

**Minutes of 2012 Second Meeting
ARRL Board of Directors
July 20-21, 2012**

Summary Agenda

1. *Roll call*
2. *Moment of silence*
3. *Courtesies*
4. *Consideration of the agenda*
5. *Receipt and consideration of financial reports*
6. *Motion to adopt Consent Agenda*
7. *Consideration of items removed from Consent Agenda*
8. *Consideration of recommendations of the Standing Committees*
9. *Consideration of additional recommendations as contained in reports*
10. *Consideration of applications for 2014 ARRL National Convention*
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 second session at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott in Windsor, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM EDT Friday, July 20, 2012 with President Kay Craigie, N3KN, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Bill Edgar, N3LLR, Atlantic Division
George R. Isely, W9GIG, Central Division
Greg Widin, KØGW, Dakota Division
David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division
Jim Weaver, K8JE, Great Lakes Division
Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF, 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 Mileschosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division
Gregory A. Sarratt, W4OZK, Southeastern Division
Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division
David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Also present without vote were Rick Roderick, K5UR, First Vice President; Bruce Frahm, KØBJ, Second Vice President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary; Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B; Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY; and Chief Development Officer Mary M. Hobart, K1MMH. Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX was unable to attend.

Also in attendance were the following Vice Directors: Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division; Kermit A. Carlson, W9XA, Central Division; Kent Olson, KAØLDG, Dakota Division; Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division; Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division; Rod Blocksome, KØDAS, Midwest Division; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division; James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division; Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division; Andrea Hartlage, KG4IUM, Southeastern Division; Martin Woll, N6VI, Southwestern Division; and John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, West Gulf Division. Vice Directors Glen Clayton, W4BDB, Delta Division, and Grant Hopper, KB7WSD, Northwestern Division, were unable to attend.

Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; International Amateur Radio Union President Tim Ellam, VE6SH; Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) President Geoff Bawden, VE4BAW; John Chwat of Chwat and Co., ARRL's legislative consultant; and Dan 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: Raymond E. Arvidson, W5RAU; Richard L. Baldwin, W1RU; Roger Coulter, KT4HV; Phil David, K6DLV/YBØARA; Darel Graves, WAØGBN; Ronald R. Hammel, K6WLC; Lawrence R. Hogue, W6OMF; Les Jones, W6JXV; Merle G. Kachenmeister, WA8EWW; Obie King, AA3EB; Richard Kirby, WØLCT/HB9BOA; Russell Lamb, WU8H; Paul D. Lieb, KH6HME; Fred Maia, W5YI; Walt Maxwell, W2DU; Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML; Jim Mozley, W2BCH; Armond Noble, N6WR; Robert L. (Bob) Shrader, W6BNB; Earle Smith, VE6NM; William Stamps, W9WRS; John Thompson, W1BIH; Janice Voss, KC5BTK; Edward White, WA3BZT; Ron Wright, ZL1AMO; and Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ.

3. President Craigie welcomed Mr. Ellam and Mr. Bawden as guests of the Board.

4. Mr. Ellam brought greetings from the IARU officers. He thanked the Board for allowing the ARRL to act as the International Secretariat for the IARU. He also noted the IARU's appreciation for the work of Brennan Price, N4QX, and Jon Siverling, WB3ERA, on behalf of Amateur Radio at the 2012 World Radiocommunication Conference. He also thanked Mr. Sumner for his continuing participation in the work of the IARU and President Craigie for attending a portion of WRC 2012.

5. Mr. Bawden brought greetings from the RAC Board and membership and expressed appreciation for the hospitality extended to him.

6. Mr. Frenaye, as ARRL Foundation President, announced that the September issue of *QST* would list over 60 scholarship awards by the Foundation. He encouraged Board members to solicit applicants in their respective divisions for the various scholarships that are available.

7. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the agenda for the meeting was ADOPTED.

8. Mr. Chwat presented the Legislative Relations report and entertained questions. He noted that H.R. 607 is no longer a threat. The FCC study of impediments to Amateur Radio emergency

communications was included in the *Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012* thanks to the support of House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Upton and Communications and Technology Subcommittee Chairman Walden, among others.

9. Mr. Niswander presented the report of the Treasurer and entertained questions. He walked the Board through a change in format of the report. The portfolio is sound despite the current economic climate, although the yield will decline because of the interest rate environment.

10. Mr. Shelley presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer and entertained questions. To date in 2012 the League is doing well due to a combination of good revenues and under-spending relative to budget. Membership, DXCC and Logbook of the World fees are up, cash flow is good and the balance sheet is strong. The IRS has approved the termination of the defined benefit pension plan and that process should be completed during the fourth quarter.

11. Ms. Hobart presented the report of the Chief Development Officer and entertained questions. She noted the tenth anniversary of the Diamond Club. The Second Century Campaign Committee continues its work to build the ARRL endowment.

12. The following reports were removed from the Consent Agenda to permit discussion: General Counsel, Administration and Finance, Programs and Services, RF Safety Committee. Historical Committee, Centennial Celebration Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century.

On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Fenstermaker, the balance of the Consent Agenda was ADOPTED.

The Board was in recess from 10:19 to 10:40 AM.

13. Mr. Imlay, with assistance from Mr. Henderson, presented the report of the General Counsel. The study being prepared for Congress by the FCC is expected to conclude that the Commission will extend the limited preemption provisions of PRB-1 to private land use regulations only if directed by Congress to do so. The ARRL will file replies to oppositions to the ARRL petition seeking reconsideration of the FCC's most recent broadband over power lines (BPL) decisions.

14. At this time Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, ARRL Marketing Manager; Heather Vieira, National Sales Manager, Connecticut Convention Center; Michael Van Parys, President, Connecticut Convention and Sports Bureau; and Jeffrey Musumano, National Sales Manager, Connecticut Convention and Sports Bureau joined the meeting to present Hartford as a potential site for an ARRL Centennial National Convention in 2014. After answering questions the group departed from the meeting.

15. Mr. Imlay resumed his report. Recent meetings by Mr. Imlay and Mr. Sumner with FCC Commissioners' staff and Enforcement Bureau leadership have sought greater visibility for the Commission's Amateur Radio enforcement activities.

The Board was in recess for lunch from 12:08 until 1:04 PM with all attendees previously noted present except Mr. Chwat, who left the meeting, and Mr. Stratton.

16. Mr. Imlay concluded his report. Mr. Stratton rejoined the meeting at 1:21 PM.

17. Mr. Frenaye presented the report of the Administration and Finance Committee and answered questions.

18. Mr. Norris presented the report of the Programs and Services Committee and responded to questions. He reviewed the reports of the Contest, DX, Emergency Communications, and VHF-UHF Advisory Committees.

19. Mr. Stratton fielded questions and comments on the report of the RF Safety Committee.

20. Mr. Bellows fielded questions and comments on the report of the Historical Committee.

21. Mrs. Craigie presented the report of the Centennial Celebration Committee and responded to questions and comments.

22. Mr. Milesosky presented the report on the Ad Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century and fielded questions. He encouraged all directors to reach out to their constituents, especially young amateurs, and share the information and mission of the committee and its work.

The Board was in recess from 2:39 until 3:03 PM.

23. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Edgar, it was VOTED that the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League acknowledges receipt of and accepts the financial statement audit conducted by J.H. Cohn LLP for the year 2011. The report notes an unqualified audit of the financial statements of the ARRL for the year ending December 31, 2011.

24. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Widin, and after discussion it was VOTED that the revised ARRL Investment Policy Statement reviewed and endorsed by the Administration and Finance Committee on July 19, 2012 be approved.

25. On motion of Mr. Bodson, seconded by Mr. Isely, the following was ADOPTED:

Whereas the ARRL Board of Directors voted at Minute 22 of the 2011 Second Meeting to terminate the ARRL Defined Benefit Pension Plan effective November 1, 2011, and

Whereas a favorable Letter of Determination has been received from the Internal Revenue Service,

It is moved that the ARRL Pension Investment Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Administration and Finance Committee, the ARRL Treasurer and the ARRL Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized to settle the defined benefit pension plan obligations and distribute the assets accordingly following appropriate due diligence.

26. On motion of Ms. Birmingham, seconded by Mr. Vallio, and after discussion it was VOTED to request that the ARRL IT Department write a modification to allow multiple Field Day sites to be displayed at a single location simultaneously on the ARRL Field Day locator site.

27. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Edgar, it was VOTED that the Secretary is instructed to cast a vote on behalf of the ARRL in favor of IARU Proposal No. 247, for admission of the Federation of Radio Sport of Azerbaijan (FRSA) to the IARU.

28. On further motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Bodson, it was VOTED that the Secretary is instructed to cast a vote on behalf of the ARRL in favor of IARU Proposal No. 248, for admission of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Amateur Radio Club (SVGARC) to the IARU.

29. On motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the following was ADOPTED:

Whereas the ARRL Historical Committee and the ARRL Historical Collection do not have formal Guidelines, Policies or Terms of Reference regarding the accession, care and deaccession of documents, images or artifacts in the collection;

Whereas formal Guidelines, Policies or Terms of Reference regarding the accession, care and deaccession of documents, images or artifacts would enhance use, protection and preservation of the collection;

Whereas the ARRL Historical Committee has proposed Guidelines, Policies or Terms of Reference regarding the accession, care and deaccession of documents, images or artifacts in the collection;

Now therefore the ARRL Board of Directors adopts Guidelines, Policies or Terms of Reference regarding the accession, care and deaccession of documents, images or artifacts in the ARRL Historical collection as proposed by the Historical Committee.

30. On motion of Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Mr. Frenaye, it was unanimously VOTED that Thomas W. Comstock, N5TC, is elected as a Director Emeritus of the ARRL (Applause).

The Board was in recess from 3:45 to 4:00 PM.

31. On motion of Dr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Norris, it was VOTED that to satisfy changing technology of badge making as well as to embrace long-standing tradition, the Official ARRL Field Organization Call Sign Badge Program is now authorized to accept the services of call sign badge makers that use a dye sublimation process as well as to continue using those vendors that produce badges with engraved silk-screened blanks.

32. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Dr. Weaver, the following was ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas David Rowe, VK5DGR, has been a major leader and the primary technical author of an open-source CODEC2 protocol, designed to address the impediment to the development of amateur digital-voice posed by closed sources protocols; and

Whereas the open-source nature of this work is a major step forward in the development of digital voice communications;

Therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the *2012 ARRL Technical Innovation Award* to David Rowe, VK5DGR.

33. On motion of Mr. Sarratt, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following was ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas John T. "Ted" Luebbers, K1AYZ, has demonstrated outstanding volunteer public relations success on behalf of Amateur Radio at the local and regional levels; and

Whereas he has fostered an environment that significantly increases public awareness of Amateur Radio including work as an Elmer, mentor and volunteer in many community activities; and

Whereas his history of active promotion of Amateur Radio encompasses many years and includes print, personal appearances, presentations, volunteer services and friendships within his community; and

Whereas his writings are credited with bringing many radio amateurs into the hobby, and enhanced local clubs in his home area;

Therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, awards the *2012 Philip J McGan Silver Antenna Award* to John T. Luebbers, K1AYZ.

34. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Ms. Birmingham, the following was ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas Joe Lowenthal, WA4OVO, has a demonstrated record as an outstanding instructor for Amateur Radio classes in the Memphis, TN area; and

Whereas hundreds of students have benefited from his expertise in the classroom and generous mentoring upon obtaining their amateur licenses; and

Whereas his commitment to the Amateur Service over the years has made him a recognized resource to others teaching licensing classes;

Therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors awards the 2012 Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award to Joe Lowenthal, WA4OVO.

35. On motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, it was VOTED that the band plans for the 13 cm band (2300-2310 MHz and 2390-2450 MHz), the 23 cm band (1240-1300 MHz) and the 33 cm band (902-928 MHz) as proposed by the UHF/Microwave Band Plan Committee, identified as Attachments C, B, and A in the Committee Report to the Board, are adopted as the ARRL national band plans.

The Board recessed for the day at 4:16 PM and reconvened at 9:00 AM Saturday, July 21, 2012 with all attendees present except as previously noted.

36. On motion of Mr. Widin, seconded by Mr. Isely, it was VOTED that in accordance with the recommendation of the Administration & Finance Committee, Standing Order #11 as adopted at Minute 23 of the July 2004 ARRL Board of Directors Meeting is amended to delete the phrase "... and one year Diamond Club membership" as a benefit for 50-year, 60-year and 70-year members.

37. Mr. Sarratt presented the proposal of the Huntsville Hamfest Association to serve as host for the 2014 Centennial ARRL National Convention in Huntsville, AL and entertained questions. Mr. Frenaye presented a proposal for a 2014 Centennial ARRL National Convention in Hartford, CT and entertained questions. Discussion followed on both proposals.

The Board was in recess from 10:42 to 11:04 AM.

38. On motion of Mr. Frenaye, seconded by Mr. Vallio, the following resolution was ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas the ARRL will celebrate in 2014 the 100th anniversary of its founding, and
Whereas attractive proposals have been received for the 2014 ARRL National Convention to be held in Huntsville, Alabama and Hartford, Connecticut, and
Whereas the ARRL was founded in Hartford in 1914 and has maintained its headquarters in the Hartford area ever since, be it

Resolved by the ARRL Board of Directors in meeting assembled, that the Board expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation to the Huntsville Hamfest Association Committee for its willingness to host the 2014 ARRL National Convention, and be it

Further Resolved that the proposal for the ARRL Centennial National Convention to be held in Hartford, Connecticut, July 17-20, 2014, is hereby accepted.

39. On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Norton, the following was ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas James Ahlstrom, N2ADR has demonstrated technical excellence in his research, design, construction and documentation of a home-brewed all digital HF transceiver; and

Whereas he has demonstrated the technical, innovative and creative skills worthy of recognition throughout the League; and

Whereas he conveyed and shared his innovative creation through a well written article with thousands of radio amateurs and ARRL members across the globe;

Therefore the ARRL Board of Directors selects James Ahlstrom, N2ADR, as the recipient of the 2011 Doug DeMaw, W1FB, Technical Excellence Award for his article "An All-Digital Transceiver for HF," which was published in the January/February 2011 issue of *QEX* magazine.

40. Mr. Sarratt moved, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, that ARRL Field Day Rule 3.3 be modified to permit set-up beginning at 0000 UTC on Friday preceding the Field Day period, and Rule 3.3 be amended to specify that stations may set up at any time during the 42 hours preceding the event; however their cumulative setup time shall not exceed a total of 24 hours.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Norris, the question was postponed until after lunch.

41. The Board discussed a Time Allocation cost estimate that had been prepared in response to Minute 54 of the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Board. The Board was on break for lunch from 12:01 to 1:03 PM with all previously listed in attendance except as noted.

42. Mr. Isely moved, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver, that the January 2013 ARRL Board Meeting be held in New Orleans, Louisiana. A roll call vote being requested, Directors Isely, Norris,

Weaver, Birmingham, Ahrens, Fenstermaker, Vallio, Sarratt and Woolweaver voted “aye” and Directors Edgar, Widin, Frenaye, Bodson, Mileschosky, and Norton voted “nay.” Eight affirmative votes being required, the motion was ADOPTED.

43. Mr. Sarratt moved, seconded by Mr. Vallio, to amend his earlier Field Day motion by striking the text and substituting therefor the following: “Moved, that ARRL Field Day Rule 3.3 is modified to read: ‘No class A or B station may begin its set-up earlier than 0000 UTC on the Friday (Thursday afternoon or evening local time) preceding the Field Day period. Cumulative set-up time shall not exceed a total of 24 hours.’” The motion to amend was ADOPTED. The question then being on the motion as amended, after discussion the same was ADOPTED.

44. Mr. Edgar moved, seconded by Mr. Isely, that:

Whereas Directors and Vice-Directors provide service at the ARRL Conventions, it is moved that ARRL Director and Vice Director expenses for the 2014 ARRL Centennial National Convention be reimbursable from the 2014 National Convention budget.

After discussion, Mr. Norton moved to lay the motion on the table until the next meeting which failed due to lack of a second. After further discussion, Mr. Edgar’s motion was ADOPTED.

45. On the motion of Mr. Niswander, seconded unanimously, the following resolution was ADOPTED with applause:

Whereas the July 2012 ARRL Board meeting has been conducted efficiently due to the diligence of staff,

Therefore be it RESOLVED that the entire Board family thanks the staff for their warm welcome to Headquarters and their assistance at the committee and Board meetings. We especially wish to recognize Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ, for arranging a comfortable and pleasant venue for the meeting.

46. All present were given the opportunity for closing comments. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned sine die at 2:54 PM. Time in session as a Board: 9 hours and 50 minutes.

Respectfully,

David Sumner, K1ZZ
Secretary