

**Minutes of 2015 Second Meeting
ARRL Board of Directors
July 17-18, 2015**

Summary Agenda

- 1. Roll call*
- 2. Courtesies*
- 3. Moment of silence*
- 4. Consideration of the agenda of the meeting*
- 5. Receipt and consideration of financial reports*
- 6. Motion to adopt Consent Agenda*
- 7. Consideration of items removed from Consent Agenda*
- 8. Consider recommendations of the standing committees*
- 9. Consider additional recommendations as contained in reports*
- 10. Additional proposals for amendments to Articles of Association and Bylaws*
- 11. Consideration of proposal for 2016 ARRL National Convention*
- 12. Directors' motions*
- 13. Any other business*
- 14. Adjournment*

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. met in Second session at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott in Windsor, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM EDT Friday, July 17, 2015 with President Kay Craigie, N3KN, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division
George R. Isely, W9GIG, Central Division
Greg Widin, KØGW, Dakota Division
David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division
Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division
Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division
Rod Blocksome, KØDAS, Midwest Division
Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division
Jim Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division
James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division
Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division
Douglas Rehman, K4AC, Southeastern Division
Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division
David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Also present without vote were Rick Roderick, K5UR, First Vice President; Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Second Vice President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary; Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX; Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B; and Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY.

Also in attendance were the following Vice Directors: Robert Famiglio, K3RF, Atlantic Division; Kermit A. Carlson, W9XA, Central Division; Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ, Delta Division; Thomas Delaney, W8WTD, Great Lakes Division; Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ, Midwest Division; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ, Northwestern Division; James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division; Bill Morine, N2COP, Roanoke Division; Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division; Michael Lee, AA6ML, Southeastern Division; Martin Woll, N6VI, Southwestern Division; and John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division. Dakota Division Vice Director Kent Olson, KAØLDG, was unable to attend.

Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; International Amateur Radio Union President Tim Ellam, VE6SH; Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW, President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada; ARRL Past President Joel Harrison, W5ZN; Atlantic Division Past Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR; and Dan Henderson, N1ND, Regulatory Information Manager, in the capacity of Recording Secretary.

2. President Craigie invited Dr. Boehner to introduce the new Roanoke Division Vice Director, Bill Morine, N2COP.
3. President Craigie welcomed Mr. Ellam, Mr. Bawden, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Edgar.
4. The assembly observed a moment of silence in recollection of radio amateurs who had passed away since the previous Board meeting: Marlin Allison, K5MHA; Charles I. "Chuck" Baer, W4ROA; Philip I. Berkowitz, WX1CT; Walter Bernadyn, W2FP; Ken Boyd K4DXA; Robert Broderick, Jr., WE4B; Anthony R. "Tony" Curtis, K3RXX; Warren Elly, W1GUD; Theodore F. ("Ted") Goldthorpe Jr, W4VHF; Gary Grant, K7VY; Dennis Hamilton, W4FSI; Charles Hardy, WV8CH; Rob Hughes, KG6TOA; Mary Keener, KØYL; André Kesteloot, N4ICK; Nick Lance Jr, KC5KBO; Howard Mark, K3HM; Gordon Marshall, W6RR; Jerry M. Maxwell, KØKGZ; Dick Miles, K7RNZ; Don Miller, W9NTP; Charles "Allen" Neal, KØMXU; Thomas F. Novotny, W9LCL; Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF; Dick Pechie, KB1H; Robert M. "Bob" Summers, KØBXF; Louis van de Nadort, PAØLOU; Jim Weitzman, K3JW; and William O. "Bill" Weatherford, KM5FT.
5. IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH extended greetings on behalf of the IARU officers. He noted that this was an important year for the IARU and recognized ARRL staff members Mr. Price and Mr Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, for their continued work in support of the IARU, especially leading up to the November 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference of the International Telecommunication Union.
6. Radio Amateurs of Canada President Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW, announced that this was the last meeting of the ARRL Board that he will attend as his term expires at yearend. He expressed appreciation for the fellowship and goodwill that has been extended to him and for the spirit of cooperation between the RAC and the ARRL.
7. Mr. Frenaye, as the President of the ARRL Foundation, invited Board members to speak with him if interested in looking into a Foundation grant for projects.

8. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, the agenda for the meeting was ADOPTED.

The Board moved to consideration of the financial reports.

9. Mr. Niswander presented the Treasurer's report and entertained questions. Market performance on average, across the broad range of portfolio assets, was essentially flat for the first half of the year.

10. Mr. Shelley presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer and entertained questions. Although the first half of 2015 operations are on track with the adopted budget plan, revenues in certain categories have not met expectations and a larger yearend deficit than planned is now forecast.

11. The following reports were lifted from the consent agenda: First Vice President, General Counsel, Legislative Relations, Administration & Finance Committee, Programs & Services Committee, Public Relations Committee, Historical Committee, Ad Hoc HF Band Planning Committee, Ad Hoc LoTW Committee, CEO Search Committee, and Strategic Planning Working Group. On the motion of Mr. Lisenco, seconded by Mr. Williams, the remainder of the consent agenda was ADOPTED.

12. Mr. Roderick presented the report of the First Vice President and entertained questions.

13. Mr. Imlay presented the report of the General Counsel and entertained questions. The slow pace of progress on Amateur Radio enforcement issues at the FCC remains a serious concern. During the discussion of the General Counsel's report the Board was on break from 10:35 until 10:58 AM and for luncheon from noon until 1:01 PM, at which time it reconvened with all previously noted in attendance.

14. Mr. Widin, as chairman, entertained questions on the report of the Administration & Finance Committee. He reviewed a recent security assessment of the ARRL IT systems.

15. Mr. Milesosky, as chairman, entertained questions on the report of the Programs & Services Committee. The committee is pleased with the initial work of its Ad Hoc VHF Contest Revitalization Committee and the new rules that were tested for the first time in the June VHF QSO Party.

16. Mr. Frank McCarthy of The Keelen Group joined the meeting via videoconference to discuss the Legislative Relations report, with emphasis on the Amateur Radio Parity Act. The House bill, H.R.1301, now has a Senate counterpart, S.1685. Continued engagement by ARRL members with their elected representatives is needed.

17. Dr. Boehner, as Board liaison, presented the report of the Public Relations Committee and entertained questions. The committee is using various social media tools to reach out to a new demographic.

18. Mr. Blocksome, as chairman, presented the report of the Historical Committee. He complimented the continued work at Headquarters of Bob Allison, WB1GCM, and volunteer Mike Marinaro, WN1M.

The Board was on break from 2:44 PM until 3:04 PM.

19. Mr. Roderick, as chairman, presented the report of the Ad Hoc HF Band Planning Committee. More than 1,000 responses were received to the web survey posted by the committee. Related motions will be introduced later.

20. Mr. Widin, as chairman, discussed the report of the Ad Hoc Logbook of The World Committee and entertained questions. Infrastructure and system enhancements have been made, allowing resources to be devoted to additional LoTW functionality.

21. Mr. Isely discussed the report of the CEO Search Committee (CEOSC). He announced that the committee has elected Mr. Pace as its new chairman.

22. Mr. Fenstermaker, as chairman, discussed the report of the Strategic Planning Working Group and entertained questions. He thanked the members of the committee for their continued hard work and efforts.

23. The Board moved to consideration of recommendations from the standing committees.

24. On behalf of the Programs & Services Committee, Mr. Milesosky moved and Mr. Rehman seconded the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, ARRL members have expressed appreciation for the year-long ARRL Centennial QSO Party operating event of 2014; and

WHEREAS, many members have expressed interest in additional opportunities for long-term on-air events; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service (NPS) is celebrating its own centennial throughout 2016; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operators have conducted Amateur Radio communications from national parks, national monuments, and other NPS sites for much of the last century; and

WHEREAS, NPS has expressed willingness in principle to permit Amateur Radio operations from their administrative units as part of their Centennial celebration; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio operations from NPS units in 2016 will serve to promote both the NPS Centennial and Amateur Radio's capabilities to the general public; and

WHEREAS, rules for a year-long event have been drafted by ARRL staff that will provide a spirit of fun and adventure among Amateur Radio operators, and a method of outreach and recruitment for Amateur Radio to the public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors approves the creation of the National Parks On The Air (NPOTA) operating event, to commence January 1 through December 31, 2016.

After discussion the resolution was ADOPTED.

25. Mr. Rehman moved and Mr. Milesosky seconded the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS a Special Service Club is an ARRL-affiliated organization that routinely goes above and beyond for their communities and for Amateur Radio; and

WHEREAS Special Service Clubs are the leaders in their Amateur Radio communities who provide such things as active training classes and publicity programs and actively pursue technical projects and operating activities; and

WHEREAS attaining and maintaining Special Service Club status should be an objective of all ARRL-affiliated clubs; and

WHEREAS ARRL believes strongly that organizations possessing Special Service Club status should be recognized for their achievement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all current and future ARRL-affiliated organizations possessing Special Service Club status will be furnished a complimentary Special Service Club pennant that can be proudly displayed at their functions to recognize their status and the qualities of their organization that have led to their achieving such status.

After discussion the resolution was ADOPTED.

26. On motion of Mr. Milesosky, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was ADOPTED (with applause):

WHEREAS Anna Veal, WØANT, of ARRL's Colorado section, has demonstrated an enormous degree of involvement, service, and leadership throughout the Amateur Radio community; and

WHEREAS Ms. Veal has participated and placed in numerous state, national, and international contests, and has been invited to participate in at least one DXpedition, demonstrating her on-air conduct and proficiency; and

WHEREAS Ms. Veal has provided presentations to and instruction for members of the Amateur Radio community at numerous local, state, Division, and national level Amateur Radio meetings and conventions; and

WHEREAS Ms. Veal has provided leadership and a positive example within her Amateur Radio community and among her peers as past president of one academic Amateur Radio club as well as co-founder and current president of Colorado's most active science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) based Amateur Radio club;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Programs & Services Committee, awards the **2014 Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award** to Anna Veal, WØANT.

27. On motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, the following resolution was ADOPTED (with applause):

WHEREAS David L. Hershberger, W9GR, authored the article "Controlled Envelope Single Sideband," which was published in the November/December 2014 issue of *QEX*; and

WHEREAS his article detailed a novel approach to simultaneously control both the amplitude and bandwidth of a single sideband (SSB) transmission in such a fashion that produces higher transmitted power without the degrading effects of audio distortion caused by system overshoots;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Programs & Services Committee, awards the **2014 Doug DeMaw, W1FB, Technical Excellence Award** to David L. Hershberger, W9GR.

28. On motion of Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, the following resolution was ADOPTED (with applause):

WHEREAS the ARRL Microwave Development Award is awarded annually to an individual or group of radio amateurs whose accomplishments and contributions are of the most exemplary nature within the framework of microwave development, ie research and development of new technologies and applications within the amateur microwave bands; and

WHEREAS the principals and developers of Broadband-Hamnet™ have developed, expand, and promote commercial off the shelf (COTS) based and Amateur Radio centric mesh networking technology that is applied within 900 MHz, 2.4 GHz, 3.4 GHz, and 5.8 GHz Amateur Radio spectrum, and used by thousands of Amateur Radio operators across the world for a variety of applications;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Programs & Services Committee, awards the **2014 ARRL Microwave Development Award** to the principals and developers of Broadband-Hamnet.

29. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Dr. Boehner, the following resolution was ADOPTED (with applause):

WHEREAS, Randy Thompson, K5ZD, has demonstrated outstanding volunteer public relations success on behalf of Amateur Radio for many years at the local, regional, and national levels as an active contesteer and Elmer; and

WHEREAS, he has fostered an environment that significantly increases public awareness of Amateur Radio, including through his association with the World Radiosport Team Championship (“WRTC”) event in 2014; and

WHEREAS, his active promotion of the WRTC2014 event, and Amateur Radio in general, encompasses several years of effort promoting the WRTC2014 event as “the Olympics of Ham Radio”; and

WHEREAS, his efforts in promoting WRTC2014 resulted in national-level coverage of Amateur Radio in the *Wall Street Journal*, National Public Radio’s “Only A Game” program and many local and regional media outlets where WRTC2014 participants lived;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, awards the **2015 Philip J McGan Silver Antenna Award** to Randy Thompson, K5ZD.

The Board recessed at 5:00 PM and reconvened at 9:01 AM Saturday, July 18, 2015 with all previously listed in attendance.

30. The Board next considered a recommendation from the Administration & Finance Committee. Mr. Widin, moved, seconded by Mr. Pace, that Bylaw 4 be amended by replacing “\$39.00” with “\$49.00” in the first sentence, effective January 1, 2016.

After discussion, a roll call vote being required, all Directors voted aye except Directors Rehman and Norton who voted nay. With 10 affirmative votes required for passage and 13 affirmative votes recorded, the motion was ADOPTED.

The Board then moved to consideration of additional recommendations contained in reports.

31. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Lisenco, it was VOTED that the amendments to the ARRL HF band plan as recommended in the July 2015 report of the HF Band Planning Committee are adopted.

32. Mr. Lisenco moved, seconded by Mr. Norris, the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, the ARRL Board of Directors, at Minute 47 of the January, 2014 Board meeting instructed the HF Band Planning Committee to communicate with the membership regarding the increasing popularity of data modes, and to investigate ways to use spectrum so that these data modes can compatibly coexist with other emissions in the RTTY/data subbands; and

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed more than 400 comments on this subject, and conducted a comprehensive study of the band plans for 160 through 10 meters (except for 60 meters), and

concluded that only minor adjustments to the existing band plans and some minor changes to the FCC rules regarding HF emission modes and the operating privileges associated therewith were necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Committee vetted its tentative conclusions with the ARRL membership and asked for comment thereon in various electronic and print media of ARRL, triggering well over a thousand responses, which collectively revealed substantial support for the proposed minor changes and which justified slight modifications to the proposal, which membership input has been incorporated in the final HF Band Planning Committee Report submitted to the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee Report, it is MOVED that the Chief Executive Officer, through the General Counsel, shall cause to be prepared and, following approval by the ARRL Executive Committee, shall file with the FCC at the earliest practical time a Petition for Rule Making seeking the modification of the FCC Part 97 rules in the following respects:

1. So that the 80-meter RTTY/Data subband extends from 3500 to 3650 kHz, and the 75-meter Phone/Image subband extends from 3650 to 4000 kHz; and to provide that the 3600-3650 kHz segment will be made available once again for General and Advanced Class licensees.
2. So that the band segment 3600-3650 kHz will also be available to Novice and Technician Class licensees for telegraphy only (consistent with the existing rules that now permit Novice and Technician Class licensees to use telegraphy in the General and Advanced Class RTTY/data subbands at 80, 40, and 15 Meters).
3. To modify Section 97.221(b) so that the segment of the 80-meter band that is available for automatically controlled digital operation shifts from 3585-3600 kHz (as per the existing rules) to 3600-3615 kHz (consistent with the IARU Region 1 and Region 2 band plans).
4. To provide RTTY/data privileges to Novice and Technician licensees in their 15-meter band segment and in their 80-meter band segment, the latter contingent upon the FCC extending the sub-band up to 3650 kHz.

Discussion followed, during which the Board was on break from 10:41 until 11:04 AM.

Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Isely, to amend the motion, replacing clauses 1-4 with "Eliminate FCC subband regulation in the 80-meter band which will result in regulation consistent with that of the 160-meter band." After discussion, a roll call vote being requested, Mr. Norton voted aye and all other Directors voted nay so the amendment was DEFEATED.

After further discussion, the motion without amendment was ADOPTED.

33. Mr. Isely moved, seconded by Mr. Widin that in view of Chief Executive Officer Sumner's announced target date for retirement of May 1, 2016, the Board of Directors approves the following documents pertaining to the search for his successor:

1. Employment Opportunity Advertising (Public CEO job announcement)
2. CEO Job Position Description (ARRL Website detailed CEO job description and application information)

During the week of July 27, 2015 the CEOSC shall provide the ARRL Board of Directors with a draft timeline for selection of final candidates.

Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Rehman to amend the motion by striking “CEO Job Position Description” and replacing it with “CEO Summary of Position,” this being a reference to an alternative document.

After discussion, a roll call vote being requested, the motion to amend was DEFEATED with Directors Abernethy, Isely, Widin, Vallio, Rehman, Norton, and Woolweaver voting aye and Directors Norris, Williams, Lisenco, Blocksome, Frenaye, Pace, Boehner, and Mileschosky voting nay.

Discussion on the main motion resumed.

The Board was on break for lunch from 11:58 AM until 1:01 PM with all previously noted in attendance except Mr. Price, who departed for an ITU meeting in Geneva.

Mr. Pace, being on the prevailing side of the defeated Norton amendment, moved for its reconsideration. Mr. Vallio seconded and the motion to reconsider was ADOPTED. Discussion resumed on the motion to amend. After further discussion, and a roll call vote being requested the amendment was ADOPTED with Directors Abernethy, Isely, Widin, Blocksome, Vallio, Rehman, Norton, and Woolweaver voting aye and Directors Norris, Williams, Lisenco, Frenaye, Pace, Boehner, and Mileschosky voting nay.

Discussion resumed on the motion, as amended.

On motion of Mr. Rehman, seconded by Mr. Mileschosky, it was VOTED to further amend the motion by removing, from the “CEO Summary of Position” document, the text concerning the submission of applications.

There being no further discussion, the motion as amended was ADOPTED. Mr. Lisenco requested to be recorded as voting nay.

34. On behalf of the Strategic Planning Working Group, Mr. Fenstermaker moved, with Mr. Widin seconding, the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the ARRL Board of Directors authorized, in January 2015 a review and analysis of ARRL Strategic Plans developed in 2003 and 2009;

AND WHEREAS, the ARRL Board directed the ARRL President to Create a Strategic Planning Working Group and select and appoint members of the Working Group;

AND WHEREAS, Strategic Planning Working Group began their deliberations in February 2015;

AND WHEREAS, the Strategic Planning Working Group deliberated and assembled revised ARRL Mission, ARRL Values, and ARRL Vision statements;

AND WHEREAS, the Strategic Planning Working Group seeks approval of the process and direction of the Strategic Plan Working Group and acceptance of the three revised elements of the Strategic Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL Board of Directors approves the overall direction of the ARRL Strategic Planning Working Group by adopting, in principle, the revised ARRL Mission Statement, ARRL Core Values Statement, and ARRL Vision Statement as presented at the July 2015 Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors. These three elements of the Strategic Plan are important inputs to the on-going development of Strategic Elements (strategies & initiatives) and specific goals (tactics).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Strategic Planning Working Group is authorized to continue its deliberations and formulation of the final elements of a revised Strategic Plan along with implementation recommendations for ultimate presentation to the Board of Directors for review, discussion, modifications (if required) and adoption at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors in January 2016. The Strategic Planning Working Group will also recommend specific programs and processes with timelines for implementation and specific measurements that illustrate progress toward achievement of goals.

The resolution was ADOPTED.

35. On the motion of International Affairs Vice President Bellows, seconded by Mr. Widin, it was VOTED that the ARRL Secretary is instructed to cast an affirmative vote on IARU Proposal No. 254 for the admission to IARU membership of Shoqata e Radio Amatoreve te Kosoves (SHRAK).

36. Mr. Rehman moved, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, that paragraph 32 of the ARRL By-Laws is modified by inserting the underlined text:

32. The Secretary shall record the proceedings of all meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee. He shall promptly furnish copies of the minutes of these meetings to all officers and members of the Board and make them available to members. He shall make audio recordings of all in person meetings of the Board, excluding any portion(s) where the Body of the Whole is in session, and make them available to members at the time the minutes of that meeting are released to members. He shall be responsible for the maintenance of the corporate status of the League and the filing of all reports and certificates which may be required of the League under the corporation laws of the State of Connecticut. He shall be the archivist of the League and for the performance of his such duties may call upon the Chief Executive Officer for such clerical and stenographic assistance

as he may require. To the extent that may from time to time be required by law, he shall act as agent for the service of process, but only while present in the State of Connecticut and he is not authorized to accept service of process elsewhere.

This provision will be effective starting with the next in-person meeting of the Board.

After discussion, a roll call vote being required with 10 affirmative votes required for passage, Directors Abernethy, Rehman, and Norton voted aye and all other Directors voted nay, so the motion was DEFEATED.

37. On motion of Mr. Rehman, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

WHEREAS a proposal to hold a 2016 ARRL National Convention in Orlando, Florida has been made to the Board;

WHEREAS the Orlando HamCation will be celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2016;

WHEREAS HamCation is the second largest gathering of Radio Amateurs in the United States;

Resolved by the ARRL Board of Directors that the proposal for the 2016 ARRL National Convention to be held in Orlando, Florida, February 12-14, 2016, is hereby accepted.

The Board was on break from 3:25 until 3:43 PM at which time it considered Directors' Motions.

38. Mr. Rehman moved, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver that the 2016 ARRL Annual Board Meeting be held in Orlando, FL preceding the Orlando HamCation. Committee Meetings will be held on February 9 (Tuesday) and the Board Meeting will be held on February 10 and 11 (Wednesday and Thursday). After discussion, the motion was DEFEATED.

39. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Isely, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Whereas, there exist unacceptably high numbers of long-outstanding interference cases in the Amateur Radio Service, most notably in the areas of RFI from power lines; RFI from Part 15 and 18 lighting devices; malicious interference to net operations at HF; and malicious interference by unlicensed and licensed individuals to VHF and UHF repeaters; and

Whereas, effective FCC enforcement in our Service requires timely, visible FCC involvement in these cases, which has not been the case in recent years; and

Whereas, FCC has very recently made what ARRL views as ill-advised, very substantial cuts in its field office locations and staffing, which will inevitably, absent other offsetting changes, have a further adverse effect on the responsiveness of FCC's Enforcement Bureau in the area of Amateur Radio enforcement, starting immediately;

Now, therefore it is

Resolved, that substantial, timely improvement in enforcement is an issue of the highest urgency. The Chief Executive Officer, staff and General Counsel are directed to develop and, under the supervision of the Executive Committee, execute a plan to improve timely and visible enforcement in the Amateur Radio Service. This plan will include (but not be limited to) identification of the most urgent enforcement cases; summarizing evidentiary input to FCC to date in each case; presenting these summaries to FCC Enforcement Bureau staff and FCC Commissioners; other Federal agencies with jurisdiction over rule violation instances; and as necessary, Congressional oversight authorities; and urging the fast, timely resolution of the cases. The plan will also include plans for improved publicity of enforcement actions which are not being effectively publicized by FCC itself; options for providing ARRL resources in the direct resolution of individual cases; and plans to cause FCC to make effective and direct use of evidentiary materials gathered by volunteers in the Amateur Service.

40. Mr. Abernethy moved, seconded by Mr. Rehman that the HF Band Planning Committee is directed to poll the Amateur community concerning the possible elimination of FCC subband regulations for mode and/or license class on the 80 through 10 meter bands. The possible elimination would align regulation with what is presently done for the USA's 160-meter band and all Canadian bands. After discussion, a roll call vote being requested, the motion was DEFEATED with Directors Abernethy, Rehman, and Norton voting aye and all other Directors voting nay.

41. On the motion of Dr. Boehner and seconded unanimously, it was ADOPTED by acclamation and with applause that:

WHEREAS the July 2015 ARRL Board of Directors meeting has been conducted efficiently due to the diligence of the staff;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the entire Board Family thanks Headquarters staff for their warm welcome and assistance at the committee and Board meetings. We especially wish to thank and recognize Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ for arranging a comfortable and pleasant venue for the meeting.

42. There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Lisenco, seconded by Mr. Norris, the meeting was ADJOURNED at 4:47 PM (Time in session: 12 hours and 18 minutes.)

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Secretary