**33.** Moved by Mr. Stratton, seconded by Messrs. Hippisley, Abernethy, and Norris, that:

Whereas, A fundamental purpose of the Amateur Radio Service is to serve the public and the Nation as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to the providing of emergency communications;

Whereas, The importance of the Amateur Radio Service to emergency communications has been recently reinforced by its recognition and designation by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency as a critical communications infrastructure during the Covid-19 pandemic;

Whereas, The Board, to enhance the ARRL’s capability to fulfill its statutorily created and imposed role and responsibility created the position of Director of Emergency Communications at its January 2019 Board of Directors’ Meeting;

Whereas, The ARRL expects to staff the position of Director of Emergency Communications in the near future;

Whereas, At present there is no Standing Committee whose primary area of responsibility is emergency communications and the ARRL’s Field Service and thus no committee to provide advice and support for the new Director of Emergency Communications;

Whereas, The Board believes its efforts to enhance and promote its emergency communications responsibilities justify the creation of a Standing Committee whose primary area of responsibility would be emergency communications and support for the ARRL’s Field Service;

Whereas, The creation of a third Standing Committee in addition to the current Administration & Finance Committee and the Programs & Services Committee will require a revision of the ARRL’s existing Bylaws and Standing Orders and the development of a detailed scope of duties and responsibilities for such a committee;

**It is accordingly resolved that:**

1. The Emergency Management Director Selection Committee (“EMDSC”) is tasked, pending the creation and staffing of the third Standing Committee whose focus will be emergency communications and support for the ARRL’s Field Service, to serve as an advisory committee to the new Director of Emergency Communications and the Chief Executive Officer
2. The EMDSC, with the addition of the Chairman of the Program & Services Committee, or his designee, is tasked with the drafting of the Bylaw and Standing Order changes necessary to facilitate the creation of the third Standing Committee;
3. The report and recommendations of the EMDSC regarding the creation of the third Standing Committee are to be provided to the Board of Directors on or before November 24, 2020;
4. The report and recommendations of the EMDSC regarding the creation of the third Standing Committee will be presented at the January 2021 ARRL Board of Directors meeting for consideration of adoption.

Mr. Stratton clarified that the motion does not immediately create a standing committee, but would authorize the research into forming a 3rd standing committee with a report to be presented to the Board in November, and whether to create the committee voted on in January 2021.

There was a discussion as to what the responsibilities of the committee would be; there was also a discussion as to the clarification of the wording indicating whether HQ staff would report to the committee rather than the CEO, with Mr. Stratton noting the wording: “1. EMDC is tasked… to serve as an advisory committee to the Director of Communications and Chief Executive Officer…” stating that he could clarify the language if it needed to be clarified that the Director of Emergency Management would report directly to the CEO, and the committee would serve as an advisor to both the Director and the CEO.