

**International Amateur Radio Union**  
**Administrative Council**  
**Summary Record of Virtual Meeting**  
**6 April 2021**

1. The 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IARU Administrative Council (AC) was held virtually via Zoom teleconference. Members attending the meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ; Don Beattie, G3BJ, President, and Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Secretary, IARU Region 1; Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK, President, and George Gorsline, VE3YV, Secretary, IARU Region 2; and Region 3 Chairman Wisnu Widjaja, YB0AZ, and Director Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP. Participating as observers were Region 1 Executive Committee member Sylvain Azarian, F4GKR and Region 3 Secretary Shizuo Endo, JE1MUI. Also participating were Communications Working Group Chair Mats Espling, SM6EAN and IARU Assistant Secretary Joel Harrison, W5ZN. President Ellam called the meeting to order at 1200 UTC Tuesday, 6 April, 2021.

2. A moment of silence was observed for radio amateurs and friends who have died since the previous meeting of the AC, especially Lorne Libin XE1V.

The following agenda was approved:

1. Opening of meeting – VE6SH
2. Reports of the officers
3. Reports of the regions
4. WRC-23 preparations – LA2RR
  - i) Inputs regarding future agenda items (WRC-23 AI 10)
  - ii) Preliminary WRC-27 agenda items
5. Report of the Communications Working Group – SM6EAN
6. Report of the Core Mission Working Group – VE3YV
7. Report of the Relationship Working Group – F4GKR
8. Report of the 144+ MHz Committee – VE6SH
9. Succession planning – K1ZZ
10. Progress on initial implementation of hamradio.org content
11. Date/time of next virtual AC meeting

3. Reports of the officers

3.1. President Ellam presented an oral report noting he had been busy with the work of the 144+ Committee and referred to their written report. It has been more than one year since the AC was able to meet in person and he is hopeful of a possible meeting in Novi Sad, Serbia this fall, expressing the importance of in person meetings.

3.2. Vice President Garpestad's oral report highlighted his attendance at the Region 1 virtual EC meeting. He noted his work with ITU including preparation for the upcoming Working Party 5A meeting.

3.3. Secretary Sumner reported on voting proposals 261 and 262 regarding admission of Kyrgyz Republic and Bahrain. To date 52 member-societies have submitted votes, 33 from Region 1, 13 from Region 2 and 6 from Region 3. A significant improvement in voting participation in Region 1 was noted. Seven weeks remain for the voting window. Mr. Sumner

highlighted the upcoming World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) on April 18, and had previously shared graphics prepared by ARRL supporting the event. He noted increased excitement regarding this year's WARD and the resonating IARU theme "Home but never alone." Mr. Sumner reported on attendance at ITU's Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) and the candidacy of Doreen Bogdan-Martin for ITU Secretary-General as a positive for IARU.

#### 4. Reports from the regional organizations

4.1. Mr. Beattie presented the report from Region 1. Preparations continue for a workshop in Novi Sad, Serbia this fall. A final decision regarding an in-person meeting is scheduled for June. Preparations for WRC-23 continue and he noted specific work performed by Barry Lewis, G4SJH, regarding Agenda Item 9.1 topic b). The Region 1 website has been updated, 2020 financial results have been finalized and a positive outcome was realized. Voting is in process regarding revisions to the Region 1 constitution. Mr. Beattie also reported on a meeting organized to discuss WPT that included 27 attendees from the EU Commission, IARU and other stakeholders. He noted this was an interesting meeting providing the opportunity for the case for spectrum protection to be presented.

Mr. Blondeel Timmerman reported on the status of the Amateur Radio Administration Course (ARAC). Mr. Blondeel Timmerman requested assistance from the AC to identify and recruit specialists to develop a new syllabus for the course.

4.2. Mr. Gorsline presented the Region 2 report. The ARRL material on WARD has been translated into Spanish and distributed within Region 2. The Region 2 Executive Committee continues to meet via Zoom. He noted the Region 2 Youth team has been very active, conducting bi-weekly meetings with excellent participation. Mr. Gorsline noted the region has enjoyed good financial performance owing to a reduction in travel related expenses due to the Covid pandemic.

4.3 Mr. Widjaja delivered the Region 3 report. He noted the 18<sup>th</sup> R3 Conference will be held in a virtual form between 0300UTC and 0930 UTC from 20 to 23 September 2021. Zoom will be used as the meeting platform. The APG23-2 meeting is to be held from 19 to 24 April 2021 in a virtual form. Region 3 Director Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP prepared and submitted an IARU information paper to the meeting. Region 3 Secretary Shizuo Endo, JE1MUI will attend the meeting with Mr. Yamamoto attending as a Japanese delegation member. Peter Young, VK3MV resigned as a Region 3 Director effective 28 February 2021. It was decided not to name a successor for the rest of his term.

5. Vice President Garpestad reviewed preparations for WRC-23 reporting on his attendance at ITU-R Working Party 4C. Working Party 5A, where all amateur radio issues are handled, will be meeting at the end of April. Working Party 7C will begin meeting April 15. Mr. Garpestad highlighted revisions to the IARU website to include current WRC items. The WRC-27 agenda will be decided at WRC-23 under Agenda Item 10.

6. Mr. Espling presented an interim report from the Communications Working Group. This group will work as the "Steering Committee" for the other working groups. The WG has held three meetings to date focusing on four areas of "Why, What, Who and How". He noted communication timing is extremely important and they are considering a proposal for a

monthly communique/bulletin. Defining the target recipients such as member-societies, stakeholders and other interests is still under consideration.

7. Mr. Gorsline presented an interim report from the Core Mission Working Group. The WG has held four meetings to date with four additional meetings scheduled. The meetings have been via Zoom with all meeting details available to WG members via Dropbox and Zoom meeting recordings. This WG has some overlap with the Relationship WG. The Core Mission's deliverables include a draft mission statement and a draft document regarding policy.

8. Mr. Azarian presented an interim report from the Relationship Working Group. The WG has held five meetings to date. Their work has included identifying stakeholders and the coexistence of multiple amateur radio societies. At the conclusion of this item Mr. Beattie departed the meeting, at 1345 UTC, to attend a meeting of CEPT SE24.

9. Mr. Ellam provided comments on the work of the 144+ MHz Committee. Proposals and methodologies had been distributed to member societies in November. The feedback has been minimal and less than expected. The committee is scheduled to meet on April 14 and will review feedback and opportunities and develop a report to be presented during the next AC meeting. Mr. Harrison reported on the 144+ Video committee. An initial meeting was held on March 24 with a follow up meeting scheduled for April 14. The structure of the video is envisioned to be 5 to 7 minutes in length with a focus on an opening, three major points in the body of the video and a summary/end. The target audience will be regulators.

10. Mr. Sumner reported on succession planning. A proposal for Mr. Harrison to be appointed IARU Secretary effective July 1, 2021 was presented to the ARRL Executive Committee on April 5. The ARRL EC unanimously voted to present the matter to the full ARRL board with a favorable recommendation. The recommendation is currently under consideration. Mr. Sumner is to reassume the title of Assistant Secretary that he has held previously.

11. Mr. Sumner reported briefly on implementation of the hamradio.org domain. This is still in progress and a status report will be provided at the next AC meeting.

12. The next meeting of the AC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 1200 UTC. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1403 UTC.

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Secretary