

**Summary Record**  
**International Amateur Radio Union**  
**Administrative Council Virtual Meeting**  
**30 January 2024**

1. The 59th meeting of the IARU Administrative Council (AC) was held on Tuesday, 30 January 2024 virtually via Zoom. Members participating in the meeting were IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, in the Chair; 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 IARU Region 3 Co-Chairmen Yudi Hasbi, YB1PRY, and Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP. Also participating were Region 1 Vice President Hani Raad, OD5TE/A65TE, and Assistant Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. President Ellam called the meeting to order at 1200 UTC.

2. A moment of silence was observed for radio amateurs and friends who have died since the March virtual meeting, including Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, and Masud Tursun-Zade, EY8AA.

3. The following agenda was approved:

1. Opening of Meeting by President
2. Introductions, meeting arrangements, remembrances
  - 2.1. Roll Call of Participants
  - 2.2. Moment of Silence
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Report 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. Report on WRC-23
    - 6.1.2. Preliminary planning for WRC-27
  - 6.2. ITU Development Sector (ITU-D)
  - 6.3. Nomination for ITU SG Youth Advisory Board
  - 6.4. Planning for joint ITU/CTU/IARU Development Conference
7. Strategic Planning
  - 7.1. IARU Restructuring status
8. Operational and administrative matters
  - 8.1. Relations with Member Societies
    - 8.1.1. Applications for IARU Membership (if any)
    - 8.1.2. Member-Society and Second Society Issues
  - 8.2. 2023 budget review

- 8.3. Amateur Radio Administration Course
- 8.4. ARDC Grant Proposal
  - 8.4.1. Status of grant proposal for ARAC and 144+ Video
  - 8.4.2. Proposed grant for Development Conference and ITU WP5 SG meetings
- 8.5. Confirmation of IARU Intruder Watch proposal
9. Status of voting on IARU President & Vice President, Ballots 264 and 265
10. World Amateur Radio Day 2024 Theme
11. IARU 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2025
12. Any other business
13. Discussion of venues and dates for next AC meeting

#### 4. Reports of the officers

4.1. Mr. Ellam began the oral reports. He attended the ARRL Board of Directors meeting earlier in the month. Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, provided an excellent written report on the ITU process. Mr. Ellam added further comments on WRC-23 and the work of the IARU volunteers. The Board adopted a resolution of thanks to the IARU team and volunteers for their work before and during WRC-23. Mr. Ellam also gave the Board a high-level update on IARU restructuring.

4.2. Mr. Garpestad noted his work since the June 2023 AC meeting related to WRC-23, including participation for the entire length of the conference. He also attended Region 1 Executive Committee meetings and, along with the other officers, the Region 1 Conference in Zlatibor, Serbia. He observed the need for additional attention to the work of CISPR.

4.3. Mr. Harrison reported that his activity as Secretary has been mainly administrative along with attendance at the Region 1 Conference and for eight days at WRC-23. A problem with the IARU website reverting to a previous host was resolved thanks to assistance from Christian Buenger, DL6KAC, and ARRL IT staff.

#### 5. Reports from the regional organizations

5.1. Mr. Azarian expressed dissatisfaction with the Region 1 Conference. Progress on the Shaping the Future initiative is proceeding much slower than expected. He plans to attend the ARRL National Convention in May. Mr. Espling said that Shaping the Future has attracted less active support than is needed, with the work falling to the same few people. On a positive note, he said that discussions are underway with DARC, USKA, and OV for a common area to showcase innovation at this year's Friedrichshafen event.

5.2. Mr. Gorsline reported that IARU Region 2 news bulletins are being sent to an email list of more than 500 subscribers. A decision will be made in the fall regarding a possible change in the location of the 2025 Region 2 General Assembly that is currently planned for Guayaquil. A presentation based on Mr. Ellam's IARU restructuring material will be made to the Region 2 Executive Committee at its virtual meeting on 21 February and will be followed by Zoom sessions in both of the official Region 2 languages. Mr. Stafford added that an ARRL laboratory staff member is being considered for appointment as Region 2 EMC Coordinator and may participate in the EC meeting.

5.3. Mr. Hasbi reported that the first Region 3 YOTA Camp held in October was very successful with 33 youth participants. Another is planned for 2025. This year's Region 3

Conference will be held in Bangkok in the 1-9 November time window. Mr. Yamamoto added that Tokyo Ham Fair, 24-25 August, will be held at a new venue near the previous Big Sight location. There will be no Region 3 Directors meeting in Tokyo this year.

## 6. ITU and related issues

### 6.1. ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)

6.1.1. Mr. Garpestad referred to written reports previously circulated to the AC. Dubai was an excellent location for WRC-23 in terms of hosting. The IARU team members worked very well together and were able to achieve good results by participating in small offline meetings. Mr. Garpestad observed that a number of CEPT administrations probably will implement Recommendation ITU-R M.2164 while much of the world will “wait and see” if it is necessary. Relations with ITU leadership continue to be good, with the Secretary-General including a positive reference to radio amateurs in her closing speech. The AC thanked Mr. Garpestad for his exceptional leadership leading up to, and during, WRC-23 and approved his recommendation for a Diamond Award to be given to a team member.

6.1.2. Regarding WRC-27 agenda items, Mr. Garpestad reported that the team members in Dubai emphasized the need for IARU to adopt positions very early and to communicate them to the regional telecommunications organizations. Mr. Hasbi noted the importance of having influence in delegations. Most potential problems with future agenda items were avoided but it will be important for IARU to be active in Working Party 5A and to monitor preparatory activity in several other Working Parties. Mr. Garpestad recommended assigning volunteers separate from those involved in the RTOs to monitor five specific agenda items. He asked for assistance in identifying qualified volunteers. The new Vice President will attend the May meeting of Working Party 5A with Mr. Garpestad.

6.2. Mr. Stafford reported that he and Rick Palm, K1CE will attend the portion of the ITU-D Rapporteur Group meetings in April that will deal with disaster communications. Mr. Hasbi commented that most ITU-related discussion in Asia is with regard to ITU-D.

6.3. Region 1 Youth Working Group Chair Henni Hiirsalmi, OH1ESI, has submitted an expression of interest in the ITU Secretary-General’s Youth Advisory Board. Mr. Ellam has written to endorse her application. Mr. Raad left the meeting at 1300 for another obligation.

6.4. The joint ITU/CTU/IARU Development Conference has been postponed, possibly until the fall.

## 7. Strategic Planning

7.1. Mr. Ellam reported on feedback received after his presentation on IARU restructuring at the Region 1 Conference. There is some concern about how regional issues will be addressed in the proposed new structure. It was agreed that more information about why change is needed and the pros and cons of the proposed changes must be made available. Mr. Ellam agreed to circulate a draft to the AC by early the following week. He requested that the regions provide financial information to the Financial Working Group.

## 8. Operational and administrative matters

### 8.1. Relations with member-societies

8.1.1. Mr. Harrison reported that no applications for membership are pending.

8.1.2. No issues concerning member-societies and second societies were presented.

8.2. Mr. Harrison reported that spending during 2023 was significantly below the budgeted amount. The budget for 2024 is less than either the budgeted or actual expenditures in 2023.

8.3. No Amateur Radio Administration Courses are currently planned.

8.4. Mr. Ellam reported briefly on the status of grant applications being prepared for submission to Amateur Radio Digital Communications.

8.5. The AC approved the proposal presented at the June 2023 AC meeting by IARU Monitoring System (IARUMS) Region 1 Coordinator Gaspar Miró, EA6AMM, to replace the IARUMS Terms of Reference with Terms of Reference for the IARU Intruder Watch Service (IWS). IWS operations are to be coordinated by a IWS Steering Committee (IWSC). The change will become effective upon adoption of a transition plan. A new AC Resolution implementing the change will be circulated for AC consideration by email. Mr. Miró was appointed as the first IWSC Chair.

9. Mr. Harrison plans to send monthly reminders prior to the 4 May deadline to member-societies that have not yet voted on Proposals 264 and 265, ratification of nominations for IARU President and Vice President.

10. Theme for World Amateur Radio Day 2024, 18 April: Mr. Hasbi proposed “Century of Connections: Celebrating 100 Years of Amateur Radio Innovation and Community.” The concept was agreed, with final wording to be agreed by email.

11. Mr. Azarian reported that the Region 1 Conference had approved an initial budget for an in-person event in Paris to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the IARU in April 2025. A point of contact for each region is needed, along with the Secretary, to continue the development of plans.

12. No other business was discussed.

13. The next virtual meeting of the AC was tentatively scheduled for 1200 UTC on Tuesday, 2 April 2024. The next in-person meeting is likely to be on the Saturday and Sunday prior to the Region 3 Conference in Bangkok.

Mr. Ellam thanked everyone for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 1406 UTC.

Joel Harrison, W5ZN  
Secretary