

## **Policy Governing Authority to Represent the ARRL**

ARRL By-Law 31 provides that the President "shall, subject to the instruction from the Board of Directors, and with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), represent the League in its relationships with the public and the various governments, governmental agencies and officials with which the League may be concerned and shall be the official spokesman of the Board of Directors regarding all matters of League policy."

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible to the President for contacts made by staff, including the Regulatory Information Manager and the Director of Development in the performance of their duties. From time to time, assignments involving contacts with the Federal Government or major ARRL donors (contributions totaling \$10,000 or more received from individuals and organizations) may be made by the Board to individuals or ad-hoc Committees, task groups, or task forces; in such cases, the extent of contact authorized will be determined by the terms of reference (TOR). Without a formal TOR in place, contact on behalf of ARRL with such entities or persons by Board members or individuals will be upon written authorization of the ARRL President or CEO.

The policies of the Board of Directors need to be communicated to personnel of the Federal Government as well as major donors in a consistent manner, and the ARRL to present a position of unity at all times. Accordingly, the only contact with FCC, congressional and other Federal government personnel, or major ARRL donors which involves, or could be construed to involve, ARRL or Amateur Radio policy matters, shall be as outlined above. Board policy prohibits the filing of comments in FCC proceedings by members of the Board, either on their behalf or on behalf of other organizations. This policy is not to be construed as prohibiting Board members from encouraging the filing of comments by others in support of ARRL positions, or from contacting their own elected government representatives to gain support of ARRL positions. Expenses incurred while arranging for or engaging in contacts in contravention of this policy will not be reimbursed by the League.