



IN-NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENT

Some events are slowly starting to be rescheduled.. This section will be updated as new information becomes available.

2020 ARRL/TAPR Virtual Digital Communications Conference

September 11 – 12 @ www.tapr.org/dcc

MARA Annual Hamfest

September 12 @ Wasilla, AK

Central Division Convention

November 14 – 15 @ Fort Wayne, IN

Midwest Division Convention

January 23 @ Collinsville, IL

ARRL Podcasts: Downloads and Charts

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

Please check out new episodes from all three ARRL podcasts this week:

ARRL Audio News most recent edition dated September 4, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/67319073/arrl-audio-news-september-11-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 765,807 (*this week's totals not available*)
- This currently #85 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 16 dated September 10, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/65135258/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-16/>

- Downloads: 75,183 (*this week's totals not available*)
- Currently #218 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 8 dated August 13, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/67231171/arrl-on-the-air-episode-9/>

- Downloads: 50,251 (*this week's totals not available*)
- Currently #224 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, participated in several meetings, including the ongoing Personify meetings, regular updates from managers, and making preparations for the CEO transition. Barry and Diane also continue to monitor evolving pandemic guidelines and restrictions.

Dee Methe, KC1MHN, and Carla Pereira continue to process the Division election requests and applications as they come in, maintaining communication with candidates and the Ethics & Elections Committee. All election-related materials have been prepared for the printer. The printing job will begin next week and all ballots will be mailed to eligible members by October 1st.

Carla distributed for approval the minutes for the 2nd Board Meeting (held over two sessions in July and August) which were approved and posted to the website today, September 11. Members who have signed up to receive Board minutes and agendas via email also received the minutes today.

Communications

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

Media Hits

Some recent posts to the ARRL website's "Media Hits" page include:

- A story out of Louisiana about a special event station created for International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend, during which ham radio operators at those facilities around the world try to contact one another.
- A story about how researchers at the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) in New Mexico have discovered a new way to track and characterize the phenomenon we call "Sporadic E."
- A story in a Nevada newspaper about members of the local amateur radio community providing emergency communication in two rescues last week that spanned three counties.

Read these stories and more at <http://www.arrl.org/media-hits>.

Follow ARRL on social media! www.arrl.org/arrl-social-media

Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

Leona Adams, W1LGA, reports that New York City/Long Island will be the only Section Manager balloted election held this fall after the nomination receipt deadline arrived on September 4th. Donnie Katzovicz, W2BRU, of Brooklyn, is running against incumbent Section Manager Jim Mezey, W2KFV.

Michael Douglas, W4MDD, of Wauchula, Florida, an Assistant Section Manager, will become the new Section Manager of West Central Florida starting January 1, 2021. Michael was the only nominee after Section Manager Darrell Davis, KT4WX, decided to withdraw his nomination to run for a new term of office. Darrell has been Section Manager for three terms of office (six years).

The following incumbent Section Managers will begin new terms of office on January 1, 2021, since they were the only nominees in their respective sections: Tom Walsh, K1TW (Eastern Massachusetts); Cecil

Higgins, ACØHA (Missouri); Matt Anderson, KAØBOJ (Nebraska); Tom Dick, KF2GC (Northern New York); Marc Tarplee, N4UFP (South Carolina); Tom Preiser, N2XW (Southern New Jersey); and Joe Shupienis, W3BC (Western Pennsylvania).

Leona has also been corresponding with Field Organization appointees and Section Managers to fulfill their requests for appointment supplies and information.

Lab

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

WIAW

Joe Carcia created the texts for the week's WIAW Qualifying Run transmissions. He also processed two Qualifying Run certificates and one endorsement.

Joe gave a Zoom presentation of WIAW to the OH-KY-IN (<http://ohkyin.org/wp/>) Amateur Radio Service club. He also attended a Zoom meeting with Ed Hare, Norm Fusaro, and Paul Gilbert to discuss the AREDN equipment at HQ.

Joe worked with Oscar Espinoza on configuring the “new” EchoLink conference server – **W1AWBDCT** – on a Windows 10 box. Joe also configured an AREDN-to-public wireless (Part 15) Wi-Fi connection for HQ staff testing purposes.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, processed five paper and twenty-two electronic VUCC applications for a total of 1737 credits.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob Inderbitzen completed budget worksheets to support 2021/22 objectives. He also participated in meetings for future hamfest/convention/event planning, and a monthly Public Relations Committee web meeting. He produced a summary of key discussion points and action items for the committee.

A follow-up message was sent to all Section Managers, thanking them and encouraging them to continue recruiting prospective presenters for future ARRL [Learning Network](http://www.arrl.org/ARRL-Learning-Network-Speakers-Form) webinars: “Please consider speakers and presenters from throughout the clubs and hamfests held in your Section. Add a short, personal invitation, and direct them to the following brief online form: <http://www.arrl.org/ARRL-Learning-Network-Speakers-Form>.” The webinars are managed as a Lifelong Learning program. The initiative was introduced in July, and the first 8 webinars have enjoyed live attendance and views from over 4,000 members.

Bob also provided support for colleagues responding to inquiries about the FCC fees proposal.

We are investigating an opportunity to provide tower safety resources and instruction to members, offered by the National Association of Tower Erectors (NATE).

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	7 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	8,107
2020 WAS Applications	1,892
2020 VUCC Applications	905
2020 WAC Applications	111
2020 WPX Applications	710
2020 WAZ Applications	607

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Leona Adams	10/09	PTO
Kathleen Callahan	09/16 – 09/22	PTO
Joe Garcia	10/09 – 10/12	PTO
“	12/04	PTO
“	12/11	PTO
Scott Gee	09/14 – 09/19	PTO
“	11/06	PTO
Dan Henderson	09/04 – 09/14	PTO
Diane Middleton	09/04 – 09/11	PTO
“	09/18	PTO
“	09/25	PTO
“	11/23 – 12/01	PTO
“	12/28 – 12/31	PTO
Michelle Patnode	09/08 – 09/11	PTO

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