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**Report to the ARRL Board of Directors**

**International Affairs Vice President**

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Thank you for the privilege of serving as ARRL IAVP. It is my pleasure to report to the ARRL Board and detail my activities on behalf of ARRL since the January 2018 board meeting. If you have a question regarding anything in my report or my activities as ARRL IAVP, please email or telephone me at your convenience

**Summary of meetings and conventions attended**

ARRL Executive Committee meeting – Windsor, CT April 21

IARU Region 2 Executive Committee Virtual (Skype) Meeting May8

Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH May 17-20

Hamfair, Friedrichshafen, FRG May 31- June 4

***ARRL COMMITTEES***

**Executive Committee** -- I participated in the April Executive Committee Meeting and provided the EC with an update on my IARU activities and a suggested approach for a revised Code of Conduct.

**Revised Code of Conduct Working Group –** Worked with Vice Director Raisbeck, Director Norris on a revised Code of Conduct.

***IARU REGION 2 ACTIVITIES ON BEHALF OF ARRL***

Represented Area B (ARRL) representative on the IARU Region 2 Executive Committee. Though ARRL is the largest member society in Region 2, it is only one of 9 members of the Executive Committee and has a single vote. To effectively represent ARRL it is important to understand the diverse cultures and circumstances that impact the other member societies in the region and the ability to develop relationships and build on common interests.

**IARU Region 2 Treasurer**

ARRL dues are a significant source of funding for Region 2 activities. Last year at the Region 2 General Assembly in Chile, I was elected Region 2 Treasurer. As Treasurer I am responsible for all financial matters from the mundane such as collecting dues and disbursing funds’ to preparing the Budget and proposing policy changes. In the past we encountered significant delays in day to day financial operations due to US Banking policies. At the R2 EC meeting in Guayaquil, Ecuador last September, I proposed and secured approval to establish a US based operating arm of Region 2. That operating arm has been formed and appropriate bank accounts have been established. I believe the full funding of those accounts will be approved at the next Region 2 EC meeting (virtual) on July 24.

As Chair of the Region 2 EC subcommittee responsible for evaluating the current Revenue and Expenses policies and practices in the Region I can report we have now completed our analysis and will be proposing a reduction of Region 2 Member society dues on the order of 25% or more. If approved this would reduce ARRL Region 2 dues significantly.

 ***IARU REGION 2 ACTIVITIES IN PREPARATION FOR WRC19***

In coordination with IARU, Region 2 has appointedFlavio Archangelo, PY2ZX as the IARU Region 2 CITEL Coordinator continues to represent IARU Region 2 at all significant CITEL meeting where CITEL’s WRC19 positions are determined. it is extremely important that we effectively and persuasively present consistent positions on issues affecting amateur radio at CITEL and the various preliminary meetings (PCC, WG, SG) where the CITEL positions are discussed and formed. Frequently PY2ZX and ARRL’s Technical Specialist, Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, will both attend CITEL and preparatory meetings. They work cooperatively to represent amateur radio interests. Jon brings his considerable skills and the technical resources of ARRL to the table, while Flavio compliments that work by showing a cooperative and consistent position of the amateur radio interests throughout Region 2. This coordinated approach is part of a plan called for in the IARU Matrix where the appropriate subject matter experts participate in preparatory meetings and ultimately WRC19 to represent amateur radio interests.

*Current IARU Issues in CITEL.* The primary issues of interest to amateur radio in CITEL remain the same. They are:

1. Protecting current allocations.
2. Simplifying the Administrative Process for frequency coordination in the Amateur and Amateur Satellite Service.
3. The Revision of the IARP, the International Amateur Radio Permit. (NOTE: CITEL has already taken major steps to make travel reciprocity a reality with Region 1)
4. Generating support in CITEL and constituent administrations for IARU WRC-19 initiatives.
5. Harmonization of the 50 MHz Amateur bands in all regions

**Foreign Members**

No recent IAVP report would be complete without mentioning our foreign members. Today the strong US dollar makes it even more expensive for many of our foreign members to maintain ARRL membership. Despite the additional expense and the lack of any voice in ARRL governance, 8,897 foreign members (5.63% of our membership) still find great value in ARRL and ARRL membership. There are more Foreign members than stateside members in 5 of our 15 divisions. We need to value their commitment and recognize the wisdom of listening to them just as we listen to division members. Finally, congratulations to the only two ARRL divisions that have not decreased in membership in the past year, the Dakota Division (no decrease) and the Northwestern Division (0.5% increase).

 Respectfully submitted,

 Jay Bellows, KØQB

 International Affairs Vice President