

ARRL Executive Committee Meeting
June 09, 2022
11:00 AM ET via Zoom

- 1. The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 AM Eastern Time via Zoom with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair.** Present were committee members: Directors Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bill Lippert, AC0W; Kristen McIntyre, K6WX; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; and Dale Williams, WA8EFK. **Present without vote:** 2nd VP Bob Vallio, W6RGG and CEO David Minster, NA2AA. Also present was ARRL FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ.

Present as observers were Directors: Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA; Ria Jairam, N2RJ; Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ; Vice Directors: Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ; Scott Yonally, N8SY; Phil Temples, K9HI; Mark Tharp, KB7HDX; Anthony Marcin, W7XM; Bill Morine, N2COP; Lynn Nelson, W0ND; Nomar Vizcarrondo, NP4H; and CFO Diane Middleton, W2DLM.

- 2. On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Agenda was ADOPTED.**

- 3. Chief Executive Officer/Secretary's update**

Mr. Minster provided updates on several topics.

Events: Both SeaPac and Hamvention went very well. Mr. Minster received a lot of positive feedback regarding ARRL and the culture of the community. His messaging is resonating very strongly with the members.

Clubs: Ed Snyder, W1YSM and Rose Snyder has donated an additional \$150,000 to ARRL on top of the original \$100,000 that was donated to support the Collegiate Amateur Radio Program. Mr. Snyder is very happy with the direction ARRL is heading which is what led to the additional donation and has expressed he has ideas on how he can contribute to ARRL's mission.

The Club Grant Program is continuing with a few applications that have been accepted and numerous are in progress. Mr. Minster expressed that the presidents of a few clubs have expressed their need for more help regarding getting started with what type of programs they should be looking to fund. The next Club Grant Program Zoom presentation will be focusing more on ideas rather than the application process itself. Staff is also looking into the feasibility of applying for an ARDC grant to expand the teacher's institute.

Recruiting: We are actively filling positions and doing interviews to continue the path to becoming fully staffed. Positions that have been filled recently include Managing Editor, Assistant Editor, Emergency Management Assistant, and Assistant Lab Manager.

Mr. Minster entertained questions.

4. FCC Counsel's Update and FCC Matters

Pending rulemakings: Attention continues to be focused on FCC inaction in resolving the multiple amateur proceedings that have been pending for a number of years. The lack of action across all the pending subjects and related strategies and plans were discussed.

Licensing delays: The FCC corrected ULS software issues that had delayed the issuance of new licenses when the new fees collection requirement was implemented. Normal amateur licensing functions appear to have been completely restored in mid-May.

Enforcement action: The FCC adopted a Notice of Apparent Liability and Forfeiture against a licensee for actions that allegedly included using an "amateur radio handheld" to transmit on a 151 MHz channel being actively used for forest firefighting purposes. The individual's company also holds multiple commercial FCC Part licenses. We only know the account that the FCC published, but from that it appears that he disclosed his location and spoke freely with local officials.

A second enforcement action by one of the FCC's field offices relates to a carrier that was constantly transmitted on 40 meters. It appears that a failure occurred at the station resulting in the station's transmitter being placed in a constant "key-down" position while the operator was absent.

FCC Re-Opening: The FCC has announced that FCC offices will re-open to the public on June 9. New procedures have been published that include Covid screening and appointment scheduling requirements for in-person meetings.

Mr. Siddall entertained questions.

5. Legislative Advocacy Committee status report

Mr. Stratton discussed the current efforts taking place in Washington and then entertained questions.

6. Recognition of new Life Members

The committee reviewed the list of new Life Members.

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, the recognition of new Life Members CARRIED (with applause).

7. There being no further business, on the motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, the meeting adjourned at 1:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sabrina Martin