



## **IN-NEWSLETTER**

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### **Upcoming In-Person Meetings and Events**

#### **West Central Florida Section Convention**

(Tampa Bay Hamfest)

December 13 – 14 @ Plant City, FL

#### **LoTW Committee Meeting**

January 15 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### **New Director Orientation**

January 15 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### **Administration & Finance Committee**

**Meeting**

January 16 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### **Programs & Services Committee Meeting**

January 16 @ HQ, Newington, CT

#### **2020 ARRL Annual Board Meeting**

January 17 – 18 @ Windsor, CT

### **ARRL Podcasts**

Please see the latest stats for ARRL's podcasts, and listen to the most recent episodes, below:

*ARRL Audio News* dated November 15, 2019:

<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/51991558/arrl-audio-news-november-15-2019/>

**Downloads: 593,841;** #70 Apple Podcasts/United States of America/Tech News

*So Now What?* dated November 14, 2019

<https://blubrry.com/arrlnowwhat/51892681/16-navigating-the-nets/>

**Downloads: 126,909;** #18 on Apple Podcasts/United States of America/Hobbies

*The Doctor is In* dated November 7, 2019

[https://blubrry.com/arrl\\_the\\_doctor\\_is\\_in/50546429/antenna-switches/](https://blubrry.com/arrl_the_doctor_is_in/50546429/antenna-switches/)

**Downloads: 1,252,809;** #137 on Apple Podcasts/United States of America/Technology

### **Chief Executive Office**

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Howard Michel, WB2ITX, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, held meetings with managers from the Communications and Marketing Communications departments. They also attended meetings regarding a Mintz + Hoke status update and QEX.

On Thursday, the Logbook of the World Committee met at HQ. Members of that committee are: First Vice President Greg Widin, K0GW, (Chair), Treasurer Rick Niswander, K7GM, Mr. Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, Mr. Michael Keane, K1MK, Vice Director Kristen McIntyre, K6WX, Vice Director Ned Sterns, AA7A and Mr. Rick Murphy K1MU.

On Friday, the Committee on Communications to Members, (formed this year), also met at HQ. The members of that committee are: Greg Widin, K0GW, (Chair), Director Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, Howard Michel, WB2ITX, David Isgur, N1RSN, and Mr. Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ.

Also on Friday, the ballots were counted in three election races: Southeastern Director, Southeastern Vice Director, and West Gulf Director. After all votes were tallied by the independent accountant, the winners were newly elected SE Director Mickey Baker, N4MB, newly elected SE Vice Director James Schilling, KG4JSZ, and incumbent WG Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS. For more details go to: <http://www.arrl.org/news/2019-arrl-board-of-directors-election-results>

The Administration & Finance Committee met on Saturday, November 16 in Windsor, CT. The A&F Committee provides oversight and recommendations regarding the ARRL's fiduciary and general administrative duties. In attendance were Committee members: Jeff Ryan, K0RM, (Chair), Directors Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Matt Holden, K0BBC, Dick Norton, N6AA, Vice Director Tom Delaney, W8WTD, President Rick Roderick, K5UR, Treasurer Rick Niswander, K7GM, CEO Howard Michel, WB2ITX, and CFO Diane Middleton, W2DLM. Also, in attendance were First Vice President Greg Widin, K0GW, Director Fred Hopengarten, K1VR, Vice Director Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, Second Vice President Bob Vallio, W6RGG, via phone, and Carla Pereira, KC1HSX, as minute taker.

### **Communications**

Reported by David Isgur, N1RSN

David Isgur took photos for ARRL's social media platforms of the Division Director and Vice Director ballot sorting and counting on Nov. 15 and wrote the election results story for the ARRL News web page.

Michelle Patnode, W3MVP, is providing monthly analytics on the ARRL Website, Digital QST, Social Media, and Podcasts. Anyone wishing to see the reports can find them on the McAfee Updates drive in the folder titled *Monthly Analytics*.

Michelle edited and posted the latest episode of the ARRL "So Now What" podcast, which was released on November 14 and features ARRL Field Services supervisor Steve Ewald, WV1X, discussing how Nets operate and why new radio operators should get involved with Nets.

Michelle, David and Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, developed a series of questions for a survey of listeners and potential listeners to the "So Now What" podcast.

David arranged for a reporter from the *Deseret News*, a daily newspaper in Utah, to interview Director of Operations Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, about amateur radio's role in emergency or natural disaster situations.

### **Media Mentions**

Among the most notable stories posted to the Media Hits ([www.arrl.org/Media-Hits](http://www.arrl.org/Media-Hits)) web page were:

- an examination of a theory that links hf propagation to earthquake detection on Hackaday.com
- college students using amateur radio to make connections across the country and around the world that was featured on the Florida Polytechnic University website
- amateur radio operators in New York's capital region were supporting local policy by patrolling thruway overpasses in the area to spot vandals dropping Halloween pumpkins onto the cars of passing motorists, according to a story on local television news

### **Top Social Media Posts**

**Facebook/Instagram/LinkedIn:** ARRL thanks those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. #VeteransDay #ARRL #Amateur Radio

**Twitter:** Russian OTH Radar Now Reported to be “Everywhere” <http://ow.ly/A4Cs1020k42> #ARRL #HamRadio

### **Field Services**

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that Virginia Section Manager Joe Palsa, K3WRY, has been nominated to run for another term of office as Section Manager that begins April 1, 2020. Nominations for this particular election cycle are due at Headquarters by Friday, December 6.

Steve Ewald received October Field Organization activity reports from across the country, and he compiled them for the January QST Field Organization Reports column.

### **Lab**

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

### **W1AW**

Joe Carcia processed eleven Qualifying Run certificates and four endorsements. He also processed regular QSL card requests.

Joe has been in contact with Dave Freese, W1HKJ, the author of *fldigi* (<http://www.w1hkj.com/>). The *fldigi* program is used at W1AW to handle all the scheduled digital bulletin transmissions. It's also used for visitor digital activity as well. The plan is to have *fldigi* handle all the scheduled CW practice and bulletin transmissions, in addition to the digital transmissions, and have a final working version of the software ready for release January 2020.

Joe also began assembling an exterior control box that will be used to power and provide connectivity to AREDN mesh network units slated to be installed on the 120' tower in 2020.

Assistant Lab Manager Bob Allison, WB1GCM, began training to operate W1AW for its morning scheduled transmissions and possible visitor activity (should the need arise).

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice files for the week. He also processed thirteen paper and ten electronic VUCC applications for a total of 513 credits.

### **Product Development**

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Thanks to Steve Ford, WB8IMY, and Jon Faasen, AA1EZ, for their additional efforts to help ready the next edition of *The ARRL Repeater Directory*. Steve completed editing to correct database errors, and Jon has been supporting anyone who contacts us for assistance with correcting listings in the *Repeater Directory*. Steve and Jon closely coordinate their efforts with RFinder whose database has been used as the source for the annual *Repeater Directory* since 2017.

Bob Inderbitzen participated in a meeting led by Kris Bickell, K1BIC, along with others, to discuss marketing considerations for the new Lifelong Learning website. He also contributed with members of the MarCom team as they finalize a design for the 2020 Field Day t-shirt.

Bob met with Eric Casey, KC1ERC, and Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM, to help with transitioning tasks involving event and travel planning to their oversight.

Bob setup a mechanism for collecting comments from *On the Air* magazine readers via an online form. The comments will email directly to Managing Editor Becky Schoenfeld, W1BXY, and will also populate a database to support any staff following the response to this new membership benefit.

On the Air magazine (as reported by Diane Petrilli):

Week ending	Total members with print OTA selected	Increase from previous week	Total first-time members with OTA selected
11/10/2019	146		70
11/17/2019	366	220	131

### **Radiosport**

Reported by Bart Jahnke, W9JJ

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	2 weeks
Logbook Processing Time	1 – 2 business days
2019 DXCC Applications	9,946
2019 WAS Applications	1,792
2019 VUCC Applications	856
2019 WAC Applications	95
2019 WPX Applications	694
2019 WAZ Applications	631

### **Hamfests / Conventions / Meetings / ARRL Representative / Vacations**

Bob Allison	11/21 – 11/22	PTO
“	12/03	PTO
Ken Bailey	12/09 – 12/20	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	11/26 – 11/27	PTO
“	12/04 – 12/06	Future of Brands Conference, Columbia University, NY
“	12/24 – 12/26	PTO
Steve Capodicasa	11/22	PTO
Joe Garcia	11/27 (half day)	PTO
“	12/06	PTO
“	12/13	PTO
“	12/24 (half day)	PTO
Steve Ewald	11/28 – 12/10	PTO
Steve Ford	11/25 – 11/29	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/23 – 12/31	PTO
“	01/10	PTO

Norm Fusaro	12/02 – 12/06	PTO
“	12/13 – 12/15	West Central Florida Section Convention, Plant City, FL
Regina Galuppi	11/22	PTO
“	11/25 – 11/27	PTO
Scott Gee	11/25 – 11/26	PTO
“	12/26 – 12/27	PTO
Ed Hare	11/22 – 11/27	PTO
“	12/02 – 12/03	PTO
“	12/06 – 12/11	IEEE EMC Board of Directors Meeting, Reno, NV
Dan Henderson	12/16 – 01/03	PTO
Bob Inderbitzen	12/23 – 01/03	PTO
Dee Methe	12/06	PTO
“	12/24 (half day)	PTO
“	12/31 – 01/02	PTO
Howard Michel	11/22 – 11/27	PTO
Diane Middleton	11/25 – 11/29	PTO
Michelle Patnode	12/23 – 01/03	PTO
“	02/05 – 02/11	PTO
Carla Pereira	11/27	PTO
“	12/05	PTO
“	12/23 – 12/24	PTO
Diane Petrilli	12/23 – 12/31	PTO
Yvette Vinci	11/27	PTO

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