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Proposals to Ratify Nominations of IARU President and Vice President

The five-year term of office of IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, and Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, ends on 9 May 2024. The IARU Constitution provides that " ... no later than 12 months prior to the expiration of the term of office of the President [and Vice President] then in office, the International Secretariat shall initiate discussions with the Administrative Council to identify suitably qualified candidates available to serve as President. The nomination of a single candidate shall be made by the International Secretariat, but not until agreement has been reached between the International Secretariat and the Administrative Council that the candidate is suitably qualified."

The consultative process was initiated at the March 2023 meeting of the AC at which time Mr. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, indicated his intention to retire as Vice President and not stand for re-election. The International Secretariat and AC reviewed potential candidates from within the regions and identified Mr. Tim Ellam, VE6SH and Mr. Thomas Wrede, DF2OO, as candidates for IARU President and Vice President, respectively. At the June 2023 meeting of the AC the process was concluded as described above.

The nominees have issued the following statements regarding their nominations:

Statement of Timothy Ellam, VE6SH



In November, 2018 IARU issued a statement when Timothy Ellam VE6SH/G4HUA and Ole Garpestad LA2RR stood for re-election as President and Vice-President respectively. It stated in part:

Both of us, and the AC, have committed to developing possible replacements for all the key IARU positions. Amateur Radio is changing. We need to make sure we have a different generation ready

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to meet the challenges facing the Amateur Radio Services in the future. A third term for the present officers will clearly be our last.

Despite that statement (which both Ole and I had fully intended to honour) I have been asked to stay on as President for the next term. As many of you know, Ole has decided to retire as Vice-President and the consultation process has identified Thomas Wrede, DF2OO as the candidate for that position. I am pleased with that decision and very much believe Thomas will be an excellent IARU officer.

I have held the office of President since 2009 and prior to that was Vice-President from 2004 to 2009. That is a very long time in leadership. During this period the officers have worked hard to make the IARU team more efficient and responsive to spectrum and other issues. If I may say so, we have had some measure of success over the last 15 years in enhancing the amateur radio services. That is something all of the IARU team including our volunteers and our member-societies can be proud of.

During the present term we have continued steps to make the IARU ready for the future, including working towards having the organization becoming a single, global entity domiciled in Switzerland. I am proud of the work we are doing in this respect and the support from our member-societies in working with us to make IARU ready to face future challenges.

I have been asked to stay on for another term (or part of the term) in order to allow the restructuring of IARU to be finalized and the new organization is in place and approved by the member-societies. I am excited and pleased to do so given how important this reorganization will be to our future.

I am also humbled by the support of our member-societies, the Administrative Council, the IARU Regional representatives, the International Secretariat and many individual amateurs in encouraging the officers to continue our work. After much discussion. I have agreed to let my name stand for ratification for the next term, with the clear understanding I will do so only until the new structure for IARU is in place (proposed for 2025) and direct elections for the officers can occur.

I would be pleased to discuss my motivation for this decision with any member-society if you so desire (either through Email ve6sh@iaru.org or Zoom/Teams).

I have set out my updated CV below:

Timothy St.J Ellam VE6SH/G4HUA has been President of the International Amateur Radio Union since 2009. Prior to that he served a term as Vice-President (2004-2009) as well as a period on the IARU R2 Executive Committee. Tim was also First Vice-President and General Counsel of the Canadian Radio Relay League commencing in 1990 and acted for CRRL when it merged with the Canadian Amateur Radio Federation in 1993 to form Canada's present IARU member-society; Radio Amateurs of Canada.

During his tenure as an officer he has represented IARU at numerous ITU and RTO meetings, including ITU Council, Plenipotentiary, World

Telecommunication Development Conferences and World Radio Conferences.

Professionally, Tim is a Barrister (lawyer) and senior partner at a large Canadian firm and co-chairs the firm's international arbitration practices. He is dual qualified in Canada and England and practices in both Canada and London, England. He was appointed Queen's Counsel (now King's Counsel) in 2014. His professional CV can be found here <https://www.mccarthy.ca/en/people/timothy-ellam-kc>

Tim is an active amateur and has been licensed since 1977 in Canada and 1978 in the United Kingdom. He operates on HF and VHF+ from his homes in Calgary and on Vancouver Island. More information on his amateur activities can be found here <https://www.qrz.com/db/VE6SH> . Tim was pleased to obtain 8BDXCC and DXCC Honour Roll in 2023 after 45 years of operating!

Thomas Wrede, DF200



Thomas Wrede has been an active amateur radio operator since his early teens. He joined DARC in Germany in 1971 at age 13 and in 1977 he obtained the callsign DF200. Thomas is an active amateur radio operator with a passion for RF- and communications technology. He likes experimenting with software defined radio platforms and new modulation and coding techniques but also enjoys chasing DX stations on the HF and microwave bands. Thomas operates five analogue and digital VHF/UHF repeaters. In the past he has been operating in the UK (as M0AZL) and in Luxembourg (as LX200).

Since 2009 Thomas has been managing DARC's international affairs team and is a frequent attendee of international ham radio exhibitions. In this role he had the opportunity to meet representatives of many IARU member societies and discuss the future challenges of amateur radio but also its opportunities contributing to society.

"Ham radio has positively influenced my professional career as a communications engineer and has always enriched my life," says Thomas, "and I am looking forward to giving back by actively supporting the objectives and mission of the IARU".

Thomas has over 35 years of professional experience in the communications industry. In his 28 years at satellite operator SES in Luxembourg he has been deeply involved in the development of digital satellite television, in-home signal distribution concepts, digital satellite radio, satellite return channel technology, Internet via satellite and High Definition as well as Ultra High Definition (4K/8K) television. After his retirement in 2020, Thomas founded his own consulting company and is supporting his international

clients with technology standardization and business development in the fields of satellite communications and wireless technologies.

Thomas currently represents SES in the DVB Commercial Module (www.dvb.org) as chair of the CM-S subgroup.

The following two proposals are offered for the consideration of the member-societies:

Proposal No. 264 The International Secretariat, following consultation with the Administrative Council and with the unanimous concurrence of the Council, nominates Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA for a five-year term of office as President, IARU, commencing on 9 May 2024. This nomination is offered to the member-societies for ratification, in accordance with Article III, paragraph 3(e), of the IARU Constitution.

Proposal No. 265 The International Secretariat, following consultation with the Administrative Council and with the unanimous concurrence of the Council, nominates Thomas Wrede, DF2OO for a five-year term of office as Vice President, IARU, commencing on 9 May 2024. This nomination is offered to the member-societies for ratification, in accordance with Article III, paragraphs 3(e) and 5, of the IARU Constitution.

Member-societies will find vote sheets for Proposals No. 264 and No. 265 accompanying this Calendar. The closing date for receipt by the International Secretariat of votes on these proposals is five months after the date of this Calendar, or **4 May 2024**. Please note that votes received after this date cannot be counted.

The preferred method for return of a vote sheet is by scanned email attachment to secretary@iaru.org. Return by fax to+ 1 860 594 0259 or by mail to IARU International Secretariat, PO Box 310905, Newington, CT 06131-0905 USA are also acceptable.

Sincere 73 to all,



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