

**International Amateur Radio Union
Administrative Council
Summary Record of Teleconference
25 January 2017**

1. The IARU Administrative Council met by Skype teleconference on 25 January 2017. Participants were President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ, Region 1 President Don Beattie, G3BJ, Region 1 Vice President Faisal Alajmi, 9K2RR, Region 2 President Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, Region 2 Vice President Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK, Region 3 Chairman Gopal Madhavan, VU2GMN, and Region 3 Secretary Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP.

2. President Ellam opened the meeting at 1311 UTC.

3. The agenda was approved with the addition of two items under “Other business.”

4. Brief oral reports of the officers

4.1. President Ellam reported on his recent attendance at the Board of Directors meeting of the ARRL, the IARU International Secretariat. Limiting expenses to essentials remains important.

4.2. Vice President Garpestad observed that he has been very busy with work related to WRC-19 and has been involved in discussions with Region 1 regarding Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF).

4.3. Secretary Sumner noted that updating the email addresses of member-societies and their officers has been time-consuming but worthwhile.

5. Brief oral reports of the regional representatives

5.1. Mr. Beattie reported on behalf of Region 1. Preparations for an Executive Committee meeting in May, the Friedrichshafen convention in mid-July, and the regional conference in September are underway. Region 1 faces budgetary challenges in the longer term. He reported favorable experience with WordPress website tools.

5.2. Mr. Santoyo reported that the Region 2 Executive Committee held a virtual meeting via Skype the previous week with Mr. Sumner participating as an observer. Three new coordinators were appointed, including an HF Manager to address band planning and other HF issues. The creation of a Region 2 youth group was authorized. Transferring signing authority for banking transactions from the old Treasurer to the new has proved to be problematic. Work on simplification of licensing is proceeding in CITEL. Region 2 no longer maintains a list of

member-societies on its website and redirects to the list at the main IARU website. Another virtual meeting is planned for April.

5.3. Mr. Madhavan reported that Region 3 has begun work on the format of its band plans to more closely resemble those of the other two regions. Differences in national allocations within Region 3 make the task more difficult. Mr. Yamamoto added that preparations for WRC-19 within the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity have begun; a meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory Group (APG) is scheduled for Bali in July.

6. In introducing the agenda item concerning WRC-19 preparations, Mr. Garpestad commented that the matrix approach that was approved by the AC in October seems to be understood by the participants and is working. There is good participation on the WRC reflector. Some of the IARU personnel who are assigned to lead the WRC-19 agenda items in which the IARU has an interest serve on national delegations, so IARU contributions addressing those issues must be presented by a designated IARU representative. At this point in the meeting a paper setting out preliminary IARU positions on key WRC-19 agenda items was reviewed and agreement was reached on final edits.

Mr. Garpestad noted that the Chairman of the Region 1 HF Committee has provided an update on the status of amateur allocations in the vicinity of 5 MHz following the coming into force of the Final Acts of WRC-15. He asked the other regions also to provide updates.

7. Mr. Sumner and Mr. Beattie reviewed progress on the “branding” initiative. A productive teleconference was held with Region 2 webmaster Christian Buenger, DL6KAC, to review and revise a draft document setting out the desired characteristics of the future IARU website. A core project team representing the International Secretariat and the three regions has been identified and an initial teleconference will be held soon. A “global” business card for IARU representatives has been designed and a template is being prepared for distribution to the regions.

8. Mr. Sumner reported that so far, 32 vote sheets had been returned by member-societies on the proposal for the admission to IARU membership of the new Belize Amateur Radio Club. He plans to send a reminder in mid-February to the member-societies that have not yet responded. The deadline for receipt of votes is 9 May 2017.

9. Mr. Ellam reported on the ITU’s plans to tighten its criteria for exempting Sector Members from fees. At this time it appears that the IARU is likely to remain fee-exempt, but the issue bears watching because it would be extremely difficult for the IARU to maintain its activity in the ITU if the exemption were to be withdrawn. Applying to attend the 2017 meeting of the ITU Council will be considered if the exemption appears to be in jeopardy.

10. Mr. Ellam requested assistance in identifying candidates for the Working Group on Propagation.

11. Mr. Sumner reviewed a spreadsheet summarizing the action items arising from the October meeting. After discussion it was agreed to adopt a correction to the Summary Record of that meeting at item 10.18. The second sentence is corrected to read, "It was agreed that the naming of the events should be left to the regional organization where the event is to be held, in coordination with the other regions in the case of world events."

12. Mr. Beattie reported on the status of preparations for an IARU stand at the Ham Radio exhibition in Friedrichshafen. He and Mr. Sumner are working on design elements. It was agreed that material prepared for the stand should be useful in other venues such as the Dayton Hamvention. Mr. Madhavan offered to circulate the text of a leaflet being prepared by Region 3.

13. Mr. Sumner reported that a request had been received for a letter of support for the United Nations Amateur Radio Club, 4U1UN, which is seeking space at United Nations Headquarters in New York to reactivate the station. A letter will be prepared for President Ellam's signature.

14. Other business.

14.1. A document describing the system of IARU Diamond Awards for recognizing outstanding volunteers was distributed just before the meeting. Participants were asked to review the text for possible edits in the coming days. The top level was awarded to two individuals in 2016; a third individual was identified to receive the top level award later this year.

14.2. Mr. Ellam provided an update on the ".radio" Internet domain. The European Broadcasting Union is preparing to implement the domain later in the year.

14.3. Mr. Ellam thanked the participants for a productive meeting and commented that another Skype teleconference may be desirable before the next in-person meeting in September, possibly in the June time frame. There being no further business, the teleconference was concluded at 1432 UTC.

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Secretary