

**International Amateur Radio Union
Administrative Council
Summary Record of Teleconference
16 December 2019**

The IARU Administrative Council met by Zoom teleconference on Monday, 16 December 2019. Participants were President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, Vice President Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ, Region 1 President Don Beattie, G3BJ, Region 1 Secretary Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Region 2 President Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK, Region 2 Secretary George Gorsline, VE3YV, Region 3 Chairman Wisnu Widjaja, YB0AZ, and Region 3 Director Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP. President Ellam opened the meeting at 1310 UTC with the observance of a moment of silence in memory of Paul Rinaldo, W4RI.

1. The following agenda was approved:

1. Approval of agenda
2. WRC-19 report and outcomes; recognition of WRC volunteers
3. Planning for the next SG/WP cycle including review of Action Plan
4. Review of action items from Lima
5. Report from the Working Group on the Future
6. Proposal of Diamond Award recipient
7. Naming of “Diamond Award” tiers
8. Other business

2. Mr. Ellam commented that he was proud of the work of the WRC-19 team that he had joined for one week in Sharm El-Sheikh. Mr. Garpestad concurred, saying that it was a good group effort. He reviewed the written report that he had distributed earlier, highlighting the following:

- The 50 MHz Region 1 agenda item was a struggle with the Sub Working Group discussion going around in circles for a week before a compromise was reached. Then it took the remainder of the WRC for an issue arising from the inclusion of Palestine in a footnote to be resolved at a higher level.
- On Wireless Power Transmission for electric vehicles (WPT-EV), it took some effort to retain strong wording about the need to protect radiocommunication services from interference.
- Agreement on spectrum for short duration satellites was not reached until the final day.
- A favorable outcome was reached on 47 GHz and 5 GHz.
- Proponents of an agenda item aimed at limiting amateur use of the 1240-1300 MHz band in order to protect the radionavigation-satellite service had to settle for a study to be included in the Director’s report for the next WRC.

Mr. Ellam will send a letter of thanks to everyone who assisted in WRC-19 preparations and during the conference itself. Mr. Sumner is to circulate a list to the AC members for review to ensure that no one is overlooked.

3. Mr. Sumner led a review of the 2020 Action Plan as revised since the Lima meeting. Additional revisions were noted for inclusion in an updated document (Rev.4). This is a working document that will continue to be revised as the year progresses.

4. Mr. Sumner led a review of a working document of Action Items arising from the Lima meeting. Progress was noted on several items and the following actions were completed:

- The two levels of volunteer recognition awards below the IARU Diamond Award will be the IARU Gold Award and the IARU Silver Award.
- The 2020 in-person meeting of the Administrative Council will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia, beginning at 0900 local time Friday, 8 October and concluding on the following day.

More progress is needed on collecting information on band use above 30 MHz, especially the 1240 MHz, 2.4 GHz, 3.3 GHz, and 10 GHz bands that are under the greatest threats.

5. Mr. Beattie presented the report of the working group on the role of the IARU in amateur radio's future. The group has identified our non-commercial access to radio spectrum as the unique characteristic of amateur radio and proposes aligning with other interest groups having a need for such access. To carry the work forward two parallel initiatives are required:

- one by an internal IARU team to develop the future role of the IARU and its member-societies, paying close attention to financing;
- a second by a team drawn mainly from outside the IARU core group and including academics, entrepreneurs, and youth advocates to develop a vision of 21st Century amateur radio.

AC members were asked to propose individuals for the second team, including someone to lead the effort, to Mr. Beattie by the end of January 2020.

6. Region 1 proposed that a longtime Region 1 volunteer whose work has made a positive global impact receive an IARU Diamond Award. The proposal was unanimously approved. Mr. Ellam will formally advise the recipient before the end of the year. A presentation will be arranged for a suitable time and place.

7. It was agreed to rename the second and third tiers of the Diamond Award as the IARU Gold Award and IARU Silver Award. Mr. Sumner will work with ARRL staff on suitable designs.

8. Other business

8.1. The next virtual meeting is scheduled for 1300 UTC on Thursday, 6 February 2020.

8.2. Mr. Blondeel Timmerman proposed that the AC should adopt a collaboration tool such as Trello to assist in coordinating its WRC-23 preparation and other work. A demonstration for the benefit of the Secretary will be arranged.

There being no further business, the teleconference was concluded at 1445 UTC.

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Secretary