

Summary Record
International Amateur Radio Union
Administrative Council Virtual Meeting
16 January 2023

1. The 56th meeting of the IARU Administrative Council (AC) was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, 16 January 2023. Members participating in the meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA; Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR; Secretary Joel Harrison, W5ZN; Sylvain Azarian, F4GKR, President, and Mats Espling, SM6EAN, Secretary, IARU Region 1; George Gorsline, VE3YV, President, and Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Secretary, IARU Region 2; and Region 3 Chairman Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, and Director Yudi Hasbi, YD1PRY. Also participating was Assistant Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. President Ellam called the meeting to order at 1200 UTC. He congratulated Mr. Gorsline on his election as Region 2 President and welcomed Mr. Stafford back to the AC as Region 2 Secretary.

2. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Arnaldo de Jesús Coro Antich, CO2KK, Alfred A. Laun, III, K3ZO, and other notable contributors to amateur radio who passed away since the previous meeting.

3. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening of Meeting by President
2. Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Reports of officers
 - 4.1. Report of President Ellam
 - 4.2. Report of Vice President Garpestad
 - 4.3. Report of Secretary Harrison
5. Reports from the regional organizations
 - 5.1. Region 1
 - 5.2. Region 2
 - 5.3. Region 3
6. ITU and related issues
 - 6.1. ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)
 - 6.1.1. WRC-23
 - 6.1.1.1. Report from the 2nd Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-23 preparations
 - 6.1.1.2. Memo on the Draft CPM Report
 - 6.1.1.3. IARU participants for WRC-23
 - 6.1.2. Reports from ITU-R Study Groups and Working Parties
 - 6.1.2.1. WP4C
 - 6.1.2.2. WP5A
 - 6.1.2.3. SG5
 - 6.1.2.4. WP7C
 - 6.2. CISPR Report

7. Strategic Planning
 - 7.1. Report of the Future Working Group
 - 7.2. Report of the Legal Working Group
 - 7.3. Report of the Relationship Working Group
 - 7.4. Report of the Governance Working Group
 - 7.5. Report of the Finance Working Group
 - 7.6. Schedule for Presentations to IARU Regions
 - 7.7. Succession Planning Update
8. Any other business
9. Discussion of venues and dates for next AC meeting

4. Reports of officers

4.1. Mr. Ellam reported that he was the keynote speaker at the RSGB Convention in October. The speech was recorded and generated a fair bit of discussion. He worked with Mr. Harrison to prepare and finalize the budget for 2023.

4.2. Mr. Garpestad has spent most of his time on preparations for WRC-23. He observed that while virtual meetings provide more opportunities for participation without expensive travel, more meetings mean more time. He also has been working on EMC issues.

4.3. Mr. Harrison reported progress in moving the IARU global website to a new server and thanked those who are assisting. When he receives a request to update an entry in the list of IARU member-societies he now checks with the regional secretary before making the change. IARU expenses for 2022 were approximately \$20,000 under budget. Because of expenses associated with WRC-23 the budget for this year is larger than usual. Mr. Harrison emphasized that it is important for IARU travelers to coordinate in advance of making travel arrangements.

5. Reports of regional organizations

5.1. Mr. Azarian noted that the Region 1 Conference will be held 31 October to 4 November in Serbia. There are mixed feelings in the region between in-person vs. hybrid meetings. The Region 1 Executive Committee will meet in Italy in March and in June in Friedrichshafen. Mr. Azarian was invited by the Saudi Amateur Radio Society to attend a meeting that included several other member-societies in the area; he reported it was very successful and could serve as a model for sub-regional groups. Mr. Espling added that there is a recent update on its “Shaping the Future” initiative on the Region 1 website.

5.2. Mr. Gorsline reported that the old and new members of the Region 2 Executive Committee met together virtually in November. The new EC will meet virtually next month. He observed that a sub-regional approach to emergency communications and youth recruitment would be beneficial in the region. Mr. Stafford is heading a committee to improve communication among member-societies and with the EC.

5.3. Mr. Yamamoto reported that the Region 3 Directors are meeting virtually on a bimonthly basis and hope to meet in person at the time of Tokyo Ham Fair, 19-20 August. Some Region 3 Directors participated in the virtual Region 2 Conference and enjoyed the active discussions. The Region 3 youth camp hosted by the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand was postponed to the September/October time frame in 2023.

6. ITU and related issues

6.1. ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)

6.1.1. WRC-23

6.1.1.1. A written report on the Inter-regional Workshop by Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, was discussed. The current status of regional positions on the WRC-23 agenda items were shared with more than 800 participants.

6.1.1.2. A written report by Mr. Garpestad summarizing the relevant portions of the draft CPM Report was reviewed. Items of particular concern to the amateur services were identified.

6.1.1.3. Mr. Garpestad identified several radio amateurs who are expected to be named to their national delegations and asked that he be informed of any additional names. He expects to be present full-time. Mr. Ellam and Mr. Harrison plan to attend part-time. Barry Lewis, G4SJH, will be the IARU lead on Agenda Item 9.1 topic b concerning 1240-1300 MHz.

6.1.2. Reports from ITU-R Study Groups and Working Parties

Written reports on the Working Parties listed in the agenda were noted. Study Group 5 decided to circulate a draft revised Recommendation ITU-R M.1732 for simultaneous adoption and approval by correspondence (PSAA), with the consideration period ending on 14 February 2023. This Recommendation contains characteristics of systems operating in the amateur and amateur-satellite services for use in sharing studies.

6.2. A comprehensive written report on the CISPR 2022 Plenary Meetings was received from EMC Coordinator Dr. Martin Sach, G8KDF, with thanks.

7. Strategic Planning

7.1. A written report was received from Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, on behalf of the Future Working Group Steering Committee. Time is growing short for completion of the work. The Steering Committee will meet next on 8 February.

7.2. Mr. Ellam reported that he, Mr. Santoyo, and Don Beattie, G3BJ comprise the Legal Working Group. At a future point a Swiss lawyer will need to be added, as the most appropriate future legal structure is the Swiss association. Further work awaits the final output from the Governance WG.

7.3. Mr. Azarian reported that the Relationship WG has not held another meeting but that the WG has been spreading the message that the future IARU must be more inclusive.

7.4. Mr. Sumner reported for the Governance WG. He has discussed a concept for the governance of “a single, global IARU organization,” as agreed by the AC at its June 2022 meeting, with the President and Secretary and will be sharing it with the WG as soon as possible after this meeting.

7.5. There was no report from the Finance WG.

7.6. For the details of a proposed future structure of the IARU to be discussed in Committee 3 at the Region 1 Conference, a paper must be submitted no later than July. Equivalent opportunities for discussion must be provided in the other two Regions so all stakeholders can understand the need for change.

7.7. Succession Planning Update

Mr. Garpestad said that while he is not available to serve an additional term as an officer, he will be available to assist in other capacities.

8. Other Business

Region 1 has received several inquiries regarding the status of the ON4UN and ON4WW book “Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur” and is considering how this document could be updated

9. There was no other business to be discussed.

10. It was agreed to hold the next virtual meeting of the AC at 1200 UTC Monday, 20 March, with the agenda strictly limited to strategic planning. The next in-person meeting will be held in Friedrichshafen, Germany, beginning on Sunday afternoon, 25 June, and continuing for the full day on Monday with departure on Tuesday. Drafting of the proposed future structure of the IARU must be completed at the Friedrichshafen meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1407 UTC.