

**Report of the First Vice President
ARRL Board of Directors
January 2019**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as First Vice President. Below is a brief summary of my activities in 2018.

Executive Committee

I have been an active participant in the issues considered by the EC, at the in-person meetings and via e-mail. This includes reviewing FCC filings and other legal matters brought to the EC. I continue to act as the informal liaison between the EC and the Administration and Finance Committee.

Special Committees

I was a member of the CEO Search committee. The committee concluded its work with the identification and acceptance of our new CEO.

In April, the Executive Committee chartered a small group to investigate ARRL's possibilities for Electronic Filing for VE sessions. I am an active member of this sub-committee and helped to identify a low-cost solution which meets security standards while requiring relatively little customization. A project to provide an initial pilot test of this capability is now underway.

The HF Bandplanning Committee had no tasks assigned to it during 2018. Accordingly, there will be no report from that committee at this Board meeting.

LoTW Study Committee

I continued to serve in 2018 as Chair of the Logbook Study Committee (LSC). The committee meets every month—face-to-face preceding each Board meeting and before the quarterly meetings of A&F or EC, when those meetings occur in Newington. We meet via webinar in other months. The committee's report is available as Board Document 19. 2018 was a good year, with many accomplishments, as detailed in that report.

Conventions and Meetings

Besides the January and July meetings of the Board, I attended the following in 2018:

- April – Executive Committee meeting (HQ)
- – A&F Committee meeting (HQ)
- May – Hamvention
- June – SeaPac (2 presentations)
- October – Executive Committee meeting (Mpls)
- November – A&F Committee meeting (Portland)

Respectfully submitted,
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First Vice President