Timothy Rader, NØTM; Charles R Reeves, KE4SXQ; Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY; Don Schliesser, K6RV; Karl Thompson, K8KT; Lew Wallach N9WL; Frank Warren, AB5WJ; Edward E. "Ed" Wetherhold, W3NQN; and Don Wilson, K2DSV.

Courtesies

3. Mr. Roderick welcomed the newly elected members of the Board: Director Bill Lippert, and Vice Directors Dave Propper and Scott Yonally. Mr. Roderick also acknowledged Ms. McIntyre and Dr. Zygielbaum, attending as Directors for the first time, as well as recently appointed Vice Director Phil Temples.

4. IARU – Mr. Ellam

Mr. Ellam brought greetings on behalf of the IARU's officers. He summarized the IARU's efforts over the last year, including challenges related to the pandemic, the evaluation of the IARU's core responsibilities and relationships, and its spectrum protection and planning efforts. He noted that the IARU is preparing a report regarding spectrum threats. The report is expected to be completed in late February. Mr. Ellam also touched on concerns related to Wireless Power Transfer (WPT), expressing the need for collaboration with the ARRL to address those threats, specifically testing, ARRL Lab input, and communications with the FCC.

5. Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) – Mr. MacDonell

Mr. MacDonell brought greetings from the RAC, and thanked Messrs. Ellam and Roderick for attending the virtual RAC National Conference. He stated that the pandemic has presented many challenges, but also presented opportunities for new actions, noting that interest in amateur radio had increased over the last year. He also noted the challenges to frequency allocations.

6. ARRL Foundation – Mr. Abernethy

Mr. Abernethy summarized the Foundation report, sharing that it had been a very successful year despite pandemic-related challenges. He highlighted the scholarship matching funds agreement with ARDC, noting that 103 scholarships were awarded and there has been an increase in applications. Mr. Abernethy recognized the work of the ARRL Development team. Mr. Ritz added that the Foundation Committee will begin working on this year's applications as soon as next month.

Responding to a question regarding scholarship fund balances under \$500, Mr. Abernethy stated that the Foundation is reviewing options for combining scholarships, as well as addressing the narrowest scholarship restrictions. Mr. Spinella provided input.

7. Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz, that:

Whereas, the American Radio Relay League Foundation's Articles of Incorporation were created on September 21, 1973; and,

Whereas, from time to time, it is necessary to clarify and/or modify the Articles to better describe the current activities of the organization; and,

Whereas, the ARRL Foundation Board of Directors voted to adopt a new Mission Statement for the ARRL Foundation and voted unanimously to modify the Articles to include the new Mission Statement; and,

Whereas, the ARRL Foundation Board of Directors directed a motion be submitted to the ARRL Board to request approval of the modified Articles.

Be it Further Resolved, that:

Paragraph 4 of the Articles beginning with the wording “To operate exclusively for” and ending with “the purposes of the American Radio Relay League, Inc.” be deleted from the Articles to be replaced by the wording, “To advance the art, science, and societal benefits of the amateur radio service by awarding financial grants and scholarships to individuals and organizations in support of their charitable, educational, and scientific efforts.”

There was a discussion in relation to IRS rules and regulations regarding Certificates of Amendment, with Mr. Spinella stating that an organizational test will need to be met before the certificate is filed. It was agreed that the language must comply with IRS rules.

The motion CARRIED.

Consideration of the Agenda

8. On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Ritz, the Agenda was ADOPTED.

Elections

9. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the ARRL Executive Committee. Mr. Carlson nominated Messrs. Abernethy, Williams, Hippisley, Stratton and Carlson.

With no further nominations, **Mr. Norris moved, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, to close the nominations.**

Seeing no objection, the motion CARRIED and all were elected by acclamation.

10. President Roderick opened the floor to Mr. Abernethy for nominations to the ARRL Foundation Board. Mr. Abernethy nominated Director Abernethy, Director Norris, and Brian Mileschosky for 3-year terms.

With no further nominations, **Mr. Carlson moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton, to accept the nominations.**

Seeing no objection, the motion CARRIED and all were elected by acclamation.

Receipt and Consideration of Financial Reports

11. Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Niswander

Dr. Niswander presented the Treasurer's Report and entertained questions. He noted it had been an unpredictable year due to Covid-19 but there has been a decent recovery across the board. He touched on Nasdaq versus the S&P and Dow. In response to questions, he also discussed short and long-term planning, the possible market effects of the change in administration, the potential impact from the government's Coronavirus relief funding, and real estate holdings.

The Board was on break from 12:20 - 12:32 with all returning as noted above.

12. CFO Report – Ms. Middleton

Ms. Middleton presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer. She reported that despite the challenges of 2020 the League generated a small gain from operations and continues to maintain a strong balance sheet along with healthy cash balances. She also reported that ARRL experienced significantly lower spending in 2020 due to travel restrictions and the temporary postponement of filling some vacant positions. She then entertained questions. Responding to a question regarding the Paycheck Protection Program, Ms. Middleton noted that it is expected that the loan will be fully forgiven under the program and ARRL does not qualify for a second loan under the program.

Consideration of the Consent Agenda

13. The following reports were removed from the Consent Agenda: International Affairs Vice President; Chief Executive Officer; Administration & Finance Committee; Ethics & Elections Committee; Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee; Logbook of the World Committee; Legislative Advocacy Committee; and Legal Structure Review Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. Jairam, the Consent Agenda was ADOPTED.

14. International Affairs Vice President Report: - Mr. Stafford

Mr. Stafford presented a brief synopsis of his report, noting that it contains a summary of activities over the past six months, including Regional Conference Proceedings, and opened the floor to any questions. In regard to Mr. Carlson's request to consider the IAVP motions at this time, Mr. Stafford noted that new society proposals are vetted and approved by the regional organization before being presented for ratification by all member societies.

15. Mr. Stafford moved, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, that:

Whereas, the Amateur Radio Union of the Kyrgyz Republic (ARUKR) has forwarded an application for IARU Membership through IARU Region 1 to the IARU Secretary;

Whereas, the application reflects that ARUKR meets the requirements for IARU Member Society status;

Whereas, there is no current IARU Member Society in the Kyrgyz Republic;

Whereas, the IARU Administrative Council voted to conduct a vote of all member societies on the admission of ARUKR as contained in IARU Proposal No. 261;

Whereas, in order to be counted, Proposal 261 voting sheets must be received by the International Secretariat no later than 28 May 2021;

THEREFORE, after due and careful consideration, the ARRL Board of Directors directs the ARRL CEO/Secretary to vote YES on IARU Proposal No. 261 concerning the admission of the Amateur Radio Union of the Kyrgyz Republic (ARUKR) as an IARU Member Society and to forward the Proposal No. 261 Vote Sheet to the IARU International Secretariat to be received prior to 28 May 2021.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

16. Mr. Stafford moved, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, that:

Whereas, the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society (BARS) has forwarded an application for IARU Membership through IARU Region 1 to the IARU Secretary;

Whereas, the application reflects that BARS meets the requirements for IARU Member Society status;

Whereas, there is no current IARU Member Society in the Bahrain;*

Whereas, the IARU Administrative Council voted to conduct a vote of all member societies on the admission of BARS as contained in IARU Proposal No. 262;

Whereas, in order to be counted, Proposal 262 voting sheets must be received by the International Secretariat no later than 28 May 2021;

THEREFORE, after due and careful consideration, the ARRL Board of Directors directs the ARRL CEO/Secretary to vote YES on IARU Proposal No. 262 concerning the admission of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society (BARS) as an IARU Member Society and to forward the Proposal No. 262 Vote Sheet to the IARU International Secretariat to be received prior to 28 May 2021.

*Mr. Stafford clarified that there had previously been a society in Bahrain that is now defunct, and that this is an entirely new society.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

17. CEO Report – Mr. Minster

Mr. Minster presented a synopsis of his report, noting that much of this information had been included in his regular status report to the Board, and included a review of the appendices to his report. He also touched upon the status of Covid-19 regulations in CT and Ms. Middleton's work in maintaining safety for staff and continuity of support for members. Mr. Minster then invited questions.

In response to questions, there was discussion on the status of moving to a cloud-based infrastructure; a newly designed role for a PR/Social Media manager; possibility of hiring staff based outside of CT; and responding to member feedback.

18. Mr. Hippisley moved, seconded by Ms. Jairam, to move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss a confidential matter.

The Board was in a Committee of the Whole from 1:53 – 3:02 PM.

19. Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to accept the report of the Committee of the Whole.

The motion CARRIED.

The Board was on a lunch break from 3:03 – 4:01 PM with all returning as noted above except Mr. Nelson.

20. Administration & Finance Committee Report: Mr. Ryan

Mr. Ryan began by opening the floor to questions. Responding to Mr. Baker’s question, there was a discussion about the A&F Committee’s charge regarding approving expenditures, including clarification of guidelines for governance, and specific wording in the organization’s governing documents.

21. Ethics & Elections Committee Report – Mr. Hopengarten

Responding to a question from Ms. Jairam, there was a discussion regarding clarification of the use of electronic signatures for election documents. It was noted that the matter was resolved during the 2020 Second Board of Directors Meeting (minute 28), and the League’s outgoing communication had been revised accordingly.

22. Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee Report – Mr. Carlson

Mr. Carlson commented on his report, noting that the EMC and the IARU have been in communication on the issues surrounding wireless power transfer. He also touched upon the committee’s work with IEEE before reviewing the assorted interference matters they have been addressing.

23. Logbook of the World Committee Report – Ms. McIntyre

Ms. McIntyre reported that a few features have been added, but much time has been spent reviewing the site’s performance issues that need to be resolved in the short term.

Mr. Nelson re-joined the meeting 5:20 PM.

24. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report – Mr. Stratton

Mr. Stratton presented a briefing of the LAC’s work regarding private land use restrictions to date, noting that the pandemic impacted their agenda and may continue to do so. Mr. Stratton also discussed the necessity of improving legislative tracking; the continued work of Keelan Group; and the “National Amateur Radio Operators Day Resolution.” He expressed the importance of membership involvement to advance that effort, which the Board agreed with, and stated that once we hear from Representative Lesko we will discuss next steps. He then opened the floor to questions.

Responding to Mr. Baker’s question, there was discussion about the exact wording around the issue of Home-Owner’s Association restrictions and the Ray Baum’s Act. There was also a discussion about how to proactively keep members informed on the ARRL’s progress on these matters.

The committee also discussed creating guidelines for League members to reference when dealing with HOA issues. The committee, along with Mr. Hippisley, and with assistance from HQ, agreed to draft such a document to circulate to the full Board for comments.

25. Trademarks – Mr. Famiglio

Mr. Famiglio, having been previously charged by the Executive Committee to commence a review and update of the organization's trademarks, presented an overview of his work to date. The Board also discussed the various iterations of the ARRL logo and how those might affect trademarks.

The Board was on a break from 5:53 - 6:35 PM with all returning as noted above.

Consider Recommendations of the Standing Committees

26. Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton, that:

MOVED, that the ARRL 2021-2022 Plan, as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee, be adopted.

The motion CARRIED.

27. Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Ms. Jairam, that:

Whereas, the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused significant interruption to the operations and finances of businesses large and small across the United States, and

Whereas, the ARRL has not been immune to these disruptions, and

Whereas, ARRL management and staff have made tremendous efforts to maintain the operations of the headquarters functions in spite of the difficulties, and

Whereas, the financial and administrative operations of the League have continued with minor impact to the membership.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Board of Directors hereby thanks and commends the leadership and staff of the ARRL for their diligence, professionalism, adaptability and resiliency in continuing to serve the membership during this stressful time.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

Ms. Middleton was granted permission to share this motion with staff before the meeting minutes are posted.

28. Mr. Lippert moved, seconded by Mr. Norris, that:

Whereas, Richard "Skip" Jackson, KSØJ, has faithfully served as the ARRL Minnesota Section Manager since January 2004; and,

Whereas, during Jackson's 16-year tenure he has actively promoted ARRL activities in his section, including visiting hundreds of Field Day operations over the years, represented the league at numerous hamfests, and attended countless club meetings in his state, promoting the League; and,

Whereas, Jackson's leadership of the ARRL Minnesota Section Field Organization, as led to a strong working cadre of volunteers with the section; and,

Whereas, Jackson serves as a model to ARRL Section Managers across the country as strong supporter of the ARRL and its activities;

THEREFORE, the ARRL Board of Directors bestows on Richard “Skip” Jackson, KSØJ, the ARRL Knight Distinguished Service Award.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

29. Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Norris, that:

Whereas, the internet and social media platforms have opened up many avenues for instruction and learning, especially in the realm of video productions, and

Whereas, the efforts to generate productions of high levels of content - and effective and entertaining instruction of that content - all while maintaining rigorous technical standards, demand consistent discipline and rigor, and

Whereas, ARRL recognizes and embraces new modes of learning and information conveyance which enhance further education of Amateur Radio operators everywhere,

THEREFORE, the ARRL Board of Directors, with the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee and the concurrence of the Programs and Services Committee, does hereby bestow the 2020 Bill Leonard W2SKE Professional Media Award for Video Reporting to Josh B. Nass, KI6NAZ, for his outstanding You Tube series entitled Ham Radio Crash Course, which has garnered almost 170,000 subscribers.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

30. Mr. Vallio moved, seconded by Mr. Norris, that:

Whereas, The Programs & Services Committee, upon the recommendation of the Public Relations Committee, in consultation with the Programs & Services Committee, requests the following change to the Philip J. McGan Silver Antenna Award and the Bill Leonard W2SKE Professional Media Award.

THEREFORE,

1) The annual nomination deadline for both awards is changed to March 31. This will bring the two media awards into cycle alignment with five other prominent ARRL awards: the Hiram Percy Maxim Award, the ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award, the ARRL Microwave Development Award, the ARRL Technical Service Award, and the ARRL Technical Innovation Award. Nominations for these awards will cover the previous calendar year.

2) These changes will take effect with the next application nomination cycle of March 31, 2022 covering the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

The Board was on break from 6:45 PM – 11:03 AM with all returning as noted above.

Director's Motions

31. Mr. Baker moved, seconded by Mr. Hippisley, that:

Whereas, A fundamental purpose of the Amateur Radio Service is expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.

Whereas, Licensing for the Amateur Radio Service has no age limits and demonstrates practical and enjoyable applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and mathematics. This attracts young people to amateur radio and to potential careers in STEM. Several Board members have followed this path.

Whereas, Established youth groups, including Scouting, Inc., (formerly Boy Scouts of America) have established educational merit badge and award programs which lead to the ability to take and pass an FCC Examination for an Amateur Radio license; in 2019, over 1,000 young people were licensed in Scouting programs.

Whereas, In late 2020, The Federal Communications Commission in Report and Order FCC 20-184 established a fee of \$35 for all new amateur radio license applications. This puts a burden on nonprofit youth organizations that serve a segment of young people where costs have heretofore been low. Some of these programs will not be able to continue this program without financial assistance.

Whereas, These programs have also typically used non-ARRL Volunteer Examiner organizations which do not charge a testing fee, providing little to no ARRL exposure to these new licensees.

Whereas, The Board believes that the recruitment and training of young amateur radio operators is a necessary and proper mission of the ARRL and that subsidization of the \$35 fee will reduce the number of new amateurs that otherwise would be lost from these groups.

THEREFORE, It is accordingly resolved that:

(1) With prior approval from ARRL Staff, the League will pay the \$35 FCC fee outright upon the passing of an amateur radio examination for their initial amateur radio license by an applicant who, at the time of testing, is a member of an ARRL affiliated, 501(c)(3) Charitable Organizations and has not reached their 18th birthday, provided that organization use the ARRL VEC testing organization.

(2) For applicants who meet the criteria specified above, the VEC fee shall be reduced to a total of \$5, all of which must be paid to the ARRL VEC;

(3) Organizations using authorized ARRL volunteer examiners for applicants that have reached their 18th birthday may test according to the VEC rules and fees in place, but the FCC fee nor the VEC will change in any way.

(4) This plan will be limited to the first 1,000 applicants in 2021.

Following extended discussion on a number of questions raised around the execution of the program as written, **Mr. Carlson moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton, the following subsidiary motion, that:**

An ad-hoc committee consisting of the Administration & Finance Committee, two members of the Programs & Services Committee, and Mr. Minster or his staff designee, is to review, develop and recommend the implementation of the original motion with a report to the Board by March 31, 2021.

The subsidiary motion CARRIED.

The Board was on break from 12:25 - 12:38 with all returning as noted above.

32. Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Hopengarten, that:

ARRL staff is directed to produce printed material for use by HOA-resident Amateurs in negotiations with HOA Boards and Architectural Committees in efforts to get approval of antennas.

This information will be in two parts:

1) A book or booklet with instructions and suggestions for the Radio Amateur to be used in the negotiations.

2) Printed, color handouts to be given to HOA regulatory committees or boards containing background and benefits of Amateur Radio, and at least 10 examples of HOA approved antennas. The antenna examples will have color photos, written descriptions, and possible negotiation history, and will be suggestive of what should be approved by HOA committees.

Staff will find a suitable author and/or researcher to author the material, and suitable editing and graphic assistance to assure its effectiveness.

There was then discussion regarding the potential effectiveness of the directive as written and possible alternatives, as well as how it may affect potential legislative efforts to address these concerns.

Following a roll call vote, the motion FAILED, with Ms. Jairam, Ms. McIntyre, Messrs. Abernethy, Carlson, Lippert, Norris, Williams, Zygielbaum, Hippiusley and Stratton against; and Messrs. Hopengarten, Ritz, Ryan, Baker, and Norton in favor.

33. Mr. Stratton moved, seconded by Mr. Hopengarten, that:

Whereas, Revenue from print and digital advertising by Amateur Radio-focused advertisers has been declining for years;

Whereas, The advent of the C-19 Virus has caused, and continues to cause, a substantial, six-figure reduction in advertising revenue in 2020 alone by Amateur Radio-focused advertisers;

Whereas, The ARRL has maintained a policy and/or a practice of choosing not to solicit, and refusing to accept, non-Amateur Radio advertising, except for generators and fundraising solicitations;

Whereas, It is no longer prudent nor responsible for the ARRL to continue a policy of advertising exclusivity;

THEREFORE, It is Resolved that: ARRL staff is immediately authorized and directed to solicit and accept advertising of any form — including print, digital and sponsorships — from non-Amateur Radio advertisers, excluding pornography, criminal, and fraudulent enterprises.

There was discussion regarding whether the wording should include a formal policy on which advertisers would be accepted or leaving such decisions to appropriate staff, as has been the practice.

The motion CARRIED, with Mr. Hippisley and Ms. Jairam against.

34. Mr. Norris moved, seconded by Mr. Roderick, that:

Whereas, The Amateur Radio Club of the University of Arkansas (ARCUA), W5YM, was formed in 1916 with the call sign 5YM, and

Whereas, ARCUA continues to operate as a college club under the call sign W5YM, and

Whereas, ARCUA is a long-time ARRL affiliated club, in the Arkansas Section of the ARRL Delta Division.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors congratulates and recognizes ARCUA, W5YM on their 105th Anniversary.

Mr. Norris made a friendly amendment to include a plaque with the award, which was accepted.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

35. Dr. Zygielbaum moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, that:

Whereas, Electronic balloting is now in common use among professional organizations such as the IEEE, AAAS, etc. Using electronic balloting would be of benefit to handicapped members who find paper ballots difficult to use. Providing electronic balloting as an alternative to paper balloting may result in a cost savings to the organization and decrease delays and potential conflicts over delays of paper ballots. It is likely, also, that the use of online balloting will be attractive to younger members who are more accustomed to online transactions.

Whereas, While electronic balloting was attempted earlier, there have been continuing changes in technology and acceptance of remote meetings and significant advancements in voting processes.

THEREFORE, it is moved that the Administration & Finance Committee be directed to investigate the state, cost and availability of commercial electronic balloting services as a member-selected alternative to paper balloting distributed and collected via the postal service. The committee is directed to report back to the Board within one year from the date this motion is accepted. The committee may choose to form an ad hoc subcommittee to accomplish this directive.

Following discussion, **the motion CARRIED.**

The Board was on break from 2:03 - 3:05 PM all returning except Mr. Cooper.

36. Mr. Hopengarten moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton, that:

It is Resolved that:

(1) The Administration and Finance Committee shall appoint an Investment Management Committee (IMC) composed of four voting members selected from the Directors, Vice Directors, and Officers, to study and recommend to the Board a plan for continuing management of its portfolio, such plan to be presented to the Administration and Finance Committee and the Board at its July 2021 meeting. This Plan may include, but is not limited to:

A) Review of the Investment Policy Statement, making recommendations to revise it.

B) Review and recommendations with respect to contracting for external investment advisory services or portfolio management. If external investment advisory services or portfolio management is recommended, the committee shall provide a draft RFQ/RFP for such services for consideration by the full Board.

C) Review and recommendations with respect to an appropriate ongoing investment oversight structure.

(2) The CEO (who may delegate his role) shall be a non-voting ex-officio member of the committee. The Treasurer shall be a voting ex-officio member of the committee.

(3) The IMC shall have authority to consult with professional investment advisors, and other outside experts.

(4) The IMC shall provide an interim report to the Administration and Finance Committee and the Board at its July 2021 meeting, if its work is not yet complete, or a final report if it has completed its work.

Following discussion, **Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to amend the motion so that:**

The Investment Management Committee will report to the Administration & Finance Committee.

Following discussion, **the motion to amend CARRIED.**

37. Returning to the original motion, **Dr. Niswander moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz, to amend the motion so that:**

The voting members consist of five ARRL Officers, Directors and Vice Directors.

Following discussion, **the motion to amend CARRIED.**

38. Returning to the original motion, **Dr. Niswander moved, seconded by Mr. Carlson, to amend the motion so that:**

The League Treasurer be a voting member of the committee.

Following discussion, **the motion to amend CARRIED.**

The Board was on a break from 4:15 - 4:25 PM with all returning as noted above.

39. Returning to the original motion, Dr. Niswander moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz, to amend the motion so that:

The voting members of the committee consist of four members selected from Officers, Directors and Vice Directors plus the Treasurer.

Following discussion, **the motion to amend CARRIED.**

40. Returning to the original motion, the Chair called for a vote on the motion as amended.

The motion as presented CARRIED.

41. Mr. Ritz moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, that:

Whereas, the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused interruption to the normal operations of ARRL headquarters over the last year, and

Whereas, ARRL headquarters staff and shipping department has been limited in their ability to work from the office on a daily basis, and

Whereas, these interruptions to the normal flow of business have caused occasional delays in delivery of goods, and even answering the phone on some days.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved: That the ARRL Board of Directors hereby thanks and commends the Membership of ARRL for its continued support, and patience during these unprecedented times.

Following a brief discussion, **the motion CARRIED (with applause).**

42. Mr. Stratton moved, seconded by Mr. Hopengarten, that:

Whereas, Since approximately 2015, the ARRL has lacked a professional, experienced and/or trained person as ARRL's Chief Development Officer to plan, implement and lead new and substantial fundraising efforts in concert with the plans of the CEO;

THEREFORE, It is Resolved that:

(1) ARRL staff is authorized to recruit and retain, as either an employee or a contractor, a professional, experienced and/or trained individual to serve as the ARRL's Chief Development Officer (CDO) whose primary purpose will be to develop, implement, and maintain an ongoing fundraising effort on behalf of the ARRL;

(2) The Board desires, absent extenuating circumstances, that a CDO shall be hired prior to the July 2021 ARRL Board of Director's meeting.

Following discussion regarding how this might align with current Development and organizational plans,

Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Dr. Zygielbaum, to amend the motion so that:

The words “and directed” are removed from item (1) of the motion.

The motion to amend CARRIED.

43. Returning to the original motion, the Chair called for a vote on the motion as amended.

Following a roll call vote, the motion as presented CARRIED with Ms. Jairam, Ms. McIntyre, Messrs. Abernethy, Carlson, Lippert, Norris, Williams, Zygielbaum, Hopengarten, Ritz, Hippisley, Ryan, Baker, and Stratton in favor; and Mr. Norton against.

44. Ms. Jairam moved, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, that:

Whereas, GSARA was first affiliated as an ARRL affiliated club on January 22, 1951.

Whereas, GSARA serves the public through the American Red Cross in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, which is in the Northern New Jersey section but has many members in both Northern and Southern New Jersey sections.

Whereas, GSARA has an outstanding record of learning and education programs including youth programs.

Whereas, GSARA enables members to operate remotely through an internet remote club station and runs a repeater with modern technology.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors congratulates and recognizes GSARA on the 70th anniversary of being an ARRL affiliated club.

Mr. Ritz made a friendly amendment to include a plaque in the award, which was accepted.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

45. Dr. Zygielbaum moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton, that:

Whereas, The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society – St. Louis (BEARS-STL) was first affiliated as an ARRL affiliated club on May 6, 1971.

Whereas, The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society – St. Louis serves the public and the Boeing community in St. Louis by supporting various needs for radio communications; in times of emergency, requests for support of public service events, development and training in the field of radio communications technologies and the licensed amateur radio operators of The Boeing Company located in the metropolitan St. Louis area.

Whereas, The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society- St. Louis has a long history of supporting the Emergency Preparedness Activities of the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency as well as state and local emergency management agencies through the provision of their VHF/UHF repeater systems and HF communications systems for use in both actual and simulated emergency tests such as TOPOFF exercises and the Great Shakeout with highly effective and reliable systems.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors congratulates and recognizes the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society – St. Louis on the 50th Anniversary of being an ARRL affiliated club.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

46. Mr. Hippisley presented a request to the Standing Committee chairs that those committees not meet simultaneously so that non-committee Board members may participate. He additionally requested that the Standing Committees not meet during the week of Board meetings. Following brief discussion, the Board agreed to consider this request moving forward when scheduling committee meetings.

Other Business

47. Responding to a request from Ms. Jairam, Mr. Siddall updated the Board on the status of the Bandplan Committee's recommendations to the FCC. Mr. Raisbeck noted that the committee will be meeting soon.

48. Mr. Roderick made the following Board committee appointments:

Administration & Finance: Mr. Ryan, *Chair*, Ms. Middleton, Mr. Baker, Mr. Hopengarten, Ms. Jairam, Mr. Norton, Mr. Hudgens, Dr. Niswander, Mr. Raisbeck

Programs & Services: Mr. Ritz, *Chair*, Mr. Lippert, Ms. McIntyre, Mr. Norris, Dr. Zygielbaum, Mr. Grady, Mr. Vallio

ARDF: Jerry Boyd, *Co-coordinator*, Charles Scharlau, *Co-coordinator*, Richard Arnett, Ruth Bromer, Joseph Burkhead, Thomas Chen, Brian DeYoung, Robert Frey, Jennifer Harker, Cameron Haynes, Lori Huberman, Joseph Huberman, Donald Pitchford, Nadia Scharlau, Ken Harker

ARISS: Mr. Tharp, *Chair*, Mr. Schilling, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Temples, Mr. Bickell

Contest Advisory: Mr. Craig Thompson, *Chair*, Mr. Lippert, *Board Liaison*

DX Advisory: Mr. Chris Shalvoy, *Chair*, Mr. Norris, *Board Liaison*

Electromagnetic Compatibility: Mr. Carlson, *Chair*, Ms. McIntyre, Mr. Hudgens, Mr. Luetzelschwab, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Ed Hare, *Staff Liaison*, Mr. Bob Allison, Mr. Paul Cianciolo, Mr. Brian Cramer, Mr. Mike Gruber, Mr. Ron Hranac, Dr. Greg Lapin, Mr. Jerry Ramie, Mr. James Roop, Dr. Richard Dubroff, Mr. Riley Hollingsworth

Emergency Management Director Selection: Mr. Hippisley, *Chair*, Mr. Abernethy, Ms. Jairam, Mr. Norris, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Schilling, Mr. Tharp, Mr. Minster, Mr. Roderick, Mr. Paul Gilbert

Ethics & Elections: Mr. Baker, *Chair*, Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Ryan

HF Bandplanning: Mr. Raisbeck, *Chair*, Mr. Carlson, Ms. Jairam, Mr. Ritz, Mr. Williams, Mr. Stearns

Historical: Mr. Luetzelschwab, *Chair*, Mr. Norton, Mr. Hudzik, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Propper, Mr. Bob Allison, Mr. Rod Blocksome, Mr. Michael Marinaro, Mr. Peter Turbide, Mr. Ray Thornton

Legal Defense & Assistance: Mr. Stafford, *Chair*, Mr. Hopengarten, Mr. Famiglio, Mr. Raisbeck, Mr. Siddall, Mr. Michael Lazaroff

Legal Structure & Review: Mr. Minster, *Chair*, Mr. Roderick, Mr. Stafford, Mr. Hopengarten, Mr. Stratton, Mr. Famiglio

Legislative Advocacy: Mr. Stratton, *Chair*, Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Hopengarten, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Roderick, Mr. Minster, Mr. Robert Wareham

Logbook of the World: Mr. Greg Widin, *Chair*, Ms. McIntyre, *Board Liaison*, Mr. Stearns, Dr. Niswander, Mr. Norm Fusaro, Mr. Michael Keane, Mr. Rick Murphy

Public Relations: Mr. Bob Inderbitzen, *Chair*, Mr. Yonally, *Board Liaison*, Mr. John Bloodgood, Mr. Ed Efchak, Mr. Andy Miluzzi, Mr. Gordon Mooneyhan, Mr. Kevin O'Dell, Mr. Scott Roberts, Mr. Angel Santana, Mr. Alan Griffith, *RAC Representative*

RF Safety: Dr. Gregory Lapin, *Chair*, Mr. Propper, *Board Liaison*, Mr. Ed Hare, Mr. Matt Butcher, Dr. Robert Gold, Dr. William Kaune, Dr. James Ross, Dr. Kai Siwiak, Dr. Bruce Small, Mr. Richard Tell, Dr. Guy "Bud" Tribble, Dr. Gerald Griffin, Dr. William Raskoff

49. Mr. Lippert moved, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, that:

Whereas, the 2021 Annual meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors is concluding; and,

Whereas, the arrangements for this virtual meeting have proceeded in a timely and efficient manner; and,

Whereas, the arrangements for such an event requires knowledge, understanding, patience, and good humor to successfully support Directors, Vice-Directors, officers and guests;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL Board family recognizes and gratefully thanks Carla Pereira, KC1HSX, and Dee Methe, KC1MHN, for accomplishing what no one else can ever do: hold a most successful Board meeting.

The motion CARRIED (with applause).

- 50.** There being no additional business, on the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 PM. (Time in session as a Board 13 hours 04 minutes; Time in session as a Committee of the Whole 1 hour 05 minutes.)

Respectfully submitted:

Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Executive Manager