# ARRL DXCC Card Checker Program Nomination and Eligibility Rules

#### **DXCC Card Checkers:**

Nominations for Card Checkers may be made by:

The Section Manager of the section in which the prospective checker resides.

An ARRL affiliated DX specialty club with at least 25 members who are DXCC members, and which has DX as its primary interest. If there are any questions regarding the validity of a DX club, the issue shall be determined by the division director where the DX club is located. The nominee shall be a member of the nominating DX club.

By Division Director. The Division Director may appoint as many Card Checkers as there are Sections within their Division.

By IARU Member Societies and reviewed by the ARRL International Affairs Vice President. Offices of non-IARU Societies may make nominations if those associations are determined to be eligible by the ARRL International Vice President.

By the Manager of the Radiosport Department. The Radiosport Manager may appoint temporary "At-Large" Card Checkers on an as-needed basis to cover specific events for the duration of those events. At-Large Card Checkers must meet all requirements of the DXCC rules for Card Checkers, unless specified in writing by the Radiosport Manager. Headquarters staff and ARRL Board Members may also be appointed by the Radiosport Manager as At-Large Card Checkers.

## **Qualifications:**

A candidate for Card Checker must be personally known to be of high integrity by the person or organization making the nomination.

A candidate must be ARRL member who holds a DXCC award endorsed for at least 150 entities.

A candidate must agree that he/she has reviewed and understands the DXCC rules and Card Checker instructions.

A candidate, where geographically appropriate must be willing to serve at reasonable times and places, including at least one ARRL sectioned hamfest, or Section, State or Division ARRL Convention each year.

The applicant must have e-mail and internet capabilities, be willing to check QSLs for all applicable phases of the ARRL DXCC program and maintain a current e-mail address with the

DXCC desk. Approved DXCC Card Checkers may also check cards for ARRL's other operating awards such as VUCC and WAS, at the Card Checker's discretion.

## **Approval:**

Appointments of DXCC Card Checkers are made by the Director of the ARRL Division in which they reside following consultation with the Radiosport Manager and/or IARU society (or eligible non-IARU society) in consultation with the ARRL International Affairs Vice President.

#### **Terms:**

Appointments are made for a two year period, or the current term of the appointing Director or Section Manager, whichever ends first. Retention of appointees is determined by their performance of the duties of the position as determined by the Director of the Division in consultation with the DXCC desk. Card Checkers shall maintain their ARRL membership. A DXCC Card Checker may have his/her appointment revoked by decision of the Awards Committee after consulting with the current nominating office holders.

## **Replacement:**

If a Card Checker vacates the office for any reason, a replacement Card Checker can be nominated by the current Director, current Section Manager, IARU Society or the DX club that nominated the vacating Card Checker. When a Card Checker relocates from a Section or Division, that appointment shall be vacated.