



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

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

Two podcasts reached new milestones this week: *Eclectic Tech* surpassed 75,000 downloads, and *ON the Air* hit 50,000! Both podcasts began earlier this year and have quickly become very successful! Please also be sure to check Steve Ford's final installment as producer and anchor of the *ARRL Audio News*.

ARRL Audio News most recent edition dated August 28, 2020:



<https://blubrry.com/arrlaudionews/66622442/arrl-audio-news-august-28-2020?sbe=1>

- Downloads: 765,807
- This episode hit #39 on Apple Podcasts USA Tech News

Eclectic Tech Episode 14 dated August 13, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/eclectictech/63664512/arrls-eclectic-tech-episode-14/>

- Downloads: 75,183
- Currently #188 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

On the Air Episode 8 dated August 13, 2020



<https://blubrry.com/arrlontheair/65310659/arrls-on-the-air-episode-8/>

- Downloads: 50,251
- Currently #190 on Apple Podcasts USA Technology

Chief Executive Office

Reported by Carla Pereira, KC1HSX

The Board of Directors held a special meeting last week to elect the new Chief Executive Officer. You can read more here: <http://www.arrl.org/news/board-of-directors-elects-new-arrl-ceo-david-minster-na2aa>

Below is a screen shot of ARRL Officers and Directors at their August 26, 2020 Special Meeting. Nice smiles everyone!



Barry Shelley, N1VXY, and Diane Middleton, W2DLM, joined the Board at the August 26 special meeting. They also participated in several departmental meetings over the week, including IT, Development, and Product Development, as well as Personify meetings and regular updates from managers. 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. The deadline for submitting candidate statements was today, and all have been approved.

With all eligibility deadlines having been met and approved by the E&E Committee, we can report that the following incumbents ran unopposed and have been re-elected:

Tom	Abernethy	W3TOM	Atlantic	Director
Bob	Famiglio	K3RF	Atlantic	Vice Director
Lynn	Nelson	W0ND	Dakota	Vice Director
David	Norris	K5UZ	Delta	Director
Ed	Hudgens	WB4RHQ	Delta	Vice Director
Art	Zygielbaum	K0AIZ	Midwest	Director

With Director Blocksome choosing to retire as Midwest Division Director, Vice Director Zygielbaum ran for the Director position and won unopposed. Congratulations to all of the winners!

The following four elections are contested and will be voted on by respective division members this November:

Matt	Holden	K0BBC	Dakota	Director
Vernon "Bill"	Lippert	AC0W	Dakota	Director
Dale	Williams	WA8EFK	Great Lakes	Director
Michael	Kalter	W8CI	Great Lakes	Director
Scott	Yonally	N8SY	Great Lakes	Vice Director
Jim	Hessler	K8JH	Great Lakes	Vice Director
Frank	Piper	KI8GW	Great Lakes	Vice Director
Dave	Propper	K2DP	Midwest	Vice Director
Lloyd	Colston	KC5FM	Midwest	Vice Director

All Director/Vice Director terms of service begin on January 1st and are for three years.

Communications

Reported by Michelle Patnode, W3MVP

Now Trending on Social Media...

Main Facebook

New NASA video with students from the Airdrie Space Science Camp in Canada using ham radio from home to communicate with Astronaut and U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Cassidy, KF5KDR, on the International Space Station. <https://youtu.be/1clACXLdDhs>

Twitter

FCC Proposes to Reinstate Amateur Radio Service Fees news article <http://ow.ly/CaOy50Bc3HX>

ARES_Twitter

The following message was pinned to the top of our ARES Twitter page:

#ARRL and #AmateurRadio Emergency Communications Volunteers are monitoring the current storm activity very closely. Check in with our 2020 Hurricanes response page for resources, news, and media hits. <http://www.arrl.org/2020-hurricanes>

Total Number of Social Media Followers through August 29th

Main Facebook: 85,310

On the Air Facebook: 1,643

Main Twitter: 38,286

ARES Twitter: 18,432

Instagram: 11,744

LinkedIn: 1482

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Field Services

Reported by Steve Ewald, WV1X

On Tuesday, August 18, the Puerto Rico Section Manager election ballots were counted at ARRL HQ by Leona Adams and Steve Ewald. In a three-way election, Rene Fonseca, NP3O, was declared elected over his opponents Juan Sepulveda Mercado, KP3CR, and incumbent Section Manager Oscar Resto, KP4RF. Rene Fonseca is returning as Section Manager where he previously served as SM for two terms from 2012 to 2016. His term of office begins October 1, 2020.

In Minnesota, Bill Mitchell, AEØEE, will become the new Section Manager this fall. Mitchell was the only nominee when the nomination deadline arrived in early June. Skip Jackson, KSØJ, decided not to run for a new term of office, and he is completing his sixteenth year as Minnesota Section Manager, a position he has held since 2004.

Richard Budd, WØTF, will begin his full two-year term of office as North Dakota Section Manager on October 1. He was first appointed in June to complete the term of office that was held by Nancy Yoshida, KØYL, until she stepped down to become vice president of the YL International Single Sideband System. The following incumbent Section Managers will begin new terms of office in October since they were the only nominees in their respective sections: Chuck Motes, K1DFS (Connecticut); Dan Marler, K7REX (Idaho); Scott Yonally, N8SY (Ohio); Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW (Oklahoma); Barry Porter, KB1PA (Southern Florida), Fred Kleber, K9VV (Virgin Islands), Laura Mueller, N2LJM (Western New York). James Armstrong, NV6W, of San Jose, was appointed as Sacramento Valley Section Manager by Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, after consultation with Pacific Division Director Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT. Armstrong fulfills the term of office that continues until June 30, 2022, after the untimely death of Bill Ashby, AA6FC, on July 28, who served for just four weeks as Santa Clara Valley Section Manager.

Missouri Section Manager Cecil Higgins, ACØHA, has been nominated to run for a new term of office that starts January 1, 2021. Nominations for this particular Section Manager election cycle are due to arrive no later than this Friday, September 4.

Last week, ARRL Headquarters staff maintained contact with Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators, as well as other Field Organization leaders and radio amateurs, who were in the path of Hurricane Laura and/or providing assistance as needed to those who were. The staff thanks all of the volunteers for their dedication.

Lab

Reported by Bob Allison, WB1GCM

Zak Lau, W1VT, reports from Newington that Greg Lapin, N9GL, the Chairman of the ARRL RF Safety Committee, reformatted the RF and You Safety book, condensing it down from 56 MB to only 8 MB. This free book (and others) can be downloaded much faster now from the ARRL web site:

<http://www.arrl.org/rf-safety-publications>

RF Exposure and You by Ed Hare, W1RFI *The definitive book to help hams understand and perform the FCC-mandated environmental evaluation.* Also: <http://www.arrl.org/rf-exposure>

RF Exposure and You, [link to download of the entire book, 8MB](#)

Zak Lau has also continued to make web edits/changes to the ARRL Technology pages on the ARRL Web site, such as removing a dead link to a publications page that no longer exists.

Bob Allison reports from the Lab that re-testing has been completed of a high-end, HF SDR transceiver. This transceiver originally exhibited high transmit IMD on the higher ham bands. Bob worked with the manufacturer's driver/final amplifier section designer and concluded there was an issue. After a long delay, the transceiver was returned, reviewed by the reviewer and retested by Bob. Retesting showed the manufacturer indeed improved the transmit IMD. The manufacturer also resolved a 6 Meter harmonic problem that Bob had observed which prevented the transmitter from meeting FCC emission requirements. This is yet another example of ARRL Lab testing that resulted in improvements to a manufactured Amateur Radio product. Everyone wins!

Ed Hare, W1RFI, has been on the telephone/Zoom meetings for many hours, working with IEEE working groups on several issues. Former RFI engineer, Mike Gruber, W1MG, and Ed have been working the last details of the IEEE p1897 working procedure for locating RFI sources emanating from AC power distribution hardware. The procedure, when completed, will guide utility workers on how to correctly identify and locate power line noise sources, a Radio Amateur's biggest impediment to enjoyable communications.

Paul Cianciolo, W1VLF, continues to provide service to ARRL members suffering from Radio Frequency Interference.

W1AW

Reported by Joe Carcia, NJ1Q

Joe Carcia updated the web code practice files and their archives. He also created the texts for the week's W1AW Qualifying Run transmissions.

Joe gave a Zoom presentation of W1AW to the Mercer County (PA) ARC, coordinated by Tim Duffy, K3LR of MCARC. Joe also attended a Hurricane *Laura* Zoom meeting that was held on Wednesday, August 26.

Joe tracked down an issue with the Apache Labs ANAN-7000DLE Mark II SDR that kept him from accessing the SDR for testing. (The issue turned out to be an intermittent LAN cable.) Joe also began

initial testing of the Yaesu SCU-LAN10 Network Remote Control System (for Product Review). He continues working on the switchover of the EchoLink conference server PC to a new Windows 10 box.

Scott Gee, WB9RRU, worked on slow and fast code practice run files for the week. He also processed four paper and thirty electronic VUCC applications for a total of 3106 credits.

Product Development

Reported by Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R

Bob Inderbitzen supported our public information interests throughout the recent hurricanes and the related response from ARES and other EmComm volunteers. Through his participation on the HQ Emergency Response Team, he gleaned information to prepare a handful of situational reports which he shared with our Public Information Officers and Public Information Coordinators, and encouraging them in their roles to report and engage media. He also handled one national-level media inquiry from a CNN reporter. A summary of media hits can be found here http://www.arrl.org/2019-Hurricanes#Media_Hits.

A new NASA video includes students from May's ARISS ham radio contact between students in Canada and Astronaut Chris Cassidy, KF5KDR, on the International Space Station. Bob has added the video to ARRL's YouTube channel (ARRLHQ) as a favorite: <https://youtu.be/1clACXLdDhs>

Bob also participated in teleconferences and virtual meetings related to hurricane response and 2021 National Convention planning.

Radiosport

Reported by Sharon Taratula

Paper/Fieldcheck Processing Time	7 Weeks
Logbook Processing Time	3 – 5 Business Days
2020 DXCC Applications	7,927
2020 WAS Applications	1,886
2020 VUCC Applications	878
2020 WAC Applications	111
2020 WPX Applications	682
2020 WAZ Applications	594

Sales and Marketing

Reported by Yvette Vinci, KC1AIM

Revenue forecasts and expense budgets are currently being prepared for the 2021/2022 plan.

Yvette Vinci and Development Manager, Melissa Stemmer, KA7CLO have been leading weekly Personify Training Sessions with our team of MSR's and the development staff via zoom meetings. The training sessions focus on the many ways to navigate through the various environments in Personify. Training is planned based on feedback from questions asked by the team. Practice and testing follow and are an ongoing expectation before Personify "Go Live".

Steve Capodicasa, ARRL Warehouse Supervisor, reports that we have successfully shipped over 28,000 individual and dealer orders since HQ shutdown on March 24th 2020 due to Covid19 pandemic. The warehouse staff has been challenged with an unrepresented surge in orders in the last 5 months. **We have surpassed a 14-year record for the third consecutive month** (June – August) with an amazing 75%-100% increase in outgoing orders each month this past summer! This is the most Steve has seen in his 34 tenure at ARRL. Special thanks to Steve and his warehouse staff for their hard work and a job well done!



Our team of Member Service Representatives have handled a total of 3,031 calls in August vs (2,764 in August 2019). The team includes Margie Bourgoin, KB1DCO, Liz Karpiej, KA1DTU, Jon Faasen, AA1EA, Kim McNeill, KM1IPA, and Cathy Stepina.

Summary of warehouse fulfillment activity, reported by Steve Capodicasa:

	Total Orders Shipped
August -2020	5283
August 2019	2619
August 2018	3652
July-2020	7535
Juyl-2019	3030
July-2018	4157
June-2020	6502
June-2019	3926
June-2018	4723

Summary of Sales and Marketing Department telephone group, reported by Yvette Vinci:

Week Ending	Calls Answered	Calls Per Hour	Average Calls Per Day
8/28/2020	661	14.6	132
8/21/2020	794	17.6	159
8/14/2020	666	14.8	133
8/7/2020	732	16.2	146

Hamfests/Conventions/Meetings with ARRL Representation/Vacations

Kathleen Callahan	09/16 – 09/22	PTO
Joe Carcia	09/04	PTO
“	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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