

**ARRL 2<sup>nd</sup> BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**July 17, 2020 – 11:00 AM ET and August 16, 2020 – 11:00 AM ET**  
**Minutes**

**Agenda**

- 1) Roll Call (**Friday, July 17, 2020, 9:00 A.M.**) and announcement that meeting is being recorded
- 2) Moment of Silence
- 3) Courtesies
  - a) Introduction and welcome of first-time participants and guests
  - b) Remarks/greetings from IARU
  - c) Remarks/greetings from Radio Amateurs of Canada
  - d) Remarks/greetings from ARRL Foundation
- Doc. #1 4) Consideration of the agenda of the meeting
- 5) Receipt and consideration of financial reports
  - Doc. #6 a) Treasurer's Report, Mr. Niswander
  - Doc. #8 b) Chief Financial Officer's Report, Ms. Middleton
- 6) Motion to Adopt Consent Agenda (**Any Board member may request that any item on the Consent Agenda be removed and discussed separately. Otherwise, the listed items will be considered as a whole without debate or amendment. Receipt of a report does not include approval of any recommendations contained in the report. Consideration of such recommendations comes later in the agenda. Listed reports that are not received and distributed prior to the meeting will be removed from the Consent Agenda.**)
- 7) Receipt and consideration of other reports.
  - a) Receipt of other officers' reports
    - Doc. #2 i) President Roderick
    - Doc. #3 ii) First Vice President Raisbeck
    - Doc. #4 iii) Second Vice President Vallio
    - Doc. #5 iv) International Affairs Vice President Stafford
    - Doc. #7 v) Chief Executive Officer Shelley
    - Doc. #9
  - b)
    - i) Receipt of Communication Counsel's report, Mr. Siddall
    - ii) Receipt of Connecticut Counsel's report, Mr. Spinella
  - c) Receipt of Committee and Coordinator Reports
    - Doc. #10 i) Executive Committee, Mr. Roderick, Chair
    - Doc. #11 ii) Administration & Finance Committee, Mr. Ryan, Chair

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| Doc. #12 | iii) Programs & Services Committee, Mr. Holden, Chair                       |
| Doc. #13 | iv) Ethics & Elections Committee, Mr. Hopengarten, Chair                    |
| Doc. #14 | v) Amateur Radio Legal Defense & Assistance Committee, Mr. Stafford, Chair  |
| Doc. #15 | vi) RF Safety Committee, Mr. Zygielbaum, Liaison                            |
| Doc. #16 | vii) EMC Committee, Mr. Carlson, Chair                                      |
| Doc. #17 | viii) Public Relations Committee, Mr. Morine, Liaison                       |
| Doc. #18 | ix) Historical Committee, Mr. Blocksome, Chair                              |
| Doc. #19 | x) ARISS Committee, Mr. Tharp, Chair  |
| Doc. #20 | xi) LoTW Committee, Mr. Niswander, Liaison                                  |
| Doc. #21 | xii) ARDF Co-Coordination Jerry Boyd, WB8WFK, and Charles Scharlau, NZ0I    |
| Doc. #22 | xiii) Contest Advisory Committee, Mr. Norris, PSC liaison                   |
| Doc. #23 | xiv) DX Advisory Committee, Mr. Ritz, Liaison                               |
| Doc. #24 | xv) Legislative Advocacy Committee, Mr. Tiemstra, Chair                     |
| Doc. #25 | xvi) HF Band Planning Committee, Mr. Raisbeck, Chair                        |
| Doc. #26 | xvii) <i>Intentionally Left Blank</i>                                       |
| Doc. #27 | xviii) Legal Structure Review Committee, Mr. Shelley, Chair                 |
| Doc. #28 | xix) CEO Search Committee, Mr. Carlson, Chair                               |
| Doc. #29 | xx) Emergency Management Director Selection Committee, Mr. Hippisley, Chair |

[END OF CONSENT AGENDA]

- 8) Consideration of items removed from Consent Agenda
- 9) Consider recommendations of the Standing Committees **(Additional recommendations as contained in the reports will be added to this agenda item as the reports are received.)**
  - a) Executive Committee
  - b) Administration & Finance Committee
  - c) Programs & Services Committee
- 10) Proposals for amendments to Articles of Association and Bylaws
- 11) Consider additional recommendations as contained in reports
- 12) Directors' motions:
  - a. Mr. Hippiusley Roanoke Division
  - b. Mr. Ryan Rocky Mountain Division
  - c. Mr. Baker Southeastern Division
  - d. Mr. Norton Southwestern Division
  - e. Mr. Stratton West Gulf Division
  - f. Mr. Abernethy Atlantic Division
  - g. Mr. Carlson Central Division
  - h. Mr. Holden Dakota Division
  - i. Mr. Norris Delta Division
  - j. Mr. Williams Great Lakes Division
  - k. Ms. Jairam Hudson Division
  - l. Mr. Blocksom Midwest Division
  - m. Mr. Hopengarten New England Division
  - n. Mr. Ritz Northwestern Division
  - o. Mr. Tiemstra Pacific Division

- 13) Other business
  - 14) Closing courtesies
  - 15) 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 11:12 AM EDT Saturday, July 17, 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 Blocksom, KØDAS, Midwest Division  
Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, New England Division  
Mike Ritz, W7VO, Northwestern Division  
Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division  
George "Bud" Hippiisley, 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  
Lee Cooper, W5LHC, West Gulf Division

Also present were:

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  
David Sumner, K1ZZ, International Amateur Radio Union Secretary

The New England Vice Director position is currently vacant.

#### *Moment of Silence*

2. A moment of silence was offered in memory of Amateurs who have passed away since the last meeting, especially: *Henry Allen, W5TYD; The Sultan of Oman Qaboos Bin Said, A41AA; Tom M. Blackwell, N5GAR; Michael Cawson, WV2ZOW; John T. Conley, W7ZFB; Ti-Michelle Connelly, NJ6T; Eddie De Young, KS4AA; Wallace "Wally" Clemens Foster, AA5AE; Bernie Fuller, N3EFN; Paul Glasmacher, DK5DC; Walter Hoover, KB5OVJ; John Hopkins, KJ4EJH; Walter Jones, WN3LIF; Gerald Klatzko, ZS6BTD; Richard "Dick" Knadle, K2RIW; Phil Lewis, N2MUN; Peter Lyman, K6PTL; Victor Madera, KP4PQ; Dick Maylott, W2YE; Jim McCobb, K1LU; Paul McIntyre, KC5JAX; Billy Joe O'Kain, K4LTA; Paul Robinette, KD4OZI; Herb Schoenbohm, KV4FZ; Donald Search, W3AZD; Benjamin Sly, KF5OEB; Arnold Spielberg, ex-W8IDX; Dale Strieter, W4QM; Karl Thompson, K8KT; Frank Warren, AB5WJ; Irving "Stan" Wernick, W5ZF; and Brian Winter, KA7IAC.*

#### *Courtesies*

3. Mr. Roderick made opening remarks and welcomed first-time attendee Mr. Grady, who expressed thanks to the Board.

#### **4. Remarks/Greetings from IARU – Mr. Sumner**

Mr. Sumner noted that he was attending on behalf of IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, and that he would be happy to answer any questions in regard to his submitted report. He also called attention to the brand new IARU website and invited everyone to view it at their convenience.

#### **5. Remarks/Greetings from Radio Amateurs of Canada – Mr. Macdonell:**

Mr. Macdonell presented a brief summary of the status of amateur radio in Canada in regard to Coronavirus restrictions. He summarized that there has been an increase in licensing and activity in Canada, stating that hams and cubs have learned to be adaptable to the changes and many are doing

more. He added that some retail suppliers are seeing business increase while some have seen a decrease.

#### **6. Remarks/Greetings from the ARRL Foundation – Mr. Norton**

Mr. Norton summarized the Foundation report, noting that aside from granting \$3,000 to the Open Research Institute, the Foundation has been primarily focused on the awarding of scholarships.

Mr. Ritz added that all scholarships have been processed. He noted that because we had the ARDC's matching gifts program this year, the Foundation awarded approximately \$267,000 in scholarships. He added that the vetting and awarding of scholarships is a time-consuming process.

#### *Consideration of the Agenda*

**7. On the motion of Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Jairam, the Agenda was APPROVED.**

#### *Receipt and Consideration of Financial Reports*

#### **8. Treasurer's Report – Dr. Niswander**

Dr. Niswander summarized the Treasurer's Report and entertained questions. He noted that due to the continuing unpredictability of the stock market we will continue to remain lighter on stocks, but he does intend to increase that percentage a little. He added that he is still uncomfortable with economic recovery, sharing that some elements are doing okay such as the housing market and retail sales; but that restaurants, fuel, and air travel are still down significantly, with unemployment still up by 15 million people, so there is currently a disconnect between the economy and the market. He intends to continue minimizing risks on the downward side.

#### **9. Chief Financial Officer's Report – Ms. Middleton**

Ms. Middleton presented a summary of the CFO's Report and entertained questions. Ms. Middleton began by stating that all aspects of the budget have been affected by the impact of Covid-19. She added that the loss in operations through June 30 was better than planned, mostly due to a sharp decrease in spending from cancelled events, processing of paper mailings, and delayed shipments, as well as a number of vacant HQ positions. She expressed that these savings would be viewed as a one-time savings. Ms. Middleton also stated that revenue was down across all income sources, with Amazon's temporary purchasing changes playing a significant part. She added that the budget cycle moving forward will be challenging and she has already done a reforecast, which is attached to the report. She noted revenues could increase with changes in consumer spending but advised caution on reallocating these savings elsewhere in the organization.

In response to a question about our Paycheck Protection Plan loan, Ms. Middleton stated that although the rules of the plan have been constantly changing, we expect the loan to be forgiven and work will begin shortly on filing the necessary paperwork. She also responded that if the loan amount carries over into next calendar year it will show as a liability on our books until its forgiven, and there aren't any ramifications other than being a line item; the important factor is that we expect the loan will be forgiven.

### *Consideration of the Consent Agenda*

**10.** The following reports were removed from the Consent Agenda: Chief Executive Officer; FCC Communications Counsel; Administration & Finance Committee; Programs & Services Committee; Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee; Contest Advisory Committee; DX Advisory Committee; Legislative Advocacy Committee; and CEO Search Committee.

Upon the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Norris, the Consent Agenda was **ADOPTED**.

#### **11. Chief Executive Officer – Mr. Shelley**

Mr. Shelley provided a brief summary of his report, noting that it had been discussed in the previous day's A&F Committee meeting. He shared that Field Day 2020 had been quite successful, and he discussed the ARRL's official participation in a virtual hamfest in August. Responding to Mr. Tiemstra about the status of ARRL's Development efforts, he updated the Board on efforts to determine if an outside consultant would be beneficial to the League, as tasked by the A&F Committee, sharing that everyone in the group spoke with the consultant who had been referred to them, but they came to the unanimous conclusion that no decisions should be made without direct input from the new CEO.

Responding to additional questions on Development activities, Ms. Middleton shared that the spectrum defense mailing will be one large mailing this year instead of two smaller ones, and we are currently working on messaging for that, which should be ready in a couple of weeks; a planned legacy mailing had been delayed due to matters around the pandemic but we are also beginning to work on a mailing for Diamond Club and a year-end ask for donations which could receive a \$300 tax deduction for taxpayers who do not itemize; we have not stopped any solicitations with the exception of the Education mailing due to the cancellation of the Teacher's Institute. Development manager Melissa Stemmer has reached out to large donors who have responded with funds. We are also working on our first Logbook of the World solicitation via email to all LoTW users, the funds of which would be used solely on LoTW matters; Melissa is working with Greg Widin and Dr. Niswander on the language and we are also working on a new LoTW logo to debut in that mailing.

There was also a discussion about the cataloguing and vetting of the many amateur radio-related videos available on the web; Mr. Shelley replied that we want to be the best presenter of quality information in a professional format, and while there is a lot of content out there most of it is not necessarily something we would want to put the ARRL brand on; we are not disregarding all that content, but we would only include what we think are the best videos in our efforts. He added that the Marketing Communications team is looking at upgrading our offerings and expanding our social media presence.

#### **12. FCC Communications Counsel – Mr. Siddal**

Mr. Siddall provided a brief summary of his report and then entertained questions. In response to a question regarding the FCC's progress on amateur radio matters, especially in regards to 5G wireless spectrum transfer proposals, Mr. Siddall responded that Coronavirus restrictions have made it difficult to have discussions with FCC staff but that amateur radio matters continue to be delayed. Action is expected this year on the 5G spectrum matters that affect amateur allocations in the 9 and 5 centimeter

bands, but the Part 97 amateur radio proceedings may carry over to next year without regard to the election's outcome. He added that hurricane season could provide an opportunity to discuss amateur matters and that spectrum issues would be included in any discussions.

There was a brief discussion of interference issues, with Mr. Siddall noting the West Coast FCC is aware of and tracking those incidents.

*The Board took a break from 12:24 - 12:33 PM ET with all returning as noted above.*

### **13. Administration & Finance Committee – Mr. Ryan**

Mr. Ryan, noting that the A&F Committee had met two days earlier with most of the Board in attendance, opened the floor to questions. Mr. Stratton stated that the A&F Committee's report did not include details that had been discussed in regards to the AMS conversion project delay, explaining that in May it was brought to the committee's attention that a few matters contributed to having to renegotiate the project as originally contracted; Mr. Shelley had shared those terms with the Committee for approval in a special A&F Committee meeting in June. Mr. Stratton noted that a couple of Directors and Vice Directors had volunteered to review the status of the project and that Mr. Ryan agreed to appoint a sub-committee to do so. Mr. Baker then shared a report of their findings. Mr. Roderick noted that this report had not been presented to the committee before this meeting.

There was then a discussion as to whether the Board had been informed of this project in advance; Mr. Shelley clarified that the minutes of the A&F Committee meeting in January 2019 did include a discussion of the proposed project, with a motion to approve the capital expenditure which was moved by Mr. Carlson and seconded by Mr. Niswander; Mr. Norton added that it had been approved in the 2019 budget as well. There was then discussion on how to manage large-scale projects moving forward.

### **14. Programs & Services Committee – Mr. Holden**

Mr. Holden presented a summary of recent PSC meetings, including the success of Field Day 2020 in light of Covid-19 restrictions; using social media for sharing contesting and DXCC rules; mentoring; the increased activity and frequency of the Committee's meetings, as well as the responsibilities of the Committee itself.

### **15. Electromagnetic Compatibility Committee – Mr. Carlson**

Mr. Carlson discussed the two most important issues the committee is currently working on: present regulations which allow electronic devices to be marketed that have unnecessary radio emissions at levels that do cause harmful interference; and proposed regulations for Wireless Power Transfer - Electric Vehicle (WPT-EV) Systems that would allow out-of-band emission levels from those WPT-EV systems to be of such a high intensity so as to cause harmful interference to amateur radio operations. There was a discussion of the different types of systems in use and the risks to the higher frequencies. He added that IARU Region 1 and the IEEE are very concerned, and we are still in the early stages of electric vehicle use.

### **16. Contest Advisory Committee – Mr. Norris**

Provided a summary of his report, stating that based on feedback they have been and will continue to work more collaboratively with the Programs & Services Committee. He continued that the committee is currently working on recommendations that will be brought to the Board. Mr. Carlson expressed his thanks to the PSC for keeping the advisory committees more informed on their activities.

#### **17. DX Advisory Committee – Mr. Ritz**

Being newly appointed as Board liaison to the committee, Mr. Ritz discussed his efforts to increase communication between the committee and the DXAC, noting he also addressed the task of determining what action items had already been taken care of and what hadn't; he added that he will provide a secondary report to the DXAC and is planning a meeting with all committee members to keep them updated and informed on progress to date. There was also a discussion on the effects of FT8 on the DX community and how rules should be made and enforced, operating on multi-modes in contesting, the need to accept the paradigm shift that is digital modes, and its effects on 6-meters.

*The Board was on break for lunch from 1:53 – 2:21 PM EDT with all returning as noted above.*

#### **18. Legislative Advocacy Committee Report – Mr. Tiemstra**

Mr. Tiemstra shared highlights of the report, calling attention to the appendix submitted that morning which included outcomes of their meeting with Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal. He also provided a summary of their work on addressing private land use restrictions, noting the need to address this matter has only grown since it was introduced, adding that they have been meeting at least once a month, have had numerous exchanges with legislators on Capitol Hill, noting that the pandemic has prevented in-person meetings and has slowed their agenda. He added that their messaging is more successful when they define amateur radio as critical infrastructure of emergency service, which is front of mind right now. There was a discussion of the support that our efforts currently have in Washington and moving as quickly as possible on finding co-sponsors; at this time we cannot guarantee the success of anything, but we must continue to maintain a presence and cultivate friendly relationships in order to meet our goals.

There was also discussion about providing talking points for Board members to use in talking to members about the HOA issue, as well as an ARRL guide for members to use in negotiating tactics on antenna use restrictions with their HOA's, as our members expect the League to be actively working on these issues, which the Board concurred would be beneficial for all.

*The Board was on break from 3:31 pm - 3:38 PM ET with all returning as noted above.*

#### **19. CEO Search Committee Report- Mr. Carlson**

On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Hippisley, the Board moved into a Committee of the Whole to discuss a personnel matter from 3:39 – 5:23 PM ET.

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Ms. Jairam, the report of the Committee of the Whole was **ADOPTED**.

*The Board was on break from 5:26 – 5:35 PM ET with all returning as noted above.*



*Consider Recommendations of the Standing Committees*

**20.** Mr. Ryan moved, seconded by Ms. Jairam that:

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has caused widespread disruption to commercial and non-profit businesses nationwide; and

WHEREAS, There have been uncounted changes in direction with respect to rules for business requiring employees to adapt quickly to changing circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Many businesses—commercial and non-profit alike—have suffered both financially and in their ability to provide their products and services to their constituents; and

WHEREAS, The ARRL is seen as a leader in the voluntary support of emergency situations across the nation; and

WHEREAS, ARRL HQ Staff has been responsive to the changing environment and continues to provide outstanding service to the membership and the Amateur Radio community at large;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, That the ARRL Board of Directors hereby acknowledges the superb efforts of the Headquarters Staff in maintaining operations during this pandemic emergency with thanks for their continuing efforts to ensure the League programs continue with the least disruption possible given the current circumstances.

**The motion CARRIED (with applause).**

**21.** Mr. Hopengarten moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz that:

WHEREAS, Robert G. Beaudet, W1YRC, has faithfully served as the ARRL Rhode Island Section Manager since January 2002; and,

WHEREAS, during Beaudet's tenure he has actively promoted ARRL activities in his section, including visiting hundreds of Field Day operations over the years, participated in hundreds of VE testing sessions, and attended countless club meetings in his state, promoting the League; and,

WHEREAS, Beaudet's leadership of the ARRL Rhode Island Section Field Organization, has led to a strong working cadre of volunteers with the section; and,

WHEREAS, Beaudet continues to be active on the air as a DXer and contesteer, as well as other on-the-air activities including mentoring activities; and,

WHEREAS Beaudet serves as a model to ARRL Section Managers across the country as a strong supporter of the ARRL and its activities;

THEREFORE, the ARRL Board of Directors bestows on Robert G. Beaudet, W1YRC, the ARRL Knight Distinguished Service Award.

**The motion CARRIED (with applause).**

**22.** Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz that:

WHEREAS, Al Rabassa, NW2M, has been a frequent contributor to the "Hints and Kinks" items appearing in QST; and

WHEREAS "The Basics of Fan Cooling" article was Rabassa's first technical feature article to appear in QST; and

WHEREAS, Rabassa is a subject-matter expert of the Yaesu FT-101 transceiver, maintain a site on the web devoted to the technical aspects of the transceiver;

THEREFORE, the ARRL Board of Directors bestows the 2020 ARRL Doug DeMaw, W1FB Technical Excellence Award on Al Rabassa, NW2M.

**The motion CARRIED (with applause).**

**23.** Mr. Ritz moved, seconded by Ms. Jairam that:

WHEREAS, The Radio Club of Tacoma, of Tacoma, Washington, was first formed around October 1916, while both the ARRL and radio itself was still in its infancy; and

WHEREAS, The Radio Club of Tacoma was awarded recognition as an ARRL Affiliated club on August 27, 1920, a full century ago and an accomplished milestone for any amateur radio club; and

WHEREAS, The Radio Club of Tacoma, as an ARRL Special Service Club to this day continues to provide a wide variety of engaging programs and services that not only serve community members, thereby ensuring the future of amateur radio within that community, but also works to ensure the preservation of amateur radio history through their Clifford J. "Doc" Spike, W7OS, Antique Radio Museum;

THEREFORE, It is hereby resolved that:

The Radio Club of Tacoma is recognized and sincerely thanked by the ARRL Board of Directors for their full century of fulfilling the ARRL Mission, "Advancing the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio", and wish them many more years of continued success.

**The motion CARRIED (with applause).**

**24.** Mr. Carlson moved, seconded by Mr. Norris that:

WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Radio Club of Fort Wayne, Indiana was founded in 1920, some 100 years ago this year; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Radio Club celebrated its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an ARRL Affiliated Club on

January 25, 1930, some 90 years ago this year; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the Mayor of the City of Fort Wayne proclaimed June 27, 2020 as Fort Wayne Radio Club Day; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Radio Club has provided a cadre of personnel who are able to provide emergency communications support to the community; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Radio Club has provided a venue for young people with an interest in the sciences to pursue area of technology; and

WHEREAS, The Fort Wayne Radio Club regularly provides infrastructure and manpower that support communications and situational awareness during public service events;

THEREFORE, Let it be known that:

The Fort Wayne Radio Club of Fort Wayne, Indiana is hereby recognized and sincerely thanked by the ARRL Board of Directors for their 100 years of service to the Amateur Radio community and their 90 years of ARRL Affiliation, in which they have fulfilled the ARRL Mission, "Advancing the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio", and wish them many more years of success.

**The motion CARRIED (with applause).**

**25. Mr. Blocksme moved, seconded by Mr. Holden that:**

WHEREAS Jacob M. Nagel, ADØJA, has been licensed since 2012 and has continually demonstrated he exemplifies the spirit of Amateur Radio with learning new technologies, providing community service and helping with emergency communications; and

WHEREAS, Nagel has been instrumental in providing technical assistance to the OKAW Valley Amateur Radio Club and the Egyptian Radio Club of Illinois for the installation and upgrading of their club repeaters; and

WHEREAS, Nagel has donated significant time and resources working with the Germantown (IL) Fire Department, advising them on upgrading their communication's systems; and

WHEREAS, Nahel has shared his knowledge and love of the hobby at numerous hamfests and events, including speaking at the 2016 Dayton Hamvention Youth Forum; and

WHEREAS, Nagel shares his expertise in on-line forums and as an administrator for the RepeaterBook.com forums; and

WHEREAS, Nagel has been actively involved in such projects as the River City Robots organization and the Channel Cats FRC team, allowing him to integrate the knowledge he has gained through amateur radio with other technical ventures in electronics;

THEREFORE, The ARRL Board of Directors bestows on Jacob M. Nagel, ADØJA, the 2020 Hiram Percy Maxim Award.

**The motion CARRIED (with applause).**

**26.** Mr. Ritz moved, seconded by Mr. Vallio that:

WHEREAS, Current Standing Order 55A states: “All major changes in contest and award rules and membership services shall be communicated to Officers, Directors and Vice Directors prior to the general announcement of the change”, without specifying who actually has the authority to approve changes to ARRL adjudicated contests and operating events.

WHEREAS, There is prior precedence for only the full ARRL Board having the authority make changes to ARRL adjudicated contests and operating events, and the ARRL Board feels that its efforts are better spent concentrating on governance and policy issues.

WHEREAS, The ARRL Board’s Programs and Services Committee (PSC), a Standing Committee, is primarily responsible for overseeing the various programs and services the League provides, which includes ARRL adjudicated contests and operating events.

*THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:*

- 1) Existing Standing Order 55A is changed to read: “All major changes to membership services and award rules shall be communicated to Officers, Directors and Vice Directors prior to the general announcement of the change.”, removing the mention of contests.
- 2) A new Standing Order be added granting the PSC authority to make modifications to ARRL adjudicated contest and event rules, with full Board review as follows:

**Approval of Contest Rules Changes**

The Programs and Services Committee (PSC) is authorized to make rule changes to ARRL adjudicated contests, utilizing the following procedures:

- 1 – After consultation with the appropriate committee, if required, and deliberating on proposed rules for adjudicated contests and operating events, the Programs and Services Committee shall have the authority to vote to approve a proposed rule change.
- 2 – If approved by the PSC, the proposed rule change shall be communicated to the full Board of Directors. If a Board member has comments, questions or concerns with the proposed rule change, s/he shall communicate the same to the current PSC Chair within 30-days of the notification being sent to the full Board.
- 3 – In cases where no Director input is received by the PSC Chair within the time period provided above, the proposed rule change shall be considered adopted and shall be implemented by the ARRL Contest Branch.

**The motion CARRIED.**

*Proposals for Amendments to Articles of Association and Bylaws*

**27.** Mr. Hopengarten moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz that:

SUMMARY: The E&E Committee unanimously suggests that once a candidate has been vetted for an elective position the name and position sought should be released to the membership. This motion amends the bylaws for Directors and Vice Directors, as well as the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL Field Organization for Section Managers.

WHEREAS, Candidates for the elective offices of Director, Vice Director, or Section Manager have traditionally been announced at the close of the period during which petitions may be filed; and

WHEREAS, This practice makes the petition period somewhat mysterious; and

WHEREAS, Disclosure of the names of candidates at the time they qualify for listing on the ballot would add transparency to the process; and

WHEREAS, Disclosure at the time candidate qualifies for the ballot is consistent with processes that are normal for public elective offices;

IT IS ACCORDINGLY RESOLVED THAT: When a candidate for Director, Vice Director, or Section Manager has filed a petition that meets the requirements of the Bylaws (*i.e.*, Headquarters staff has verified that the length of membership meets the requirements for the office, and confirmed that the signatures are from active members), and the petition has been approved by the Committee on Ethics and Elections, the candidacy shall then be made known to the membership and the public, including by use of the ARRL.org web site.

IMPLEMENTATION: For the offices of Director and Vice Director, the relevant bylaw now reads:

19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any nominee who is either ineligible for election or has withdrawn by written communication. If there is only one eligible nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee shall declare him or her elected without balloting by the membership. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before October 1 of that year the Secretary shall make a paper or electronic ballot available to every person who was a full member of the League in the divisions in which elections are being held on the tenth day of September of that year. The ballot shall list the names of the candidates for director in the division in alphabetical order.

It shall be changed to read:

19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any nominee who is either ineligible for election or has withdrawn by written communication. **When a nominee is declared eligible, the nomination shall then be made known to the membership and the public, including by use of the ARRL.org web site.** If there is only one eligible nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee

shall declare him or her elected without balloting by the membership. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before October 1 of that year the Secretary shall make a paper or electronic ballot available to every person who was a full member of the League in the divisions in which elections are being held on the tenth day of September of that year. The ballot shall list the names of the candidates for director in the division in alphabetical order.

**(Change in bold.)**

For the office of Section Manager, the relevant portion of the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL Field Organization, § 5(a) and 5(b), now reads:

a) The Field Services and Radiosport Manager shall solicit petitions of nomination on or before December 31, March 31, June 30, or September 30. The solicitation shall show the name, call and term ending date of the incumbent in each section solicited and shall give full instructions for filing. On any date not later than 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time of the Friday prior to or corresponding to the tenth day of March, June, September and December, respectively, of each year, nominating petitions signed by five or more Full members of specified sections and naming a Full member of each such section as candidate for Section Manager may be filed with the Field Services and Radiosport Manager. Nominating petitions may be made by facsimile or electronic transmission of images, provided that upon request by the Field Services and Radiosport Manager the original documents are received by the Manager within seven days of the request.

**b) When a nominee is eligible, the nomination shall then be made known to the membership and the public, including by use of the ARRL.org web site.** If there is only one eligible nominee on the appropriate listed closing date for receipt of petitions, the Field Services and Radiosport Manager shall declare the nominee elected without balloting. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before April 1, July 1, October 1 or January 2, respectively, the Field Services and Radiosport Manager shall send by mail a ballot to each person who on the date coinciding with the respective closing date from paragraph 5a above of that year was a Full Member of the League in the section in which the election is being held. If that mailing date falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then ballots shall be sent out no later than the following Monday. The ballot shall be accompanied by information on the Amateur Radio background of each candidate.

After discussion the Board offered a friendly amendment to include the sentence: "Change will take effect with election cycles commencing subsequent to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020."

The Committee also noted that Section Manager elections are on a completely different schedule and not subject to vetting from the E&E Committee and so cannot be included in this motion as written. The Committee then discussed whether there had been consideration as to how this might affect current By-laws, Standing Orders or Rules and Regulations, as well as how it might impact the activities of candidates and/or potential candidates.

Mr. Tiemstra moved, seconded by Mr. Hippisley, to lay the motion on the table until a later meeting date.

The motion to table E&E Motion 1 **CARRIED**, with Messrs. Abernethy, Carlson, Norris, Williams, Hopengarten, Tiemstra, Hippisley, Ryan, Baker and Stratton for, and Mr. Blocksome, Mr. Holden, Ms. Jairam, Mr. Norton, and Mr. Ritz against.

**28.** Ms. Jairam moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz:  
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After discussion of current practices and comments from the CT Counsel, it was determined that the League and the state of CT already allow for acceptance of electronic signatures, and the motion was withdrawn.

**29.** Mr. Ritz moved, seconded by Ms. Jairam that:

WHEREAS, The “*Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections*” document text regarding the call for nomination applications and petitions start period was updated by the Board in January 2020, and,

WHEREAS, ARRL By-Law 18 was inadvertently not updated when the aforementioned Elections rules were changed.

**THEREFORE, It is accordingly resolved that:**

ARRL By-Law 18 be amended as follows:

In the July and August issues of QST, the Secretary shall solicit nominations for the office of Director in each division in which the term of the incumbent is to expire on the subsequent January 1, in a notice that shall include the name of the incumbent. On any date between the first business day in July and noon Eastern Time on the second Friday of August of any election year, any Full member of such division may request official nominating petition forms. To constitute a valid nomination, the original copy of such an official nominating petition form as provided by the Secretary must name a Full member of the division as a candidate for Director; must be signed by ten or more Full members of the division; must be accompanied by a statement signed by the candidate attesting to his eligibility, willingness to run, and willingness to assume the office if elected; and must be filed with the Secretary no later than noon Eastern Time on the third Friday of August of that year. The submission may be made by facsimile or electronic transmission of images, provided that upon request by the Secretary the original documents are received by the Secretary within seven days of the request. The Secretary shall immediately acknowledge the receipt of nominations to the candidate and shall forward the nominations to the Ethics and Elections Committee.

The motion **CARRIED unanimously** by roll call vote.

**30.** Mr. Raisbeck moved, seconded by Mr. Williams that:

WHEREAS, The Bandplanning Committee has completed the task assigned to it at the July 2019 Board meeting;

It is hereby MOVED:

That the ARRL Board of Directors hereby accept the Bandplanning report as submitted at the January Board meeting, with the associated revised band plan submitted herewith;

And that the Committee remain in place, in a standby state, in order to handle any bandplanning issues as may arise.

The motion **CARRIED**.

**31.** Mr. Stafford moved, seconded by Mr. Raisbeck that:

The following be adopted as the charter of the Legal Defense and Assistance Committee.

- (A) The committee shall be composed of at least 3 members of the ARRL Board, at least one experienced attorney who may or may not be a member of the ARRL Board, and the ARRL Legal Counsel for FCC affairs. Members will be selected by the President.
- (B) The following criteria, rules, and procedures are adopted for determining whether to fund legal, legislative, or regulatory activities relating to Amateur Radio.
  - (1) To be funded, an activity must pertain to Amateur Radio. This includes, but is not limited to, situations involving Amateur Radio antenna height and placement, interference allegedly caused by Amateur Radio operations to non-Amateur Radio uses and services, interference received by Amateur Radio operations from non-Amateur Radio sources, matters pertaining to RF safety, aesthetics, structural safety, environmental issues, matters adversely affecting the use and enjoyment of Amateur Radio such as hands-free driving regulations, and any other matters found by the Committee to involve and potentially have adverse effect on Amateur Radio operation. For matters involving legislation or rulemaking, such matters may include private, local, and state level activities only.
  - (2) Funding shall be limited to activities that may be expected to provide precedent or example that will be significantly useful to other Amateurs in the situations described in paragraph (1). In general, preference shall be given, in descending order, as follows:
    - a. to matters of national scope;
    - b. to matters of statewide scope;
    - c. to matters of intrastate or local scope;

Included within the scope are judicial and regulatory proceedings, initiatives involving laws, bylaws, or regulations, which do or may impact the ability of Amateur Radio operators to deploy effective antennas or otherwise to operate stations and to enjoy Amateur Radio, and investigative activities in support of



these goals such as collection of data and preparation of materials to assist Amateurs and their attorneys.

Administrative and local land use authority matters are not normally eligible for funding unless and until they reach the judicial level, due to the absence of precedent value of such cases. In rare and exceptional circumstances, the Committee will fund an activity of this sort, upon a clear and convincing showing that the activity addresses a unique issue of law or may have wide ranging impact.

(3) Funding shall be limited to not more than \$10,000 per activity, so as to maximize the number of activities that can be funded with the limited money available. Funding is limited to amounts paid out of the Legal Research and Resource Fund. In special situations in which the Committee feels that additional funding is warranted, the \$10,000 limitation may be waived by the ARRL Executive Committee.

(4) For an action involving a particular Amateur Radio installation, the case must have substantial merit on the facts, and must either present a significant issue of law, or be likely to provide a persuasive example which other courts or administrative boards are likely to consider.

(5) For initiatives not focused on a particular Amateur Radio installation, the matter must have the potential to impact a large number of amateurs either directly or as a persuasive example to other regulatory or legislative entities. There must also be some financial participation by the Amateurs involved, and/or by the local Amateur community. For initiatives involving laws, bylaws, or regulations, there must be a well-developed effort on the part of affected Amateurs.

(6)

(7) Activities must present a question or situation which maximizes leverage of ARRL funds. This includes situations which present, or are predicted to present, some or all of the following characteristics:

1. activities with a high likelihood of success;
2. activities in which a favorable result would have particularly high value to Amateur Radio;
3. activities in which an unfavorable result would have particularly severe negative impact upon Amateur Radio.

(C) In addition to funding of legal or rulemaking activities, the Committee may also fund the following activities:

(1) Provision of research and background materials, such as books, law review articles, amicus briefs, and the like, to attorneys representing Amateur Radio clients in cases involving Amateur Radio issues.

(2) Support of training for attorneys and other professionals involved in Amateur Radio related issues, such as Continuing Legal Education, classes and seminars.

(D) All decisions on funding made by the "Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee" must be by 2/3 majority vote. Requests and inquiries should be forwarded to the Chairman, ARRL Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee c/o ARRL HQ.

The motion **CARRIED**.

**32.** Mr. Ritz moved, seconded by Mr. Hippisley:

Ritz Motion 1: Inclusion of ARRL Director and Officer Guests in Standing Committee Meetings

There was a discussion regarding: the wording and intention of the original By-Law, with Mr. Roderick noting that in intent it applied only to Directors attending Executive Committee meeting; how this might affect Division budgets; the logistics of allowing multiple non-committee members in the room, especially with the electronic options now available; utilizing the structures already in place for sharing information within the Board. Following the discussion Mr. Ritz agreed to withdraw the motion, reword it and resubmit.

**33.** Mr. Stratton moved, seconded by Messrs. Hippisley, Abernethy, and Norris, that:

WHEREAS, A fundamental purpose of the Amateur Radio Service is to serve the public and the Nation as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to the providing of emergency communications;

WHEREAS, The importance of the Amateur Radio Service to emergency communications has been recently reinforced by its recognition and designation by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency as a critical communications infrastructure during the Covid-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, The Board, to enhance the ARRL's capability to fulfill its statutorily created and imposed role and responsibility created the position of Director of Emergency Communications at its January 2019 Board of Directors' Meeting;

WHEREAS, The ARRL expects to staff the position of Director of Emergency Communications in the near future;

WHEREAS, At present there is no Standing Committee whose primary area of responsibility is emergency communications and the ARRL's Field Service and thus no committee to provide advice and support for the new Director of Emergency Communications;

WHEREAS, The Board believes its efforts to enhance and promote its emergency communications responsibilities justify the creation of a Standing Committee whose primary area of responsibility would be emergency communications and support for the ARRL's Field Service;

WHEREAS, The creation of a third Standing Committee in addition to the current Administration & Finance Committee and the Programs & Services Committee will require a revision of the ARRL's existing Bylaws and Standing Orders and the development of a detailed scope of duties and responsibilities for such a committee;

*It is accordingly resolved that:*

- (1) The Emergency Management Director Selection Committee ("EMDSC") is tasked, pending the creation and staffing of the third Standing Committee whose focus will be emergency communications and support for the ARRL's Field Service, to serve as an advisory committee to the new Director of Emergency Communications and the Chief Executive Officer;
- (2) The EMDSC, with the addition of the Chairman of the Program & Services Committee, or his designee, is tasked with the drafting of the Bylaw and Standing Order changes necessary to facilitate the creation of the third Standing Committee;

- (3) The report and recommendations of the EMDSC regarding the creation of the third Standing Committee are to be provided to the Board of Directors on or before November 24, 2020;
- (4) The report and recommendations of the EMDSC regarding the creation of the third Standing Committee will be presented at the January 2021 ARRL Board of Directors meeting for consideration of adoption.

Mr. Stratton clarified that the motion does not immediately create a standing committee, but would authorize the research into forming a 3<sup>rd</sup> standing committee with a report to be presented to the Board in November, and whether to create the committee voted on in January 2021.

There was a discussion as to what the responsibilities of the committee would be; there was also a discussion as to the clarification of the wording indicating whether HQ staff would report to the committee rather than the CEO, with Mr. Stratton noting the wording: "1. EMDC is tasked... to serve as an advisory committee to the Director of Communications and Chief Executive Officer..." stating that he could clarify the language if it needed to be clarified that the Director of Emergency Management would report directly to the CEO, and the committee would serve as an advisor to both the Director and the CEO.

Following the discussion the motion **CARRIED**.

**34.** Mr. Roderick declared a recess at 7:47 PM EDT until a date to be determined. .

*The Board reconvened on August 16, 2020 at 11:11 AM EDT with all returning as noted above except Mr. Cooper, Mr. Schilling, and Mr. Siddall. Mr. Roderick called the meeting to order.*

**35.** Mr. Tiemstra moved, seconded by Mr. Holden that:

WHEREAS, Jim Brown, K9YC, is well known for sharing his technical and educational expertise in the fields of audio engineering RFI, and other aspects of electronics and engineering with the amateur radio community at large; and

WHEREAS, Brown has been a frequent contributor and presenter to amateur radio forums at conventions including the Dayton Hamvention, Pacificon, and the Visalia DX convention, as well as being a collaborator with noted ARRL author and editor Ward Silver, NOAX for almost ten years on the *ARRL Handbook*, the *ARRL Antenna Book*, and *Grounding and Bonding for the Radio Amateur*; and

WHEREAS, Brown has worked with the ARRL Lab and various ARRL publications on a wide range of topics such as a detailed analysis of CW bandwidth on popular transceivers in 2014, optimizing transmitting chokes, a subset of his research being published in the *National Contest Journal*; and maintains at no charge an excellent website full of information from his various projects and research; and

WHEREAS, Brown continues to provide his expertise as a means of "giving back" to the amateur community, in the spirit of the amateurs that worked with him when he was first licensed at the age of 13;

THEREFORE, the ARRL Board of Directors bestows the 2020 ARRL Technical Service Award on James W. Brown, K9YC.

The motion **CARRIED (with applause)**.

**36.** Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Abernethy that:

WHEREAS, The Marietta Radio League of Marietta, Ohio, became affiliated with the American Radio League on August 27, 1920, as indicated by their attached charter signed by Hiram Percy Maxim; and

WHEREAS, The Marietta Radio League as it grew and became more active did change its name to Marietta Amateur Radio Society in 1934 and later to the Marietta Amateur Radio Club; and

WHEREAS, Marietta Amateur Radio Club, now continues to serve its local amateur radio community and the Marietta, OH region in general;

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:

The Marietta Amateur Radio Club is recognized and sincerely thanked by the ARRL Board of Directors for their full century of affiliation and for fulfilling the ARRL Mission, “Advancing the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio”, with sincere wishes for many more years of continued success.

The motion **CARRIED (with applause)**.

**37.** Mr. Ritz moved, seconded by Mr. Hippisley that:

WHEREAS, It is the duty and obligation of each ARRL Director, Vice Director and Officer to keep abreast of current Board and ARRL actions and initiatives, and one of the available means to fulfill this responsibility is to attend meetings of the Standing Committees; and

WHEREAS, The ARRL Board desires and expects the ARRL Standing Committees to operate with full transparency to the ARRL Board; and

WHEREAS, Existing ARRL Standing Order 90-1.63 requires: “Promptly after the calling of a meeting of a Standing Committee, its Chairman shall ensure that the remaining Board members are to be notified as to the time and place of any Standing Committee meeting ...”, said wording implying, without explicitly stating, the intent that all Board members are invited to attend all such meetings; and

WHEREAS, The existing Standing Order does not assure Board members’ access to electronic meetings by requiring that log-in credential information for virtual Standing Committee meetings be supplied to all Board members to facilitate their attendance, if they so desire; now

THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that:

Standing Order 90-1.63 be revised to read as follows:

90-1.63) All ARRL Board members are entitled to attend any meeting of a Standing Committee of which they are not a member (as a "Board Guests"), with the following limitations:

1. Each Board Guest shall provide the Committee Chair advance notification of his or her intent to attend a meeting.
2. Each Board Guest's opportunity to speak on an issue is at the discretion of the Committee Chair. Promptly after the calling of a meeting of a Standing Committee, its Chairperson shall ensure that all Board members are notified immediately of the place and time of the meeting, and provide a copy of the proposed agenda to all Board members. In the case of electronic (virtual) meetings all necessary information to allow for full participation in the meeting, including real-time audio and video streams, also shall be supplied to all Board members. Board Guests may be required to squelch their own video, and/or audio streaming, at the request of the Chairperson.

The Committee Chair shall provide copies of all other reference materials related to the meeting to all Board Guests.

A written report of the meeting, whether through Minutes or less formal notes, of any Standing Committee meeting shall be published to the full Board within 30 days of that meeting.

Following a brief review of the revision, the motion **CARRIED**.

**38.** Mr. Ritz moved, seconded by Mr. Hippisley that:

WHEREAS, The ARRL Travel and Expense Reimbursement document contained within the ARRL Director Handbook , Section 7.1: "Reimbursement of Expenses", (Paragraph 5), states: "Travel to meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of a Standing Committee are reimbursed from a general account, and are not charged against the Division appropriation.", without distinction as to Board Guests as outlined in Standing Order 90-1.63, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, The ARRL Travel Policy, Section 7.2, regarding Directors and Vice Directors Attendance at Committee Meetings states: "Attendance at a committee meeting as a non-committee member may be charged to the committee budget if such attendance is requested and approved by the committee chair in writing prior to the meeting ..."; and,

WHEREAS, The ARRL Director's Workbook, Section 5.2 "Executive Committee Operation and Procedures" Paragraph 2 states " Directors and Vice Directors are welcome to attend any and all meetings, and advance notice is provided. Reimbursement for separate travel expenses, however, is authorized to Directors only once annually, with charges to the Division allotment."; and,

WHEREAS, There is a need to provide consistent guidance to Directors and Vice Directors regarding travel, and establish a fair policy for reimbursement for attending a Standing Committee meeting as a Board Guest pursuant to Standing Order 90-1.63, as amended; now,

THEREFORE, *it is hereby resolved that:*

The *ARRL Director's Handbook*, "ARRL Travel and Expense Reimbursement" document, Section 7.1, Paragraph 5, "Reimbursement for Expenses", be amended as follows: "Travel to meetings of the Board of Directors and meetings of a Standing Committee of which they are a member, are reimbursed from a general account and are not charged against the Division appropriation. A Director may charge to, and be reimbursed from, his Division budget for the travel expenses incurred for the Director's attendance to one Standing Committee meeting of which he is not a member once per budget year, and;

The *ARRL Travel Policy*, Section 7.2, "Directors and Vice Directors Attendance at Committee Meetings", be amended as follows: "A Director may charge to, and be reimbursed from, his Division budget for the travel expenses incurred for the Director's attendance to one Standing Committee meeting of which he is not a member once per budget year. Attendance at other committee meetings as a non-committee member Board Guest may be charged to the committee budget only if such attendance is requested and approved by the respective committee chair in writing prior to the meeting.

Following a brief review of the revision, the motion **CARRIED**.

**39.** Mr. Hopengarten moved, seconded by Mr. Holden, to take from the table E&E Motion 1.

The motion **CARRIED** with Messrs. Holden, Norris, Williams, Blocksome, Hopengarten, Ritz, Hippisley, Baker, Norton and Ms. Jairam in favor, and Messrs. Abernethy, Carlson, Tiemstra, Ryan and Stratton against.

**40.** Mr. Hopengarten moved, seconded by Mr. Ritz that:

*SUMMARY:* The E&E Committee unanimously suggests that once a candidate has been vetted for any position elected by the membership, the name and position sought should be released to the membership. This motion amends the bylaws for Directors and Vice Directors, as well as the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL Field Organization for Section Managers.

*WHEREAS,* Candidates for the elective offices of Director, Vice Director, or Section Manager have traditionally been announced at the close of the period during which petitions and disclosure statements may be filed; and

*WHEREAS,* This practice makes the petition period somewhat mysterious; and

*WHEREAS,* Disclosure of the names of candidates at the time they qualify for listing on the ballot would add transparency to the process; and

*WHEREAS,* Disclosure at the time a candidate qualifies for the ballot is consistent with processes that are normal for public elective offices;

*It is accordingly resolved that:*

When a candidate for Director, Vice Director, or Section Manager has filed a petition that meets the requirements of the Bylaws (*i.e.*, Headquarters staff has verified that the length of membership meets the requirements for the office, and confirmed that the signatures are from active members), and the petition has been approved by the Committee on Ethics and Elections, the candidacy shall then be made known to the membership and the public, including by use of the ARRL.org web site.

## **Implementation**

For the offices of Director and Vice Director, the relevant Bylaw now reads:

19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any nominee who is either ineligible for election or has withdrawn by written communication. If there is only one eligible nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee shall declare him or her elected without balloting by the membership. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before October 1 of that year the Secretary shall make a paper or electronic ballot available to every person who was a full member of the League in the divisions in which elections are being held on the tenth day of September of that year. The ballot shall list the names of the candidates for director in the division in alphabetical order.

Bylaw 19 shall be changed to read:

19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any nominee who is either ineligible for election or has withdrawn by written communication. **Once a nominee is declared eligible by the Ethics and Elections Committee, the nomination shall then be made known to the membership and the public, including by use of the ARRL.org web site.** If there is only one eligible nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee shall declare him or her elected without balloting by the membership. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before October 1 of that year the Secretary shall make a paper or electronic ballot available to every person who was a full member of the League in the divisions in which elections are being held on the tenth day of September of that year. The ballot shall list the names of the candidates for director in the division in alphabetical order.

## **(Change in bold.)**

For the office of Section Manager, the relevant portion of the Rules and Regulations of the ARRL Field Organization, § 5, shall be changed to read:

a) The Field Services and Radiosport Manager shall solicit petitions of nomination on or before December 31, March 31, June 30, or September 30. The solicitation shall show the name, call and term ending date of the incumbent in each section solicited, and shall give full instructions for filing. On any date not later than 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time of the Friday prior to or corresponding to the tenth day of March, June, September and December, respectively, of each year, nominating petitions signed by five or more Full members of specified sections and naming a Full member of each such section as candidate for Section Manager may be filed with the Field Services and Radiosport Manager. Nominating petitions

may be made by facsimile or electronic transmission of images, provided that upon request by the Field Services and Radiosport Manager the original documents are received by the Manager within seven days of the request.

**b) Once a nominee is eligible, the nomination shall then be made known to the membership and the public, including by use of the ARRL.org web site.** If there is only one eligible nominee on the appropriate listed closing date for receipt of petitions, the Field Services and Radiosport Manager shall declare the nominee elected without balloting. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before April 1, July 1, October 1 or January 2, respectively, the Field Services and Radiosport Manager shall send by mail a ballot to each person who on the date coinciding with the respective closing date from paragraph 5a above of that year was a Full Member of the League in the section in which the election is being held. If that mailing date falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, then ballots shall be sent out no later than the following Monday. The ballot shall be accompanied by information on the Amateur Radio background of each candidate.

**(Change in bold.)**

There were discussions regarding: what problem is this actually trying to address; would this motion overlap with or compromise the task of the Legal Restructuring Committee to review all governing documents; how this change might encourage or discourage a member's decision to run; whether it could give some candidates an unfair advantage; how soon it could be implemented; any unforeseen consequences; how it would affect the tasks of the Ethics and Elections Committee; whether this will remove campaign control from the candidate; and possible conflicts with current governing documents.

Mr. Roderick called for a roll call vote following the discussion. The motion **DID NOT CARRY**, with Messrs. Hopengarten, Ritz, Baker, and Norton **in favor**, and Messrs. Abernethy, Carlson, Norris, Williams, Blocksome Tiemstra, Hippiisley, Ryan, Stratton and Ms. Jairam **against**, with Mr. Holden **abstaining**.

*The Board was on break from 12:05 – 12:15 PM EDT with all returning as noted above.*

**41.** On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the Board moved into a Committee of the Whole to discuss a personnel matter from 12:16 – 12:54 PM ET.

**42.** On the motion of Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Stratton, the report of the Committee of the Whole was **ADOPTED**.

**43.** There being no additional business, on the motion of Mr. Hippiisley, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 PM. (Time in session as a Board 9 hours 23 minutes; time in session as a Committee of the Whole 2 hours and 42 minutes.)

Respectfully submitted:  
Carla Pereira, KC1HSX



Executive Manager