DX Advisory Committee Report

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to the

American Radio Relay League
Board of Directors
and Programs and Services Committee

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To the Members of the ARRL Board of Directors and the PSC:

From: DXAC – Prepared and submitted by John C. Yodis, K2VV, Chairman

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Subject: January Report

**Old Business**

**FT8 endorsement for DXCC**

DXAC has still received no feedback on a January 2019 recommendation for a one-time FT8 endorsement or certificate for 100 confirmed entities. DXAC acknowledges that the current DXCC recordkeeping system is not mode-specific for digital. PSC did ask DXAC for a recommendation to acknowledge and encourage new technology in the DXCC program. DXAC would appreciate the courtesy of a yes or no response. The amateur community, however, seems to be adopting new technologies without the encouragement of ARRL.

**Changing rules for 5BDXCC**

While the DXAC never received a direct reply on its feedback regarding potential changes to 5BDXCC, the result of the Board’s consideration did eventually appear in QST. Again, a direct reply to the DXAC or the Chairman would have been appreciated.

**Other issues submitted to PSC in 2019 still unaddressed in 2020**

DXAC has received no feedback on whether PSC has considered these issues for possible tasking. The committee needs word from the PSC so that committee members can properly respond to amateurs who continue to ask us about the status of these proposals. Please let DXAC know whether these proposals are being rejected so members do not look ignorant or impotent in the eyes of amateurs who contact us as their representatives.

- Redefinition of the DXCC entities list and/or Honor Roll to acknowledge the long-term unavailability of some entities, keeping newer amateurs from the #1 spot. DXAC continues to receive inquiries as to why amateurs who have worked everything available are not “entitled” to #1 status.

- A policy on paying for QSLs

- Availability of an archive of DXCC desk decisions on status of unapproved operations and “entities” such as North Cyprus

- Split-off of RTTY DXCC from digital DXCC.
• New 10-year DXCC competition per W9KNI’s proposal to encourage newer generations who feel they will never achieve “top of the heap”.

• Breakdown of the DXCC Challenge by mode and drop 6 and 160 meters. This would somewhat eliminate the geographical advantage enjoyed by Europe. Is it reasonable for ARRL to address every geographical and regulatory disparity? To many, FT8 has taken much of the challenge out of the Challenge.

• DXAC has received notice of illegal power being used by a DXpedition. Is it ARRL’s place to investigate these cases?

• Request asks for a new category of awards for “Providers” to recognize those who hand out QSOs from multiple locations. The Russian Districts Award does this, but it seems to be an unnecessary project for DXCC.

• Change the qualifying cutoff for Honor Roll from top ten to a percentage of the current country count.

Petitions for addition to the DXCC entities list

DXAC members have received petitions from representative of Catalonia and United Nations in Austria for DXCC status. Members have been instructed by HQ to ignore these requests. While these requests are without merit under the current rules, is it proper to ignore them? DXAC members should not be expected to demonstrate poor e-mail manners.

The DX Advisory Committee stands ready to pursue any of the above subjects if the PSC feels they have merit. We ask, however, for a definitive yes/no decision on each so rejected ideas can be removed from our agenda.

Respectfully submitted:

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