

Minutes of the 2005 Second Meeting

ARRL Board of Directors July 15-16, 2005

Summary Agenda

1. *Roll Call*
2. *Moment of Silence*
3. *Courtesies*
4. *Consideration of the Agenda for the meeting*
5. *Consent Agenda*
6. *Review and revision of Strategic Plan; status of strategies selected for implementation in 2005; selection of strategies for 2006*
7. *Consideration of recommendations of the Standing Committees*
8. *Consideration of additional recommendations as contained in reports*
9. *Directors' motions*

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc., met in annual session at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott in Windsor, Connecticut, on Friday, July 15, and Saturday, July 16, 2005. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM EDT July 15 with President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Bernie Fuller, N3EFN, Atlantic Division
George R. Isely, W9GIG, Central Division
Jay Bellows, K0QB, Dakota Division
Rick Roderick, K5UR, Delta Division
Frank Fallon, N2FF, Hudson Division
Wade Walstrom, W0EJ, Midwest Division
Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division
Greg Milnes, W7OZ, Northwestern Division
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division
Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Roanoke Division
Warren G. "Rev" Morton, WS7W, Rocky Mountain Division
Frank M. Butler, W4RH, Southeastern Division
Richard J. Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division
Coy Day, N5OK, West Gulf Division

Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, was unable to attend; Vice Director Richard Mondro, W8FQT, took his seat at the Table.

Also present without vote were Joel M. Harrison, W5ZN, First Vice President; Kay C. Craigie, N3KN, Vice President; Rod Stafford, W6ROD, International Affairs Vice President; James McCobb, W1LLU, Treasurer; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Executive Vice

President/Chief Executive Officer and Secretary; Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY; Chief Development Officer Mary M. Hobart, K1MMH; Chief Operating Officer Harold R. Kramer, WJ1B; and Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI.

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Board as observers were Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) President Earle W. Smith, VE6NM and the following Vice Directors: William Edgar, N3LLR, Atlantic Division; Twila Greenheck, N0JPH, Dakota Division; Henry Leggette, WD4Q, Delta Division; Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, Hudson Division; Bruce Frahm, K0BJ, Midwest Division; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Northwestern Division; Andy Oppel, N6AJO, Pacific Division; Brian P. Milesosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division; Nelson E. "Sandy" Donahue, W4RU, Southeastern Division and Dr. David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division. Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; John Chwat of Chwat and Co., ARRL's Washington D.C. legislative consultant; Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG; Field and Educational Services Manager Rosalie White, K1STO; Sales and Marketing Manager Dennis Motschenbacher, K7BV; and Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President David Patton, NN1N. Vice Directors Howard Huntington, K9KM, Central Division; Rev. Les Shattuck, K4NK, Roanoke Division; and Edward "Ned" Stearns, AA7A, Southwestern Division, sent their regrets at being unable to attend.

2. The assembly observed a moment of silence in recollection of Radio Amateurs and others in the ARRL family who have passed away since the previous Board meeting, especially Vicky Armentano; Dick Aspinwall, W7PV; Ronald Broadbent, G3AAJ; Mary G. Dosland, W5DEW; Rush S. Drake, W7RM; Peter Halpin, PH1PH; Dick Hunt, K0MG; Al Kahn, K4FW; Jack S. Kilby, ex-W9GTY; Ernest Lehman, K6DXK; Bob Lewis, VO1BL; Ted Mathewson, W4FJ; Dr. William McGrannahan, N0ZL; Vern Milton, W6EPW; Bob Moren, K4CX; Philip Morrison, ex-W8FIS; Jef Raskin, KE6IGI; Lennart (Lenna) Suominea, OH1NL; George S. Van Dyke Jr., W3HK; Lavene Vorel, WA4AZE; and John Willig, W8ACE.

3. The President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada, Mr. Earle Smith, VE6NM, delivered his greetings from RAC. Mr. Smith expressed his gratitude for the attendance of President Haynie at RAC Board meetings, and for the experience he gains through his attendance at ARRL Board meetings.

4. Mr. Frenaye, as President, reported on the activities of the ARRL Foundation. He noted that two new scholarships were added during the first half of 2005, the Carole J. Streeter, KB9JBR Scholarship and the Louisiana Memorial Scholarship. In May, 2005, Tim O'Donnell, AB2LE, of Cobleskill, NY, was awarded the 2005 Goldfarb scholarship. He plans to attend Brown University in the fall and major in Computer Science. Other scholarships totaling nearly \$42,000 were awarded to 39 others who are headed to college from across the country. Mr. Frenaye also noted that Roger Franke, K9AYK, has resigned as a Director of the Foundation and expressed thanks for his 15 years of service, most of the time also as Treasurer.

5. On motion of Mr. Roderick, seconded by Mr. Bodson, the Board APPROVED the following items listed on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of Minutes of 2005 Annual Meeting.
- b. Receipt of officers' reports.
- c. Receipt of General Counsel's report.
- d. Receipt of legislative relations report.
- e. Receipt of committee and coordinator reports.

6. President Haynie reported on his activities over the previous six months, which included trips to Central America, Canada, and Dayton. The main purpose of the visit to Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, in conjunction with IARU Region 2, was to promote Amateur Radio as an educational resource. He congratulated those involved with planning ARRL's Expo 2005 at the Dayton Hamvention on the success of the event and the positive impression and better understanding of ARRL's work that attendees took away with them.

7. On request, Mr. Sumner discussed the written report of the Chief Executive Officer. He remains immersed in ARRL's work to enlighten all parties to the pitfalls of BPL and the need to eliminate the interference from BPL. He noted that the FCC's Enforcement Bureau will be assuming responsibility from the Office of Engineering and Technology for handling BPL complaints. He described planning for a public relations campaign in 2006.

8. Chief Operating Officer Kramer answered questions about his report and explained staff changes and reorganizations at Headquarters.

9. Chief Counsel Imlay expanded upon his written report with comments about ARRL's strategy with respect to countering the interference of BPL systems and the status of ARRL petitions with the FCC. The Board was in recess from 9:50 AM until 10:18 AM.

10. Mr. Frenaye, as Chairman, discussed the work of the Ad Hoc National Convention Committee, and related some of the successes and the underlying ideas and processes that made the event work so well. He also thanked the committee and staff for their work (Applause.)

11. Mr. Chwat expanded his written report on legislative matters with discussion of ARRL's strategy for building its grass roots communication efforts. He related the work of his office over the last six months including visits to key legislators and their staffs.

12. Mr. Day, as Chairman, highlighted the report of the Administration and Finance Committee. The Committee is pleased with the value of the ARRL Affinity credit card offer and the level of its acceptance among the membership thus far. The League's membership continues its downward trend and it is hoped that the new position created in the Sales and Marketing Department for a Membership Manager will help to slow and reverse that trend. Mr. Day relinquished the floor to Mr. McCobb, who outlined the work

done by the Administration and Finance Committee's subcommittee studying the possibilities for reducing ARRL's cost of governance by holding only one Board meeting per year. The idea will be revisited in the future. The Board was in recess for luncheon from 12:11 PM until 1:20 PM when the Board reconvened with all persons hereinbefore mentioned.

13. At this point, at 1:28 PM, on motion of Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the Board VOTED to meet as a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters. At 1:55 PM, the Committee of the Whole arose and reported to the Board. On motion of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED to accept the report.

14. Mr. Bellows, as Chairman, presented the report of the Programs and Services Committee. The group continues to refine its work in the wake of last year's combination of the Membership Services Committee and the Volunteer Resources Committee. He reported that the Committee discussed the creation of a new version of the VHF/UHF Advisory Committee and the benefits and insight that could come from such a group. He added that there was discussion of refining how points are earned with Field Day's Get on the Air (GOTA) station.

15. Mr. Fallon used a Powerpoint presentation to outline the work of the Grassroots Legislative Action Committee. Staff has nearly finished the website and he explained that the Directors now needed to make field appointments for various positions that will lead the Grassroots effort from within each ARRL Division.

16. Moving to agenda item 6, on motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, it was unanimously VOTED that the strategies recommended by the Executive Committee and the Administration and Finance Committee are adopted for inclusion in the 2006 operational plan.

17. Moving to Agenda item 7, on motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was unanimously VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors designate Jerome E. Martin, KC9BDA, as the recipient of the 2005 Philip J. McGan Memorial Silver Antenna Award. Mr. Martin has helped build public awareness for Amateur Radio via television, radio and print, and has reached out to the public through informational displays and speaking engagements (Applause.)

18. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was unanimously VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors designate Richard Davidson, K9RD, of Lake Forest, Illinois, as the recipient of the 2004 ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award. Mr. Davidson has continuously taught at least three license classes a year since 1994. Over that period he has helped hundreds of students acquire the skills needed to get an Amateur license. His class sizes range from seven to 40. He has designed a wide variety of hands-on tools and visual aids with which he combines the everyday knowledge and experience of the students to explain radio and electronic theory. Mr. Davidson's classes are popular with both beginners and upgrading Amateurs (Applause.)

19. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was unanimously VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors selects Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, of Bloomington, Indiana, as the recipient of the 2004 ARRL Professional Educator of the Year Award. Mr. Rapp has continuously woven Amateur Radio into his science classes for the past 11 years. He has also mentored an after-school Amateur Radio club emphasizing hands-on building and operating experiences. Students become familiar with a wide variety of amateur activities from transmitter hunting to constructing antennas to building ARRL Education and Technology Program project boards. During the past school year the main project was building a 220 MHz and 440 MHz repeater with a remote base. Over the years WB9VPG has made hundreds of students aware of Amateur Radio and has helped dozens of students join the ranks of licensed Amateurs (Applause.)

20. On motion of Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Isely, it was unanimously VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors designate Jack Belrose, VE2CV, and the collaboration of Tom McDermott, N5EG and Karl Ireland, as joint recipients of the 2004 Doug DeMaw, W1FB, Technical Excellence Award for their respective articles: *On the Quest for an Ideal Antenna Tuner, Jack Belrose, VE2CV, October, 2004 QST*, page 35; and *A Low-Cost 100 MHz Vector Network Analyzer with USB Interface*, Tom McDermott, N5EG and Karl Ireland, July/August, 2004 *QEX*, page 3 (Applause.)

21. On motion of Mr. Walstrom, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was unanimously VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors selects Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT, of Raytown, Missouri as the recipient of the 2004 ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Award. Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT, is an outstanding example of a young Amateur who epitomizes the precepts of The Amateur's Code. She is President of her high school's National Honor Society; a first place class ranking with a perfect 4.0 out of a possible 4.0 GPA while taking accelerated classes including physics and two advanced placement subjects. Additionally, Rebecca has received numerous individual and team academic awards and is an accomplished violinist and a member of the varsity school color guard.

Rebecca's community service supports Amateur Radio, her school and her church. Among her community service activities are working with local homeless shelters, volunteering with Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics, tutoring middle school orchestra students and high school students in mathematics and science.

Ms. Rich is an active participant in local club activities and contesting. She holds an Amateur Extra Class license and is a regular participant on multi-operator teams in ARRL CW and phone contests.

Ms. Rich has shared the Amateur Radio message in many forums and for many audiences, from a presentation at the Mid Continent Public Library summer reading program to Youth Forum presentations at the Dayton Hamvention in 1998 and 2004.

Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT, is an extremely intelligent, focused, well-rounded young woman perfectly suited to the honor of the Hiram Percy Maxim Award (Applause.) The Board was in recess from 2:58 PM until 3:21 PM.

22. On motion of Mr. Day, seconded by Mr. Milnes, it was VOTED that the Investment Policy Statement for the American Radio Relay League, Incorporated Pension Plan proposed by the Administration and Finance Committee is adopted.

23. On motion of Mr. Morton, seconded by Mr. Butler, it was VOTED that the American Radio Relay League, Inc. authorizes each person holding any of the following officer positions: Chief Executive Officer; Treasurer; and Chief Financial Officer; acting alone, to (1) establish now with Bank of America one or more deposit accounts and additional accounts from time to time; and (2) to designate from time to time, persons to operate each account.

24. It was MOVED by Mr. Roderick, seconded by Mr. Bellows, that the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel are instructed to amend the current draft petition for rulemaking proposing to regulate amateur radio subbands by maximum bandwidth rather than by emission mode, in the following respects:

- (1) The 3 kHz maximum bandwidths in proposed Section 97.305(e) will be changed to 3.5 kHz; and
- (2) The petition will define maximum permitted bandwidth in terms of necessary bandwidth rather than occupied bandwidth.

The petition, amended as above, shall be finally reviewed by the Executive Committee and filed prior to September 1, 2005.

It was MOVED by Mr. Walstrom, seconded by Mr. Norton, that the motion on the floor be amended by replacing "3.5 kHz" with "6 kHz" and by further modifying the draft petition to eliminate the exception for double-sideband AM, as an exception would no longer be necessary. After discussion, the motion to amend FAILED.

After discussion of the original motion, it was MOVED by Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Walstrom that the original motion be amended so that references to independent sideband (ISB) would be removed from the draft petition, and proposed that 97.307(f)(2) be deleted. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was VOTED to TABLE the matter.

25. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was VOTED to RECESS the meeting at 4:46 PM. The Board was in recess from 4:46 PM until 8:35 AM, Saturday, July 16, 2005, reconvening with all persons hereinbefore mentioned except Mr. Chwat, and Mr. McCobb.

26. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Walstrom, it was VOTED to LIFT the previous day's closing issue off the table for discussion. The question being the amendment as proposed by Mr. Frenaye and seconded by Mr. Walstrom, the motion to amend was ADOPTED.

27. Mr. Bellows MOVED, seconded by Mr. Isely, to amend the motion further by striking "The petition, amended as above, shall be finally reviewed by the Executive Committee and filed prior to September 1, 2005." After discussion, the motion to amend FAILED.

28. Mr. Frenaye MOVED, seconded by Mr. Bellows, to further amend the original motion by adding the following language:

Add segments for 16 kHz bandwidth in 97.305 Authorized emission types as follows:

<i>Band</i>	<i>Frequencies</i>	<i>Max B/W</i>	<i>Footnote</i>
<i>160m</i>	<i>1.975-2.000</i>	<i>16 kHz</i>	<i>(none)</i>
<i>80m</i>	<i>3.975-4.000</i>	<i>16 kHz</i>	<i>(none)</i>
<i>15m</i>	<i>21.425-21.450</i>	<i>16 kHz</i>	<i>(none)</i>

Following discussion, the motion to amend FAILED.

29. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Fallon, it was unanimously VOTED to further amend the original motion by adding the following language:

Remove the footnotes referring to emissions restrictions for Novice and Technicians in 97.307(f)(3) and 97.307(f)(4).

30. Mr. Walstrom MOVED, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, to further amend the original motion by adding the following language:

Substitute 200 kHz for 100 kHz bandwidth on portions of the 6 and 2 meter bands (97.305).

After discussion, the motion to amend FAILED.

31. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was VOTED that the motion be further AMENDED by replacing the last sentence with:

The petition, amended as above, shall be finally reviewed by the Executive Committee and filed at the committee's discretion.

The Board was in recess from 9:33 AM until 9:51 AM.

32. On motion of Mr. Butler (who voted with the prevailing side on the original vote), seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED to RECONSIDER Mr. Walstrom's motion to specify bandwidth as 6 kHz instead of 3.5 kHz (Minute 24).

After discussion, and recess from 10:33 AM until 10:43 AM, the motion to amend again FAILED.

33. Mr. Walstrom MOVED, seconded by Mr. Isely, to further amend the motion by changing frequencies authorized in section 97.305(e):

From 40m 7.000-7.035 200Hz

40m 7.035-7.075 500Hz

To 40m 7.000-7.050 200Hz

40m 7.050-7.075 500Hz

After discussion, the motion to amend FAILED.

34. Mr. Walstrom MOVED, seconded by Mr. Isely, to amend the motion by adding the following language:

Allow semiautomatic operation only on any frequency where automatic operation is permitted.

After discussion, the motion to amend FAILED.

35. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Milnes, it was VOTED unanimously to further amend the motion by adding the following language:

It is specifically understood that ARRL will promptly undertake a procedure to establish a band plan to be utilized with the proposed subband allocation petition, and until such time as that band plan is in place the existing band plan will be in force.

36. The question now being on the original motion, amended four times and shown below:

MOVED that the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel are instructed to amend the current draft petition for rulemaking proposing to regulate amateur radio subbands by maximum bandwidth rather than by emission mode, in the following respects:

- (1) The 3 kHz maximum bandwidths in proposed Section 97.305(e) will be changed to 3.5 kHz;
- (2) The petition will define maximum permitted bandwidth in terms of necessary bandwidth rather than occupied bandwidth;
- (3) The special exception for ISB emissions, (Section 97.307(f)(2) in the draft petition) is removed; and
- (4) The restrictions on Novice and Technician operators (Sections 97.307(f)(3) and 97.307(f)(4) are removed.

The petition, amended as above, shall be finally reviewed by the Executive Committee and filed at the committee's discretion.

It is specifically understood that ARRL will promptly undertake a procedure to establish a band plan to be utilized with the proposed subband allocation petition, and until such time as that band plan is in place the existing band plan will be in force.

On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED to use a roll call vote to answer the question, after which the motion was ADOPTED, 12 in favor to 3 opposed, with the following Directors voting AYE: Mr. Fuller; Mr. Isely; Mr. Bellows; Mr. Roderick; Mr. Mondro; Mr. Fallon; Mr. Walstrom; Mr. Frenaye; Mr. Milnes; Mr. Vallio; Mr. Morton; and Mr. Butler; and the following Directors voting NAY: Mr. Bodson; Mr. Norton; and Mr. Day.

The Board was in recess for luncheon from 11:37 AM until 12:59 PM when the Board reconvened with all persons hereinbefore mentioned.

37. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Butler, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, VHF/UHF contesting issues are markedly different than HF contesting issues due to the unique aspects of VHF and UHF propagation and the impact of geography and population-density differences; and

WHEREAS, analysis of those issues is best left to Amateurs skilled and familiar with those factors; and

WHEREAS, the deliberations of the recent VHF/UHF subcommittee made clear that significant issues involving contesting remain in the VHF/UHF community. In order to most effectively address the manner of resolving these matters, the Programs and Services Committee recommended that a specific committee be established to address these issues; and

WHEREAS, the mission of this committee would be to seek input from the VHF/UHF public, identify important issues and seek the sense of the public on these issues. This committee would not be asked to deal with predetermined issues; now

THEREFORE, an ARRL VUAC (VHF/UHF Advisory Committee) is established.

1. Committee membership should follow the Rules and Regulations Concerning Advisory Committees except as otherwise provided here.
2. Committee members should be exceptionally qualified and recognized members of the VHF/UHF community.
3. The term of the committee should be limited to three years.
4. The committee shall report to the Programs and Services Committee.

38. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was VOTED that the ARRL Board adopt a policy that any Director can request that a vote be conducted by roll call.

39. On motion of Mr. Mondro, seconded by the entire assembly, it was unanimously VOTED to thank staff, especially Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ, and Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, for their hard work to ensure the success of this meeting (Applause.)

40. There being no further business, those present were invited to make informal closing comments. The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 PM. (Time in session as a Board: 10 hours, 17 minutes. Time in session as a Committee of the Whole: 27 minutes.)

Respectfully submitted,

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Secretary