



# International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Virtual EC Meeting 18 March 2021 19:00-21:00 GMT

Authors	G3BJ, PB2T
Subject	Minutes

**In attendance:** G3BJ, 9K2RR, PB2T, HB9JOE, IV3KKW, SM6EAN, DJ3HW, F4GKR, Z32TO, LA2RR, DF5JL, PA2DW, OE1MHZ, G4SJH, EI8BP. PA2LS and F5DJL attended part of the meeting.

## Opening:

G3BJ opened the meeting at 19:03. The meeting approved the agenda.

**1 workshop progress.**

SM6EAN briefed the EC on the Introductory meeting to be held 24 March.

**2 Requests for support.**

Just one request for support has been received before the deadline of 17 March 2021. PB2T has invited MS that submitted a request for support back in 2020 to update their requests. The EC will consider request for support in April 2021.

**3 Public Relations advisor.**

PA2LS briefed the EC on the framework for our PR strategy, including current status and way ahead. Lisa stressed that key for PR is visibility, with core messages being focused on specific audiences. She was encouraged to continue her work on developing the strategy with F4GKR, IV3KKW and DJ3HW.

**4 Technical Working Group**

F5DJL briefed the EC on status of TWG and way ahead. For various reasons, limited progress has been made. F5DJL noticed that there is a serious risk that activities of a future TWG will conflict with activities of other Working Groups. The EC asked F5DJL to produce an overview of already existing technical groups and to consider how the TWG would sit alongside these

**5 WG Terms of Reference.**

The 17 March 2021 version of the WG Terms of Reference was sent to the EC. Final comments can be submitted unto 22 March. PB2T will publish the ToR.

**Action PB2T**

**6 Region 1 Award**

DF5JL explained that he had received a request from the Awards Manager to consider whether the existing rules for the top IARU Region 1 award should remain as they are, given the non-availability of a few MS countries on the bands. After discussion the EC decided not to change the rules for the Region 1 Award. DF5JL will inform the award manager.

**Action DF5JL**

**7 Other Business**

- a. AC meeting. Region 1 may submit a contribution to the AC meeting to be held 6 April. The purpose is to generate discussion on delivery of QSL cards to non-members. LA2RR suggested to at least have a text proposal ready.
- b. Bandplanning. PA2DW gave a brief report of the contact he had with K1JT on the use of digital modes on VHF and UHF and the spectrum implications. The EC prefers to have a common view by both the HF and VHF/UHF/MW community. PA2DW will liaise with DF5JL and brief the EC in more detail at the next EC meeting.

**Action PA2DW, DF5JL**

**8 Next Meeting**

PB2T will propose a date for the next virtual EC meeting in April

**Action PB2T**

**9 Closure**

The meeting was closed at 21:44 UTC