

Board Confidential

**DRAFT AGENDA - ARRL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8:30 AM MDT MARCH 25, 2017 – DENVER, CO**

**1. Welcome to first-time attendees and consideration of agenda for the meeting**

**2. President's report**

**3. Chief Executive Officer and Secretary's report**

**4. General Counsel's Report**

**A. FCC/Regulatory items**

**4.1. Action items**

4.1.1. Review of Enforcement Strategy, Plan and Implementation thereof per Minute 39, July 2015 Board Meeting (Consideration of current status of Amateur Radio enforcement and strategies and actions under new FCC administration to improve same).

4.1.2. Consideration of and development of strategies for improved visibility of ARRL in FCC advocacy under new FCC Administration.

4.1.3. National Broadband Plan Review. (Analysis of current spectrum threats relating to broadband implementation and continuation of review of former ARRL Broadband Plan Committee Report).

**4.2. Status update/reporting items and/or FCC submissions since January, 2017 Board Meeting**

4.2.1. ET Docket No. 15-99; Amendment of Parts 1, 2, 15, 74, 78, 87, 90 & 97 of the Commission's Rules Regarding Implementation of the Final Acts of the World Radiocommunication Conference (Geneva 2012), Other Allocation Issues, and Related Issues. (135.7-137.8 kHz service rules; 472-479 kHz allocation and service rules; and rules for 1900-2000 kHz primary allocation upgrade and ocean fishing buoys; review of status of proceeding; and options for UTC coordination ).

4.2.2. Pave Paws Radar and Amateur Interaction, 70 cm. (recent developments and liaison with Air Force).

4.2.3. RM-11785 ; Petition for Rule Making to implement 5 MHz allocation from WRC-15.

4.2.4. RM-11759; ARRL Petition for Rule Making to effect changes in the 80 and 75-meter RTTY/data and phone/image subbands; to restore 80-meter frequency privileges for certain license classes; to shift the 80-meter automatically controlled digital station band segment; and to authorize Novice and Technician class licensees to utilize RTTY/data emissions in certain bands.

4.2.5. RM-11767, Expert Linears America, LLC Petition for Rule Making to Eliminate the 15 dB gain rule for Amateur Linear Amplifiers; and WT Docket No. 16-243, Request for Waiver filed by Expert Linears America LLC: to eliminate (and temporarily, to waive) the 15 dB gain limitation on Amateur amplifiers currently in Section 97.317(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules.

4.2.6. WT Docket No. 16-239; RM-11708; Deletion of restrictions on symbol rates for data communications and ARRL proposal to establish a 2.8 kilohertz maximum occupied bandwidth for data emissions below 29.7 MHz.

4.2.7. RF Lighting Device Complaints to FCC (Initiative to generate FCC enforcement of overpower RF lighting ballast devices; filed and planned future complaints aimed at ballast importers and retailers and large consumer retailers of RF lighting devices intended for industrial applications only).

4.2.8. FEMA proposal to FCC for Modification of FCC Rules for licensing of FEMA stations and use of Special Call Signs Denoting FEMA (akin to Milrec or Club Station Licensing).

### **4.3. Open items with no FCC action since July, 2015 Board Meeting.**

4.3.1. ET Docket 16-191; Technological Advisory Council (TAC) investigation of changes and trends to the radio spectrum noise floor; of increasing radio frequency (RF) noise problem; scope and quantitative evidence of the problem; and conduct of a noise study.

4.3.2. ET Docket 13-101; Receiver Performance Standards; Technological Advisory Council (TAC) White Paper.

4.3.3. MITRE Corporation Experimental License WH2XCI, File No. 1062-EX-PL-2014, granted October 1, 2014.

4.3.4. RM-11715; Mimosa Networks, Inc. Petition for Rule Making, proposing a Part 90 Fixed and Mobile allocation in the 10.000-10.500 GHz band.

4.3.5. RM-11769, Petition for Rule Making filed on or about November 12, 2015 by James Edwin Whedbee to modify Part 97 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations to redesignate subbands from exclusively Morse code to narrowband modes, including CW and for other purposes.

4.3.6. WT Dockets 03-187 and 08-61; Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds.

4.3.7. ET Docket 13-84; Reexamination of RF exposure regulations (FCC proposal to subject the Amateur Service to a "general exemption" table for conducting a routine environmental review of a proposed new or modified station configuration; exemption criteria as the preemptive standard as against more stringent state or local criteria).

4.3.8. WT Docket No. 15-81, Amendment of FCC Rules Concerning Electronically Stored Application and Licensing Data.

4.3.9. ET Docket 15-26, Vehicular Radars in the 76-81 GHz band.

4.3.10. ET Docket 13-49; Revision of Part 15 of the Commission's Rules to permit unlicensed National Information Infrastructure (U-NII) Devices in the 5 GHz Band. (Comments filed May 28, 2013 re rules governing Part 15 devices and Wi-Fi in the 5850-5925 MHz band).

**B. Local Antenna/RFI cases**

1. Jeffrey DePolo v. Board of Supervisors of Treddyfrin Township et al. (status of after 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit United States Court of Appeals decision).

**C. Other Legal/Regulatory Matters**

1. ARRL Trademarks and Servicemarks (Report on Review of existing registrations by Day, Pitney law firm; development of procedures regarding mark registration)

2. Report on discussions with Day, Pitney law firm regarding Board organization and governance.

**5. Legislative matters**

5.1 Status of Congressional advocacy of H.R. 555, the "Regulatory Parity Act of 2017" (Report on status of legislation and strategy for Senate passage of Bill).

5.2. FAA Reauthorization Act, H.R. 636 and Painting and Lighting requirement for Short Towers.

5.3. H.R. 588 – Securing Access to Networks in Disasters Act; Amateur Radio participation in study called for by the Bill.

5.4. California Mobile Cellular Statute Revision AB.1785; redefinition of "electronic wireless communications device" and elimination of Amateur Exemption in California statute.

**6. Organizational Matters**

A. Review of Articles of Association and Bylaws and Consideration of Proposed Edits and Alternative Modifications Thereto (Bellows and Imlay Presentation).

B. Review of approval processes for club affiliations and conventions

- 7. International matters**
  
- 8. Review of pending action items including work in progress by committees**
  - A. Amateur Auxiliary Study Ad Hoc Committee
  
- 9. Approval of conventions**
  
- 10. Affiliation of clubs**
  
- 11. Recognition of new Life Members**
  
- 12. Date and place of next meeting of the Executive Committee**
  
- 13. Other business and adjournment**