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# Ethics and Elections Committee January 20125- ARRL Board Meeting

2024 was a busy year for elections for ARRL Candidates.

## **Director and Vice Director Elections**

There were three major complaints as part of the 2024 ARRL Director Elections. There were no complaints for Vice Director Elections.

There were a number of complaints about candidates, based on

- 1, Tiuneliness,
- 2. Residence
- 3. Prevarication

## 1, Timeliness

A candidate did not submit a candidate petition on time, They were not qualified for the election. The first candidate had not delivered his completed petition to the Secretary during the qualification perion.

## 2, Residence

An appropriate complaint was received about a candidate in the Roanoke Division, with evidence he resided in Florida. Documents were provided by the complainant that showed Palm Beach County Florida public records which showed the candidate was registered to vote in Florida and owned a residence in Florida for which he claimed a Florida Homestead Exemption, This exemption requires multiple executions of an affidavit swearing to his residency. These documents exist and were verified with the Palm Beach County Tax Assessor. Based on these facts and the requirement for residence in Article 7 of the Articles of Association, this candidate was not qualified due to residence,

## 3, Prevarication

- A complaint was received from the Northwest Division about untruth statements made by a candidate. The Committee contacted the candidate and informed him that the information he was distributing about the "CEO's Salary" which was incorrect. The Committee confirmed this with HQ, told the candidate the correct number and asked that they correct it, The candidate also complained about the number of employees that had left the ARRL since the current CEO took office, This number was also incorrect.
- The committee spent a lot of time helping remediate this candidate's statements, but on the day of the deadline that the candidate had agreed to, they changed their

mind and emailed campaigned literature with the incorrect data, referencing the fact that this committee had told him that his data was incorrect.

The candidate was then disqualified for lack of truth,

On behalf eof the E&E Committee,

Mickey Baker N4MB, Chair

This was the first time the Code of Conduct required close review and analysis by the committee and we found a few areas where some improvements could be made.

Thanks to Jim Pace, K7CEX, and Kermit Carlson, W9XA, for their good counsel and input to the extensive discussions we have had during the past six months.

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