1. The 39th meeting of the Administrative Council (AC) of the International Amateur Radio Union was conducted by Skype teleconference and was called to order at 1200 GMT, on Wednesday, 20 April 2016, by IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA. Also participating were the following members: Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, Vice President; Rod Stafford, W6ROD, Secretary; Don Beattie, G3BJ, President, IARU Region 1; Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, President, and José Arturo Molina, YS1MS, Secretary, IARU Region 2; and Gopal Madhavan, VU2GMN, Chairman, and Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, Secretary, IARU Region 3. Assistant Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ, also participated in the meeting.

2. The following agenda was approved:

   1. Opening of meeting by the President
   2. Approval of Agenda of meeting
   3. Debrief of WRC-15
   4. Planning for WRC-19
   5. IARU Reorganization
   6. Update on IARU Satellite Advisor
   7. Recognition of IARU Volunteers
   8. Operating Ethics Publication as IARU Project
   10. Any other business

3. President Ellam led a discussion about WRC-15 and the results of WRC-15 were reviewed. It was observed that more effort should be directed to coordinate the IARU WRC objectives with the various IARU regional organizations and regional RTOs. The work within ITU-R WP5A was not dispositive of the outcome of WRC-15. The AC concluded that IARU still needed to participate fully in the work of WP5A. It was observed that there are 3 major areas of our participation in WRCs in order of difficulty: defense of frequencies, frequency harmonization among regions and new allocations. Obtaining agenda items for new allocations after WRC-19 will be problematic.

4. Vice President Garpestad prepared a discussion paper on objectives and planning for WRC-19 particularly Agenda Item 1.1 which is an allocation at 50 MHz in Region 1. Vice President Garpestad was designated the responsible IARU officer for that agenda item. He will contact the various regions to obtain knowledgeable and experienced volunteers to coordinate the IARU effort for WRC-19. It was determined that if a regional organization desires to propose a future agenda item to their RTO that it be discussed first among the Administrative Council.

5. Region 1 President Beattie prepared a thorough discussion paper on reorganizing IARU for more effective representation at RTO meetings and ITU meetings, including WRCs. The approach was agreed by all members of the AC, and G3BJ, LA2RR and K1ZZ will swiftly develop implementation plans for the President’s agreement and action.
6. President Ellam discussed the recent appointment of Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, as the IARU Satellite Advisor. Hans van de Groenendaal, ZS6AKV, has served in that position for 22 years. The Council expressed its appreciation for the work of Mr. van de Groenendaal, and the officers will arrange for a suitable acknowledgment of his service in this position.

7. President Ellam introduced a paper on IARU recognition of volunteers. There was a discussion about the various names and different levels of the recognition awards. The IARU officers will make modifications to the paper based upon the Council discussions and report back to the Council in the next few weeks.

8. Region 1 President Beattie discussed taking on the project of updating and revising the operating ethics publication originally produced by John Devoldere, ON4UN and Mark Demeuleneere, ON4WW. The IARU endorsed the principles set out in the publication several years ago. The council agreed for IARU to take over this responsibility and Mr. Beattie together with the IARU president will make the necessary arrangement with the authors to transfer all necessary legal rights as well as access to all related material. Mr. Beattie will follow up on the task to find a suitable person or group to deal with the practical work.

9. Council members were reminded that the next in-person Council meeting will take place on 7-8 October 2016 in conjunction with the 2016 Region 2 Conference.

10. There being no further business, the teleconference was concluded at 1311 GMT.

Respectfully submitted,

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IARU Secretary