

ARRL Executive Committee Meeting
May 09, 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: Directors Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bill Lippert, AC0W; Kristen McIntyre, K6WX; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; and Dale Williams, WA8EFK. **Present without vote:** 1st VP Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF; 2nd VP Bob Vallio, W6RGG and CEO David Minster, NA2AA. Also present was ARRL FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ.

Present as observers were International Affairs VP Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Treasurer John Sager, WJ7S; Directors: Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA; Ria Jairam, N2RJ; Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ; Jeff Ryan, KØRM; Dick Norton, N6AA; Mickey Baker, N4MB; Vice Directors: Robert Famiglio, K3RF; Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ; 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 numerous topics.

Personify: Since conversion, the website is operating well. There are no issues taking memberships and the store is fully functional. There are some continuing issues that are being diligently worked on to get fixed.

Foundation Club Grant Program: The Club Grant Program was launched this week. A webinar was held with nearly 500 attendees that included information on how to apply for club grants. Additional promoting of the program included collaborations with Ham Radio 2.0 and Weekend Wrap-Up. There will be banner advertising on QRZ.com and QTH.com The software being used for the program is up and running without issues. ARDC has asked us to add verbiage to our web page stating that clubs are able to apply for grants, particularly ones over \$25,000, directly on the ARDC website.

A&F Meeting: At the last A&F Meeting Mr. Minster suggested before having an in-person meeting we should do a 2 to 3 hour Zoom call to focus on the administrative items and then when meeting together, we can use that time to collaborate on revenue and strategy. Mr. Minster also emphasized the website needs attention sooner than later.

Mr. Minster entertained questions.

- 4. FCC Counsel's Update and FCC Matters**

FCC pending matters: Over the past month we have made several status checks on pending amateur matters, and with several Congressional offices regarding those matters. We remain hopeful that the Commission will resolve the symbol rate proceeding, which has been pending since the Commission proposed to change the rule in 2016. It also has become critical that the FCC take up some of the matters on which petitions for rule making are pending to update rules.

FCC New Proceeding: In April, the Commission adopted a Notice of Inquiry (NOI) to consider adopting a general rule or rules for receiver standards. This NOI in substance is not unlike one adopted by an earlier Commission 19 years ago, at the end of which it decided to proceed on a case-by-case, service-by-service basis without any general rules. However, continued problems with reallocating spectrum to new services without causing interference to incumbent services operating on adjacent bands without sufficient filtering or IMD specs has resulted in the issue being re-visited.

Licensing Delays: The FCC staff is focused on correcting code that manages amateur licensing in the FCC's ULS database. The problems appear to involve applications submitted by VECs in batches, and VECs have been requested to stop submitting applications until further notice. This code was introduced in connection with collecting fees for amateur applications. The problems are expected to be fixed shortly.

Forest Service Fees: Members of the Legislative Committee and I have conducted several meetings with Congressional staff concerning the new \$1400 fee proposed by the U.S. Forest Service. We are hopeful that some accommodation will be made for non-profit groups such as amateur service licensees.

FCC Opening: The FCC staff has returned only on a scheduled, limited basis. At this time, a full return is not expected until late summer or early autumn. It is expected that work from home will continue to a greater extent than before the Pandemic and seems to be the case for many companies in the private sector.

5. Legislative Advocacy Committee status report

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

6. Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee update

Mr. Williams provided updates on the Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee. Noting that there is an extensive project list, four subcommittees were created to handle the work. The sub-committees have shown to be effective.

Currently the committee is working on MOUs. The MOU with FEMA has been progressing nicely with positive feedback from FEMA and is expected to be a 5-year agreement. Other partners that MOUs are being worked on include the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

The committee is also in the early stages of addressing separate MOU format for use by in the fields who wants agreements with local served agencies.

Other items that are showing progress include updating section managers' workbook and expanding the mission of NTS. There will be an interim status report at the July 2022 Board Meeting and a full report by January's Board Meeting.

Mr. Williams entertained comments and questions.

7. 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).

8. There being no further business, on the motion by Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

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