

**ARRL Executive Committee Meeting**  
**November 05, 2025**  
**2:00 PM ET via Zoom**

**The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time via Zoom with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair.** Present were committee members First Vice President Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, Directors Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, Bill Lippert, AC0W, Jeff Ryan, K0RM, Art Zygielbaum, K0AIZ, Scott Yonally, N8SY. Present without vote were CEO David Minster, NA2AA, and FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ.

**Present as observers** were Second Vice President Mike Ritz, W7VO; International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Treasurer John Sager, WJ7S; CFO Diane Middleton, W2DLM; Directors Bob Famiglio, K3RF; Tom Frenaye, K1KI; Mark Tharp, KB7HDX; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; Richard Norton, N6AA; Vice Directors Phil Temples, K9HI; Bill Morine, N2COP; Marty Newingham, AG3I; Michael Sterba, KG7HQ.

Vice Director Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ joined the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Director Ed Wilson, N2XDD joined at 2:40 p.m.

**1. On the Motion of Director Ryan, seconded by Director Zygielbaum, the Agenda was ADOPTED.**

**2. CEO/Secretary's Report and Update – CEO Minster**

CEO Minster addressed the committee by reviewing numerous bullet points. The first being a topic slated for later in the meeting.

***Pass the Bill*** - CEO Minster began his update on the legislative status by discussing the activity surrounding the Pass the Bill initiative, efforts to engage members at recent events, and assistance with signing up. He mentioned that ARRL has seen tremendous support from the ham community; however, greater support from the clubs is needed.

***Membership*** – CEO Minster provided the committee with an update on the latest information. October showed little change compared to September, with total ARRL membership holding at 130,240. CEO Minster explained that due to the government shutdown, the FCC's systems are not operational, preventing ARRL from retrieving licensing data to solicit new licensees or processing licenses.

**Lapsed Member Campaign** – The ARRL conducted a large campaign targeting lapsed members, reaching out to 50,000 addresses. The Marketing Department performed an email A/B test comparing QST with advocacy messaging. The results showed that the QST approach was more effective. Additionally, the Marketing department sent out two follow-up emails and received a positive response, with approximately 1,500 people engaging in the campaign.

**The ARRL Sweepstakes** – CEO Minster remarked that it is challenging to identify definitive results; however, there has been a noticeable trend in Diamond Club membership growth. Many individuals have opted for a three-year membership and contributed to the Diamond Club. As a result, Development has reported a nearly 60% increase in Diamond Club membership. Most contributions were between \$50 and \$100, which is the requirement for entry. CEO Minster expressed appreciation for the increased participation in the Diamond Club.

**New Advertising Manager** – CEO Minster informed the committee that a new Advertising Sales Manager has been hired. Steve Bossert, K2GOG has recently joined the team and is actively building relationships with advertisers. Currently, he is exceeding the advertising revenue budget. Mr. Bossert believes there is additional capacity in the market for advertising. He proactively initiated talks with Flex to invest in an enhanced page advertisement deal that focuses on their new Aurora line.

**Coding competition** – CEO Minster informed the committee that Senior Director of Marketing and Innovation, Bob Inderbitzen, Director of Education and Learning, Steve Goodgame, and VEC Manager, Maria Somma, have formed a small headquarters committee to implement this new initiative. They are targeting January or February to launch the competition. The event will be relatively short in duration and will not last an entire year. An exciting development is that there has been notable enthusiasm from ARRL's collegiate program. Additionally, CEO Minster mentioned that ARRL has achieved its highest level of university participation ever, with the number of participating universities reaching the 40s for the Collegiate Amateur Radio Program.

**The ARRL Technician licensing class** – ARRL's live online licensing class will have a soft launch in December. Education Director Steve Goodgame will monitor the response and then proceed based on results.

**Year of the Club** – ARRL Headquarters has been working extensively on this initiative and aligning it with the semi-quincentennial America 250th anniversary. The Marketing Department has been in contact with representatives from "America 250" to discuss the use of their logo.

**Publications and Amazon Sales** – CEO Minster reported that ARRL's Amazon business for 2025 is experiencing a decline compared to last year. In 2024, a major hurricane prompted many people to get involved in amateur radio, resulting in increased interest in licensing.

This surge in interest led Amazon to purchase relevant publications in larger quantities. Additionally, Amazon has acquired all of ARRL's new titles, including the antenna books. In terms of book partnerships, collaborating with Repeater Book this year has proven beneficial. The new edition of the Repeater Directory for next year is on schedule.

The Salty Walt publication is receiving an enthusiastic response, and sales are strong. The Publications Department is currently in discussions with Walt about developing a second book. Additionally, several new publications for 2026 are in progress, and a wide range of new editions will be released soon.

**Antennas** - CEO Minster discussed the success of the end-fed half wave antenna and ARRL's future plans for additional Antenna products to compliment this success.

**FAA & Balloon Flights** - Education and Learning Director Steve Goodgame has been actively participating in FAA meetings regarding regulations for balloon flights in the United States. While these meetings are currently on hold due to the government shutdown, Steve's efforts have created promising prospects for amateur radio balloon flights.

**Development** – CEO Minster and Development Director Kevin Beal recently hosted small events in Huntsville, at Pacificon, and at the NAB in New York City. These gatherings focused on high-capacity, high-interest donors. There has been strong interest from these donors regarding ARRL's initiatives to engage with young people and to support the Teachers Institute.

CEO Minster entertained questions.

### **3. Status of Open Board Motions and Standing Committees**

President Roderick moved forward to address open items from previous board meetings and requested updates from the standing committee chairs.

Director Zygielbaum, Chairman of the Election Review Committee, informed attendees that significant progress is being made. Two major developments have emerged:

A. The committee is proposing a revision to the election calendar that would provide candidates with additional time to campaign while also minimizing the demands placed on headquarters and their interactions with the third-party election services vendor.

B. The committee is simplifying the election documentation currently outlined in the standing orders and the Director Workbook. All election-related information will be consolidated into a single document titled "Election Procedures and Rules," which will be managed by the Ethics and Elections Committee. This consolidation will facilitate access to all aspects of the ARRL election process in one convenient document. The Election

Review Committee intends to propose motion(s) for these election changes for the 2026 Annual Board Meeting, well in advance of the 30-day deadline for proposed changes to the By-Laws.

Director Zygielbaum entertained questions.

#### January 2024 Board Meeting

Minute 41 – Action: CEO Creates coding competition for those less than 22 years of age.

CEO Minster stated that he had no further requests of First Vice President Kristen McIntyre regarding this topic, as it had already been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Minute 43 – Action: CEO to establish permanent program for ARES, to include marketing and development of materials, etc.

Director Yonally noted that marketing ARES outside of the amateur radio community has proven to be challenging. The cyberattack delayed the launch of the online ARES group finder. Since launching the platform, Emergency Management Director Josh Johnston has been working with section managers to populate the platform. Once complete, advertising can begin, which is expected to attract more people to the program. CEO Minster mentioned that there was communication regarding Forms Two and Four, and the SEC's involvement in ensuring that all SEC positions are filled. Unfortunately, the compliance rate for this is disappointingly low.

CEO Minster highlighted an initiative aimed at "future-proofing" ARES, which is expected to generate increased interest in the program. The plan includes a dedicated column for ARES in QST throughout the entire year. Director Famiglio has authored the first piece for the January 2026 issue, focusing on Starlink. Both Director Yonally and Famiglio will continue to contribute articles through June 2026. Beyond June, Emergency Management Director Josh Johnston will collaborate with other strong ARES program coordinators to maintain the momentum.

Minute 51 – Action: Ad Hoc Working Group to develop options and recommendations for programs to consider assisting Amateur Radio licensees in limited operating situations.

President Roderick acknowledged Director Boehner's support regarding this directive. Director Boehner pointed out that while there has been interest in the committee's initiative, progress has been slow. He mentioned that he had sent a request to CEO Minster for the creation of a webpage on arrl.org that would contain information and details not indexed by search engines. Director Boehner expressed his intention to gather everyone to review the webpage, discuss necessary changes, and determine how to make it more useful. He envisions it as a dynamic document where external contributors can submit

information, with the Lab having the ability to vet this content before being published on the website.

CEO Minster requested additional time to review, research the request, and respond at a later date.

### July 2024 Board Meeting

#### Minute 17 – Action: Directors Workbook Ad Hoc Committee

Director Zygielbaum informed the attendees that the committee has thoroughly reviewed the Director Workbook and is currently in the process of creating a new one. The proposed document will be titled “Board Standard Practice and Reference.” This new book will detail each component, allowing new board members to understand the origins of each element and identify the individual and department responsible for it. This will enable them to direct questions to the appropriate point of contact and gain more insight into each element. Additionally, Director Zygielbaum highlighted that the layout of the subject matter will follow a specific order that is lacking in the current edition. The content will be rewritten to enhance the tone, quality of information, and level of detail for each component.

Director Zygielbaum took the opportunity to discuss with the executive committee the practice allowing previous board members to attend ARRL Board Meetings as visitors. He noted that this practice was established during an informal session at the July 1982 board meeting. He recommended that the Executive Committee should suspend the practice until the board as a whole has the chance to deliberate and decide if this directive still aligns with the organization's current needs. Director Zygielbaum emphasized that visitors do not have fiduciary responsibility to ARRL, which means they should not necessarily have access to confidential communications and policy development that occurs during board meetings. He also expressed his belief that this provision should not remain in the Board Standard Practice and Reference book. Further, he pointed out that the rule was established during an informal session, without a formal vote or official record, and lacks proper board action.

After some discussion among committee members the following Motion was proposed:

**Director Zygielbaum moved, seconded by First Vice President Kristen McIntyre, to suspend visitors, who are not formally part of the ARRL board, from attending ARRL board meetings until the ARRL Board of Directors meets, in person, to discuss. This motion does not apply to representatives for IARU and the Radio Amateurs of Canada. CARRIED unanimously.**

#### Minute 18 – Action: Governance and Field Organization Study Group

Director Ryan mentioned he previously reported to the board during the 2025 July board meeting. He outlined how the committee met and identified that there was crucial information they would be unable to gather independently. The committee investigated third-party organizations that specialize in collecting the necessary information. However, the company they chose to consult turned out to be unsuitable due to the unique structure of the ARRL and the costs associated with contracting them. This directive did not come with a proposed budget.

Director Boehner raised the question of whether it would be best to sunset the committee since the current ARRL field structure is functioning well. He noted that past attempts to research and realign divisions have not progressed, and there is no funding allocated for this initiative.

**Director Boehner moved, seconded by Director Ryan, to sunset the Governance and Field Organization Study Group, Motion CARRIED.**

Minute 20 – Action: Limited space initiatives regarding publications and other promotions.

CEO Minster informed the committee that ARRL has two publications focused on limited space antennas and indoor operation, which relate to HOA alternatives. Both books are selling well.

Minute 21 – Action: ITAC

First Vice President McIntyre mentioned that the committee has not met as frequently as desired due to scheduling conflicts. However, she reported that the Logbook of the World (LoTW) is functioning well and is stable. She also noted that the transition to a cloud-based system for LoTW was completed seamlessly.

Minute 22 – Action: Three-year Strategy Communication to Members

CEO Minster mentioned that Bob Inderbitzen and Kevin Beal are developing the member facing strategy pages and are following the IEEE model for communicating it. The ARRL Marketing Department is now producing videos at a professional level thanks to the hiring of a videographer. He expects to finalize the strategy video for members very soon and release it shortly thereafter.

#### January 2025 Board Meeting

Minute 25 – Action: CEO and Director Stratton assigned Legislative action.

President Roderick requested the committee hold on this subject until later in the meeting.

### July 2025 Board Meeting

Minute 14 – Action: CEO maintain list of neutral third parties per BL 42 and BL 46

CEO Minster informed the committee that he had been expecting to receive a list from International Affairs Vice President Stafford. Since no list was provided, CEO Minster will take the initiative to create one. He mentioned that, so far, the updated By-laws 42 and 46 have not raised any issues that would necessitate contacting a third party. Further updates will be provided soon.

Minute 30 – Action: CEO establish yearlong semi-quincentennial USA operating event for 2026.

CEO Minster noted that, as previously stated, work is well underway. He further elaborated that the Marketing team has been in touch with USA 250 to collaborate on using their logo.

Minute 31 – Action: CEO develop and implement 10 Band DXCC Award.

CEO Minster informed the committee that Radiosport has developed the award and is currently in the process of implementing it. He mentioned that while it could be launched sooner, the intention is to allow the DXCC Trident Award some time to gain momentum before introducing another award. He anticipates a full rollout either by the end of this year or at the beginning of 2026.

Minute 33 – Action: CEO take following action to implement by December 31, 2025:

- a. Develop online club affiliation applications.
- b. Develop online Special Service Club application.
- c. Develop club application dashboard.
- d. Develop online ARRL membership verification for clubs.
- e. Enhance club finder and mapping integration.

CEO Minster announced that the applications for online club affiliation, the online Special Service Club, the club application dashboard, online ARRL membership verification for clubs, and the enhanced club finder and mapping integration have all been completed and successfully tested. The final step is to create a webpage titled [clubs.arrl.org](http://clubs.arrl.org), which will host all the aforementioned features. A soft launch is anticipated for November 14th.

Minute 34 & 36 – Action: As part of Year of the Club, create initiative to recognize clubs that achieve greater than 70% ARRL membership. CEO to create a program to promote and recognize ARRL Affiliated or Special Service Club websites.

CEO Minster announced that these initiatives, which complement each other, are currently underway and will be implemented in time for the Year of the Club kickoff.

Minute 37 – Action: ECFSC study to enhance Public Information Program at Section Level

Director Yonally explained that the ECFSC has reviewed the matter several times and concluded that the PR committee also needs to provide input. He created a PowerPoint presentation, which has now been passed on to the PR committee for their review. Director Yonally is currently awaiting feedback from the PR committee.

Minute 40 – Action: PSC – Apply digital contest frequencies for Field Day and other operating events.

Director Lippert mentioned that PSC convened on October 1st and approved adding to the Field Day Packet and other events the suggested HF digital operated frequencies used in the ARRL International Digital Contest.

Minute 46, 49, & 51 – 46 Action: A&F – Collect quantitative financial and attendance information for existing events and provide yearly report. 49 Action: A&F – collect quantitative data on activity of TI graduates and reports made at certain yearly intervals for 10 years. 51 Action: A&F – collect quantitative data on new licenses and add statistical data on membership webpage.

President Roderick noted that Director Norton put forth these three directives, which were confirmed by Director Ryan as being with the A&F Committee, and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Minute 48 – Action: CEO to create lifestyle book on high-performance clubs.

CEO Minster advised that the book is in the works and will be completed in 2026.

President Roderick requested an update on the Programs and Services Committee (PSC) from Director Lippert on how they have been operating.

Director Lippert mentioned that the DXAC has been meeting approximately every three weeks to conduct an in-depth review of the DXCC program similar to the review done in 2000 by the DXAC. They plan to have a report of their review with any potential recommendations for the January PSC meeting.

The CAC has started reviewing the ARRL Sweepstakes Contest after the CW event. They graphed the number of participants by Check (the first year they were licensed). The graph showed a significant decrease in participation in the contest by those licensed since 1980. They've observed younger operators tend to have less time to dedicate to contests than

older operators. Traditionally, contests have lasted between 24 to 48 hours; however, younger hams tend to participate for less than one-half of the contest, closer to 6 to 8 hours per contest. Based on this preliminary information the CAC is considering introducing a limited-time category and/or shorting the contest as an option that could help increase participation.

From the January PSC meeting, they requested the CAC to review a rule change to 10 gigahertz contest which allowed the use of multiple remote stations using the same call sign, which is not permitted on HF bands. The CAC responded that participants of the contest are pleased with this rule change as it makes the event more enjoyable for contestants and allows them to log more QSOs.

Recently the RAC created a new section of Yukon, which removes the Yukon Territory from the Territory Section, leaving only the Northwest and Nunavut Territories. This change will affect several contests including the ARRL Sweepstakes, ARRL 160 Meter Contest, ARRL International DX Contest, and Field Day, as the rules for these events state that "multipliers are ARRL Sections and RAC Sections." Consequently, this will decrease the chances of achieving a clean sweep in these contests due to the small ham population in the territories. At the July PSC meeting PSC voted to freeze the multiplier for events using sections at the 2024 multipliers to give CAC time to review. The CAC reported recommending starting in 2026 in events that use Sections as multipliers the three Territories shall be combined to make the Territory multiplier as in the past. This was approved by PSC at its October meeting.

#### **4. Legislative status – CEO Minster & Director Stratton**

CEO Minster explained to the committee that Director Stratton and a select group of staff at the ARRL have been highly focused on promoting the HOA bill. He noted that they currently do not have access to the exact number of signers, but the level of participation has been extraordinary. Director Stratton and his team created a dedicated GMRS page, and a supporting video from the YouTube community has been extremely helpful. QTH.com has also played a crucial role in promoting the initiative, directing users from their site to the voting page to submit their letters. A reminder for members to sign their letters will be sent out this week.

CEO Minster noted that he heard at Pacificon a few weeks ago that members are concerned the government may not act in time, which could jeopardize the passage of the bill. He then deferred to Director Stratton for an update on the efforts in Washington.

Director Stratton took a moment to commend CEO Minster and the headquarters staff, notably Senior Director of Marketing and Innovation Bob Inderbitzen, for the tremendous effort put forth during the legislative campaign.

He further commented that when the effort began, [send-a-letter.org/hoa](http://send-a-letter.org/hoa) was the primary website. However, due to interest from others, including GMRS and Puerto Rico, two additional pages were created: one for Spanish speakers targeting Arizona, South Texas, and Puerto Rico, and another for GMRS. As previously mentioned, the GMRS podcast was quite successful. Director Stratton receives daily updates from GMRS participants.

Director Stratton mentioned that the old bill generated thirty thousand letters. In just the first twenty-four hours of the current campaign, ARRL received a similar volume of correspondence. This effort has gained significant popularity. Currently, around 44,000 individuals have signed up on the website, and we are actively working to encourage even greater participation from operators.

Director Stratton highlighted that the states providing the strongest support are Texas, California, and Florida, followed by Ohio, Missouri, and Michigan. He emphasized that the board must intensify their efforts in the states that are currently showing the least support. Stratton advised the board that they will need a concerted effort from directors and SECs to achieve this goal.

Director Stratton reported that the letters have not been delivered due to the government shutdown. As a result, efforts to maximize the impact of both the legislative program and the letter deliveries have been put on hold. He mentioned that he and his team have direct communication with senators, but their response has consistently been, "Call me when the shutdown is over." Currently, no one in Congress is focused on anything except the shutdown. The situation is similar in the House of Representatives. While there are sponsors who would like to sign up for legislation, they are unable to do so while the government shutdown continues. For a bill to be signed, the House must be in session. Overall, the campaign has received exceptional responses.

## **5. FCC Counsel's update and FCC matters – Counsel Siddall**

Counsel Siddall began his remarks by stating that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and most other federal agencies currently are closed due to Congress not passing appropriations bills for most agencies and an impasse over the terms of a bill to provide temporary funding. The shutdown of the FCC is the most extensive that Counsel Siddall has experienced. Removing on-line access to licensing databases has disabled the ability to review amateur and experimental licenses. Although comments can still be filed in proceedings, all filing deadlines are stayed until the FCC reopens and announces extension periods. Something like eighty-three percent of the staff is not working until the budget impasse is resolved. No amateur applications can be submitted but license expirations are stayed pending establishment of new deadlines.

The Commission did proceed with its meeting scheduled for the end of October and passed an item containing almost 400 amendments to wireless rules, including four to Part 97 that removed obsolete provisions. Counsel Siddall noted these deletions are inconsequential,

which is why the FCC was permitted to proceed without first going through the normal notice-and-comment process.

On other matters, Counsel Siddall stated that the FCC shutdown has stalled progress on much needed rules changes to modernize the Part 97 rules. We will resume our advocacy for these changes when the FCC reopens.

In response questions, Counsel Siddall discussed our opposition to use of 430 MHz channels for satellite communications and opposition to the applications of a different entity for experimental licenses to test a ground-based radar system in an area of substantial amateur activity with signals that would be 5 megahertz wide. Siddall also noted that we provide assistance to prevent interference in the 222 MHz band by one experimental licensee in particular. Director Norton asked whether we generally monitor experimental licenses. Counsel Siddall responded that we periodically review experimental applications and licenses for the amateur bands but also noted that there is no period for public review of such applications and that some are approved very quickly. In all such cases only informal objections can be made to such applications, such as those noted above that we filed in opposition to use of the 430 MHz band. Our work in this area concentrates on cases in which interference is likely, is experienced, or on which our assistance is sought by the FCC examiner to evaluate or coordinate specific applications.

Counsel Siddall noted that a proceeding that hasn't received much amateur attention addresses foreign adversary control. The FCC is proposing that certain applicants who are foreign nationals make special certifications if they are applying for any license in the United States, including amateur radio licenses. ARRL submitted comments opposed to including radio amateurs as our service is not a commercial one and well outside the scope of the concerns sought to be addressed.

Finally, Counsel Siddall discussed the status of the Spectrum Modernization Coalition's petition to facilitate use of HF for High Frequency Trading. In this regard he noted a recent enforcement proceeding against an individual from the Bahamas who was found operating outside the ham bands. The FCC public notice referred to the individual as an amateur radio operator licensed in the Bahamas and claiming to be operating under the provisions of a reciprocal agreement, but in fact the operation appeared to be unlicensed use of the spectrum for high frequency trading well outside any amateur radio band.

## **6. IARU – President Roderick / IAVP Stafford**

International Affairs Vice President Stafford opened his remarks by addressing two significant items. First, he mentioned the Region 2 conference which was held in Salvador, Brazil in early October 2025. Second, he discussed an Administrative Council meeting that would take place just prior to the regional conference. IAVP Stafford updated the committee about certain matters regarding the Region 2 General Assembly. IAVP Stafford provided some historical context. He noted that in 2022, the member

society in Ecuador submitted a bid to host the General Assembly in 2025, as is customary for assemblies. Typically, a member society will agree to host the assembly three years in advance. However, due to widespread civil unrest and demonstrations in Ecuador from 2022 through 2024, the society ultimately decided that they would not be able to host the 2025 General Assembly. As a result, the Region 2 Executive Committee began to search for alternative locations. The member society in Brazil stepped in and agreed to host the 2025 General Assembly instead.

The IARU has a new president for Region 2, José Arturo Molina, YS1MS. Mr. Molina has been involved with the Region 2 organization for several years, serving as a director and secretary. He knows the organization well and will do an excellent job in his new role. The new vice president is Dino Besomi CE3PG from Chile, and IAVP Stafford W6ROD will continue to serve as Secretary for Region 2. Gustavo de Faria Franco PT2ADM was elected as Treasurer. Additionally, John Sager will continue to serve as the assistant treasurer and has been managing most of the treasurer's responsibilities for Region 2 for at least the past two or three years. He has been a tremendous help in managing the organization's funds in compliance with U.S. regulations, even in the face of various challenges.

A significant change has been made to the By-Laws in Region 2. The Region 2 Executive Committee has encountered multiple situations where member societies have become unresponsive, making it impossible to contact anyone involved in the organization. As a result, these societies have essentially become inactive or merely exist on paper. Until now, there has been no mention in the By-Laws or the Constitution of Region 2 regarding the duties and obligations of member societies. IAVP Stafford advised the committee that they now have established these duties and obligations for all member societies. Additionally, they have introduced a By-Law provision that outlines the process for terminating the membership of an inactive society. It is now the responsibility of the Region 2 Executive Committee to develop the standard operating procedure to carry out this process effectively.

Before the General Assembly convened, the IARU Administrative Council met for two days in Salvador, Brazil. One of the main topics of discussion was the ongoing talks regarding the restructuring of the IARU. Mr. Stafford reported that discussions about this restructuring have been underway for some time. Since the IARU was established in 1925, the ARRL has served as the International Secretariat. In the last 25 to 30 years, there has been ongoing conversations about the selection and nomination process for the President and Vice President of the IARU. The International Secretariat consults with the IARU regions and the Administrative Council and is responsible for nominating the president and vice president, who must then be confirmed by all member societies worldwide.

As the International Secretariat, ARRL provides support to the International Amateur Radio Union through financial contributions and covering travel and administrative

expenses within the six-figure range. With this financial support, ARRL retains the authority to select the president and vice president of the IARU. Over the years, ARRL has aimed to choose candidates through a consultative process who are competent and capable of advancing the IARU's agenda in a productive and professional manner.

One of the primary motivations behind the recent restructuring was dissatisfaction with the nomination process. It's important to note that the American Radio Relay League is located in Region 2, while most regional activities are concentrated in Region 1. Region 1, which has significantly more societies than both Region 2 and Region 3 combined, has a greater voting influence and a higher level of activity and interest in various initiatives.

The restructuring process began to gain momentum approximately six years ago, particularly during the General Assembly held in Lima, Peru, in 2019. Since then, committees have been formed to explore potential constitutional revisions and to implement new organizational structures.

One of the early decisions made was to eliminate the regional organizations and instead establish a single global organization for the International Amateur Radio Union. However, after getting feedback from the regions, the Administrative Council announced that under a revised restructuring plan, the regional organizations would not be eliminated.

A major issue that remains is the nomination process and how it will be carried out. Although this concept is still evolving, the idea is to create a nomination committee. This committee will consist of individuals from all three regional societies, as well as members from the global organization, who will work together to propose candidates.

A newly revised copy of the proposed constitution and By-Laws will be released on December first. We will have a copy available before the next board meeting in January 2026. IAVP Stafford suggested to President Roderick that during the Thursday night session of the next board meeting, the board should review the IARU restructuring. The board will need to decide on the best course of action, as there are several options for how ARRL can proceed.

## **7. Recognition of new Life Members**

The committee reviewed the list of new Life Members.

**On the Motion of Director Yonally, seconded by Director Lippert, the recognition of new Life Members CARRIED unanimously with applause.**

## **8. Other Business**

Second Vice President Ritz noted that since Ed Hare, W1RFI, has become a Silent Key and was an essential member of the Technical Standards Committee, that it is important to have a discussion about the future of the committee. He intends to prepare a report for the board's review and to address this issue at the January Board Meeting

Since no additional committee members raised issues regarding other business, President Roderick thanked everyone for their time.

## **9. Adjourn**

**There being no further business, and on the Motion by Director Yonally, seconded by Director Ryan, the Committee VOTED to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.**

Submitted by,

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