

Ethics and Elections Committee Report

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Members of the 2019 Ethics and Elections Committee, appointed by President Roderick at the ARRL January Board Meeting, are:

Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, New England Division Director
George "Bud" Hippiisley, W2RU, Roanoke Division Director
Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Midwest Division Director (Chair)

A report on E&E Activities for the last six months follows:

Appointment of Vice-Directors

The committee received and reviewed conflict of interest statements from Lee Cooper, W5LHC, candidate for appointment in the West Gulf Division and Robert Famiglio, K3RF, candidate for appointment in the Atlantic Division. After careful review, the committee found both candidates eligible for appointment to the board.

Board Member Comments Filed on FCC Proposal

A Director, believing that rescinding the Code of Conduct at the January board meeting lifted the prohibition of directors filing such comments, filed formal comments to FCC Proceeding CG RM-11828 - ARRL's Entry Level Licensing proposal. Later he realized it was a violation of board policy 2.2 and promptly notified E&E.

The E&E committee reviewed the situation and decided the remedy would be for the Director to immediately and formally withdraw his comment. It was subsequently learned that once filed, comments cannot be withdrawn from the record. The individual then took steps to publically state that the comments were his own and did not reflect the opinion of ARRL.

During this same period, it was discovered that another board member also filed comments on the same proceedings. The same remedy was issued as well as a caution email to all board members.

Nominations for Section Managers

The E&E committee answered a query from a candidate for Section Manager regarding collecting nomination signatures by mail on copies of the candidate's application. As a result of this query, the E&E committee recommends adoption of a clarification to ARRL Rules (See Recommendations).

Recommendation

The E&E Committee recommends that the ***Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections*** be amended to include the following:

Nomination Petitions

For the purpose of soliciting signatures supporting a nominee, the ARRL form for nominations, including that nominee's responses to questions contained thereon, may be duplicated. Duplicate forms shall be submitted by nominees in one packet.

Respectively Submitted,

Rod Blocksome, K0DAS
E&E Chair