

**Minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting  
ARRL Board of Directors**

**January 15-16, 2010**

***Summary Agenda***

- 1. Roll Call*
- 2. Moment of Silence*
- 3. Courtesies*
- 4. Consideration of the agenda for the meeting*
- 5. Elections*
- 6. Consent Agenda*
- 7. Proposals for amendments to Articles of Association and Bylaws*
- 8. Consider recommendations of Standing Committees*
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- 12. Directors' motions*
- 13. Any other business*

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, on Friday, January 15, and Saturday, January 16, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM EST January 15 with President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Bill Edgar, N3LLR, Atlantic Division  
George R. Isely, W9GIG, Central Division  
Jay Bellows, KØQB, Dakota Division  
Mickey D. Cox, K5MC, Delta Division  
Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes Division  
Frank Fallon, N2FF, Hudson Division  
Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, Midwest Division  
Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division  
Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Northwestern Division  
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division  
Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Roanoke Division  
Brian Mileschosky, 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 Kay C. Craigie, N3KN, First Vice President; Rick Roderick, K5UR, Vice President; Rod Stafford, W6ROD, International Affairs Vice President; James McCobb, K1LU, Treasurer; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Executive Vice President/Chief Executive

Officer and Secretary; Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI; 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; Greg Widin, KØGW, Dakota Division; David A. Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division; Gary L. Johnston, KI4LA, Great Lakes Division; Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, Hudson Division; Clifford H. Ahrens, KØCA, Midwest Division; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division; James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division; Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division; Jeffrey J. Beals, WA4AW, Southeastern Division; Martin Woll, N6VI, Southwestern Division; and John Thomason, WB5SYT, West Gulf Division. Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; *QST* Editor and Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY; Brennan Price, N4QX, Technical Relations Manager; and John Chwat of Chwat and Co., ARRL's legislative consultant.

2. The assembly observed a moment of silence in recollection of radio amateurs who have passed away since the previous Board meeting, especially Ken Adams, K5KA; Clifford Bader, W3NNL; George Badger, W6TC; Mathias Bjerrang, LA5NM/JW5NM; Fernando "Frank" Caldeiro, KE4RFI; E. Dallas Carter, W3PP; Ted Collins, G4UPS; Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD; Den Connors, KD2S; Norm Gertz, K1AA; Bob Goodale, K7YFJ; Bobbi Goodson, KC5YGG; James R. "Randy" Hargenrader, K4QO; Robert Haase, W3SA; Mickey "Santa Claus" Hicks, WO6T; David Knight, W4ZJY; Jim Leist, KB5W; Rolland Madara, W3PWG; Thomas Michaud, WA3TQJ; Jim Mullin, W8KKK; Vernon Nelson, KC3XL; Jack O'Mara, W4AD; Karl Pagel, N6BVU; Phil Patterson, W5SFW; Peter Radding, W2GJ; Henry "Jack" Reed, WA4FXX; Jerry Sevick, W2FMI; Richard "Dick" Sons, N5CU; Jack Spencer, W9YF; Ed Steeble, K3IXD; Art Thiemens, AA4AT; Merlyn "Woody" Underwood, KC5MAP; Paul Vydareny, WB2VUK and William A. "Bill" Wilson, K6ARO.

The ARRL Board of Directors also expressed its deepest sympathy for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti and commended everyone involved in the relief effort.

3. At this time the Chair asked the respective Directors to introduce the new Vice Directors: Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division and Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division.  
(Applause)

4. Mr. Frenaye, as President, reported on the activities of the ARRL Foundation. There are now 60 scholarship funds, some of which support multiple awards. Despite the poor economy, contributions increased substantially in the second half of 2009. Mr. Frenaye urged any Board members who are not already contributing to the Foundation to consider doing so.

5. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Bellows, the agenda for the meeting was ADOPTED.

6. The Chair appointed Mr. Norris, Mr. Beals and Ms Birmingham as tellers.

7. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for President. Mr. Edgar nominated Kay C. Craigie, N3KN. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Vallio it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Ms Craigie was declared elected (Applause).
8. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for First Vice President. Mr. Isely nominated Rick Roderick, K5UR. On motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Bodson it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Roderick was declared elected (Applause).
9. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for an additional Vice President. Dr. Woolweaver nominated Bruce Frahm, KØBJ. Dr. Weaver nominated Dennis Bodson, W4PWF. Mr. Frenaye nominated Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, but Mr. Milesosky respectfully declined. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. The tellers distributed and collected ballots and found 11 votes for Mr. Frahm and 4 votes for Mr. Bodson. The Chair declared Mr. Frahm elected as Vice President (Applause).
10. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Vice President for International Affairs. Mr. Isely nominated Jay Bellows, KØQB. Mr. Vallio nominated Dennis Bodson, W4PWF. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Edgar, it was VOTED that nominations are closed. The tellers distributed and collected ballots and found 13 votes for Mr. Bellows and 2 votes for Mr. Bodson. The Chair declared Mr. Bellows elected as Vice President for International Affairs (Applause).
11. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Executive Vice President. Mr. Frenaye nominated David Sumner, K1ZZ. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Frahm it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Sumner was declared elected (Applause).
12. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Isely nominated David Sumner, K1ZZ. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Sarratt it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Sumner was declared elected (Applause).
13. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Isely nominated James McCobb, K1LU. On motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Bodson it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. McCobb was declared elected (Applause).
14. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Fenstermaker nominated Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Bellows it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Shelley was declared elected (Applause).
15. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Bodson nominated Harold Kramer, WJ1B. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Isely it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Kramer was declared elected (Applause).
16. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Development Officer. Mr. Isely nominated Mary Hobart, K1MMH. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Dr. Weaver 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. Frahm nominated Brennan Price, N4QX. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Sarratt it was VOTED that nominations are closed and Mr. Price was declared elected (Applause).

18. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the Executive Committee. Mr. Edgar nominated Tom Frenaye, K1KI, George R. Isely, W9GIG, Brian Mileschosky, N5ZGT, Bob Vallio, W6RGG and David Woolweaver, K5RAV. On motion of Mr. Bodson, seconded by Mr. Bellows it was VOTED to close nominations and the nominees were declared elected (Applause).

19. The election of ARRL Foundation Directors was postponed until later in the meeting (see Minute 23).

20. On motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Mileschosky, the following items listed on the Consent Agenda were APPROVED:

a. Minutes of 2009 Second Meeting

b. Receipt of reports, except those removed for discussion at the request of a Board member and discussed below

21. General Counsel Imlay began his report with a presentation of possible options for Board consideration for changes in §97.113 of the FCC Rules, including the option of no change, with regard to communications on behalf of an employer. He was assisted by ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND who joined this portion of the meeting.

22. At this point, Brent Robertson, KB1PYY and Kim Mitola of the Web design firm Fathom ([www.fathom.net](http://www.fathom.net)) and ARRL Digital Content Manager Katie Glass were invited to join the meeting to demonstrate the new ARRL Web site that is scheduled to be launched on February 3.

23. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Fallon, the following were ELECTED as Directors of the ARRL Foundation for three-year terms: Mr. Isely, Mr. Widin and Dr. Woolweaver (Applause). The Board was in recess for luncheon and a group photo from 11:53 AM until 1:05 PM.

24. Mr. Chwat presented the Legislative Relations report citing several achievements in 2009, including the introduction of HR 2160, the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act, and the passage by the Senate of a similar bill, S.1755. Mr. Chwat noted pending “distracted driving” legislation and stated that he was working to keep Amateur Radio out of these bills. Mr. Chwat left the meeting at the conclusion of his report.

25. General Counsel Imlay resumed his report and answered questions.

26. Mr. Sumner invited questions and received comment on the Chief Executive Officer’s report.

27. Mr. Kramer supplemented the Chief Operating Officer’s report with an update on the situation in Haiti.

28. Mr. Shelley presented the Chief Financial Officer's report and answered questions. He noted that despite the grim outlook at this time last year, the financial results for 2009 were considerably better than anticipated with preliminary figures indicating a positive revenue result.

29. Mr. Bellows presented the report of the Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee. The committee received and approved a request for \$5,000 in funding to support the efforts of the amateur community in San Diego to prevent the adoption of an extremely unfavorable antenna ordinance. A motion to update the funding criteria used by the Committee will be presented later in the meeting.

30. Mr. Johnston as committee chairman and Mr. Sumner answered questions with regard to the report of the Historical Committee. Significant contributions to the preservation effort by volunteer Mike Marinaro, WN1M were highlighted.

31. Mr. Roderick presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the ARRL Foundation and noted that motions to implement the committee's recommendations would be offered later.

32. Mr. Harrison as committee chairman answered questions concerning the report of the Ad Hoc Part 97 Study Committee. The report sets out three options for Board consideration with respect to achieving the stated objective in the motion (Minute 32, 2008 Second Meeting) that created the committee.

33. Mr. Norton called attention to the ARDF Coordinator's report, particularly a request for arrangements for the funding of ARDF activities by voluntary contributions.

34. Proceeding to proposals for amendments to the ARRL Articles of Association and Bylaws, Mr. Isely moved the adoption of the following resolution. Mr. Fallon seconded.

**Whereas**, *Robert's Rules of Order* states that a tie vote is a failure to pass a motion,

**And Whereas**, this rule can sometimes be used to defeat a motion without having sufficient nay votes to defeat it outright,

**And Whereas**, this situation can usually be avoided by having an odd number of voting board or committee members,

**And Whereas**, the Directors are the only voting officials who are directly accountable to the ARRL members,

**Now Therefore**, Article 6 of the *ARRL Articles of Association* is amended by inserting the phrase, "who shall vote only to break a tie vote," in the second line after the word "President."

Due notice of the proposed amendment having been sent to Directors at least 30 days in advance, a two-thirds affirmative vote was required for adoption. A roll call vote being required, there were 9 votes in favor and 6 opposed so the resolution was NOT ADOPTED. Those voting opposed were Directors Bellows, Frahm, Frenaye, Bodson, Sarratt, and Norton; all other

Directors voted in favor. Mr. Isely announced that he would not offer a companion motion to amend Bylaw 38.

35. The Board next considered recommendations of the Standing Committees. On motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Fallon, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED (Applause):

**Whereas** the ARRL Board, at its July 2009 meeting established the George Hart Distinguished Service Award honoring longtime ARRL Communications Manager WINJM, retired; and

**Whereas** among many amateurs who have a long history of public service communications, three nominees have accrued lengthy exemplary records in multiple facets of public service communications work;

**Now, therefore,** the ARRL Board of Directors confers the inaugural George Hart Distinguished Service Award upon George W. Hippisley, W2RU, William M. Smith, W7GHT and David Struebel, WB2FTX.

36. Mr. Frahm moved, seconded by Messrs. Cox and Edgar, the following resolution which was unanimously ADOPTED (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** Vicky Taylor of *Public Opinion*, a daily newspaper in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania covered the licensing of 8-year old Victoria Latham, KB3SSM, and 7-year old sister Veronica Latham, KB3SSN, as a heartwarming story of how the two young ladies convinced their father Shannon Latham, W3SML, and mother Rachel Latham, KB3RNP, they were ready to take license exams; and

**Whereas** Ted Randall, WB8PUM, and his weekly QSO Show, which has been recognized for shortwave radio, but has become even more effective as a downloaded podcast of consistently high quality treating issues within Amateur Radio week-after-week as an MP3 file; and

**Whereas** WDAF-TV, Fox 4, Kansas City reporter Kim Byrnes embedded herself for WDAF's Sunday morning news magazine in the Raytown club's FD operations and through several live inserts in the morning news program covered diverse aspects of Amateur Radio, specifically highlighting Ham Radio as a hobby, as an emergency communications source, as radio sport and contesting, and chronicling the evolution of two-way radio technology with a fascinating video report; and

**Whereas** these submissions have gained the recognition and recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as worthy of the 2010 Bill Leonard Award;

**Now, therefore,** the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, awards the 2010 *Bill Leonard, W2SKE, Professional Media Award* to Vicky Taylor for print media, Ted Randall, WB8PUM, of Tennessee for audio and Kim Byrnes for video excellence in Amateur Radio topics.

37. Mr. Cox moved, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver, the adoption of the following resolution:

**Whereas,** recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications, is one of the five expressed principles in Part 97 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules that describes the basis and purpose of the Amateur Radio Service; and

**Whereas,** natural and man-made disasters in recent years have shown the necessity for the Amateur Radio Service to continue to improve its ability in providing emergency communications on behalf of the public; and

**Whereas,** analysis of the issues related to Amateurs providing emergency communications can be beneficially provided to ARRL's Programs and Services Committee by a geographically diverse panel of emcomm experts;

**Therefore,** an ARRL ECAC (Emergency Communications Advisory Committee) is established.

1. Committee membership shall follow the Rules and Regulations concerning Advisory Committees except that Section Managers are eligible.
2. Committee members should be exceptionally qualified and recognized members of the emergency communications community. Directors are encouraged to consult with the Section Managers in their Divisions in selecting the committee members.
3. The committee shall report to the Programs and Services Committee.
4. The activities of the committee shall be limited to studies of emergency communications issues that are national in scope. Staff will provide written guidance during start-up to ensure that members understand the parameters of the committee's responsibility.
5. The term of the committee shall be limited to three years.

Mr. Bodson raised a point of order as to whether an exception to the Rules and Regulations concerning Advisory Committees was permissible in view of their being part of the Bylaws. Mr. Sumner explained that while the Rules and Regulations are generally published along with the Bylaws, they are not in fact a part of the Bylaws.

Discussion of the proposed resolution continued. Mr. Fallon moved the previous question. Dr. Weaver seconded. A two-thirds affirmative vote being required for adoption, the motion to move the previous question FAILED. After further discussion the resolution establishing an ECAC was ADOPTED.

The Board was in recess from 4:48 PM until 9:00 AM Saturday, January 16, reconvening with all initial attendees present except Mr. Chwat.

38. Mr. Isely moved, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, that the convention and hamfest rules and regulations be amended as recommended by the Executive Committee. The proposed changes were to define "Operating-Specialty" conventions, not to hold section conventions in states with only one ARRL section, and to conform the rules and regulations to current practice. After discussion Mr. Sarratt moved, seconded by Mr. Cox, to strike the following: "Section conventions shall not be held in states with only one ARRL section." After discussion the amendment was ADOPTED. The question then being on the original motion as amended, it also was ADOPTED.

39. At 9:35 AM, on motion of Mr. Fenstermaker, seconded by Dr. Weaver, the Board voted to resolve into a Committee of the Whole to consider personnel matters. All staff members were excused. At 11:44 AM the Committee of the Whole arose and reported to the Board. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED to adopt the report. Staff members returned.

40. Mr. Fenstermaker moved, seconded by Dr. Weaver, that the 2010-2011 Plan for the ARRL, as amended, be accepted. As Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, Mr. Fenstermaker explained two changes to the Plan previously circulated to the Board that the committee was recommending, in order to strengthen staff resources in the IT Department and the emergency communications area. The motion was ADOPTED.

The Board was in recess for luncheon from 12:04 until 1:07 PM.

41. Mr. Fenstermaker moved, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, that the ARRL Board of Directors thanks the ARRL staff for the tremendous amount of work completed which is leading to a roll-out of the new ARRL Web site on February 3, 2010. The work accomplished to date was completed, for the most part, in parallel with staff's other responsibilities. The planned implementation of this Web site will enhance communication with ARRL members and the general public as modern and current information will be available and easily modified in the future. The Board thanks all staff for their enthusiastic work in 2008 and especially in 2009 which will lead to the launch of this Web site in early 2010. The motion was unanimously ADOPTED. On behalf of the staff, Mr. Sumner thanked the Board for this recognition.

42. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Fenstermaker, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**Whereas**, the ARRL will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2014, and

**Whereas**, that anniversary will be an important milestone for the ARRL and Amateur Radio, and

**Whereas**, there is a significant opportunity to enhance the ability of the ARRL to support the Centennial efforts and beyond with a collaboration between the ARRL and the ARRL Foundation focused on building upon our current fund raising capabilities,

**Moved**, that the ARRL Board create the Centennial Campaign Committee as described in the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the ARRL Foundation, and



**Further moved,** that a nominating committee be formed including the ARRL Foundation President, ARRL Chief Executive Officer, ARRL Chief Development Officer, and a Vice President appointed by the ARRL President, to identify and recruit the Chairman and other members of the Centennial Campaign Committee, and to submit those nominations to the ARRL President for approval.

43. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Fallon, it was VOTED that the Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee funding criteria (paragraphs (B), (C) and (D) of the existing document) be updated to read as follows:

(B) The following criteria, rules, and procedures are adopted for determining whether to fund legal, legislative, or regulatory activities relating to Amateur Radio.

(1) To be funded, an activity must pertain to Amateur Radio. This may include situations involving Amateur Radio antenna height and placement, interference allegedly caused by Amateur Radio operations to non-Amateur Radio uses and services, interference received by Amateur Radio operations from non-Amateur Radio sources, matters pertaining to RF safety, aesthetics, structural safety, environmental issues, and any other matters found by the Committee to involve and potentially impact Amateur Radio operation.

(2) Funding shall be limited to activities that will or are predicted to provide precedent or example that will be significantly useful to other Amateurs in the situations described in paragraph (1). In general, preference shall be given, in descending order, as follows:

- a. to appellate level cases of national scope;
- b. to appellate level cases of statewide scope;
- c. to trial level cases;
- d. to initiatives involving laws, bylaws, or regulations, which do or may impact the ability of Amateur Radio operators to deploy effective antennas.

Administrative and local land use authority activities are not normally eligible for funding unless and until they reach the judicial level, due to the absence of precedent value of such cases. In rare and exceptional circumstances, the Committee will fund such an activity of this sort, upon a clear and convincing showing that the activity addresses a unique issue of law or may have wide ranging impact.

(3) Funding shall be limited to not more than \$10,000 per activity, so as to maximize the number that can be funded with the limited money available. Funding is also limited to the amount of the Legal Research and Resource Fund. In special situations in which the Committee feels that additional funding is warranted, the \$10,000 limitation may be waived by the ARRL Executive Committee.

(4) For a case involving a particular antenna installation, the case must have substantial merit on the facts, and must present a significant issue of law, or be likely to provide a persuasive example which other courts or administrative boards are likely to follow.

(5) For initiatives involving laws, bylaws, or regulations, the matter must have the potential to impact a large number of amateurs either directly or as a persuasive example to other regulatory or legislative entities.

(6) Activities must present a question or situation which maximizes leverage of ARRL funds. This includes situations which present, or are predicted to present, some or all of the following characteristics:

1. activities with a high likelihood of success;
2. activities in which a favorable result would have particularly high value to Amateur Radio;
3. activities in which an unfavorable result would have particularly severe negative impact upon Amateur Radio.

(7) There must be some financial participation by the Amateurs involved, and/or by the local Amateur community. For initiatives involving laws, bylaws, or regulations, there must be a well developed effort on the part of affected Amateurs.

(C) In addition to funding of legal or rulemaking activities, the Committee may also fund the following activities, not to exceed \$10,000 per calendar year in total.

(1) Provision of research and background materials, such as books, law review articles, amicus briefs, and the like, to attorneys representing Amateur Radio clients in cases involving Amateur Radio issues.

(2) Support of training for attorneys and other professionals involved in Amateur Radio related issues, to specifically include things such as Continuing Legal Education, classes and seminars.

(D) All decisions on funding made by the "Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee" must be by 2/3 majority. The Committee consists of two ARRL Directors, one or more ARRL Vice Directors, an experienced attorney not a member of the ARRL Board, and the League Counsel. Requests and inquiries should be forwarded to the Chairman, ARRL Amateur Radio Legal Defense and Assistance Committee c/o ARRL HQ.

44. Mr. Isely moved, seconded by Mr. Fallon, to amend the procedures of the ARRL Awards Committee as follows:

**Whereas**, the third listed duty of the ARRL Awards Committee in Part A of the ARRL Awards Committee Standard Operating Procedure says the committee is to “Advise on rule changes for contests and awards...”

**And Whereas**, the second procedure of the ARRL Awards Committee in Part D of the ARRL Awards Committee Standard Operating Procedure says, “If the Awards Committee does not accept and approve an Advisory Committee recommendation...”

**And Whereas**, the fourth procedure of the ARRL Awards Committee in Part D of the ARRL Awards Committee Standard Operating Procedure says, “If the resubmitted recommendation is not accepted by the Awards Committee...”

**And Whereas**, there is a direct conflict between the Awards Committee’s duty to “advise” and its procedure to “approve,”

**And Whereas**, this conflict has caused, and will probably cause future dissension within the Advisory Committees and the Programs & Services Standing Committee,

**And Whereas**, the Programs & Services Standing Committee already has the power to accept, reject, or modify Advisory Committee recommendations with or without the approval of the ARRL Awards Committee,

**And Whereas**, the ARRL Board of Directors is the only body within the ARRL charged with making, amending, or deleting ARRL policies,

**Now Therefore**, the ARRL Awards Committee procedures are amended as follows:

**C. Voting Procedure:**

1. through 5. No change

6. Add: The Executive Vice President shall notify the Board of Directors of such a block and the rationale for it. Only the ARRL Board of Directors can override this block.

**D. Referrals and Appeals Procedure:**

1. No change

2. The Awards Committee shall review Advisory Committee recommendations and suggest any changes to the respective Advisory Committee chairpersons who shall ask their committee to review and possibly incorporate these suggestions into its recommendations.

3. After due consideration of the Awards Committee's suggestions, the Advisory Committee shall submit its final recommendation to the Programs & Services Committee.

4. Procedure deleted

5. Renumber as #4 with no text change.

After discussion, Mr. Norton moved to table the motion but the motion failed for lack of a second. After further discussion, Dr. Woolweaver moved the previous question. Dr. Weaver seconded. A two-thirds affirmative vote being required, the motion to move the previous question was ADOPTED. The question then being on Mr. Isely's motion, the same was ADOPTED.

45. The Chair invited Dr. Woolweaver to present a proposal for an ARRL National Convention to be held in Plano, Texas in 2011 or 2012. Discussion followed. Mr. Vallio was invited to present a proposal for an ARRL National Convention to be held in Santa Clara, California in 2012. Further discussion ensued.

46. On motion of Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, it was VOTED that an ARRL National Convention shall be held June 10-11, 2011 at Ham-Com in Plano, Texas (Applause).

47. On motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was VOTED that an ARRL National Convention shall be held October 19-21, 2012 at Pacificon in Santa Clara, California (Applause).

48. Mr. Edgar moved, seconded by Mr. Isely, that staff be directed to take all steps necessary to add the following (underlined) language to §97.113 of the FCC Rules:

§97.113 Prohibited Transmissions

(a) No amateur station shall transmit:

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(3) Communications in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer, except that the station licensee or control operator may, on behalf of an employer, participate in emergency preparedness and disaster drills that include Amateur operations for the purpose of emergency response, disaster relief or the testing and maintenance of equipment used for that purpose. Amateur operators may, however...

After discussion Mr. Cox moved, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver, to amend the motion by adding to the proposed new language the following: "Such drills may not exceed one hour per week. However, such drills may be conducted for a period not to exceed 72 hours no more than twice in any calendar year." After discussion Mr. Isely moved the previous question (on the amendment), seconded by Mr. Fallon. A two-thirds affirmative vote being required, the motion to move the previous question was ADOPTED. The question then being on Mr. Cox's amendment, the motion FAILED.

Dr. Weaver moved to amend the motion by directing ARRL staff to request that the FCC make no change to §97.113, but that if the FCC believes a change is needed the language in Mr. Edgar's motion should be used. There was no second.

Mr. Isely moved the previous question. Mr. Edgar seconded. A two-thirds affirmative vote being required, the motion to move the previous question was ADOPTED. The question then being on Mr. Edgar's motion, the same was ADOPTED.

49. Mr. Imlay gave a presentation on WT Docket 09-209, a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in which the FCC has proposed amendments to the rules governing vanity and club station call signs. Mr. Imlay noted a number of issues on which ARRL positions need to be developed, including issues related to the call sign assignment system that were discussed by the ARRL Executive Committee in its study in response to Minute 34 of the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Board. Comments will be due at the FCC 60 days after publication in the Federal Register, which has not yet occurred. The Board agreed to leave the matter to the Executive Committee.

50. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Dr. Weaver, it was VOTED that the ARRL endorses the proposal to add a technical engineer/scientist to each FCC Commissioner's staff, as described in Senate Bill 2881, the FCC Commissioners' Technical Resource Enhancement Act.

51. Mr. Bellows moved, seconded by Mr. Edgar, the adoption of the following resolution:

**Whereas**, ARRL and the American Red Cross (ARC) have engaged in extended negotiation as to the terms of a renewal of the long standing Memorandum of Understanding between these organizations; and

**Whereas**, ARRL and ARC have fully discussed and set forth the concerns and positions of their respective organizations in formulating the Memorandum of Understanding; and

**Whereas**, ARRL has the obligation to advise its members of the terms of the MOU and provide its members sufficient information to enable them to make a fully informed decision as to whether to volunteer with ARC;

**Now, Therefore**, the Memorandum of Understanding between ARRL and American Red Cross is approved; staff is directed to inform members of the decision to approve the MOU and fully describe in *QST*, the *ARRL Letter*, the *ARES E-Letter* and on the ARRL Web site and maintain on the Web site, those additional factors necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision as to whether to volunteer with ARC.

After discussion the resolution was ADOPTED.

52. Ms Craigie announced the following committee appointments for 2010. *Administration & Finance*: Directors Fenstermaker (Chair), Ahrens, Bodson, Norton, and Weaver, Vice Director Tiemstra, and Mr. McCobb; *Programs & Services*: Directors Edgar (Chair), Cox, Fallon, Sarratt, and Widin, and Vice Director Allen; *Ethics & Elections*: Directors Frenaye (Chair), Ahrens, and Widin; *Amateur Radio Legal Defense & Assistance*: Directors Ahrens (Chair) and Fallon, Vice Directors Tiemstra, Woll, and Raisbeck, Mr. Jim O'Connell, W9WU, and Mr. Imlay; *RF Safety*: Greg Lapin, N9GL (Chair) and Vice Director Norris (Board Liaison); *EMC*: Vice Director Carlson (Chair); *Historical*: Vice Director Birmingham (Chair); *Ad Hoc Scouting*: Directors Milesosky (Chair), Edgar, and Fenstermaker, and Larry Wolfgang, WR1B (Staff Liaison); *Ad Hoc Band Planning*: Vice President Frahm (Chair), Directors Frenaye and Norton; *Public Relations*: Bill Morine, N2COP (Chair) and Vice Director Boehner (Board Liaison); *Microwave Band Planning*: Tom Clark, K3IO (Chair) and Mr. Sumner (Staff Liaison); *ARDF Coordinator*: Joe Moell, KØOV; *Nominating Committee for Centennial Campaign Committee*: First Vice President Roderick (Chair), ARRL Foundation President Frenaye, Ms Hobart, and Mr. Sumner.

53. Proceeding to Directors' motions, on motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**Whereas**, the chairman of the Software Defined Radio Working Group has advised that the technology has entered the mainstream of Amateur Radio, and

**Whereas**, the Working Group has set the stage for future innovations in digital technologies within Amateur Radio, particularly in the areas of cognitive radio and smart antennas, and

**Whereas**, the SDR Working Group was established as a unit of the Technology Task Force, which was dissolved by action of the January 2009 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting,

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved**, the Software Defined Radio Working Group is renamed the Advanced Digital Technologies Working Group. The mandate of the Working Group is expanded to include post-SDR innovations, including, without limitation, cognitive radio, smart antennas, and related technologies. The Advanced Digital Technologies Working Group will continue to report semiannually to the Board of Directors through the Chief Technology Officer.

54. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Bellows, it was VOTED that the ARRL supports efforts in Congress to increase the charitable tax deduction for mileage used in support of volunteer efforts and urges passage of legislation to increase the amount to match the figure used for the business mileage deduction (\$.50/mile in 2010).

55. Mr. Bellows moved, seconded by Mr. Frahm, to amend Article 11 of the ARRL Articles of Association to insert after the first sentence the following sentence: "No person shall simultaneously hold the office of President or Vice President and Director." A roll call vote being required, the motion was adopted with all 15 Directors voting in favor.

56. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Dr. Weaver, it was VOTED that the General Counsel and staff review FCC rules regarding exempted devices in §15.103 and work with the Executive Committee on a proposal to the FCC to reduce the number of exemptions, as a means to provide some relief to members impacted by such devices in their home locations.

57. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Cox, it was VOTED that both agendas and minutes for ARRL Board and Executive Committee meetings will be posted on the ARRL web site, and that members who wish to be sent copies by e-mail can request them via a selection on the ARRL Member Data Page. In the course of discussion it was noted that it may be some time before the opt-in for receiving copies by e-mail can be implemented.

58. On further motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Fenstermaker, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

**Whereas**, the ARRL Board of Directors in July 2007 ordered the establishment of an ad hoc committee of members to evaluate the issues that would enhance the ARRL and the ARRL Foundation's ability to solicit funds; and

**Whereas**, this ad hoc committee has been constituted and has completed its appointed task;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the ARRL Board of Directors thanks the members of the committee for having completed its work and that the committee is dissolved.

59. At this point Ms Craigie rose on a point of personal privilege and, together with the other ARRL officers, presented Mr. Harrison with an ARRL Outstanding Service Award in gratitude for his exemplary dedication to the ARRL during 27 years as an elected volunteer (Applause).

60. All present were given the opportunity to offer closing comments.

61. On motion of Mr. Harrison, seconded by all, it was unanimously VOTED that the Board thanks the Headquarters staff, especially Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ, for their hard work at making this meeting a success.

62. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned *sine die* at 6:48 PM. (Time in session as a Board: 13 hours, 12 minutes less brief breaks; as a Committee of the Whole: 2 hours, 9 minutes.)

Respectfully submitted,

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Secretary