

**Report of the Executive Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
July 2024**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee (EC) since the January Board Meeting.

The EC continues to work closely with Counsel Siddall on pending FCC matters and filings before the Commission. These efforts are given top priority.

Recall that the FCC issued a Report and Order for our long-pending petition to replace the outdated symbol rate with an equivalent bandwidth limit. (ODV:35293, 35330) It was a favorable determination but the FCC sought additional comments to address other rules in which a symbol rate exists, specifically in the LF/VHF/UHF bands. (ODV:35393) The EC subsequently worked with Counsel Siddall on additional comments which were filed in January suggesting that both symbol rate and bandwidth limits should be deleted on the subject bands. (ODV:35539)

Counsel Siddall monitored the comments filed with the FCC. Subsequently, the EC worked with Counsel Siddall to submit Reply comments to the FCC's Further Notice proceeding with regard to eliminating the symbol rate and bandwidth restrictions on the 2200 meter and 630 meter bands and the VHF/UHF bands below 450 MHz. (Board email January 23, 2024)

On May 24, 2024, the FCC opened a docket and requested comment on the propagation anomalies below 30 MHz caused by the coronal mass ejection (CME) event in early May. The objective being "to better understand the impacts of the geomagnetic storm on the U.S. communications sector." This focused, of course, on commercial communications disruption but it gave us an opportunity to contribute comments to show the scientific side of Amateur Radio. (Board email May 27, 2024)

The EC worked with Counsel Siddall in filing comments with the FCC on the CME induced geomagnetic storms that took place in mid-May. These comments incorporated a substantive report and analysis from radio propagation analyst and our Director Luetzelschwab, K9LA, on Space Weather Storms of Our Lifetimes. (Board email June 25, 2024)

Since the July Board meeting, the EC held one virtual meeting on June 6, 2024. (Board email July 12, 2024)

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work and dedication to Amateur Radio and the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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