

## MINUTES

### IARU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

TOKYO, 28 MARCH - 1 APRIL 1983

The first meeting of the Administrative Council of the International Amateur Radio Union was convened at 0900 hours on 28 March 1983 at the Nihon Kyoiku Kaikan (Japan Education Hall -- the Foundation), Tokyo, Japan. Present were IARU President Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU, in the Chair; Vice President Carl L. Smith, W0BWJ; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; Louis v.d. Nadort, PA0LOU, and Eric Godsmark, G5CO, representing the IARU Region 1 Division; Pedro Seidemann, YV5BPG, and Alberto Shaio, HK3DEU, representing IARU Region 2; and David Rankin, 9V1RH, and Masayoshi Fujioka, JM1UXU, representing the IARU Region 3 Association. Also present to provide staff support were Naoki Akiyama, JH1VRQ/N1CIX, and Miss Tsuyako Miyagi.

The Council immediately addressed the primary order of business: the drafting of a new Constitution for the IARU. The members agreed first to discuss general principles and to determine areas of common understanding. This general discussion occupied the first morning of work, which concluded with an agreement that the following Constitutional issues would be addressed separately, roughly in the order listed:

- Purposes of IARU
- Structure: Centralization vs. decentralization
- Membership (admission/expulsion)
- Finances
- Administrative Council
- Officers
- Management
- Regional organizations
- Interim functioning of Administrative Council
- Second societies
- Differentiation between Constitution and By-Laws

The first afternoon session began with a discussion of IARU objectives, the result of which was a list of objectives to be referred to a working group for refinement. Messrs. Baldwin, Godsmark, Rankin, and Sumner were named to Working Group 1, and were asked to present a report the following day.

The meeting then continued with a discussion of IARU structure. The relationship between the member-societies, the regional organizations, and the headquarters received particular attention. Mr. Rankin noted that the feeling was particularly strong in Region 3 that member-societies ought not to be distanced from the headquarters by any change in the structure which might interpose the regions between them. Working Group 2 was established, composed of Messrs. Smith, Shaio, v.d. Nadort, and Fujioka, to prepare a proposed structure for discussion the following day.

At 1700 hours, the Council left the subject of the IARU Constitution to address other matters. Mr. Rankin presented information from the meeting of the Region 3 Directors which had immediately preceded the meeting of the Administrative Council, including the approach being taken with respect to

developing countries and the existence of the Region III Award. Mr. Sumner distributed a report on IARU activities in Geneva during the Mobile WARC earlier in the month. Mr. Shaio reported on preparations for the Region 2 Conference in Cali, Colombia, to be held in June.

Mr. Baldwin discussed the upcoming WARC for high-frequency broadcasting (HFBC WARC) and the desirability of IARU participation as an observer. On his motion, it was agreed that the Administrative Council endorses the attendance of up to six people to represent IARU at the first session of the HF BC WARC which opens in Geneva in January 1984. The Council then adjourned for the evening.

The second day's session, on 29 March, began at 0900 hours. Mr. Sumner was asked to acquaint the Council with the magnitude of expenses incurred by the ARRL in discharging its obligations as host society for IARU headquarters. He estimated the annual cost as approximately \$75,000 in a "normal" year, i.e., a year in which there was no unusual activity such as a major World Administrative Radio Conference. The Council then considered the report of Working Group 1 and agreed that the statement of objectives prepared by the Working Group, with minor revisions, should be incorporated in the revised draft Constitution.

Next, the report of Working Group 2 was rendered. Key to the proposed structure developed by the Working Group was the abandoning of the "headquarters society" concept in favor of a new concept in which the Administrative Council itself would serve the centralizing, "headquarters" function, assisted by a secretariat to be provided by one of the member-societies. This host society would designate the IARU Secretary, and in consultation with the Administrative Council would nominate candidates for President and Vice President with the nominations to be ratified by vote of the member-societies. Communication by member-societies with IARU would be accomplished primarily through the regional organizations. After considerable discussion, which continued into the early afternoon, it was agreed that the drafting work would proceed in accordance with this new concept. On behalf of Region 3, Mr. Rankin reserved the right to revisit the question if there appeared to be a threat of increased isolation of member-societies from the headquarters.

Topics of discussion during the second afternoon session included the method of selection and term of office of the officers; responsibilities of member-societies and the need to be able to declare inactive or to expel a member-society which does not discharge its responsibilities; the process to be followed in applying for membership in the Union; the method of selecting members of the Administrative Council; and the question of whether there should be a means of designating alternate representatives to the Administrative Council. Two more Working Groups were created: Working Group 3, to address the definition and terms of reference of the Administrative Council, and Working Group 4, to address the "second society" issue. Messrs. Godsmark (convenor), Fujioka, Seidemann, and Sumner were named to Working Group 3, and Messrs. Baldwin, Shaio, Smith, and v.d. Nadort to Working Group 4. The Council adjourned at 1740 hours, with the Working Groups to meet in the evening.

The third day's work on 30 March, began at 0850 hours. The report of Working Group 4 was considered first. Mr. Shaio presented the report, which suggested that multiple-society problems should be addressed by the appropriate

IARU regional organization. An important objective is effective communication with all radio amateurs in each country represented in IARU. Responsibility for achieving the free and effective flow of information rests with the member-society; if the society is not fulfilling this responsibility (or its other responsibilities as the representative of amateur radio in its country) the regional organization should seek a solution. Termination of membership of a member-society should, of course, be only a last resort. During the course of discussion, Mr. Seidemann called attention to the paper prepared by Region 2 on the second-society problem.

At the conclusion of this discussion, Messrs. Godsmark, Fujioka, and Seidemann left the room to work separately as Working Group 3. The remainder of the Council began to draft language for the Constitution concerning the regional organizations, agreeing after a time that the task would be completed after lunch by Working Group 5, consisting of Messrs. v.d. Nadort, Rankin, and Sumner. The morning's work concluded with a discussion of voting by member-societies, i.e., the number of votes required to adopt various categories of proposals, and a discussion of the responsibilities of the host society, during which it was agreed that it should be called the International Secretariat.

Following a brief recess for lunch, Mr. Godsmark distributed the written report of Working Group 3, setting forth the terms of reference of the Administrative Council and the qualifications and method of selection of the Administrative Council members, including the officers. After discussion, the report was accepted for inclusion in the draft Constitution. During the course of discussion, it was agreed that procedures for the recall (removal from office) of an officer, if adopted, should be included in the By-Laws rather than in the Constitution.

As the final order of business for the day, Mr. v.d. Nadort delivered the written report of Working Group 5, which was accepted for inclusion in the draft Constitution.

On the fourth day of the meeting, 31 March, the following outline for the draft Constitution was established tentatively:

- Name
- Objectives
- Definitions and interpretation
- Structure
- Membership
- Administrative Council
- Regional Organizations
- International Secretariat
- Amendments

Mr. Sumner was detailed to edit the texts adopted by the Council into a form which could be reviewed by the Council, and left the room to work separately. The remaining members of the Council proceeded to revise the report of Working Group 3, adopted earlier, into interim procedures for the Administrative Council to govern its work until the process of Constitutional revision is completed.

After lunch, and a press conference with representatives of Radio Japan, the Council began its review of the draft prepared by Mr. Sumner. At 1615 hours, the Council left this task to address other matters requiring its attention.

The dates for the next meeting of the Administrative Council were established as November 3-5, 1983, the venue to be Newington, Connecticut, USA (ARRL/IARU Headquarters). The main item of business shall be the drafting of By-Laws to accompany the Constitution.

Following a discussion of the objectives of the Worked All Continents award, and the secondary status of the Amateur Service in the 10-MHz band, it was voted that no credit for the Worked All Continents awards program shall be granted for contacts made in the 10-MHz band, or for contacts made in the 18 and 24 MHz bands until the transfer procedures as described in Resolution 8 of the Radio Regulations, Geneva, Edition of 1982, have been completed.

Following a discussion of correspondence received from the Japan Amateur Radio League, on motion of Mr. Rankin, it was voted that an endorsement for the Worked All Continents award be created to recognize the facsimile mode.

The Council then discussed the status of the Intruder Watch program, leaving formal action on this subject to the following day.

On the final day of the meeting, 1 April, the Administrative Council completed its review of the draft Constitution and continued its discussion of the Intruder Watch. Following lunch, and a press conference with representatives of the Japanese amateur radio press, the Intruder Watch discussion continued. After discussion, the Council adopted the following Resolution:

#### RESOLUTION 83-1

The IARU Administrative Council, April, 1983,

CONSIDERING that the intrusion of non-amateur stations into frequency bands allocated exclusively to the Amateur Service by the International Telecommunication Union is on the increase;

RECOGNIZING that there is a need for vigilance on the part of the Amateur Radio Service to prevent out-of-band stations operating in exclusive amateur frequency bands; and

NOTING the concern, and lengthy deliberation that took place at the Council's first meeting on this subject,

RESOLVES

1. that the operation of the IARU Intruder Watch shall continue;

2. that an attempt be made to obtain recognition by the International Telecommunication Union of the Intruder problem of the Amateur Service; and
3. that the Administrative Council shall pursue 2. above, accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Rankin, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 83-2

The IARU Administrative Council, April, 1983,

CONSIDERING that the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has carried the burden of the work of the IARU for the past fifty-seven years; and

NOTING that it has carried on this work untiringly, and frequently without due recognition;

RECOGNIZES that at this historic first meeting of the newly formed Administrative Council, its members paid tribute to the magnificent contribution to the success of the IARU made by ARRL and records its appreciation accordingly.

Following closing remarks by several of its members, the Council adjourned at 1610 hours, 1 April 1983.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Secretary