

**On Behalf of The Emergency Management Director Selection Committee**

**Moved by: Director Hippisley**

**Seconded by: Director Stratton**

**Modification of By-Laws:  
Creation of  
The Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee**

**WHEREAS,**

Paragraph 47 CFR § 97.1(a) of the Code of Federal Regulations identifies “enhancement of the value of the Amateur Service to the public...particularly with respect to providing emergency communications” as a “fundamental purpose” of the Amateur Radio Service; and

**WHEREAS,**

Paragraph 47 CFR 97.1(d) of the Code of Federal Regulations also identifies “expansion ... within the Amateur Radio Service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts” as a fundamental purpose of the Amateur Radio Service; and

**WHEREAS,**

The Amateur Radio Emergency Service and the National Traffic System are the primary vehicles by which the ARRL fulfills its statutory obligation to provide emergency communications to the public in times of disaster or emergency; and

**WHEREAS,**

The ARRL’s volunteer Field Organization comprised of elected Section Managers and their leadership appointees has been structured since the League’s formation to support individuals and groups whose goals are the furtherance of the public good as currently codified in 47 CFR §97.1(a) and (d); and

**WHEREAS,**

The ARRL’s volunteer Field Services organization is the primary ARRL structure through which the ARRL organizes and trains ARES and NTS participants, and provides support for its ability to deliver emergency communications in times of disaster or emergency; and serves as the primary contact point for support to served agencies and the general public; and

**WHEREAS,**

The ARRL is committed to increasing its ability to fulfill its statutory duty to serve as a national and local source of emergency communications and is committed to improving the quality and value of such communications by improving the training and support it provides to its Field Service volunteers, including its ARES and NTS Members; and

**WHEREAS,**

Amateur Radio clubs are a primary source for the recruitment of new licensees, the expansion of the skills and knowledge of their members and the providers of services to the public; and

**WHEREAS,**

Amateur Radio Clubs are also the primary organizers, sponsors and developers of most Amateur Radio related activities; and

**WHEREAS,**

The ARRL is committed to increasing the support, services, training and programs it provides to and for its affiliated Clubs; and

**WHEREAS,**

The ARRL's Board of Directors at Minute 33 of its 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting tasked the Emergency Management Director Selection Committee (EMDSC) with "drafting the By-Law and Standing Order changes necessary to facilitate the creation of the third Standing Committee"; and

**WHEREAS,**

The EMDSC has conducted this task in consultation with the Board's Legal Structure Review Committee and the chair of the Programs and Services Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

The following language will modify and replace existing By-Laws 37, 39 and 40. Existing By-Law 40 will be renumbered as By-Law 41. All other existing By-Laws commencing with the existing By-Law 41 will be renumbered by increasing their By-Law number by one.

## By-Law 37

### Standing Committees

37. The following Standing Committees are established:

Administration & Finance Committee ("A&F")

Programs & Services Committee ("PSC")

Emergency Communications & Field Services Committee  
("EmComm-Field Services" or "ECFSC")

37(a). The membership of each Standing Committee shall consist of five Directors, plus one or more Vice Directors. No Director or Vice Director may serve on more than one Standing Committee at a time. Executive Committee Members, in addition to their service on the Executive Committee, may serve on a Standing Committee.

37(b). The President shall appoint the Members and Chairman of Standing Committees within 15 business days after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. The terms of the Members and the Chairman of each Standing Committee shall commence with the announcement of their appointments and will end at the termination of the following Annual Meeting.

37(c). The Treasurer shall serve as a member of the Administration and Finance Committee.

37(d). The President shall appoint the First Vice President and the Second Vice President, individually, to separate Standing Committees and may appoint the International Affairs Vice President to serve on any committee, except the Executive Committee, if the President deems his service in such capacity to be of benefit to the ARRL. No Vice President may serve as Chairman of a Standing Committee.

37(e). Standing committees shall submit written reports to the Board at least two weeks prior to each regular meeting of the Board of Directors. Standing Committees may originate, with notice to the President, studies in their fields and may generate recommendations to the Board on their own initiative.

### **By-Law 39**

39. The Programs and Services Committee shall:

- Create and modify services and programs, and advise the Chief Executive Officer re same, that address and support DX awards, contests, radio sport, W1AW, W1AW services, Logbook of The World and the incoming and outgoing QSL bureau services;
- Create and modify services and programs, and advise the Chief Executive Officer re same, that address and support, volunteer examiners, Volunteer Counsel, Volunteer Consulting Engineers, and educational initiatives;
- Evaluate and recommend awards recipients to the Board for outstanding volunteer service or outstanding achievement;
- Recommend the creation or modification of Board policy that relates to or affects matters for which the Programs and Services Committee has responsibility.

### **By-Law 40**

40. The Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee (ECFSC) shall:

- Create and modify programs, services, and training and advise the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Communications, with the objective of improving the League's support of, and training for, Section Managers, Section Emergency Coordinators, Section Traffic Managers, Affiliated Club Coordinators and other Field Service volunteers;
- Create and modify programs, services, and training and advise the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Communications, in the pursuit of "best practices" for the Amateur Radio Service in the provision of volunteer emergency communications through the League's Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and National Traffic System (NTS);
- Monitor and assess current and evolving trends in emergency communications technology, organizational structures, and participant skills in the United States and around the world, to assure the ARRL's maximum awareness of, access to and implementation of "best practices" in these fields;

- Create and modify programs, services, and training and advise the Chief Executive Officer and National Club Coordinator, to improve the League's support for the ARRL's affiliated and Special Service Clubs, including such policy, programs, services and training as necessary to assist the affiliated and Special Service Clubs in the recruitment and retention of new and existing licensees, Club and ARRL Members, and the enhancement of the technical and communications skills of their Members;
- Coordinate and cooperate with other Amateur Radio national societies, especially within IARU Region 2, in the development and expansion of the ability of Amateur Radio to provide emergency communications services;
- Provide guidance and direction to the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Emergency Management in translating Board and ECFSC policy into prioritized tasking, funding and staffing recommendations for the implementation of the Board policy, programs, services and training created or modified by the ECFSC;
- Provide guidance and direction to the Chief Executive Officer and National Club Coordinator in translating Board and ECFSC policy into prioritized tasking, funding and staffing recommendations for the implementation of the Board policy, programs, services and training created or modified by the ECFSC;
- Recommend the creation or modification of Board policy that relates to or affects matters for which the Emergency Communications and Field Services Committee has responsibility.
- Consistent with the best governance of the ARRL, the Chairman and a majority of the Members of the ECFSC shall be selected from the Divisions with the greatest historical exposure to natural disasters.

### **EMDSC Sunset and Standing Committees Initial Membership**

Pursuant to Minute 33, July 2020 Board of Directors Meeting, the Emergency Management Director Selection Committee having completed the task of drafting of the Bylaw and Standing Order changes necessary to facilitate the creation of the third Standing Committee, the Board thanks the Emergency Management Director Selection Committee for its work and hereby sunsets the EMDSC.

Notwithstanding any provision of the newly adopted By-Law 37, and at the request of, and with the consent of, the President, the current Members and Chairs of the Emergency Management Director Selection Committee, the Administration & Finance Committee, and Programs & Services Committee are appointed to serve as the Members and Chairs of the Standing Committees until the end of the next Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors.

**Cost: None, other than the value of the staff time to update the website.**