

**ARRL Executive Committee Meeting
December 13, 2021
11:00 AM ET via Zoom**

1. The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 AM Eastern Time via Zoom with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair. Present were committee members: Directors Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bud Hippisley, W2RU; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; and Dale Williams, WA8EFK. **Present without vote:** 1st VP Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF; and CEO David Minster, NA2AA. Also present was ARRL FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ.

Present as observers were 2nd VP Bob Vallio, W6RGG; International Affairs VP Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Directors: Ria Jairam, N2RJ; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ; Fred Hopengarten, K1VR; Jeff Ryan, KØRM; Mickey Baker, N4MB; Vice Directors: Brent Walls, N9BA; Lynn Nelson, WØND; Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ; Scott Yonally, N8SY; Phil Temples, K9HI; Mark Tharp, KB7HDX; Anthony Marcin, W7XM; Bill Morine, N2COP; Jim Schilling, KG4JSZ; Lee Cooper, W5LHC; Director-elect Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, and CFO Diane Middleton, W2DLM.

2. On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Agenda was ADOPTED.

3. Chief Executive Officer/Secretary's update

Mr. Minster provided updates on numerous topics.

Staffing update: Mr. Minster noted that we are close to hiring an Emergency Management Director. In person interviews will take place this week. The job description for the Major Gifts Director position is currently being worked on, with the target of posting the position by the end of the month.

The Treasurer Search Committee is moving forward and will be holding interviews with three candidates.

Mr. Minster also mentioned the hiring of a new Administrative Assistant, Juan Pablo (JP) Gonzalez, who's responsibilities will include some administrative support of IARU.

Personify: A test conversion has been completed and "GO LIVE" is scheduled for late January 2022.

Learning Center: Steve Goodgame has been working through a few issues discovered during the soft launch, and the official launch would take place later today. Content will be continually created and added. Mr. Goodgame's focus will also include ways to develop youth and blind hams. He has just opened a group .io forum for teachers with great response. In regard to blind hams, Steve will be moving forward with creating the ability to experience radio via SDRs. A grant proposal will be composed to involve ARDC support.

Project X (LoTW): To move forward and be successful, we need an IT Director and a Project manager that is a ham. Mr. Minster reported he has reached out to a leader in the community, in hopes to find possible leads in filling these positions. Mr. Minster is in discussions with possible donors to help support the development of the new system.

National Convention: Plans are moving forward on schedule. One of the tracks is focused on how to use the ARRL Handbook as a beginner. The marketing strategy for *The ARRL Handbook, 2022* edition has been focusing on how to use the book. The *YouTube* community has been engaged to assist us in this effort.

Electronic Balloting: Mr. Minster report that three possibilities were currently being reviewed and plan to have a recommendation in January.

Electronic VEC Processing: ARRL has several methods to electronically file applications from the field for any interested VEC Team.

Salary Survey: As previously reported, the due date of phase one was moved from December 1 to December 20 because of time constraints of the Executive staff to effectively respond to questions from the consultant firm.

Strategic Plan: Mr. Minster reminded the committee that he had pushed back the schedule for addressing a new strategic plan until 2022. He plans to have a committee named by the July Board meeting.

Mr. Minster entertained questions.

4. FCC Counsel's Update and FCC Matters

Changes at the FCC: Mr. Siddall began by noting changes at the FCC. Chairwoman Rosenworcel was confirmed for another term at the Commission and continues to serve as Chairwoman. Another nominee is waiting for a Senate confirmation vote. And on December 1st FCC staff were allowed to schedule time back in their headquarters offices, with liberal telework policies continuing.

Amateur Rulemakings: All amateur rulemaking proceedings continue to be pending at the Bureau level of the Commission. As part of our efforts to get the proceedings on the Commission's schedule for action, a number of Capitol Hill offices were briefed on the continued delay in addressing amateur proceedings and the negative effects that the delay was having on amateur programs. Senator Blumenthal, during the confirmation process for Chairwoman Rosenworcel, asked about amateur matters and received a commitment from the Chairwoman to providing the Senator's office with an update specifically on amateur radio matters. In posing his question, Blumenthal specifically took note of the array of public services that Radio Amateurs provide on a voluntary basis.

9 cm Band: We continue to monitor actions at the FCC, NTIA, and Congress that would affect continuing Amateur secondary use of the 3.3-3.45 GHz band. On Capitol Hill, there continues to be active consideration by the House Subcommittee of Chairman Doyle's bill to address the remaining 3.1-3.45 GHz of spectrum that has not be reallocated for commercial use. The Chairman recently identified the bill as a top priority. We made a presentation to Chairman Doyle's staff and hope to continue discussions with the Subcommittee staff in the new year.

FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) on Hurricane Ida: While this time amateurs were called upon only in limited circumstances to assist with communications and related hurricane matters by communities affected by the hurricane, the PSHSB staff expressed their appreciation for amateurs being activated and ready to provide any assistance needed to affected communities and for providing information to PSHSB staff.

The committee was on break from 12:40 PM - 12:55 PM with all returning as noted above.

5. Legislative Advocacy Committee status report

Mr. Stratton announced that there will be an informational meeting held later this month about establishing a PAC (Political Action Committee) for the benefit of amateur radio. This educational session will include a discussion on the various types and the possible feasibility to assist with ARRL's efforts in Washington.

Mr. Stratton discussed the current efforts taking place in Washington and then entertained questions.

6. Recognition of new Life Members

The committee reviewed the list of new Life Members.

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Williams, the recognition of new Life Members CARRIED (with applause).

7. January Board Meeting

President Roderick briefly went over the logistics of the upcoming 2022 Annual Board meeting in January.

8. Other Business

President Roderick reminded the committee that there will be a meeting in early January to discuss in detail the Proposed 2022-23 Financial Plan and encouraged everyone to attended.

9. There being no further business, on the motion of Mr. Hippisley, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the meeting adjourned at 12:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

David A. Minster, NA2AA
ARRL Secretary