

ARRL Programs and Services Committee (PSC)

Report to the Board of Directors – January 2019

This report from the PSC covers the 6-month period following the July board meeting through December 2018. Two PSC meetings have been held since the last report – July 19th in Newington, CT and November 14th via teleconference.

The current PSC membership consists of the following:

Rod Blocksome, K0DAS, Midwest Division Director – Chair
Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division Director
Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Atlantic Division Vice Director
Greg Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division Director (CAC Liaison)
Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division Director (DXAC Liaison)

(Note: The PSC is short one director due to the recent resignation of Dwayne Allen, WY7FD)

Additional (non-voting) personnel on PSC are:

Dan Henderson, N1ND – Recording Secretary
Norm Fusaro, W3IZ – Staff Liaison
Bob Vallio, W6RGG – Officer Liaison

The activities and actions of the PSC for this period are reported here.

DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) – The DXAC consists of 15 amateurs each appointed by their division director. President Roderick appointed John Yodis, K2VV of Moscow Mills, MO as the DXAC Chairman and Director Tiemstra, K6JAT as the board liaison. Directors Tiemstra and Sarratt finalized tasking for DXAC to study the issues and impact of the new digital modes on DXing and ARRL Awards. The DXAC has been actively addressing the tasking and their report is contained in a separate document.

Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) – The CAC consists of 15 amateurs each appointed by their division director. President Roderick appointed Dennis Egan, W1UE, of Marlborough, MA as the CAC Chairman and Director Sarratt as the board liaison. The PSC approved tasking the CAC look at the possibility of a new Digital DX Contest and to consider various aspects of digital contesting. The CAC is to continue working on the consolidation of contest rules previous tasking. The CAC report is contained in a separate document.

Public Service Enhancement Working Group (PSEWG) – The PSEWG membership consists of the following individuals:

Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Chairman
Jim Pace, K7CEX
Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT
Ken Bailey, K1FUG
Mike Corey, K11U

Steve Ewald, WV1X

The PSC reviewed and approved the *ARES Strategic Plan* be submitted to the full board at the July 2018 board meeting. After much discussion the board decided to obtain additional field input before approving the PSEWG revision of the ARES program. The board approved establishing an additional 3-month general comment period ending Oct. 31, 2018 at which time the PSEWG would collect and analyze the inputs, then apply any necessary revisions to the *ARES Strategic Plan* in time for submission to the January 2019 board meeting.

Education Subcommittee – The Education subcommittee consists of the following individuals:

David Woolweaver, K5RAV, Chair
Kermit Carlson, W9XA
Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ
Tom Delaney, W8WTD
Tommy Gober, N5DUX
Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW
Gordon West, WB6NOA, consultant

The Education subcommittee report is included as Attachment 1.

Award Recommendations – The PSC receives and reviews several award nominations. Those approved by PSC will be forwarded to the board for final consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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PSC Chair
ARRL Midwest Division Director

Attachment 1

January 2, 2018

To: Rod Blocksome

FM: David Woolweaver

Subj: PSC Subcommittee on Education Report

The Subcommittee has communicated via E-Mails and conference calls and since the last PSC Subcommittee report, members of the Subcommittee have been working on the Volunteer Instructor Power Point program for the Technician class license. There are literally dozens of slides that require revision; consequently, the process is time consuming.

Kevin O'Dell and Tom Delaney are the principles in the Power Point effort and have worked diligently to produce a new and updated Power Point program to benefit Volunteer Instructors and students alike.

The Technician class Volunteer Instructor Power Point program has been completed and, after being review by staff, is now posted on the ARRL website. There has been some continued discussion about the selection of background; however, I expect that question to be settled soon. In the meantime, the slides are currently available for download.

The next step is the General Class Volunteer Instructor Power Point program and that effort is being addressed now. It is hoped that significant progress can be made this year.

Photo and video additions are planned for the new Technician Power Point and General Class Power Point to enhance the experience. Unfortunately, preparing the photos and videos have been a slow process.

Respectively submitted by the PSC Subcommittee on Education,

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