

**Report to the ARRL Board of Directors  
Ethics and Elections Committee  
July 2016**

We are pleased to provide this report to the ARRL Board covering activities on behalf of the Ethics and Elections Committee for the first half of calendar year 2016.

Early in 2016, the committee verified the proper procedure for immediately replacing 645 ballots that went missing en route to members.

**Routine Actions:**

The Committee ruled on eligibility of two candidates for Vice Director positions, answered a question about election cycle dates affected by By Law 18, and received an election ethics violation complaint against a Section Manager Candidate and found it to be without foundation. The Committee also received and approved 4 potential conflict-of-interest advisory notices.

In April, the Committee approved the resending of the Alabama Section manager ballots with a detailed explanation to correct a misspelling. In June, we ruled on an appropriate method of acknowledging an unsolicited equipment donation to an officer without offending the donor.

In July, the committee considered a question about information requested on a candidate's application form that when answered could potentially violate attorney-client privilege. We ruled that the question was answered appropriately and met the intent of the question. It is this Committee's recommendation that this form be reviewed and the unexpected effect of this question be reviewed.

**Complex Action:**

The Committee spent considerable time discussing the material contained a press release from a Director and the balance between our members need to know and the propriety of protecting information during a negotiation process. We found our By Laws and Guidelines both unclear and in conflict and urge a review and possible rewrite of both for clarity and there for could not fault the writer for keeping his constituents informed about his opinion, but urge extreme caution in the future to insure that the information released has no impact upon current negotiations.

Respectfully submitted,

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