

**Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting  
ARRL Board of Directors  
January 18-19, 2013**

*Summary Agenda*

- 1. Roll call*
- 2. Moment of silence*
- 3. Courtesies*
- 4. Consideration of agenda*
- 5. Election of Executive Committee and ARRL Foundation Directors*
- 6. Financial reports*
- 7. Consideration and adoption of Consent Agenda*
- 8. Consideration of reports removed from Consent Agenda*
- 9. Consider recommendations of committees*
- 10. Proposals for amendments to Articles of Association and Bylaws*
- 11. Directors' motions*
- 12. Any other business*
- 13. Adjournment*

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. met in Annual session at the Renaissance New Orleans Pere Marquette Hotel in New Orleans, LA. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM CST Friday, January 18, 2013 with President Kay Craigie, N3KN, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

George R. Isely, W9GIG, Central Division  
Greg Widin, KØGW, Dakota Division  
David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division  
Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes Division  
Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division  
Cliff Ahrens, KØCA, Midwest Division  
Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division  
Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Northwestern Division  
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division  
Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Roanoke Division  
Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division  
Gregory A. Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division  
Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division  
David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Due to illness Atlantic Division Director Bill Edgar, N3LLR was unable to attend. Vice Director Tom Abernethy, W3TOM was present and assumed the Atlantic Division seat for the meeting.

Also present without vote were Rick Roderick, K5UR, First Vice President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary; Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX; Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B; Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley,

N1VXY; and Chief Development Officer Mary M. Hobart, K1MMH. Due to illness Second Vice President Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, was unable to attend.

Also in attendance were the following Vice Directors: Kermit A. Carlson, W9XA, Central Division; Kent Olson, KAØLDG, Dakota Division; Glen Clayton, W4BDB, Delta Division; Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division; Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division; Rod Blocksome, KØDAS, Midwest Division; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; Jim Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division; James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division; James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division; Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division; Martin Woll, N6VI, Southwestern Division; and John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division. Due to illness Jim Millsap, WB4NWS, Southeastern Division was unable to attend.

Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; International Amateur Radio Union Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) President Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW; John Chwat of Chwat and Co., ARRL's legislative consultant; Honorary Vice President Frank Butler, W4RH, and Daniel Henderson, N1ND, Regulatory Information Manager, in the capacity of Recording Secretary.

2. The assembly observed a moment of silence in recollection of radio amateurs who had passed away since the previous Board meeting, especially Edgar Brown, N6OU, Stu Cohen, N1SC, Jesse Craig, NJØA, John Dack, W7KH, Everett Gracey, WA6CBA, Robert J. Hajek, W9QBH, Leo Keligian, WB6YES, Joel Kleinman, N1BKE, Jack Knudson, WAØCPO, Eric Lund, NW2P, Sid T. May, ET3SID/G4CTQ, Lloyd Mintzmyer, KØJKC, Thomas "Ray" Naughton, VK3ATN, Rod Newkirk, W9BRD, Michael Owen, VK3KI, Victor Poor, W5SMM, Stephen Powlisken, K1FO, Goran Savić, YT2A, Sean P. Smith, KG4WSS, Ronald Sokol, K4KHZ, Raymond Solis, KI6QME, John C. Sullivan, W1HHR, John Swafford, W4HU, Vasile Varsogea, WB8SEZ, George Varvitsiotes, K6SV, and Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ.

3. Dr. Woolweaver was recognized for a point of personal privilege and with the assistance of Mr. Norris, treated all present with strings of Mardi Gras beads to celebrate the Board's meeting in New Orleans and the Delta Division.

4. President Craigie welcomed Mr. Lisenco to his first meeting as the newly elected Hudson Division Director. She then invited Mr. Fenstermaker to introduce his new Vice Director, Mr. Pace. President Craigie next noted the presence at the Board table of Mr. Abernethy and recognized the attendance of Mr. Butler, who was honored with applause.

5. Mr. Stafford brought greetings to the Board from the IARU officers.

6. Greetings were extended to the Board on behalf of the RAC by Mr. Bawden.

7. Mr. Frenaye, as ARRL Foundation President, reminded Board members that the deadline for Foundation scholarship applications is February 1. There are now more than 70 scholarships available through the Foundation, with eight new scholarships having been added in recent months.

8. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, the agenda for the meeting as distributed was ADOPTED.

9. Nominations were opened for the five Director seats on the Executive Committee. Mr. Isely nominated Dr. Woolweaver and Mr. Fenstermaker. Mr. Sarratt nominated Mr. Vallio. Dr. Woolweaver nominated Mr. Isely. Mr. Widin nominated Mr. Ahrens. Mr. Norris nominated Mr. Mileschosky. On motion of Mr. Fenstermaker, seconded by Mr. Sarratt, it was voted to close nominations. President Craigie appointed Mr. Olson, Mr. Raisbeck, and Dr. Boehner to serve as tellers. Mr. Vallio received 13 votes. Dr. Woolweaver received 11 votes. Mr. Fenstermaker received 10 votes. Mr. Isely received 8 votes. Mr. Mileschosky received 7 votes. Mr. Ahrens received 6 votes. Mr. Ahrens withdrew his name from further consideration. Mr. Vallio, Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Fenstermaker, Mr. Isely and Mr. Mileschosky were declared ELECTED.

10. Mr. Frenaye nominated Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Isely and Ms. Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM to serve as Directors of the ARRL Foundation for three-year terms. On motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Norris, it was voted to close nominations and the nominees were declared ELECTED.

11. Turning to financial reports, Mr. Niswander presented the Treasurer's report and answered questions. The value of the ARRL's investment portfolio stood at \$17.7 million at yearend.

12. Mr. Shelley presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer and answered questions. Income from operations was positive for the year. Membership dues, program fees and advertising revenues produced strong results while expenses in total for the organization were under budget.

13. Ms. Hobart presented her report as Chief Development Officer and answered questions. Voluntary contributions toward the funding of operations reached 92% of the year's goal. The Second Century Campaign achieved good results in its "quiet phase" and will proceed to the next phase once a public goal has been established.

14. The following reports were removed from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion: Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel, Legislative Relations, Executive Committee, Ethics and Elections, EMC Committee, Historical Committee, Ad Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century, and DX Advisory Committee.

On motion of Mr. Fenstermaker, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the remainder of the Consent Agenda was ADOPTED.

15. Mr. Sumner presented his report as Chief Executive Officer. He observed that both Amateur Radio licensing in the United States and ARRL membership grew during 2012.

16. Mr. Kramer presented the report of the Chief Operating Officer. Finding appropriate ways to support the growth and activities of ARRL-affiliated clubs was an issue highlighted during discussion of the report. As chairman of the Programs and Services Committee, Mr. Norris advised the Board that the committee has established a subcommittee to address the issue.

The Board was on break from 10:33 to 10:54 AM.

17. Mr. Chwat presented the Legislative Relations report and answered questions. He observed that the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress is shaping up to be very contentious. He shared information about House and Senate committee assignments but noted that subcommittees were still being organized. After his presentation, Mr. Chwat left the meeting at 11:45 AM.

18. Mr. Imlay presented the report of the General Counsel and entertained questions. The state of Amateur Radio enforcement and the visibility of the FCC's enforcement efforts were highlights of the discussion.

The Board was on lunch break from 12:05 PM until 1:17 PM with all previously noted in attendance except Mr. Chwat.

The meeting continued with further discussion of the report of the General Counsel.

19. President Craigie presented the report of the Executive Committee. In response to a question, Mr. Sumner explained the recent affiliation of a club located outside the United States.

The Board was on break from 2:40 PM until 3:11 PM.

20. Mr. Widin, as chairman, presented the report of the Ethics & Elections Committee and answered questions. The discussion focused on lessons learned from the first-time use of electronic balloting in division elections during the fall of 2012.

21. Mr. Carlson, as chairman, presented the report of the EMC Committee and entertained questions. There was a discussion of how to stimulate electric utilities to resolve cases of power line interference to amateur stations.

22. As chairman, Mr. Milesosky presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century. He anticipates that the committee will offer recommendations in its next report.

23. Mr. Bellows presented the report of the Historical Committee. The committee is working on implementing the guidelines and policies adopted by the Board at its July 2012 meeting.

Mr. Norton left the meeting at 4:43 PM due to illness. Mr. Woll assumed the seat for the Southwestern Division.

24. Mr. Vallio presented the report of the DX Advisory Committee. Several issues related to DXCC rules were discussed.

The Board recessed at 4:56 PM and reconvened at 9:00 AM Saturday, January 19. All previously listed as attending were present except Mr. Chwat.

25. Moving to consideration of the recommendations of committees, on motion of Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, it was VOTED that the ARRL Board of Directors adopts the following legislative objectives for the 113th Congress of the United States:

*Objective #1:* The ARRL seeks legislation instructing the FCC to extend the requirement for “reasonable accommodation” of Amateur Radio station antennas (a requirement that now applies to state and local regulations) to all forms of land use regulation.

*Objective #2:* The ARRL opposes legislation that would lead to the reallocation of amateur spectrum or to sharing arrangements that reduce the utility of existing allocations.

*Objective #3:* The ARRL opposes legislation that diminishes the rights of federal licensees in favor of unlicensed emitters or encourages the deployment of spectrum-polluting technologies.

*Objective #4:* The ARRL seeks recognition of the unique resources, capabilities, and expertise of the Amateur Radio Service in any legislation addressing communications issues related to emergencies, disasters, or homeland security.

*Objective #5:* The ARRL supports the complementary legislative objectives of other radiocommunication services, particularly the public safety and scientific services that require spectrum access and protection from interference for noncommercial purposes that benefit the public.

*Objective #6:* The ARRL opposes “distracted driving” legislation that does not clearly exempt two-way mobile radio transmitters or receivers used by licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service.

*Objective #7:* The ARRL supports legislation authorizing FCC Commissioners to appoint an electrical engineer or computer scientist as an additional member of their staffs to ensure that Commissioners have adequate access to technical expertise when making decisions.

26. On motion of Mr. Ahrens, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED that the “Rules and Regulations Concerning American Radio Relay League Division and Section Manager Elections” are amended by substituting “Ethics and Elections Committee” for “Election and Executive Committee” in the last paragraph of the sub-section “Time Table for ARRL Director and Vice Director Elections” so the paragraph will read as follows: “5 days after the 3rd Friday of November -- Any protests must be received by the Secretary in writing and forwarded to the Ethics and Elections Committee.”

27. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Widin, and after discussion, it was VOTED that the ARRL 2013-2014 Plan is ratified as presented by the Administration & Finance Committee.

28. On motion of Mr. Milesosky, seconded by Mr. Norris, and after discussion, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Whereas the ARRL and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) engaged in a memorandum of understanding in January 2011;

Whereas the MOU serves as “a framework within which both organizations may, where mutually beneficial, cooperate in, support or cosponsor programs or events intended to foster and promote education, technical awareness, and achievement in Amateur Radio...”;

Whereas Amateur Radio operators across the nation volunteer their time assisting with the promotion and utilization of Amateur Radio within the scouting community, especially its youth, through activities including Jamboree On the Air (JOTA), Radio merit badge instruction, Amateur Radio communication support and/or instruction at large scouting events;

Now therefore be it resolved that ARRL creates the ARRL Amateur Radio Service to Scouting Award, to be administered consistent with the Community Organization Award program of BSA; and

Be it further resolved that the award's qualification criteria, nomination process, administration, and implementation be jointly determined by ARRL staff and members of ARRL's previous ad hoc Committee on Scouting.

29. On motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Norton, the following resolution was ADOPTED (with applause):

Whereas it is important to recognize those who have used Amateur Radio to provide emergency communications on an international level; and

Whereas the ARRL has established the ARRL International Humanitarian Award; and

Whereas John Bush, KH6DLK / V63JB has been instrumental in promoting the development and welfare to the population of the Island of Federai in the Ulithi Atoll of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

Whereas he continues his efforts, including development of electronic infrastructure on the island, including electronic technologies and Amateur Radio;

Now therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2012 International Humanitarian Award to John Bush, KH6DLK / V63JB, of Hilo, HI and Federai, Ulithi, Yap, FSM for his efforts.

30. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Norton, the following resolution was ADOPTED (with applause):

Whereas the George Hart Distinguished Service Award is presented to an ARRL member whose service to the ARRL's Field Organization is of the most exemplary nature; and

Whereas since the early 1980s Marcia Forde, KW1U, has held many positions within the National Traffic System, including serving as Section Traffic Manager for the Eastern Massachusetts section, net manager for the Eastern Area Net, and a Director of the Trans-Continental Corps; and

Whereas she has run various digital message systems from a packet node to a Winlink classic node; and

Whereas she serves on the Eastern Massachusetts cabinet and is active in recruiting volunteers for all levels of the NTS;

Now therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors bestows the 2012 George Hart Distinguished Service Award to Marcia Forde, KW1U.

31. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Norton, it was VOTED that:

Whereas the ECAC is due to sunset at the end of January 2013; and

Whereas the ECAC needs time to complete current pending tasks;

Therefore the Board extends the current charter of the ECAC from January 31, 2013 to January 31, 2014.

The Board was on break from 10:43 until 11:03 AM. There being no proposals for amendments to the Articles of Association or Bylaws, the Board proceeded to consideration of Directors' motions.

32. On motion of Mr. Widin, seconded by Mr. Norris, and after discussion it was VOTED that:

Whereas the value of Logbook of the World as a premium service of ARRL continues to grow, though recent throughput difficulties due to the phenomenal growth have been resolved, continued growth requires ongoing review of operational and developmental enhancements to Logbook, the level of support accorded the program, and the ongoing fiscal resource stream needed to maintain and improve this important product;

Therefore, in order to examine these topics in a thorough and balanced way the ARRL President shall appoint a Logbook ad hoc committee from the Board and staff to examine the following topics and provide the ARRL Board with a progress report and preliminary recommendations at its July 2013 meeting;

Further understanding that although some understanding of current and future technological matters will likely be required the primary purpose of the ad hoc committee

will be to review policies and practices associated with how Logbook runs today, including the fixed and variable costs, issues concerning user interface and usability, and economic value of an award point or credit from LoTW.

33. Mr. Kramer presented a brief update on the 2014 ARRL National Convention which included a discussion of the timing and anticipated duration of the 2014 Second Meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Board was in recess for lunch at 12:06 PM and reconvened at 1:01 PM with all participants previously noted present except Mr. Chwat.

34. President Craigie presented Mr. Lisenco with his Director's certificate. She then presented Mr. Pace with his Vice Director's certificate.

35. President Craigie announced the following committee assignments for 2013:

*Administration & Finance:* Mr. Frenaye (chair), Mr. Widin, Mr. Bodson, Mr. Ahrens, Mr. Edgar, Mr. Woll, Mr. Niswander

*Programs & Services:* Mr. Norris (chair), Mr. Sarratt, Mr. Lisenco, Mr. Norton, Dr. Weaver, Mr. Abernethy

*Ethics & Elections:* Mr. Widin (chair), Mr. Ahrens, Mr. Bodson

*Legal Defense & Assistance:* Mr. Ahrens (chair), Mr. Milesosky, Mr. Raisbeck, Mr. Tiemstra, Jim O'Connell, W9WU, Mr. Imlay

*RF Safety:* Dr. Gregory Lapin, N9GL (chair), Mr. Stratton (Board liaison)

*EMC:* Mr. Carlson (chair)

*Historical:* Mr. Bellows (chair), Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Norton, Mr. Blocksome, Mike Marinaro, WN1M, Bob Allison, WB1GCM (staff liaison)

*HF Band Plan:* Mr. Frahm (chair), Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Norton, Steve Ford, WB8IMY, Chuck Skolaut, KØBOG

*Public Relations:* Kevin O'Dell, NØIRW (chair), Don Carlson, KQ6FM, Steven Polunsky, W5SMP, Mark Kraham, W8CMK, Ed Tyler, N4EDT, Bill Morine, N2COP, John Sovik, KB8WPZ, Alan Bauld, VE3CBR (RAC), Dr. Boehner (Board liaison), Allen Pitts, W1AGP (interim staff liaison)

*Microwave Band Plan:* Mr. Roderick (chair), Mr. Blocksome, Mr. Woll, Mr. Sumner, Paul Rinaldo, W4RI



*Youth in the Second Century:* Mr. Milesosky (chair), Andrea Hartlage KG4IUM, Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF, Jeremy Breef-Pilz, KB1REQ, Sterling Coffey, NØSSC, Joel Monza, KC2SNL, Marcel Stieber, AI6MS

*Centennial Celebration:* President Craigie (chair), Mr. Sumner, Mr. Allen, Mr. Widin, Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Raisbeck, Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, Dave Patton, NN1N, Steve Ford, WB8IMY, Allen Pitts W1AGP

*ARDF Coordinator:* Joe Moell, KØOV

*Advisory Committee Chairs:* Al Dewey, KØAD, Contest; Arne Gjerner, N7KA, DX; Jim Cross, WI3N, Emergency Communications; Steve Clark, AG4V, VHF/UHF

36. At 1:16 PM, on motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Widin, the Board VOTED to resolve into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters. The Committee rose and reported to the Board at 3:01 PM. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Bodson, the report of the Committee of the Whole was ADOPTED.

The Board was on break from 3:03 PM until 3:27 PM.

37. On motion of Mr. Vallio and second of Dr. Weaver, it was VOTED (with applause) that:

Whereas the Bill Leonard, W2SKE, Professional Media Award was developed to honor professional journalists whose outstanding work best reflects the enjoyment, importance and public service value of the Amateur Radio Service, and

Whereas the ARRL Public Relations Committee has carefully evaluated all nominations for the above award, and has recommended to the ARRL Programs & Services Committee the following candidates:

Lucy Ann Lance, radio show producer, WLBY 1290 AM Ann Arbor Michigan – for audio; and

Lynn Anderson, Editor, The Best Times, Olathe, Kansas – for print;

Now the ARRL Board of Directors bestows the 2012 Bill Leonard Award to Lucy Ann Lance (audio) and Lynn Anderson (print).

38. On motion of Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Mr. Bodson, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Whereas, the symbol rate limitations found in the FCC's rules governing the Amateur Radio Service were codified in 1989, and

Whereas, advances in digital communications techniques have rendered these limitations obsolete, and

Whereas, the continuation and extension of the amateur's proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art is a fundamental purpose of the Amateur Radio Service;

Now therefore be it resolved, the ARRL Board of Directors establishes an Ad Hoc Symbol Rate Rule Modernization Committee (the Committee), and

Be it further resolved, that the Committee shall evaluate potential modifications to the Amateur Service rules to permit and facilitate the use and development of high symbol rate digital communications techniques, and

Be it further resolved, that the Committee shall recommend modifications to the ARRL Board of Directors for consideration at the Board's July 2013 meeting.

39. Each attendee was given the opportunity for closing remarks.

40. On motion of Mr. Lisenco and seconded by the full Board (with applause) it was VOTED that:

Whereas the January 2013 annual meeting of the ARRL Board has been conducted efficiently due to the diligence of staff; and,

Mindful that organizing a meeting away from ARRL Headquarters involves significant additional challenges;

Now therefore be it RESOLVED that the entire Board family thanks Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ for her work and efforts in supporting and organizing the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned sine die at 4:39 PM. (Time in session as a Board: 10 hours 7 minutes. Time in session as a Committee of the Whole: 1 hour 45 minutes.)

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Secretary