

**Report of the Executive Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
July 2017**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee since the January Board Meeting.

The Executive Committee (EC) met in Aurora, Colorado near the Denver airport on March 25.

At the March EC meeting, Mr. Gallagher gave a presentation on the financial results for the first two months and emphasized the need for cost control and restraint. He noted that of particular concern is with growing the membership and retention of members. The Amateur Radio industry is uncertain and has a soft business climate. To continue to move forward, we must pay better attention to the changing dynamics that effect Amateur Radio. Mr. Gallagher has mentioned these issues previously to the Board and we need to be thinking more about what the League can do to get out in front of this changing environment.

Considerable discussion was held regarding the Articles of Association and the Bylaws for the ARRL. You will recall that I reported in January that I had directed Mr. Bellows and Mr. Imlay to perform a review of the Article and Bylaws and bring them up to date, in particular since our corporate counsel had raised some issues last year. Mr. Bellows and Mr. Imlay performed a thorough review and presented some suggested revisions to the Executive Committee for consideration. Along this same discussion, considerable time was spent addressing organizational governance and the structure of the Board. Again, issues were driven by concerns raised by corporate counsel. The attempt to address these concerns about our structure brought forth the issues concerning Vice Directors, and, of course, the subsequent substantial discussion within the Board about our structure.

The EC received a report from Mr. Henderson who had been directed to streamline the approval process for affiliated clubs and conventions and to remove the EC from its role in the approval process. Based on existing Rules and Regulations, the EC can adjust the procedure for affiliated club approval but changes to the approval process for conventions will require Board action. Consequently, there will be an EC motion presented at the Board meeting to address accomplish this goal. During this reporting period, the EC has approved 28 conventions.

Also, at the meeting, the EC was briefed on the status of the OO Study, HR 555, General Counsel's report, FCC and regulatory matters, and trademarks, all of which are mentioned in other reports.

The EC worked on Mr. Imlay's draft of comments to file in support of ARRL's Petition for Rulemaking filed in January (RM-11785), seeking to implement domestically the 5 MHz allocation at 5351.5-5366.5 kilohertz to the Amateur Service. The comments reiterate our support for the allocation; argue for 100 watts PEP output instead of the 15 watts EIRP that was allocated internationally worldwide; and the request to preserve the four individual 5 MHz channels that we now have that are outside this allocation. Comments were filed on March 20. See ODV:26318.

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work, especially on the challenging issues regarding the AA/BL updates.

Respectfully submitted,

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