



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

Virtual EC+ Meeting 3 May 2022

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Subject	Meeting minutes

In attendance: F4GKR, IV3KKW, Z32TO, OE1MHZ, DF5JL, G0DUB, PA2LS, DJ3HW, DK6SP, G4SJH, EI8BP, PA2DW, HB9JOE, OD5TE, 9K2DB, LA2RR

Apologies:

1. Opening: F4GKR

F4GKR opened the meeting.
The meeting approved the agenda.

2. EC view on general input documents from NRRL and USKA:

NRRL "Format for the 2023 IARU Region General Conference"
USKA "Bring the "Full License" Syllabus of Amateur Radio to the 21st Century"
USKA "Implement Technology Working Group (TWG)"
USKA "Transparent Information Policy in IARU R1"

Discussion: Alternatives was discussed on how to handle the general proposals that historically have been handled by committee C3 (General Administrative and Organisational Committee) during General Conferences (GC).

LA2RR commented that it has not been the case that general proposals were handled by interim meeting and that proposals are discussed and decided during GC. LA2RR also commented that the EC has the in-between authority to take decisions. IV3KKW commented that we need to change the constitution before we can take decisions outside the conferences. F4GKR commented that proposals made at the Interim meeting can be accepted up to the GC when they can be ratified. This is a similar way that interim meeting recommendations from committees C4, C5 and C7 are handled.

It was agreed the IARU-R1 3 year process is slow and we need to change our way of working to have faster decisions and implementations of proposals made.

Region 1 Constitution:

A.4.3 The Executive Committee shall:

A.4.3.1 - be responsible for examining all recommendations and resolutions adopted at General Conferences and meetings of specialised bodies and deciding upon the best

method of implementing them;

A.4.3.2 - meet together as required between General Conferences to examine the overall amateur radio situation in IARU Region 1 and worldwide and to take such action, in accordance with the Constitution and Byelaws, as may be considered necessary and desirable;

Decisions

- It was agreed to move forward with the alternative where the EC discusses and decides on proposals in between GC and ratifications are made at the following GC. A proposal shall be discussed at the next EC meeting.
- It was agreed to prepare a paper on how to work with “general input papers” in between GC. **Action: Sylvain F4GKR**
The paper shall include:
 - The process from the MS to ratification.
 - Clarified if there are proposals that only can be handled by the General Administrative and Organisational Committee (C3) active during a conference.
 - Review the constitution looking from the proposed alternative.
- The EC shall ask and confirm with NRRL and USKA if they accept that the EC handle their documents in the proposed way. **Action Secretary**

3. Feedback & discussion with USKA regarding document “Transparent Information Policy in IARU R1”

The USKA chairman, Willi (HB9AMC) was invited to present the three USKA input papers and discuss in particular the input document “Transparent Information Policy in IARU R1”.

Discussion: Both in general and when working in the program Shaping the Future (StF), it is not clear what work is ongoing in IARU and who is participating in this work. In particular, Willi HB9AMC is of the view that the work in committees PRC and SRLC seems to have bearing on discussions in the StF teams. Willi HB9AMC explained the need to have a more efficient communication between the permanent committees and the StF teams. He also explained that more regular feedback from the Executive Committee to the Member Societies is required.

In summary:

- A high-level yearly reporting to member societies (MS) is expected from a) EC members and b) from Committees and working groups.
A report shall also be presented before general conferences.
- In the Terms of Reference (ToR) for Committees and Working Groups (WG) it is stated: “All Committee Chairs, Working Group Chairs and Coordinators shall report annually to the EC and to the General Conference.”
- Although all committees and WG’s can publish news on the IARU-R1 website, only a few is using this opportunity. It should be discussed how this can be improved.

- The StF teams have a need to understand what is discussed in which group in IARU and who are participating in those groups. This would help them to collaborate directly with the relevant persons in the frame of their activities.
- Although information of how to join different groups and committees are available on the website, the information is not always easily accessible. MS can have representatives in all committees, but it is important that participants are “working members” and not are joining just to get information. It is also important to keep in mind that some of the discussions and information might be strictly internal and sensitive.

Decision: It was agreed that information must be improved, and that the EC will discuss ways to improve the situation.

It was also decided that HB9AMC would be invited to an internal discussion regarding the two other USKA input documents (11 May). **Action Secretary**

4. ARDF:

ARDF WG is a specialised group within IARU-R1 and should follow the IARU policies. IARU and IARU-R1 have made the neutral position clear with respect to the Ukrainian conflict.

Organisers of the next ARDF event wanted to be confirmed that they should welcome all participants – which IARU-R1 has confirmed with a formal letter from the President.

Decision:

- It was agreed not to change the IARU policy, it is up to each individual or member society to make their own decisions about participation in ARDF events.
- The ARDF WG must act in line with the IARU policy and continue with preparation of the event. A response shall be sent to the ARDF chairman.

Action; F4GKR, LA2RR, Z32TO

5. CEPT amateur radio portal

A proposal has been made in CEPT WG-FM by Romania (ANCOM) to create an Amateur Radio portal for licensing documentation and a central amateur radio licensing database. CEPT countries probably have different ways to issue licenses, etc. and several practical things are unclear.

The proposal has been adopted by WG-FM, and a new work item was created in WG-FM RAFG.

The EC is of the view that IARU has to support such an initiative. F4GKR reported that several StF teams expressed their wish to produce content about amateur radio, typically to be released on a website.

The EC agreed that IARU should contribute to the amateur radio portal proposed in CEPT, this contribution could be:

- Helping in building the structure of the portal,
- Providing content.

Barry G4SJH took note of this discussion and will report to the CEPT WG-FM that IARU can contribute. The Executive Committee has expressed its wish to remain informed of developments in this subject.