

**Report of the Executive Committee  
ARRL Board of Directors  
July 2018**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee since the January Board Meeting.

The Executive Committee (EC) met at ARRL Headquarters in Newington on April 21, the minutes of which have been published.

Work continued on the review of the Articles of Association and the Bylaws in accordance with Minute 25 of the July 2017 Board Meeting, and Minute 42 of the January 2018 Board Meeting. The EC will present three motions at the upcoming Board meeting concerning Articles 1, 15, and 16, and Bylaw 23. Information on the proposed changes was prepared and posted on the ARRL web page to inform members of the proposed changes. See ODV:27292, June 18, 2018.

A major effort has been spent by the EC on the review of the Code of Conduct pursuant to Minute 47 of the January 2018 Board Meeting. A drafting group has worked diligently toward preparing a revised Code of Conduct but it has proven to be a very challenging task. Differences of opinions developed that will require more time to resolve and may result in more than one draft being presented to the EC for consideration at its Fall meeting. Further, the drafting group collectively feels strongly that any proposals should be submitted together to the EC for its discussion and guidance.

The EC reviewed and approved the filing of comments in response to PS Docket 17-344. The Notice requested comments on the resiliency of the communications structure, the effectiveness of emergency communications, and government and industry responses to the 2017 hurricane season. It presented an opportunity to show the tremendous value of the Amateur Radio Service in disaster recovery efforts.

The EC received the final report of the OO Study Committee on July 9, 2018. This was a lengthy project and lays out a plan for a new "Volunteer Monitoring" program to assist FCC's enforcement bureau. It will be a challenge to address the implementation issues but is a necessary priority for immediate Board consideration.

The EC provided input and instruction for General Counsel to take action on:

1. Texzon Technologies LLC Experimental License
2. Docket 18-39 Waiver by Sensible Medical Innovators Ltd. of Part 15 Ultra-wideband Rules
3. AM Broadcast Interference to the 160 meter band in Chicago
4. Docket 18-21 Spectrum Horizons Rulemaking Opening Spectrum above 95 GHz, and
5. NTIA Spectrum Study and potential threat to the 3450-3550 MHz portion of the 9 cm Amateur band
6. IB Docket 18-86, streamlining of licensing procedures for small satellites in response to FCC NPRM addressing Cubesat authorization educational institutional satellite projects using Amateur spectrum, and commercial; satellite operations using Amateur satellite service allocations on to provide input to NTIA

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work and dedication to Amateur Radio and the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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