

**International Amateur Radio Union
Administrative Council
Summary Record of Teleconference
6 February 2020**

The IARU Administrative Council met by Zoom teleconference on Thursday, 6 February 2020. 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 1300 UTC.

1. The following agenda was approved:

1. Approval of agenda
2. Celebration of new IARU websites
3. Report on ARRL Board Meeting – Mr. Ellam
4. Review of action items from Lima and 16 December virtual meeting
5. Review of 2020 Action Plan
6. Defense of VHF+ allocations – Mr. Beattie
7. WRC-23 – Mr. Garpestad
8. WPT-EV tests – Mr. Beattie
9. Future Project report and appointment of “Inflection Point” Working Group
10. Demonstration of Trello collaborative software – Mr. Santoyo
11. Other business

2. Mr. Ellam thanked everyone who had contributed to the launch of the four new IARU websites and said he had received many favorable comments. Mr. Beattie observed that the new websites are not “finished” but provide a foundation on which to build.

3. Mr. Ellam reported on his attendance at the ARRL Board of Directors meeting last month. He had provided a fairly extensive report on IARU activities, particularly with regard to WRC-19. Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, also reported in detail on WRC-19. The contract of the ARRL Chief Executive Officer was not renewed; Barry Shelley, N1VXY, has returned for another period as interim CEO while another selection process is underway. Rick Roderick, K5UR, was re-elected ARRL President and Rod Stafford, W6ROD, was elected as International Affairs Vice President to replace the retiring Jay Bellows, K0QB.

Mr. Blondeel Timmerman asked if there had been an opportunity to raise the issue of International Secretariat support. Mr. Ellam said he did so with Mr. Roderick and Mr. Stafford, but early attention cannot be expected following the departure of the CEO. Mr. Sumner will try to see Mr. Shelley at an early date to reiterate the Council’s concerns.

4. Mr. Sumner led a review of the action items from the previous two meetings. Updates have been incorporated in Revision 5 of the working document.

5. Mr. Sumner led a review of the 2020 Action Plan. Updates were incorporated in Revision 5 of the document. It was noted that progressing work on a submission to Working Party 3L and identification of an IARU representative to attend the June meeting is becoming more urgent.

6. Mr. Beattie presented a paper as a starting point for discussion of how to better address the challenges to amateur spectrum access above 144 MHz, including the development of justifications based on present and anticipated future use. He proposes the creation of a global group with regional representation to engage member-societies in coordinating the approaches to their administrations in order to maintain consistency in the arguments being presented. Possible core-group members were identified and will be approached by President Ellam to determine their availability.

7. Mr. Garpestad presented a list of WRC-23 agenda items that are relevant to the amateur and amateur-satellite services and the first draft of a matrix listing IARU personnel for possible assignment to monitor these agenda items at the ITU level. The regional IARU organizations were asked to supply names for the RTO levels and the vacancies at the ITU level by the end of February. Mr. Beattie noted that Region 1 will not be able to do so for CEPT until the end of March.

Mr. Garpestad reported that he is working with Barry Lewis, G4SJH, on a paper addressing the 1240 MHz radionavigation-satellite issue that is to be circulated to the regions.

8. Mr. Beattie reported briefly on his attendance at WPT-EV tests in Austin, Texas, USA.

9. Mr. Beattie introduced a written report of Future Project progress since the December meeting. Input from Ward Silver, N0AX, and Sterling Mann, N0SSC, has been particularly helpful. It is time to put together a global group of young people to carry the project forward, so the next steps are to complete the identification of potential members of the group and develop a budget.

10. Mr. Santoyo gave a brief demonstration of Trello collaborative software. He will create a “test board” for the Administrative Council members to use to familiarize themselves with the tool.

There being no further business, the teleconference was concluded at 1500 UTC.

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Secretary