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**Report to the ARRL Board of Directors**

**Ethics and Elections Committee**

**December 2015**

We are pleased to provide this report to the ARRL Board covering activities on behalf of the Ethics and Elections Committee for the second half of calendar year 2015.

**Candidates for Director and Vice Director.**

The E & E Committee reviewed the Nominating Petitions and Qualification Questionnaires for the recent elections. The nominees were: Central Division Director candidate George Isely W9GIG, Vice Director candidate Kermit Carlson W9XA; Hudson Division Director candidate Mike Lisenco N2YBB; New England Division Director candidate Tom Frenaye K1KI, Vice Director candidate Mike Raisbeck K1TWF; Northwestern Division Director candidates Jim Pace K7CEX, and Bill Balzarini KL7BB, Vice Director candidates Bonnie Altus AB7ZQ and Delvin Bunton N7QMT; all were found to have met the necessary qualifications and were declared eligible.

**Other Actions:**

The Committee referred a candidate to Section 2.1 of the Board Book for the details of campaign guidelines, reviewed a disclosure of potential conflict of interest in a tower legal assistance case, and supported Dave Sumner's use of Webster's definition of the term "re-election" in answer to a member's inquiry.

**Election Results:**

Based upon the E & E Committee's earlier decision, our fall elections were conducted by returning to mail balloting. In this case, we utilized a modified mail ballot system where one envelope was eliminated to cut some costs and reduce the complexity for the tellers. By using a coded ID number visible in a window envelope, we are able to retain ballot secrecy. The election turn-out increased to 24.1%, the highest since the fall of 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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