

**Report of the First Vice President
ARRL Board of Directors
January 2017**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as First Vice President. Below is a brief summary of my activities during 2016.

Executive Committee

I have been an active participant in the issues considered by the EC, both at the in-person meeting and via e-mail, particularly with regard to the Amateur Radio Parity Act, and to filings with the FCC. I have also served as the informal liaison between the EC and the Administration and Finance Committee.

LoTW Study Committee

I have continued in 2016 as Chair of the Logbook Study Committee (LSC). The committee meets face-to-face preceding each Board meeting, and before the quarterly meetings of A&F, and also meets via webinar in other months. The committee's report is available as Board Document 21.

As a result of the ARRL IT initiative to update the DXCC Database, I called a sub-committee of the LSC to meet in early September to formulate a 5-year plan for the evolution of LoTW and Awards at ARRL. The results of that meeting are also discussed in the LoTW report.

Due Diligence

During the second half of 2016, there were several business opportunities which I investigated. These topics were brought to the Executive Committee for approval and direction. At time of writing, both topics remain open.

Conventions and Meetings

I attended the following ARRL meetings and conventions in 2016:

- November – LoTW Study Committee and A&F Committee (Newington)
- October – Executive Committee meeting (Chicago)
- September – Logbook Study Committee 5-year planning meeting (Newington)
- July – Utah State Convention, Keynote Speaker – Sandy, UT (Rocky Mtn Div)
- April – LoTW Study Committee and A&F Committee (Newington)
- March – Executive Committee meeting (Dallas)
- February – ARRL National Convention at Orlando Hamcation
- Attended local hamfests and club meetings

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory P. Widin, K0GW
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