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Moved: Frenaye  
Seconded: Carlson

MOVED, that the ARRL 2017-2018 Plan, as recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee, be ratified.



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- Evaluate Chief Executive Officer in coordination with the President
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>>>>>>>>> *End of Bylaw 38* >>>>>>>>>

Advocacy #1  
Moved: Lisenco  
Second: Williams

Moved, that the following legislative objectives for the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress of the United States are adopted:

Objective #1: The ARRL seeks early passage of H.R. 555 and any Senate Companion Bill that might be introduced, as being in the best interests of Amateur Radio Operators nationwide:

Objective #2: The ARRL opposes legislation that would lead to the reallocation of amateur spectrum or to sharing arrangements that reduce the utility of existing allocations.

Objective #3: The ARRL opposes legislation that diminishes the rights of federal licensees in favor of unlicensed emitters or encourages the deployment of spectrum-polluting technologies.

Objective #4: The ARRL seeks recognition of the unique resources, capabilities, and expertise of the Amateur Radio Service in any legislation addressing communications issues related to emergencies, disasters, or homeland security.

Objective #5: The ARRL supports the complementary legislative objectives of other radio-communication services.

Rationale: As discussed in the Legislative Advocacy Committee report.

Cost: Undetermined at this time.

Moved: Kermit Carlson  
Second: Mike Lisenco

### MOTION

Whereas, in 2014, the ARRL Board of Directors created the Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, Achievement Award, to recognize outstanding support of Amateur Radio by an elected Federal official; and

Whereas, the recipients of that award will be officials who have, in a significant way, supported the well-being and continuity of the Amateur Service in the United States; and

Whereas, United States Representative Adam Kinzinger has been the original sponsor of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, initially H.R. 4969 in the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress; then H.R. 1301 in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress; and now H.R. 555 in the current, 115<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

Whereas, Representative Kinzinger has often spoken publicly in favor of our legislation, and of the benefits of Amateur Radio to the public; and he has been a steadfast, advocate for this important and beneficial legislation, leading the effort resulting in unanimous passage of H.R. 1301 in the House last term and the very early introduction of H.R. 555 in the current Congressional term; and

Whereas, Amateur Radio could never hope for better leadership and support than that consistently provided by Representative Kinzinger with respect to the Amateur Radio Parity Act, which is critical to the well-being and continuity of the Amateur Radio Service in the United States;

Now, therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors hereby confers the second Barry Goldwater, K7UGA Achievement Award upon United States Representative Adam Kinzinger, a great friend to Amateur Radio over the last 4 years and a patriotic American, with our utmost appreciation and gratitude. Representative Kinzinger's understanding of the value of Amateur Radio to the public interest and the pursuit of scientific and technical knowledge has led him to act in the spirit of Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, whose exemplary support for Amateur Radio in Washington inspired the award in his honor. The award should be presented to Representative Kinzinger in Washington on a timely basis.

Allen Motion #1  
Moved: Allen  
Second: Norris

Whereas: The ARRL may hold elections regularly for Directors, Vice-Directors and Section Managers;

And Whereas: The Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections were last updated January 2013;

And Whereas: These rules and regulations do not address Social Media platforms such as but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, Snap Chat, Linked In or any other similar platform present or future;

And Whereas: Many ARRL Sections and Divisions have a Social Media presence using the ARRL logo and other ARRL associated writings that could possibly be mistaken for actual ARRL controlled sites;

And Whereas: The ARRL may have little or no control over these Social Media platforms;

Therefore, be it moved: The Elections and Ethics Committee be tasked to study and consider possible changes to The Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections. Recommendations for these changes will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors at the July 2017 ARRL Board of Directors meeting for possible updates to include ethical guidelines for using Division and Section Social Media.

Rationale: These Social Media platforms could inadvertently give the impression that the ARRL is sanctioning one candidate over another.

Note: This should not include Social Media setup by the candidate or others on behalf of a candidate that does not use ARRL logos or copy written materials.

Cost- Minimal

**MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION OF  
BELIZE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (BARC)  
TO BE AN IARU MEMBER SOCIETY  
IARU PROPOSAL NO. 255**

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The application reflects that BARC meets the requirements for IARU Member Society status;

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The IARU Administrative Council voted to conduct a vote of all member societies on the admission of BARC as IARU Proposal No. 255;

That in order to be counted Proposal 255 vote sheets must be received by the International Secretariat no later than 9 May 2017;

**MOVE**, that after due and careful consideration, the ARRL Board directs the ARRL CEO to vote YES on the application of Belize Amateur Radio Club (BARC) to be an IARU Member Society and forward the attached Proposal 255 vote sheet to the IARU International Secretariat prior 9 May 2015.

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_



Boehner-1  
Moved: Dr. Boehner  
Seconded: Mr. Sarratt

Be it resolved, that:

At each regularly scheduled board meeting, the status of all open, previously adopted board motions will be reviewed by the Board. Prior to each meeting, a status report tabulating each such motion will be prepared by the CEO and distributed to the board before each meeting. All items that involve ARRL staff will be addressed by the CEO. When completed, the Board actions will be marked as "completed", and removed from all subsequent tabulations.



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Carlson #1

Moved: Kermit Carlson  
Second: Olson

### MOTION

Whereas, in 1917, the The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club was formed by Dr. Loy Schell Hillegas-Baird 9HO, A. C. Kletzsch Jr., J. B. Hitz, and Alonzo Pawlin; and

Whereas, Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club has been in continuous existence since that time; and

Whereas, the Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club has promoted the enjoyment, science and art of Amateur Radio continuously during the past Century; and

Whereas the Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club has consistently been a proud, vibrant, and professional organization in support of Amateur Radio,

Now, therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors recognizes and congratulates the Milwaukee Radio Amateur Club upon the beginning of it's second century.

Rational – The Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club has reached the monumental milestone of a full century of service to the amateur radio community. The MRAC became an ARRL affiliated club in 1919 and was one of the first such affiliated clubs.

COST - Plaque and further recognition award to be decided by the ARRL CEO – not to exceed \$200

ELL – 1  
Moved: Pace  
Second: Williams

Moved, that the interim report of the Entry Level Licensing Committee is received with appreciation, and

That we endorse the committee's recommendation to work towards improvements in the current license Question Pools,

That we seek aggregate demographic data from the FCC's Amateur Radio database

That HQ staff continue to examine public attitudes towards Amateur Radio with a goal of better understanding how to reach out and attract new licensees.

Further,

We request that the ELL Committee work with staff to gather ARRL member input regarding potential changes to the entry level license, and

Develop several different proposals for change to the entry level license, and

Work towards finalizing a recommendation for the Board to consider at the July 2017 meeting.

## **Discussion**

### Question Pools

- Work with NCVEC towards a goal of having questions in the Question Pools to be at a readability level of grade 7-8.
- Reduce the number of questions in Question Pools to the minimum number required by the FCC plus a reasonable number of extra questions to handle withdrawn questions

### FCC data

- Get aggregate age data for current ham radio licensees, and those who have been licensed in the last five years, plus additional information on age by state or license category as is possible

### Marketing

- Work with staff to develop a process/program to better understand what people think of and know about Amateur Radio, and why some people who are interested do not follow through by getting licensed.

#### Survey

- Work with staff on refining the draft survey, have it posted on the ARRL web site, and release a web story to invite member input.

The goal is to have draft entry level license proposals and a summary of member input in the hands of the Board/Executive Committee by May 1<sup>st</sup> or earlier, and to have a draft FCC filing ready for Board consideration at the July Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION # \_\_\_\_\_

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION

MOVED: THAT WHEREAS, it is routine within nonprofit boards of directors and boards of trustees to have a comprehensive Code of Conduct for Board members, guiding their actions on behalf of the organization and its membership; and

WHEREAS, the attached proposed Code of Conduct is a set of principles to guide ARRL's decision making and activities, as well as the behavior of its Board members and Vice Directors. The purpose of adopting a Code of Conduct formally is to provide employees, members, other volunteers, Board members and Vice Directors with guidelines for making ethical choices in the best interests of ARRL and its membership, and to ensure that there is accountability for those choices; and

WHEREAS, adoption of such a Code of Conduct by Board members and Vice Directors expresses a commitment to ethical behavior, which goes a long way to earning the trust of the membership, of served agencies, of Federal Agencies that regulate Amateur Radio, of the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, a Code of Conduct helps attract talented employees; helps recruit qualified board members; provides for appropriate levels of transparency and confidentiality; and ensures that all transactions by Board members and Vice Directors are aligned with the values of ARRL organizationally.

NOW, THEREFORE, ARRL hereby adopts the attached "ARRL Policy on Board Governance and Conduct of Members of the Board of Directors and Vice Directors," and Board members and Vice Directors will adhere to its terms henceforth. The Chief Executive Officer will arrange to have the Code of Conduct posted on the ARRL website, thus to demonstrate ARRL's commitment to full transparency and to accountability.

Rationale: During 2016 there were notable instances of actions taken by Board members and /or Vice Directors that were arguably inconsistent with their duty of care, duty of loyalty and/or duty of good faith owed to ARRL organizationally. This Code of Conduct seeks to inform current and future Board members and Vice Directors of their fiduciary obligations and what that translates directly to in terms of behavior during his or her Board service. The document was taken from numerous examples of similar Codes of Conduct of non-profit associations, and it was carefully reviewed and edited by our attorneys at the Day, Pitney law firm.

Anticipated cost of implementation: none, other than posting it on the ARRL web site.

[CODE OF CONDUCT ATTACHED]



Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Second: \_\_\_\_\_

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Moved: Jim Pace  
Second:

MOTION

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PSC-1

Moved: Mr. Vallio

Seconded: Dr. Boehner

WHEREAS on Richard Darling, AH6G and Barbara Darling, NH7FY, have spent many years in support of former International Humanitarian Award winner John Bush, KH6DLK/V63JB; and

WHEREAS the Darling's activities have included providing significant material support to Mr. Bush's efforts in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS they have also support these on-going efforts over many year with on-the-air activities including communications during weather events, including several typhoons, as well as other emergency activities including assistance to boaters in trouble; and

WHEREAS the Darling's allow Mr. Bush to utilize their Amateur station to support activities back in Micronesia when he is resident in Hawaii;

THEREFORE the ARRL Board of Directors confers the 2016 International Humanitarian Award on Richard Darling, AH6G and Barbara Darling, NH7FY.

Cost analysis:

- Award plaque (per award terms of reference): Approx \$200
- Minimal staff time for administration (award preparation, delivery, etc.)

PSC-2

Moved: Mr. Carlson  
Seconded: Mr. Abernethy

Be it resolved that the 2016 Doug DeMaw Technical Excellence Award is bestowed on Stephen J. Franke, K9AN and Joseph H. Taylor, K1JT for the article "Open Source Soft-Decision Decoder for the JT65 (63,12) Reed Solomon Code" published in the May/June issue of QEX.

Cost: Nine inch pewter cup and base (per award rules) approximately \$100, minimal staff time for administration (preparation, delivery, etc.)

WHEREAS, the active promotion of Amateur Radio in the media is necessary for generating interest in and growth of the Service, preservation of spectrum and fulfillment of our mission;  
and

WHEREAS the ARRL recognizes the unique arts in creating print, audio and video based news;  
and

WHEREAS, Wayne Rash, N4HCR, Senior Columnist for eWEEK and a freelance writer and editor who has written about technology topics for 35 years in numerous publications, wrote an article for Yahoo Tech entitled, “Why Modern Makers are Bringing Back Ham Radio;” [Print]  
and

WHEREAS, Jamala Henderson, a reporter/producer for National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate KUOW-FM in Seattle, Washington, showcased the efforts of the Seattle Auxiliary Communications Services group just prior to the Cascadia Rising exercise in her piece, “Ham Radio Operators Could be Superheroes When the Earthquake Hits;”[Audio] and

WHEREAS, Derek Felton, a videographer and editor for WGNO-TV in Metairie, Louisiana, highlighted twelve-year old Bryant Rascoll, KG5HVO, as part of the Jefferson Amateur Radio Club’s 2016 Field Day effort; [Video] and

WHEREAS these submissions have gained the recognition and recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as worthy of the 2016 Bill Leonard Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, The ARRL Board of Directors at the recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, awards the 2016 Bill Leonard, W2SKE, Professional Media Awards to Wayne Rash, N4HCR for print, Jamala Henderson for audio and Derek Felton for video excellence in covering Amateur Radio topics in media

Cost analysis:

- Engraved plaques (per award terms of reference): Approximately \$200 each, \$250 for contribution to a charity in the name of each of the award recipient’s names. Funds allocated from the Public Relations Budget.
- Minimal staff time for administration (award preparation, delivery, etc.)

Resolved that the DXCC Field Checking of QSL Cards be revised to the read as follows:

#### **Section IV. Field Checking of QSL Cards**

QSL cards for new DXCC awards and endorsements may be checked by an approved DXCC Card Checker. This program applies to any DXCC award for an individual or station. Awards available can be found in Section I: Basic Rules, **Rule 1.**

##### **1) Entities Eligible for Field Checking:**

a) With an exception for 160 meters, cards for all current and deleted entities dating back to November 15, 1945 can be checked. Cards for 160 Meters can only be checked by card checkers who currently hold an active 160 Meter DXCC, ARRL Headquarters staff who have been authorized by the Manager of the Radiosport Department or existing Card Checkers who agree to allow their work to be vetted by the Radiosport Department. The Manager of the Radiosport Department shall make a special reporting form available for this purpose. 160 Meter Card Checkers can be found on the complete list of DXCC 160 Meter Card Checkers.

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##### **2) DXCC Card Checkers:**

###### **a) Nominations for Card Checkers may be made by:**

i) The Section Manager of the section in which the prospective checker resides.

ii) An ARRL affiliated DX specialty club with at least 25 members who are DXCC members, and which has DX as its primary interest. If there are any questions regarding the validity of a DX club, the issue shall be determined by the division director where the DX club is located. The nominee shall be a member of the nominating DX club.

iii) By Division Director. The Division Director may nominate two Card Checkers in each Section within his/her Division.

iv) By IARU Member Societies and reviewed by the ARRL International Affairs Vice President. Officers of non-IARU Societies may make nominations if those associations are determined to be eligible by the ARRL International Vice President.

v) By the Manager of the Radiosport Department. The Radiosport Manager may appoint temporary "At-Large" Card Checkers on an as-needed basis to cover specific events for the

duration of those events. At-large Card Checkers must meet all requirements of the DXCC rules for Card Checkers, unless specified in writing by the Radiosport Manager. Headquarters staff and ARRL Board members may also be appointed by the Radiosport Manager as At-Large Card Checkers.

**b) Qualifications:**

**i)** A candidate for Card Checker must be personally known to be of high integrity by the person or organization making the nomination.

**ii)** A candidate must be an ARRL member who holds a DXCC award endorsed for at least 150 entities.

**iii)** A candidate must agree that he/she has reviewed and understands the DXCC rules and the Card Checker instructions.

**iv)** A candidate, where geographically appropriate must be willing to serve at reasonable times and places, including at least one ARRL sanctioned hamfest, or Section, State or Division Convention.

**v)** The applicant must have e-mail and internet capabilities, be subscribed to a closed email list for Card Checkers, be willing to check QSLs for all applicable phases of the ARRL DXCC program and maintain a current e-mail address with the DXCC desk. Approved DXCC Card Checkers may also check cards for ARRL's other operating awards such as VUCC and WAS, at the Card Checker's discretion.

**c) Approval:**

Appointments of DXCC Card Checkers are made by the Director of the ARRL Division in which they reside following consultation with the Radiosport Manager and/or IARU society (or eligible non-IARU society) in consultation with the ARRL International Affairs Vice President.

**d) Terms:**

Appointments are made for a two year period, or the current term of the appointing Director or Section Manager, whichever ends first. Retention of appointees is determined by their performance of the duties of the position as determined by the Director of the Division or IARU society in consultation with the DXCC desk. Card Checkers shall maintain their ARRL membership. A DXCC Card Checker may have his/her appointment revoked by decision of the Awards Committee after consultation with the current nominating office holders.

**e) Replacement:**

If a Card Checker vacates the office for any reason, a replacement card checker can be nominated by the current Director, current Section Manager, IARU Society or the DX club that nominated the vacating checker. When a Card Checker relocates from a Section or Division, that appointment shall be vacated.

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### **3) Card Checking Process:**

- a)** An application for a new award may contain any number of QSL confirmations from the DXCC List and shall not contain any QSLs that are not eligible for this program (eQSLs, altered cards, SWL cards, etc.) The application may contain any number of cards, subject to eligibility requirements and fees as determined by Section I, Basic Rules, part 15.
- b)** It is the applicant's responsibility to get cards to and from the DXCC Card Checker.
- c)** Checkers may, at their own discretion, handle members' cards by mail.
- d)** The ARRL is not responsible for cards handled by DXCC Card Checkers and will not honor any claims made for cards lost in shipment.
- e)** The applicant and DXCC Card Checker must sign the application form. (See Section I, part 11 regarding altered, forged or otherwise invalid confirmations.)
- f)** The applicant shall provide a SASE addressed to ARRL HQ, or, sufficient postage, to the DXCC Card Checker for mailing applications to ARRL HQ. The applicant shall also provide the applicable fees (check or money order payable to ARRL; credit card number and expiration date is also acceptable. Cash is OK, but not recommended).
- g)** The DXCC Card Checker will forward completed applications and appropriate fee(s) to ARRL HQ.

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### **4) ARRL HQ and Board involvement in the card checking process:**

- a)** ARRL HQ staff will perform random audits of applications. Applicants or members may be requested to forward cards to HQ, at ARRL's expense, for checking before or after credit is issued.
  - b)** The applicant and the DXCC Card Checker will be advised of any errors or discrepancies encountered by ARRL staff.
  - c)** ARRL HQ staff provides instructions and guidelines to DXCC Card Checkers.
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**5)** Applicants and DXCC members may send cards to ARRL HQ at any time for review or recheck if the individual feels that an incorrect determination was made by the DXCC Card Checker.

1/19/17

Cost analysis: Minimal staff time to replace current document with this revised document on ARRL.ORG website and ARRL records

Sarratt – 1

Moved – Mr. Sarratt

Seconded Unanimously

WHEREAS the 2017 ARRL Annual Board meeting has been conducted with efficiency and style; and

WHEREAS the Board family appreciates the care and attention to detail provided by ARRL Headquarters staff and volunteers;

THEREFORE the Board expresses its thanks to the staff at ARRL Headquarters for their assistance and preparations; and especially thanks Carla Pereira, new Assistant to the CEO, for her hard work in organizing and coordinating the meeting.

Vallio – 1

Moved by Mr. Vallio

Seconded by Mr.

WHEREAS the ARRL Board has considered the report of the AdHoc Committee on Reapportionment:

RESOLVED that the ARRL Board of Directors thanks the members of the committee for their efforts; and

SUNSETS the AdHoc Committee on Reapportionment effective January 20, 2017.

## VOTE SHEET

The Executive of the Society, after due and careful consideration, votes as follows on the proposal contained in *Calendar* No. 197 of the International Amateur Radio Union, dated 9 December 2016.

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**Proposal No. 255**  
concerning the admission of  
Belize Amateur Radio Club      **(circle one)**      YES      NO      ABSTAIN

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Additional comments:

Society \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **IMPORTANT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

The IARU Constitution requires that a member-society shall cast its vote in writing. Vote sheets must be signed by an authorized official of the member-society. Vote sheets **must be received** by the International Secretariat no later than **9 May 2017**. Vote sheets received after this date **will not** be counted.

Vote sheets for Proposal No. 255 may be returned by any of the following methods:

1. As a PDF or similar scanned attachment to an email sent to [secretary@iaru.org](mailto:secretary@iaru.org)
2. By fax to +1 860-594-0259, "Attention IARU Secretary"
3. By postal mail addressed to IARU Secretary, P.O. Box 310905, Newington CT 06131-0905 USA

The International Secretariat **recommends** that vote sheets be sent as an attachment to an email or by fax as soon as possible so that the fax or email is received by the International Secretariat before the deadline for voting. Article VI paragraph 3 of the IARU Constitution provides that vote sheets received after the deadline cannot be counted.