

1. The ARRL Board Executive Committee was called to order at 8:38 AM CDT on Saturday October 22, 2016 at the Marriott Courtyard O'Hare in Rosemont, IL with President Rick Roderick, K5UR presiding and the following committee member Directors in attendance: David Norris, K5UZ, Delta; Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes; Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson; Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific; and David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf. Also in attendance were committee members Greg Widin, KØGW, First Vice-President; and Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Secretary and CEO. Also present were Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, Second Vice-President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice-President, Chris Imlay W3KD, ARRL General Counsel; and Dan Henderson, N1ND, Assistant Secretary. In addition present as guests were Division Directors Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic; and Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central.
2. President Roderick welcomed the first time attendees to the meeting.
3. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Norris the following agenda was ADOPTED:
 - President's report
 - Chief Executive Officer report
 - General Counsel Report
 - FCC/regulatory items
 - Antenna/RFI cases
 - Other legal matters
 - Legislative matters
 - International matters
 - Organizational matters
 - Affiliation of clubs
 - Recognition of new Life Members
 - Other business and adjournment
4. President Roderick presented his report and entertained discussion. He thanked CEO Gallagher for his efforts during the recent transition period since Mr. Gallagher assumed the job.
5. Mr. Gallagher presented the CEO report. He focused on his implementation of changes at ARRL Headquarters. Meetings for assessing the budgetary needs and demands for the upcoming 2017 calendar year have been completed. Several new education initiatives are in progress and as those pilot programs are assessed and refined, the programs will be made available to the Amateur community.
6. Mr. Imlay discussed the report of the General Counsel. Discussion first focused on the visibility of Amateur Radio enforcement with the FCC.

- 6.1 Meetings with the FCC have been held concerning more effective FCC use of the volunteer resources of the Amateur Auxiliary program, the current Amateur Auxiliary Agreement with FCC, and the development of a new MOU that better incorporates the Amateur Auxiliary program (given the recent ill-advised FCC actions closing field offices and reducing Spectrum Enforcement Division staffing levels). Vice President Mileschosky, in conjunction with HQ staff coordinated through Mr. Gallagher, was directed to continue work on the review and revitalization of the Amateur Auxiliary, working with FCC in the process to ensure active use of this valuable volunteer resource.
- 6.2 The Committee provided guidance in the domestic implementation of the new worldwide Amateur allocation at 5 MHz created at WRC-15.
- 6.3 An updated review of the National Broadband Plan and any impact thereof on Amateur Radio spectrum allocations will be conducted by Vice-President Bellows, Midwest Division Director Rod Blocksome and General Counsel Imlay.
- 6.4 Mr. Imlay and Mr. Henderson are in contact with officials of the National Forest Service regarding a potential change in transmitter site leasehold arrangements for Amateur Radio repeater installations on NFS land.
- 6.5 Mr. Imlay and Dr. Woolweaver will meet with FAA and Congressional offices to address the effect of the FAA Reauthorization Act, H.R. 636 and Painting and Lighting requirements for Short Towers on Amateur Radio antenna systems between 50 feet and 200 feet in height.

The Committee was in recess for lunch from 12:08 PM until 1:05 PM with all previously noted in attendance.

- 6.6 Mr. Lisenco gave a brief update on the status of the Amateur Radio Parity Act and the multiple opportunities for passage by the Senate before the end of the year.

Mr. Bellows presented the report of the International Affairs Vice-President. Rod Stafford, W6ROD, resigned as IARU effective October 15, 2016. Per IARU and ARRL regulations, the ARRL Executive Committee nominated and the full Board unanimously ratified the selection of David Sumner, K1ZZ, as IARU Secretary. The IARU Administrative Council has begun preparation for IARU representation at various preparatory meetings for WRC-19. Mr. Bellows presented useful insight into the operations of IARU Region 2

7. Mr. Vallio presented a brief report on the work of the reapportionment committee. A final report from that Committee will be presented to the full Board in January.

8. Vice-President Widin presented a report on the long-term growth of LoTW. The LoTW committee will continue working on enhancements to the system.
9. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Williams, the following club affiliations were approved:
 - Amateur Radio Club of Churchill County (NV)
 - Clay County Area Amateur Radio Club (IL)
 - Education Alliance for Amateur Radio, Inc. (PA)
 - Garden School Amateur Radio Club (NY)
 - Kerrville State Hospital Amateur Radio Communications (TX)
 - Newton Falls Technology and Multimedia Club (OH)
 - Shaker Road Loudenville Amateur Radio Association (NY)
 - South Peninsula Amateur Radio Club (AK)
 - Union County Amateur Radio Club (OH)
 - Unallocated Space Amateur Radio Club (MD)
 - Wheeler Amateur Radio Club (OR)
10. Mr. Gallagher was directed to conduct a staff assessment of the application and approval processes for hamfests & conventions and clubs, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee for changes in the ARRL Rules and Procedures to streamline those processes
11. On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Lisenco, 206 Life Member were approved (with applause) and the Secretary was instructed to publish the list in *QST*.
12. There being no further business and on the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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