Contest Advisory Committee Semi-Annual Report

For the American Radio Relay League Board of Directors Meeting

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Joe Staples, W5ASP Chairman, CAC The CAC received no formal assignments from the Program & Services Committee (P&SC) during 2004. As a result, the level of activity has been very subdued.

The P&SC did approve the CAC's request that it be allowed to review a proposal for changes to the "General Rules for ARRL Contests on Bands Below 30 MHz (HF)", regarding changing the "Low Power limit" from 150 watts to 100 watts, not only in the IARU HF contest but in other ARRL-sponsored contests as well. A set of suggestions for implementing the change was forwarded to the P&SC.

Since the meeting of those CAC members who attended the Dayton Convention in May, there has been an ongoing discussion of various topics relating to the creation of a set of Guidelines for Contesters. Ward Silver, N0AX has been guiding this exchange of ideas. A preliminary summary of several of the suggestions was passed on to the P&SC for comment. No target date for the completion of this activity has been set.