

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January, 2013

Since the July Board meeting, the Executive Committee met in Denver, Colorado, in late September. The Minutes of that meeting were distributed to the Board (arrrl-odv:21108). There was also an informal conference call to review and consider the Board's input on WT Docket 12-283. The notes from that call were distributed to the Board (arrrl-odv:21317).

A number of issues required filings to the FCC that were reviewed and approved by the EC:

- Response to 3 oppositions to our Petition for Reconsideration in the BPL proceeding [arrrl-odv:20986]
- Response to Current Group, LLC, *ex parte* presentation on BPL
- Petition for Rule Making to FCC to allocate 472-479 kHz to the ARS as per WRC-12 [arrrl-odv:21287]
- WT Docket 12-283 on examination administration matters and legalization of certain emission types (arrrl-odv:21341)

In addition, comments are due on February 25 in ET Docket 12-338 (arrrl-odv:21242), which would implement certain WRC-07 recommendations affecting the Amateur Radio Service. Counsel Imlay and CTO Price are developing draft positions for consideration by the EC.

As directed by the EC in September, a working group was formed to monitor status of the National Broadband Plan, particularly the bands determined to be the most at risk. The group is chaired by Vice President Bellows and made up of Directors Milesosky and Woolweaver and Vice Directors Blocksome and Carlson, along with CTO Price and Counsel Imlay. The group will report to the EC, and if anything hits critical mass, the Board will be informed right away.

Several other items were handled by the EC via e-mail.

- At the request of the Programs and Services Committee, the committee authorized an e-mail vote of the Board on conferring the Hiram Percy Maxim Award.
- A member suggested that the ARRL should oppose the phase-out of International Reply Coupons. After discussion on the reflector, the committee concluded that IRCs at their current price are no longer of much interest to the DXing community and decided not to take any action on the matter.
- The latest set of Education and Technology Program recommendations were voted upon, along with club affiliation applications and convention applications.

The EC has reviewed the draft of legislative objectives for the 113th Congress. They appear as Appendix A to this report. A motion to adopt them will be offered to you at the meeting.

During the elections last year, it was noticed that there is a flaw in the wording of one of the election rules. The flaw did not adversely affect the conduct of the elections, but it ought to be cleaned up. The language is as follows:

"5 days after the 3rd Friday of November -- Any protests must be received by the Secretary in writing and forwarded to the Election and Executive Committee."

In order to comply with the letter of the rules, Secretary Sumner sent a copy of a 2012 election results protest to both the E&E Committee and the EC, even though the EC has no role in handling such protests.

The existing language appears to be an accidental hold-over from many years ago, when the Executive Committee had oversight of elections. The committee we now know as the Ethics and Elections Committee was created to ensure that Directors who were up for re-election could not serve on the committee overseeing elections. E&E chair Director Widin has been consulted about the proposed clean-up and agrees that it should be done now, while no elections are going on.

The proposed new language is

"5 days after the 3rd Friday of November -- Any protests must be received by the Secretary in writing and forwarded to the Ethics and Elections ~~and Executive~~ Committee."

A motion to effect the change will be offered to the Board at the meeting.

The negotiation of a new Memorandum of Understanding with the National Frequency Coordinators Council has proceeded much slower than I hoped it would. NFCC's board has been asked to accept some FCC pronouncements that were hard for them to swallow – specifically the FCC's statement issued on delegated authority some years ago that there can be more than one frequency coordinator handling a particular band in the in a particular geographical area. To their credit, the NFCC board has largely come around to accepting this principle and has, in fact, agreed to every point we asked them to agree to. As this report was being written, I talked with the NFCC president and a misperception appears to have been cleared up about what the ARRL would like the NFCC to say in the document. If all goes well, the new MOU should be ready for consideration by the ARRL Board in the first quarter of this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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President