

**Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting
ARRL Board of Directors
January 13-14, 2012**

Summary Agenda

- 1. Roll call*
- 2. Moment of silence*
- 3. Courtesies*
- 4. Consideration of the agenda of the meeting*
- 5. Elections*
- 6. Receipt and consideration of financial reports*
- 7. Motion to adopt Consent Agenda*
- 8. Consideration of items removed from Consent Agenda*
- 9. Consider recommendations of the standing committees*
- 10. Consider additional recommendations as contained in reports*
- 11. Proposals for amendments to Articles of Association and Bylaws*
- 12. Directors' motions*
- 13. Any other business*
- 14. Adjournment*

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. met in Annual session at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott in Windsor, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM EST Friday, January 13, 2012 with President Kay Craigie, N3KN, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Bill Edgar, N3LLR, Atlantic Division
George R. Isely, W9GIG, Central Division
Greg Widin, KØGW, Dakota Division
David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division
Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes Division
Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, Hudson Division
Cliff Ahrens, KØCA, Midwest Division
Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division
Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Northwestern Division
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division
Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Roanoke Division
Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division
Gregory A. Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division
Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division
David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Also present without vote were Rick Roderick, K5UR, First Vice President; Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, Second Vice President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; James McCobb, K1LU, Treasurer; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary; Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX; Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B; Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY; and Chief Development Officer Mary M. Hobart, K1MMH.

Also in attendance were the following Vice Directors: Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division; Kermit A. Carlson, W9XA, Central Division; Kent Olson, KAØLDG, Dakota Division; Glen Clayton, W4BDB, Delta Division; Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division; Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division; Rod Blocksom, KØDAS, Midwest Division; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; Grant Hopper, KB7WSD, Northwestern Division; James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division; James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division; Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division; Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, Southeastern Division; Martin Woll, N6VI, Southwestern Division; and John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division.

Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; International Amateur Radio Union Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) President Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW; John Chwat of Chwat and Co., ARRL's legislative consultant; and Dan Henderson, N1ND, Regulatory Information Manager, in the capacity of Recording Secretary. Frederick Niswander, K7GM was present as an additional guest of the Board.

2. The assembly observed a moment of silence in recollection of radio amateurs who had passed away since the previous Board meeting, especially Arthur Anderson, W9WPH; Tim Anderson, KØOR; Harry Burhans, W3FM; David Caouette, N6DAC; Peter Dahl, KØBIT; C. Richard Dyas, WØJCP; Wilbur Goll, WØDEL; Tom Hammond, NØSS; Scott Lehman, N9AG; James Olliff, KE6URZ; Bill Simons, W9BB; Bill Schuchman, W7YS; John Thomas, W3FAF; and John W. "Jack" Townsend, Jr, W3PRB.

3. President Craigie recognized Mr. Stafford and Mr. Bawden as guests of the Board and welcomed Director Norris as the new Delta Division Director. She then invited Director Norris to introduce Vice Director Clayton after which she invited Director Weaver to introduce Vice Director Williams.

4. Mr. Stafford brought greetings from the IARU officers and observed that the ITU World Radiocommunication Conference will begin Monday, January 23.

5. Greetings were extended to the Board by Mr. Bawden on behalf of the RAC.

6. Mr. Frenaye, as ARRL Foundation President, noted that longtime Foundation Board member and past ARRL Director Tom Comstock, N5TC will be leaving the Foundation Board. Three new scholarships have been added by the Foundation since the last ARRL Board meeting. The deadline for scholarship applications is February 1. He also noted that a donation of almost \$500,000 was received from the estate of Alfred Friend, W4CF.

7. The agenda for the meeting was considered. Mr. Norton moved to table the elections until such a time as the Directors have an opportunity to question the candidate for Treasurer and discuss the candidate for Treasurer. The motion FAILED for lack of a second.

8. On the motion of Mr. Bodson, seconded by Mr. Edgar, the agenda for the meeting was ADOPTED.

9. President Craigie yielded the Chair to First Vice President Roderick, who opened the floor for nominations for President. Mr. Edgar nominated Kay Craigie, N3KN. On the motion of Mr., Vallio and second of Mr. Milesosky it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mrs. Craigie was declared elected (Applause).

10. President Craigie resumed the Chair and opened the floor for nominations for First Vice President. Mr. Isely nominated Rick Roderick, K5UR. On the motion of Mr. Ahrens and second of Mr. Vallio it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Roderick was declared elected (Applause).

11. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Second Vice President. Mr. Ahrens nominated Bruce Frahm, KØBJ. Mr. Widin nominated George R. Isely, W9GIG. On the motion of Mr. Frenaye and second of Mr. Vallio it was VOTED that nominations are closed. The Chair appointed Mr. Abernathy, Mr. Hopper and Mr. Stratton as tellers. Ballots were distributed and collected and the tellers found 8 votes for Mr. Frahm and 7 votes for Mr. Isely. The Chair declared Mr. Frahm elected (Applause).

12. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for International Affairs Vice President. Mr. Widin nominated Jay Bellows, KØQB. On the motion of Director Norris and second of Director Weaver, it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Bellows was declared elected (Applause).

13. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Frenaye nominated David Sumner, K1ZZ. On the motion of Mr. Fenstermaker and second of Director Norris it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Sumner was declared elected (Applause).

14. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Bodson nominated Frederick Niswander, K7GM. On the motion of Mr. Isely and second of Dr. Weaver, it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Niswander was declared elected (Applause).

15. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Isely nominated David Sumner, K1ZZ. On the motion of Mr. Ahrens and second of Mr. Edgar, it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Sumner was declared elected (Applause).

16. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Development Officer. Dr. Woolweaver nominated Mary Hobart, K1MMH. On the motion of Mr. Isely and second of Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Ms. Hobart was declared elected (Applause).

17. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Frenaye nominated Brennan Price, N4QX. On the motion of Mr. Isely and second of Mr. Norris, it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Price was declared elected (Applause).

18. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Ahrens nominated Harold Kramer, WJ1B. On the motion of Mr. Bodson and second of Mr. Sarratt, it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Kramer was declared elected (Applause).

19. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Ahrens nominated Barry Shelley, N1VXY. On the motion of Mr. Bodson and second of Mr. Isely, it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Shelley was declared elected (Applause)

20. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the Executive Committee. Mr. Isely nominated Mr. Ahrens, Mr. Fenstermaker, Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Mileschosky, and Mr. Vallio. Mr. Edgar nominated Mr. Isely. On the motion of Dr. Weaver and second of Mr. Isely, it was VOTED to close nominations. The Chair appointed Mr. Olson, Mr. Raisbeck, and Mr. Woll as tellers. Dr. Woolweaver and Mr. Mileschosky each received 13 votes; Mr. Ahrens received 12; Mr. Fenstermaker and Mr. Isely each received 11; and Mr. Vallio received 10. The Chair declared Messrs. Ahrens, Fenstermaker, Isely, Mileschosky and Woolweaver ELECTED to the Executive Committee (Applause).

21. Without objection, the election of ARRL Foundation Directors was postponed until later in the meeting.

22. Mr. McCobb presented the Treasurer's Report and entertained questions. Both the income from and the value of the investment portfolio increased during 2011.

23. Mr. Shelley presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer and entertained questions. While final yearend 2011 figures were not yet available, income from operations was positive for the year.

24. Ms. Hobart presented the report of the Chief Development Officer and entertained questions. The Second Century Campaign (SCC) is off to a good start thanks to the work of Chairman David Brandenburg, K5RQ and the other volunteer members of the SCC Committee. Individual Giving Manager Lauren Clarke is assuming most of the responsibility for annual giving campaigns to permit Ms. Hobart to concentrate on the capital campaign.

The Board was in recess from 10:31 to 10:53 AM.

25. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for three Directors of the ARRL Foundation for three-year terms. Mr. Isely nominated Tom Frenaye, K1KI, Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, and Martin Green, K2PLF. On the motion of Mr. Edgar and second of Mr. Widin it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Messrs. Frenaye, Mileschosky and Green were declared elected (Applause).

26. The following reports were removed from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion: Chief Operating Officer; Chief Technology Officer; General Counsel; Legislative Relations; Historical Committee; Ad Hoc Band Planning Committee; Centennial Celebration Committee; Ad Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century; and Microwave Band Plan Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Vallio and second of Mr. Widin the balance of the Consent Agenda was ADOPTED.

27. Mr. Chwat presented the Legislative Relations report and entertained questions. ARRL members' efforts to oppose the inclusion of amateur radio frequencies in H.R. 607 demonstrated that our voice is being heard in Washington. The contentious nature of the current Congress is making the passage of any legislation difficult.

28. Mr. Kramer entertained questions on the report of the Chief Operating Officer. The major staff initiative planned for this year is the launch of the digital edition of *QST*, now scheduled for the June issue.

The Board was in recess from 11:50 AM until 1:10 PM for lunch and a group photograph. All previously noted persons were present except Mr. Chwat, who left the meeting.

29. With the assistance of Mr. Imlay, Mr. Price discussed the report of the Chief Technology Officer highlighting the issue of International Traffic in Arms Regulation and its impact on the amateur-satellite service. Efforts are continuing to gather additional information on this issue.

30. Mr. Imlay, with assistance from Mr. Henderson, answered questions on the report of the General Counsel.

31. Ms. Birmingham presented the report of the Historical Committee. Questions related to improving communications among committee members.

The Board was in recess from 2:15 to 2:33 PM.

32. Mr. Sumner introduced via teleconference Mr. Bob Claus, sales manager of Survey & Ballot Systems (SBS) in Eden Prairie, Minnesota for a demonstration of SBS's electronic balloting system. Board members asked questions to which both Mr. Claus and Mr. Sumner replied.

33. Mr. Frahm presented the report of the Ad Hoc HF Band Plan Committee and entertained questions. A survey shows there is a significant amount of interest in the addition of CW and digital modes to the 60-meter frequencies when the new rules for the band go into force. A Best Practices document for operation in the 5 MHz band will be finalized by the committee and submitted to the Board shortly.

34. President Craigie presented the report of the Centennial Celebration Committee and entertained questions. The Committee is soliciting suggestions for activities to celebrate the ARRL Centennial in 2014.

35. Mr. Milesosky presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century and responded to questions. The committee is in "discovery mode" to elicit input from youth.

36. Vice President Roderick presented the report of the UHF/Microwave Band Plan Committee and entertained questions. He urged Board members to carefully review the draft 9-cm band plan, which will be made public shortly in order to obtain feedback for use in a subsequent draft.

37. Proceeding to recommendations of the standing committees, on behalf of the Executive Committee Mr. Isely moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Edgar:

At its Second Meeting in July, 2011 the ARRL Board of Directors approved the use of electronic voting in member elections. In order to establish this process, it is now necessary to integrate and codify this voting option in the ARRL Bylaws.

Therefore, be it resolved that the ARRL Bylaws be amended by replacing the existing Bylaws 19, 20, and 41 with the Bylaws texts listed below.

19. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall delete the name of any nominee who is either ineligible for election or has withdrawn by written communication. If there is only one eligible nominee, the Ethics and Elections Committee shall declare him or her elected without balloting by the membership. If there is more than one eligible nominee, then on or before October 1 of that year the Secretary shall make a paper or electronic ballot available to every person who was a full member of the League in the divisions in which elections are being held on the tenth day of September of that year. The ballot shall list the names of the candidates for director in the division in alphabetical order.

20. Ballots, to be counted, must reach the address established for their return no later than noon Eastern Time on the third Friday of November of the election year. The Ethics and Elections Committee shall appoint a committee of three tellers including at least one Director and shall arrange to have a certified public accountant present to certify the results of the balloting. No outer envelopes marked as containing ballots shall be opened until the meeting of the committee of tellers held for the purpose of counting the ballots. The committee of tellers shall meet at the headquarters office of the League as soon thereafter as possible and in the presence of each other shall open the envelopes containing ballots and shall count the vote, after first eliminating the ballot of anyone disqualified from voting.

Alternatively, the Ethics and Elections Committee may arrange for the distribution of ballots and tabulation of results by a qualified and disinterested entity provided that the tabulation is observed by a representative of the Committee and the qualified and disinterested entity attests to the accuracy of its tabulations. Upon completion of the ballot count and/or receipt of the attested ballot tabulation, a report of the results of the vote shall be prepared and signed, in the name of the Ethics and Elections Committee, declaring duly elected as Director the candidate in each division receiving the greatest number of votes therein; and all records and ballots shall be turned over to the Secretary for presentation at the next annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

Any member of the League who shall deliver to the Secretary on or before the first day of October of election year a written petition signed by at least ten full members of a division, stating their desire that he or she witness the counting by

the committee of tellers of the ballots from that division, shall be permitted to do so.

41. There shall be an Ethics and Elections Committee composed of three Directors, who may also serve on other committees without restriction. The Committee shall:

- Apply guidelines for ethical conduct by ARRL officials adopted by the Board
- Determine eligibility of candidates for Director and Vice Director, including but not limited to receipt and review of petitions and certification of eligible candidates
- Certify a nominee's eligibility under Article 12 to fill a Vice Director vacancy under Article 7
- Supervise the balloting for Director and Vice Director, including but not limited to review of all campaign statements and materials, oversight of the balloting process in accordance with Bylaw 20, and releasing the election results
- Advise the Chief Executive Officer on, and recommend to the Board standards for, Section Manager elections

Decisions of the Ethics and Elections Committee may be reviewed by the Board of Directors upon the written request of any candidate for that office or five or more Directors. Review shall be limited to the materials submitted to the Ethics and Elections Committee. A majority of the Board of Directors is required to change any decision of the Ethics and Elections Committee.

The members of the committee shall be annually appointed by the President at the Annual Meeting from among those Directors not subject to election during the year of service. The President shall designate the chairman of the Committee.

A roll call vote being required with 10 affirmative votes required for adoption, the resolution was ADOPTED with all Directors voting in favor except Mr. Vallio, who abstained.

The Board recessed at 4:33 PM for the day and reconvened at 9:00 AM Saturday, January 14 with all attendees previously noted present except Mr. Chwat.

38. President Craigie presented Mr. Norris with his Delta Division Director Certificate and invited him to present Mr. Clayton with his Vice Director certificate and pin. She next invited Mr. Weaver to present Mr. Williams with his certificate and pin. She then invited Mr. McCobb to present Treasurer-elect Niswander with his Board pin.

39. On behalf of the Administration & Finance Committee, Mr. Ahrens as chairman moved and Mr. Sarratt seconded that the ARRL 2012-2013 Plan is ratified. The motion was unanimously ADOPTED.

40. On further motion of Mr. Ahrens, seconded by Mr. Widin, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

MOVED, that any individual (each as an “Authorized Signer”) holding any of the following positions:

President
Chief Executive Officer
Treasurer
Chief Financial Officer

is authorized, acting alone, (a) to establish accounts from time to time for the ARRL, Inc. at Bank of America, N.A. (“the Bank”), as well as to operate and close such accounts, and (b) to designate persons to operate each such account including closing the account, and

Further, be it RESOLVED that any individual holding any of the following positions:

Chief Operating Officer
Chief Development Officer
Controller

is authorized to sign checks from accounts established at the Bank.

Further, be it RESOLVED that the person whose signature, name, and title appear in the “AGREEMENT, TAX INFORMATION CERTIFICATION and AUTHORIZATION” section of the Deposit Account Document Signature Card (“Signature Card”) and those persons listed in the Incumbency Certificate, are Authorized Signers who are authorized to establish accounts and to designate persons to operate each such account and to execute contracts and agreements with the Bank and that their signatures are genuine.

Further, be it RESOLVED that the persons who signed the Designated Account Signers section of the Signature Card are authorized to operate any accounts opened with the deposit account documentation unless otherwise noted on the Signature Card, and their signatures are genuine.

41. On further motion of Mr. Ahrens, seconded by Dr. Weaver, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Be it RESOLVED that any one of the following:

Kay Craigie, President
Fredrick Niswander, Treasurer
James McCobb, Investment Manager

is hereby authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. (the “Organization”) to:

1) Execute and deliver to the Bank of America, N.A. (the “Bank”) an Investment Services Agreement and such other agreements, certificates and instruments

(collectively “Documents”) in the form and containing such terms and conditions as the Bank may require and as such persons executing the same on behalf of the Organization may approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof;

2) Give written, verbal, fax, electronic or such other instructions to the Bank, under the Documents as may be authorized thereunder, and the Bank shall be fully protected in relying thereon, and;

3) Take any such further action as may be deemed necessary or advisable to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This resolution shall remain in full force and effect until the Bank is given written notice to the contrary at the Office at which the Organization’s Investment Services Account is administered.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED that the duly acting and qualified Secretary of the Organization is hereby authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Organization to execute and deliver to the Bank a certified copy of this resolution.

42. Mr. Ahrens further moved, seconded by Mr. Bodson, the adoption of the following resolution which was ADOPTED:

Be it RESOLVED, that

Kay Craigie, President

Frederick Niswander, Treasurer

James McCobb, Investment Manager

are authorized to act on behalf of the organization in connection with any Vanguard mutual fund account owned by the organization.

And be it further RESOLVED, that each individual named in this resolution is authorized (1) to invest the assets of the organization; (2) to obtain information and to give instructions for the purchase, sale, exchange, or transfer of mutual fund shares; and (3) to execute any necessary documents in connection with those securities and/or Vanguard accounts owned by the organization.

43. On motion of Mr. Ahrens, seconded by Mr. Widin, the following resolution was ADOPTED: “Be it resolved that the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be required to sell the 1000 shares of General Electric stock held in the corporate name at Bank of New York.”

44. On motion of Mr. Ahrens, seconded by Dr. Weaver, the Board voted to resolve into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters at 9:15 AM. Staff members and guests were excused. The Committee of the Whole rose and reported to the Board at 10:10 AM. The Board was in recess from 10:10 to 10:26 AM, whereupon staff members and guests rejoined the assembly.

45. On motion of Mr. Ahrens, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the report of the Committee of the Whole was ADOPTED.

46. On behalf of the Programs & Services Committee Mr. Fenstermaker moved, seconded by Mr. Isely, the following: "Whereas the VHF/UHF Advisory Committee (VUAC) is due to sunset at the end of June 2012, and whereas the VUAC needs time to complete current pending tasks and a new assignment, moved that the Board extends the current charter of the VUAC from June 30, 2012 to July 31, 2013." After discussion the motion was ADOPTED.

47. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED with applause:

WHEREAS the active promotion of Amateur Radio in the media is necessary for generating and maintaining interest in the Service; and

WHEREAS the ARRL recognizes the unique arts in creating print, audio and video based news; and

WHEREAS, Brad Barr in writing for the January 2011 issue of "Today in Mississippi" created an excellent profile of Bill Beard, K5FUR, in New Hope, MS, and followed Billy's history in getting licensed, the magic of Amateur Radio, and Billy's commitment to the hobby and his community; and

WHEREAS this submission has gained the recognition and recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as worthy of the 2011 Bill Leonard Award;

NOW therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2011 Bill Leonard W2SKE, Professional Media Award to Brad Barr for print media in Amateur Radio topics.

48. On motion of Mr. Edgar, seconded by Mr. Widin, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED with applause:

WHEREAS the active promotion of Amateur Radio in the media is necessary for generating and maintaining interest in the Service; and

WHEREAS the ARRL recognizes the unique arts in creating print, audio and video based news; and

WHEREAS, Joel Rose of NPR's "All Things Considered" explained how proposed federal legislation could impact frequencies Amateur Radio operators use for emergency communications, which aired April 30, 2011 and was noted for his comprehensive review in which Mr. Rose used an actuality from Joe Taylor, K1JT to explain the importance of Amateur Radio in America today; and

WHEREAS this submission has gained the recognition and recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as worthy of the 2011 Bill Leonard Award;

NOW therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2011 Bill Leonard W2SKE, Professional Media Award to Joel Rose for audio media in Amateur Radio topics.

49. On motion of Ms. Birmingham, seconded by Mr. Isely, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED with applause:

WHEREAS the active promotion of Amateur Radio in the media is necessary for generating and maintaining interest in the Service; and

WHEREAS the ARRL recognizes the unique arts in creating print, audio and video based news; and

WHEREAS, reporter Ken Grimball of News 12 Long Island created and broadcast an excellent interview about Great South Bay ARC including their star 12 year old Jennifer Melfi, KC2TMA, as a net control, and Mr. Grimball did not one but TWO stories on ham radio, one story on Field Day and another story about amateurs in Hurricane Irene actions; and

WHEREAS this submission has gained the recognition and recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as worthy of the 2011 Bill Leonard Award;

NOW therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2011 Bill Leonard W2SKE, Professional Media Award to Ken Grimball for video excellence in Amateur Radio topics.

50. On motion of Ms. Birmingham, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED with applause:

WHEREAS it is important to recognize those who have used Amateur Radio to provide emergency communications on an international level; and

WHEREAS the ARRL has established the ARRL International Humanitarian Award;

NOW therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2011 International Humanitarian Award to Andrey Fedorov, KL1A/RW3AH of Moscow, Russia for his efforts in using Amateur Radio to provide disaster relief communications in numerous events.

51. Proceeding to other recommendations, on motion of Mr. Milesosky, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, the ARRL Board established the Ad Hoc National Broadband Plan (NBP) Committee at Minute 40 of the 2011 ARRL Annual Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the NBP Committee was directed to review the FCC NBP; to assess the threats therefrom to current Amateur Radio Service spectrum allocations between 222 MHz and 3500 MHz; and to develop strategies to respond to those threats; and

WHEREAS, the committee has completed its task and has submitted and presented its Final Report to the ARRL Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, protection of Amateur Radio Service use and occupancy of allocated spectrum in the bands under study from the NBP requires the periodic review of the analysis and recommendations contained in the report;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL Board of Directors:

1. Accepts the report of the National Broadband Plan Committee.
2. Tasks the ARRL Executive Committee along with such additional assistance as the Executive Committee deems necessary, with the responsibility to periodically review the Report; assess new or increased Broadband challenges to Amateur Radio Service spectrum; to recommend any appropriate revisions to the responsive strategies set forth in the NBP Committee Report; and to implement such of the Report's strategies as the Executive Committee should deem suitable for the defense of Amateur Radio Spectrum with particular attention to the bands most substantially and/or immediately threatened.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ad Hoc National Broadband Plan Committee is hereby discharged, and the ARRL Board of Directors thanks the Committee's members for their service.

52. Mr. Isely moved, seconded by Mr. Bodson, the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas ARRL Laboratory Staff Messrs. Gruber and Hare have proposed five suggestions for areas of change to the FCC rules, Part 15 and Part 18; and

Whereas these five proposed changes have been presented in the Report of the ARRL EMC Committee, Document #20 Appendix A to the 2012 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors; and

Whereas the Report of the ARRL EMC Committee has been accepted as presented in the Consent Agenda for the 2012 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors;

Be it resolved that the five recommended areas for change to the FCC Rules and Regulations embodied in the EMC Committee Report, Document #20 Appendix A, shall be assigned to the Executive Committee and the office of the ARRL General Counsel for development into petitions for change to the FCC Rules and Regulations.

After discussion the resolution was ADOPTED.

53. President Craigie announced the following committee assignments for 2012: *Administration & Finance*: Directors Frenaye (chair), Widin, Bodson, Sarratt, and Edgar, Vice Director Woll, and Mr. Niswander. *Programs & Services*: Directors Norris (chair), Weaver, Birmingham, Vallio, and Norton, and Vice Director Olson. *Ethics and Elections*: Directors Widin (chair), Vallio and Edgar; *Amateur Radio Legal Defense & Assistance*: Directors Ahrens (chair) and Milesosky, Vice Directors Hopper and Raisbeck, Mr. Jim O'Connell, W9WU, and Mr. Imlay; *RF Safety*: Dr. Greg Lapin, N9GL (chair) and Vice Director Stratton (Board liaison); *EMC*: Vice Director Carlson (chair); *Historical*: Mr. Art Goddard, W6XD (chair), Directors Birmingham, Frenaye, and Norton, Vice Director Blocksome, Mr. Michael Marinaro, WN1M, and staff liaison Bob Allison, WB1GCM; *HF Band Planning*: Vice President Frahm (chair), Directors Frenaye and Norton, Mr. Steve Ford, WB8IMY and Mr. Charles Skolaut, KØBOG; *UHF/Microwave Band Planning Committee*: First Vice President Roderick (chair), Vice Directors Blocksome and Woll, Mr. Sumner, and Mr. Paul Rinaldo, W4RI; *Ad Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century*: Director Milesosky (chair), Vice Director Hartlage, Miss Emily Bishop, WE4MB, Mr. Nathaniel Frissel, W2NAF, Mr. Jeremy Breef-Pitz, KB1REQ, Mr. Sterling Coffey, NØSSC, and Mr. Joel Monza, KC2SNL; *ARDF Coordinator*: Mr. Joe Moell, KØOV; *Centennial Celebration Committee*: President Craigie (chair), Directors Birmingham, Widin, and Woolweaver, Vice Directors Raisbeck and Tiemstra, Mr. Sumner, Mr. Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Mr. Steve Ford, WB8IMY, Mr. David Patton, NN1N, and Mr. Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. The members of the Public Relations Committee and chairmen of the Advisory Committees will be named later.

54. Mr. Norton requested an informal discussion on the topic of cost project accounting of staff time. He asked if management would be willing to develop a good-faith estimate of the percentage of time that staff members devote to specific projects. Mr. Sumner said this could be done in consultation with the Administration & Finance Committee.

The Board was in recess for lunch from 11:40 AM until 1:00 PM. All recorded as present for the morning session were in attendance except Mr. Price, who left the meeting in order to travel to Geneva for the ITU Radiocommunication Assembly.

55. As recommended by the Programs & Services Committee and on motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas, Betsey Doane, K1EIC, has been very active in the Amateur Radio community for decades having served the ARRL for many years as an ARRL Volunteer, most recently as the Connecticut Section Manager; and

Whereas, Ms. Doane has been an active participant in ARES and NTS by providing leadership, participating in drills and hosting the ARES website in the Connecticut section; and

Whereas, Ms. Doane's leadership and mentoring has inspired and provided encouragement to countless members of the amateur community;

Now, therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2011 George Hart Distinguished Service Award to Betsey Doane, K1EIC.

56. As recommended by the Programs & Services Committee and on motion of Mr. Bodson, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas Fritz Nitsch, W4NTO, has a long tradition of service even before being licensed as an Amateur Radio operator as a Morse Code instructor at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, SC and then as a communications NCO in General Patton's Third Army; and

Whereas Fritz has held ARRL Field Appointments as an Official Observer and an Official Emergency Station in the South Carolina Section; and

Whereas Fritz has been involved in emergency communications since the 1950s and established the first Emergency Operations Center for Spartanburg County, SC;

Now therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2011 George Hart Distinguished Service Award to Fritz Nitsch, W4NTO.

57. Mr. Frenaye moved the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Ahrens and unanimously ADOPTED with applause and a standing ovation:

Whereas James E. McCobb was elected Treasurer of the ARRL at the 1980 Second Meeting of its Board of Directors, and

Whereas Mr. McCobb has served with distinction in this volunteer role from August 15, 1980 until today, a period spanning more than 31 years, and

Whereas Mr. McCobb's wise counsel as a member of the Board of Directors and the Administration & Finance Committee as well as his careful stewardship of the ARRL's investment portfolio have been of great benefit to the ARRL and its members and staff, and

Whereas he is now retiring from the position in which he has served so faithfully for so many years, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of The American Radio Relay League, Inc. in meeting assembled on January 14, 2012, hereby expresses its deep and sincere appreciation to James E. McCobb, K1LU, for the countless hours over a span of more than three decades that he has devoted to ensuring the welfare of the ARRL and Amateur Radio.

Mr. McCobb shared observations from his tenure as Treasurer and expressed his thanks to the Board.

58. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded unanimously by the Board, the following resolution was ADOPTED by acclamation and with applause:

Whereas the January 2012 ARRL Board meeting has been conducted efficiently due to the diligence, dedication and perseverance of staff;

Therefore be it RESOLVED that the entire ARRL Board family thanks the staff for their warm welcome to Headquarters and their assistance at the committee and Board meetings. We especially wish to recognize Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ, for arranging a comfortable and pleasant venue for the meeting.

59. All present were given the opportunity for closing comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned sine die at 2:55 P.M. (Time in session as a Board: 8 hours and 57 minutes; Time in session as a Committee of the Whole: 55 minutes.)

Respectfully,

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Secretary