

ARRL Executive Committee Meeting
October 24, 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: 1st VP Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF; Directors Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bill Lippert, AC0W; Kristen McIntyre, K6WX; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; and Dale Williams, WA8EFK. **Present without vote:** CEO David Minster, NA2AA; and FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ

Present as observers were 2nd VP Bob Vallio, W6RGG; Treasurer John Sager, WJ7S; International Affairs VP Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Directors: Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA; David Norris, K5UZ; Ria Jairam, N2RJ; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ; Jeff Ryan, K0RM; Mike Ritz, W7VO; Richard Norton, N6AA; Vice Directors Bob Famiglio, K3RF; Lynn Nelson, W0ND; Scott Yonally, N8SY; Phil Temples, K9HI; Mark Tharp, KB7HDX; Anthony Marcin, W7XM; Bill Morine, N2COP; and CFO Diane Middleton, W2DLM.

2. **On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the Agenda was ADOPTED.**
3. **Chief Executive Officer/Secretary's update**

Mr. Minster provided updates on several topics.

Handbook 100: *Handbook 100* has been launched. There has been great feedback and a lot of excitement around the publication. There were concerns regarding the sales of the 2022 *ARRL Handbook*. By using a marketing approach where YouTuber's were used to do integrated program covering of the handbook for entry-level readers, the handbook sold out.

For this year's handbook, ARRL decided to go into a new direction by using the "black-on-black" theme inspired by some other large companies. The handbook made its debut at last week's Pacificon. Business cards with a QR code that took customers directly to the site where they can purchase the handbook were created and handed out at Pacificon. Attendees went through them quickly.

Budget Process 2023: The budget process is ongoing and is being diligently worked on and organized with staff. A discussion about the budget will take place in the next A&F meeting in November.

2022 Election: Southeast Division election is ongoing, and we know from the electronic balloting company that they have many electronic votes. The process is going well.

ARRL will be hosting a barbeque social event at headquarters where every member in the state of CT has been invited. The objective is to get the members reconnected with ARRL. This social event has had over 140 RSVP's so there is an expectation of a good turnout.

4. Spending Policy transfer approval– Treasurer Sager and CFO Middleton

Per the Investment Policy, CFO Middleton has requested for an additional cash draw from the investment portfolio.

Mr. Roderick moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, to authorize the transfer of \$500,000. The motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

5. FCC Counsel's Update and FCC Matters

Mr. Siddall provided updates on several topics.

FCC Amateur Matters: Pending FCC action on the symbol rate rulemaking, the ARRL requested and the FCC granted a 60-day waiver of the symbol rate limits applicable to digital data transmissions. The FCC's action waives the symbol rate limit for all data protocols that otherwise are consistent with the Commission's rules and for communications directly related to Hurricane-relief communications. There has not been FCC action on other pending matters specific to radio amateurs and Part 97 since the September EC meeting.

Congressional Consideration of 3 GHz and other Spectrum Matters: In concert with the LAC, Counsel has been monitoring legislative proposals and actions related to FCC spectrum actions and authority, the 3 GHz band, and other spectrum-related issues.

6. Legislative Advocacy Committee Status Report

Mr. Stratton discussed the current efforts taking place in Washington.

Mr. Stratton moved, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, to move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss confidential legislative matters. Seeing no objection, the motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

The Executive Committee was in the Committee of the Whole from 12:14 PM – 12:43 PM.

Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, to accept the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

7A. Club Recognition

On the motion of Mr. Lippert for Mr. Luetzelschwab, seconded by Mr. Williams it was **VOTED** (with applause) that:

Whereas:

The Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club of Peoria, Illinois was founded on May 11, 1919 (originally as the Peoria Amateur Radio Club), and

Whereas:

The Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club chose to align itself with the goals of the ARRL by becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club on May 13, 1955, and

Whereas:

The Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club continues to support the high standards and principles of ARRL and shares in the strong support of Amateur Radio.

Therefore:

Let it be known that the Peoria-Area Amateur Radio Club is hereby recognized and sincerely thanked by the ARRL Board of Directors for 103 years as a Club and 67 years of ARRL Affiliation, in which they continue to fulfill the ARRL Mission, "Advancing the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio", and wish them many more years of success.

7B. Club Recognition

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Ms. McIntyre it was **VOTED** (with applause) that:

WHEREAS, the Radio Association of Western New York, W2PE, in the ARRL Western New York section has long supported The American Radio Relay League, Inc., being an Affiliated Club since November 20, 1920;

WHEREAS, the Radio Association of Western New York has been and continues to be active in a variety of amateur radio activities including actively supporting our League as an ARRL Special Service Club;

WHEREAS, the Radio Association of Western New York has been active in encouraging new radio amateurs and provides emergency communications support to the public in times of emergency;

WHEREAS, the Radio Association of Western New York maintains and operates club amateur station W2PE for use by its members;

WHEREAS, the Radio Association of Western New York is celebrating 102 Years of ARRL club affiliation this year.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors hereby congratulates and recognizes the Radio Association of Western New York for its contributions to amateur radio during its 102 years of supporting Amateur Radio operators and of ARRL affiliation.

8. **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).

9. **Other Business**

Mr. Raisbeck moved, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss confidential matters involving the Ethics and Elections committee. Seeing no objection, the motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

The Executive Committee was in the Committee of the Whole from 12:49 PM – 12:56 PM.

Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Mr. Lippert, to accept the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Mr. Stratton, to move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss confidential field organizational matters. Seeing no objection, the motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

The Executive Committee was in the Committee of the Whole from 12:58 PM – 1:27 PM.

Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Mr. Raisbeck, to accept the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

10. There being no further business, on the motion by Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Ms. McIntyre the meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sabrina Martin