

Summary Record
International Amateur Radio Union
Administrative Council Virtual Meeting
20 March 2023

1. The 57th meeting of the IARU Administrative Council (AC) was held virtually via Zoom on Monday, 20 March 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 were Future Steering Working Group Coordinator Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK, and Assistant Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. President Ellam called the meeting to order at 1200 UTC. Mr. Espling apologized that he would have to leave the meeting at 1230 UTC.

2. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Stephen George Bjarnason, VE6CGH, 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. ITU and related issues
 - 4.1. ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)
 - 4.1.1. WRC-23
 - 4.1.1.1. Report on WRC-23 preparations
 - 4.1.1.2. IARU participants for WRC-23
 - 4.1.2. Reports from ITU-R Study Groups and Working Parties
 - 4.1.2.1. WP5A
5. Strategic Planning
 - 5.1. Report of the Steering Working Group – Ramon Santoyo, XE1KK
 - 5.2. Report of the Governance Working Group – David Sumner, K1ZZ
 - 5.3. Report of the Legal Working Group – Tim Ellam, VE6SH
 - 5.4. Report of the Relationship Working Group – Sylvain F4GKR
 - 5.5. Report of the Finance Working Group – Jay Bellows, K0QB
 - 5.6. Schedule for Presentations to IARU Regions
 - 5.7. Succession Planning Update
6. World Amateur Radio Day HS4A Promotion
7. Any other business
 - 7.1. IARU Monitoring System
 - 7.2. Revision of “Ethics and Operating Procedures” document
 - 7.3. Region 1 Contest Working Group

8. Next AC meeting – Friedrichshafen, Germany June 25-26, 2023

4. ITU and related issues

4.1.1.1. Mr. Garpestad reported briefly on preparations for the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference. The Conference Preparatory Meeting begins on Monday, 27 March in Geneva. Mr. Sumner will attend in person to represent the IARU. Mr. Garpestad will participate remotely. Mr. Hasbi will be on his national delegation. Two contributions to the CPM were submitted by the IARU proposing small additions to the CPM Report text relating to WRC agenda items 1.2 and 9.1 topic b.

4.1.1.2. Region 1 Vice President Hani Raad, OD5TE/A65TE, has indicated that he is available to assist the IARU team attending WRC-23 in Dubai.

4.1.2.1. The May meeting of ITU-R WP 5A will be held in Merida, Mexico. IARU will be represented.

5. Strategic Planning

5.1. Mr. Santoyo provided an oral report on two meetings of the Steering Working Group (WG) since the previous AC meeting. Feedback was provided on two drafts of the report of the Governance WG.

5.2. Mr. Sumner presented the written report of the Governance WG. The report offers options for the length of terms of officers and Council members, and consequently for the length of the cycle between hybrid/in-person global plenary assemblies where elections would take place. The AC discussed how to achieve geographic representation on the Council and the possibility of term limits for the President to ensure succession planning. The AC agreed to continue discussions by email before the next in-person AC meeting in Friedrichshafen. The AC expressed its thanks to the members of the Governance WG for their work.

5.3. Mr. Ellam said that the Legal WG will prepare a working draft of a Constitution and Bylaws to be circulated to the AC in advance of the Friedrichshafen meeting. The WG consists of himself, Mr. Santoyo, and Don Beattie, G3BJ.

5.4. Mr. Azarian identified a remaining issue for the Relationship WG: who from outside the IARU should be invited to attend plenary assemblies.

5.5. There was no report from the Finance WG. Mr. Ellam noted that a pro forma budget is needed to determine financial requirements going forward. He will take that on but requested assistance from the regions.

5.6. The first opportunity to present the plan for the future IARU will be at the Region 1 Conference in late October. Virtual presentations to member-societies in Regions 2 and 3 will be

needed as soon as possible thereafter, with separate presentations in Spanish and English in Region 2.

5.7. Mr. Stafford reported that as ARRL International Affairs Vice President he has initiated discussions within ARRL, as the International Secretariat, regarding the identification of candidates for President and Vice President for the terms beginning in May 2024. Mr. Ellam and Mr. Harrison will follow up with ARRL leadership.

6. Mr. Sumner reported that the website for the Human Security for All, HS4A, activity in conjunction with World Amateur Radio Day should be active shortly. He asked the regional representatives to encourage participation in the operating event by their member-societies.

7. Any other business

7.1. Mr. Azarian noted that there is a need to update the terms of reference for the IARU Monitoring System. The Administrative Council asks Gaspar EA6AMM to propose improvements to the document and to present his recommendations for the next AC meeting scheduled for June 25-26, 2023 in Friedrichshafen, Germany.

7.2. Region 1 EC member Ahmad AlHoli, 9K2DB, has agreed to coordinate a review and revision of the “Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur” guide.

7.3. Mr. Azarian reported that the Region 1 Contest Working Group is discussing the creation of a Radiosports Working Group to coordinate Region 1 contesting activity and to promote both contesting and ARDF/HST.

8. The next meeting of the AC was confirmed for Sunday afternoon, 25 June, and all day Monday, 26 June, in Friedrichshafen.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1331 UTC.