

ARRL Executive Committee Meeting

September 12, 2022

11:00 AM ET via Zoom

1. **The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 AM Eastern Time via Zoom with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair.** Present were committee members: 1st VP Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF; Directors Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bill Lippert, AC0W; Kristen McIntyre, K6WX; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; and Dale Williams, WA8EFK. **Present without vote:** CEO David Minster, NA2AA; and FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ

Present as observers were 2nd VP Bob Vallio, W6RGG; Treasurer John Sager, WJ7S; International Affairs VP Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Directors: Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA; Ria Jairam, N2RJ; Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ; Jeff Ryan, KORM; Mike Ritz, W7VO; Mickey Baker, N4MB; Richard Norton, N6AA; Vice Directors Bob Famiglio, K3RF; Scott Yonally, N8SY; Phil Temples, K9HI; Mark Sharp, KB7HDX; Anthony Marcin, W7XM; Bill Morine, N2COP; Lee Cooper, W5LHC; and CFO Diane Middleton, W2DLM.

2. **On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Stratton, the Agenda was ADOPTED.**
3. **Chief Executive Officer/Secretary's update**

Mr. Minster provided updates on several topics.

2022 Election: There is only one division with a contested election this cycle. This year ARRL opted to start the process of electronic balloting. The process includes the option of voting electronically or via a paper ballot. The new process is going well with a minor learning curve.

Budget Process 2023: The budget process is in its beginning stages. The department heads have put together their budgets and are currently going through them with the Executive staff to discuss their plans for the upcoming year and ensure there is no overlap between departments.

Revenue Subcommittee: In April, A&F created a subcommittee with the CEO to work on revenue ideas. This subcommittee has been meeting every week and with one more meeting left, they will have a full report to bring to the next A&F Meeting. Fred and Anita Kemmerer have started a program that the Nashua Area Radio Club uses for a "live licensing course" over zoom. There is a plan to re-brand the Q&A guide to include what is missing from the licensing boot camps. The subcommittee is working on a strategy to roll out the project.

The Club Grant Program: More than half of the money has been granted. There was a kick-off meeting where a few hundred people attended. There were two or three clubs who were not granted funds and are looking for feedback, so they have the opportunity to apply for a grant the second time around.

ARRL applied for a 1.5 million dollar grant with ARDC to expand the Teacher's Institute program to 25 sessions and attend some national conferences to promote the program. The grant was denied due to the amount that was requested. Good feedback was received, and staff is in the process of re-tooling the proposal to re-apply in October's round of grants.

Mr. Minster entertained questions.

Mr. Minster moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, to move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters. Seeing no objection, the motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

The Executive Committee was in the Committee of the Whole from 11:28 AM – 12:07 PM.

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, to accept the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

4. FCC Counsel's Update and FCC Matters

Mr. Siddall provided updates on several topics.

FCC Amateur Matters: The FCC has not acted on issues in proceedings that would replace the symbol rate limit with a bandwidth limit, update sub band segments to accommodate the growth being experienced in digital modes and realign technician (entry level) class segments to reflect the interests and needs of new licensees. These proceedings and the reallocation of amateur spectrum at 3.4 GHz have been the subject of meetings on Capitol Hill.

Satellite Debris: A draft FCC decision that addresses satellite debris was just released. It would shorten the period after operation within which satellites would be expected to de-orbit. Counsel has analyzed the effect of the draft rules and will consult with several other amateur organizations that filed comments in this proceeding.

Mr. Siddall entertained questions.

5. Legislative Advocacy Committee status report

Mr. Stratton discussed the current efforts taking place in Washington and then entertained questions.

Mr. Stratton moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, to move into a Committee of the Whole to discuss relations with outside contractors. Seeing no objection, the motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

The Executive Committee was in the Committee of the Whole from 12:50 PM – 1:11 PM.

Mr. Stratton moved, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, to accept the report of the Committee of the Whole. The motion was **APPROVED** by unanimous vote.

6. Trademarks update

Mr. Famiglio has been monitoring trademark activity and the effort to rehabilitate and strengthen the trademark registrations to provide protection for all the goodwill we have. There was a non-final office action initiated for the initials “ARRL” and “DXCC” and they will be granted. There was also another non-final office action initiated for initials “NTS” and “National Association for Amateur Radio” by showing we accumulated over many years a substantial recognition of the generic term.

7. ARRL National Convention

Mr. Roderick has started a discussion on where the next national convention will be and asked that recommendations be submitted at the January Board Meeting.

8. Club Recognition

On the motion of Mr. Williams for Mr. Kemmerer, seconded by Mr. Lippert it was **VOTED** (with applause) that:

WHEREAS, the Barnstable Amateur Radio Club in the ARRL Eastern Massachusetts section has long supported the American Radio Relay League, Inc., being an Affiliated Club since November 20, 1957;

WHEREAS, the Barnstable Amateur Radio Club has been and continues to be active in a variety of Amateur Radio activities including actively supporting our League as an ARRL Special Service Club;

WHEREAS, the Barnstable Amateur Radio Club has been active in conducting licensing classes and whose members serve as volunteer examiners to license new radio amateurs who provide emergency communications services to supplement public safety resources;

WHEREAS, Barnstable Amateur Radio Club members have provided communication support for various public service needs, including: Cape Cod Marathon, Falmouth Road Race, MS walks, Alzheimer's walks, SKYWARN, ARES exercises as well as involving Boy Scouts in JOTA;

WHEREAS, the Barnstable Amateur Radio Club maintains and operates a 2-meter repeater for use by all licensed Amateur Radio operators, and is frequently used to support public service events;

WHEREAS, the Barnstable Amateur Radio Club has been active in Amateur Radio since its founding, and today uses the call sign W1MA for their repeater and while participating in Field Day, in remembrance of a Silent Key;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ARRL Board of Directors hereby congratulates and recognizes the Barnstable Amateur Radio Club for its contributions to Amateur Radio during its 65 years of supporting Amateur Radio operators and of ARRL affiliation.

On the motion of Mr. Lippert for Mr. Luetzelschwab, seconded by Ms. McIntyre it was **VOTED** (with applause) that:

Whereas:

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society of Evansville, Indiana was founded on February 6, 1947, and

Whereas:

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society chose to align itself with the goals of the ARRL by becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club on November 20, 1947, and

Whereas:

The Tri-State Amateur Radio Society continues to support the high standards and principles of ARRL and shares in the strong support of Amateur Radio, and

Therefore:

Let it be known that the Tri-State Amateur Radio Society is hereby recognized and sincerely thanked by the ARRL Board of Directors for 75 years of ARRL Affiliation, in which they continue to fulfill the ARRL Mission, "Advancing the art, science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio", and wish them many more years of success.

9. Recognition of new Life Members

The committee reviewed the list of new Life Members.

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Lippert, the recognition of new Life Members CARRIED (with applause).

10. Other Business

Mr. Ritz wanted to update the committee on the ARRL Foundation. He stated that the October 1st date for scholarship applications is on track to open the window for advertising.

Mr. Roderick set the date for the next Executive Committee meeting for Monday, October 24, at 11:00 AM Eastern time.

11. There being no further business, on the motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Stratton the meeting adjourned at 1:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sabrina Martin