

Motion To Honor Unexpired Membership Commitments — Rev. 5

Moved by: **Director Stratton**
 Director Famiglio
 Director Baker
 Director Norton
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Seconded by: **Director Famiglio**
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Whereas, The American Radio Relay League, Incorporated (the “League”) is a Non-Stock Corporation created and existing under the Non-stock Corporation laws of the State of Connecticut (the “Law”);

Whereas, per Minute 19 at the Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors on July 21-22, 2023, the Board of Directors amended Bylaw 44 to provide that subsequent to the Second Meeting QST would henceforth be provided digitally to every member;

Whereas, per Minute 20 at the Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors on July 21-22, 2023, the Board of Directors terminated the right of term memberships purchased in 2023 and earlier to receive QST or On The Air past year-end 2023;

Whereas, per Article 11 of the *Revised and Restated ARRL Articles of Association*, “the Board of Directors shall not terminate or reduce the rights of any member except for the lapse or termination of a condition now required as precedent to the exercise of such rights”;

Whereas, prior to the passage of Minute 19 and Minute 20 at the Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors on July 21-22, 2023, the Membership Application by which the ARRL solicited membership (attached as Exhibit 1) promised the delivery of “*monthly QST or On the Air via standard mail for US members ... Canadian members International members*”;

Whereas, as a membership-based organization the ARRL has both a legal and moral obligation to honor its promises to its members;

Be it therefore, Resolved, that:

- (1) The section of Minute 20 approved at the Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors on July 21-22, 2023 that affects term memberships purchased in 2023 or earlier currently reads:

Per revised By-Law 4(a), multi-year membership renewals may continue to be discounted by the CEO. Term memberships purchased in 2023 and earlier will not include print *QST* or *OTA* beyond year-end 2023. Life memberships purchased after July 23rd, 2023, will also not include print *QST* or *OTA*.

- (2) The policy regarding term memberships set forth in Minute 20 is revised as follows:

Per revised By-Law 4(a), multi-year membership renewals may continue to be discounted by the CEO. Any class of non-Life Membership acquired prior to September 1, 2023 whose term has not expired prior to January 1, 2024, shall continue to receive a printed copy of the printed publication — either *QST* or *On The Air* — selected by the Member at the time of the initiation of the membership term until the expiration of the Member's applicable membership term.

- (3) The initiation of any membership term subsequent to September 1, 2023, will remain subject to Minute 19 and Minute 20 of the July 2023 Second Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors, until such policies are revised by the Board of Directors;
- (4) Notice of the passage of this Motion will be communicated to all Members of the ARRL by email or newsletter within two weeks of the termination of the January 2024 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors.

Cost: Undeterminable as to financial outlay before the fact, due to the absence of the number of memberships to which this Motion is applicable, but priceless as to the benefit of keeping faith with our Members.