International Amateur Radio Union
Region 1

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In attendance: DF5JL, DJ3HW, IV3KKW, F4GKR, OE1MCU, PA2LS, DK6SP, OD5TE, 9K2DB, Z32TO, VE3YV. Arrived late due to travel: LA2RR, G0DUB

Apologies: EI8BP, G4SJH, HB9JOE, OE1MHZ

Meeting folder: Nextcloud\03 Executive Committee\EC meetings\EC 2022-06-22 HAMRADIO

1. Welcome
   F4GKR welcomed the attendees and especially the guest George, VE3YV, the Region 2 president.

2. Follow-up of previous meeting:
   - Recognitions
     No proposals have been received since last meeting. Action: IARU-R1 chairpersons

     Both IARU and member societies (MS) have difficulties to find volunteers. When volunteers cannot be found in the MS, IARU need to turn to the amateur radio community. The MS could make feedback on the individuals volunteering.

     Recognition is a part of showing gratitude for efforts spent for IARU and the amateur radio community

     Work on guidelines for recognitions have not been started yet but is important to be able to move forward. The societies should agree to these guidelines where both engagement and recognition could be coordinated.

     We should try to have a guiding document ready to support recognitions at the GC 2023. Action: OD5TE, F4GKR, PA2LS, 9K2DB, SM6EAN

   - Update on committee chair situation
     F4GKR presented the status of the document with region 1 officials. Currently there are no proposals for VHF+ committee (C5) and PRC and F4GKR pointed out that proposals for vacant positions are welcome. [Secretary comment: OE1MHZ informed after the meeting he is standing for another term as chair for EMCC (C7)]
SM6EAN reminded the meeting that the different committees and working groups are welcome to present proposals for chairs during the conference, as document in conference.

- **GC2023**
  F4GKR presented the draft timetable for the conference. The conference input documents will be made available on 15 August, and it is expected that committees and working groups meet online to prepare prior to the conference. Topics that are difficult to prepare online are expected to be discussed during the conference. If the chairs so wish, hybrid meetings can be set up for these meetings in the committees and WG’s.

  Although input papers are not known today, permanent committee and WG chairs (in particular C4/C5/EMCOM/SRLC/STARS/Youth) still need to provide preliminary feedback on how many meetings would be needed during the conference. A preliminary planning has been made but we need a detailed update for conference room planning.
  
  **Action:** Listed chairs

3. **hamradio.org**
   Short status report of the work with hamradio.org in Shaping the Future was presented (in the meeting folder) by SM6EAN and our external consultant Simon Malz. The ideas were supported by the meeting.
   It was pointed out by several members of the meeting that languages must be included in the structure and design of the website. In some areas a structure built upon English/Latin may not be relevant and the project team need to be strengthened with persons that are familiar with other languages and may contribute for translations or internationalization of the structure for all of IARU regions.

4. **GC2023: Areas where the EC shall present input documents.**
   F4GKR opened the agenda item and that we need to review that there are persons or sub-groups ready to finalise input documents to the conference.

   - **Shaping the Future:**
     F4GKR opened the discussion with the information that we have a non-efficient situation due to manning (volunteers) of the programme. Resources are needed for coordinating/driving activities and for supporting with working in the teams. It is understood that member societies often have the same difficulties with their internal work.

   **Decision**
   A group was agreed to draft a proposal of how to move forward in a more efficient way and what expectations we should have.

   **Action:** F4GKR, PA2LS, DJ3HW

   - **IPDA update**
     OD5TE reported on work coordinated by OD5RI of an input paper to C3. The document is drafted with updates for IPDA and is ready for submission.
• IARUMS update
An ongoing discussion of re-organizing into a global monitoring service group, as issues mostly are global. A proposal is prepared by EA6AMM for discussion in the AC. If approved by the AC, an adoption for each region will follow upon the AC decision.

• Non effective Member Societies
F4GKR reminded that the Member Societies should be “beneficial to the amateur radio community”. By joining IARU, the amateur societies also have duties and responsibilities towards their national community. While the majority of our Region 1 societies are effectively working to strengthen the hobby, a small fraction is no longer active and are challenged by their respective communities. F4GKR suggests that a wording could be proposed in the constitution & byelaws to make this expectation clearer to the member societies. The meeting agreed that this matter has to be addressed and that the existing process to consider the suspension of the membership should be improved.

   **Decision**
   A group was agreed to further elaborate on a proposal for update of the constitution & byelaws to the GC 2023.  
   **Action:** 9K2DB, IV3KKW, OD5TE

• Proposal on Sustainability within IARU R1
PA2LS and OD5TE reported on the status of the work, which is based upon the United Nations goals. It was pointed out that the topic is global and not R1 specific. However, in order to have something to work from, the idea is to present a proposal at GC2023 to build upon. Amateur radio needs to take responsibility with respect to the future. Consequences may result in needed updates in committee and WG terms of reference, as well as coordination with the other regions.

• Proposals for update of the constitution and byelaws
Discussion on improvements on the constitution and byelaws that can be made are ongoing.

   **Decision**
   A proposal will be finalised for EC+ review.  
   **Action:** F4GKR, LA2RR, SM6EAN

Sections to be impacted by decisions regarding the format of the future conferences. A document has been drafted by IV3KKW (meeting folder) and was briefly presented.

   **Decision**
   A drafting group was agreed to come up with an input document (“for information”) that take the different alternatives of a conference into consideration, as well as the planned hybrid online discussion on the first conference day. The proposal to the conference is expected to come out of the conference C3 meeting.  
   **Action:** IV3KKW, F4GKR, OE1MCU, SM6EAN
5. **IARU-R1 web editor**
SM6EAN opened the discussion, looking for experiences, by pointing out we have improvements to make with how we present information on the website. Several are contributing to the News posts in a very good way, but we do not keep Events (meetings, conferences, contests, etc.) up to date. UBA and URE were mentioned as good examples and it were proposed to investigate the process behind these websites.

**Decision**
Discuss with UBA and URE how they manage up-to-date information on the website, possibly during MS discussions at HAM RADIO.

**Action:** IV3KKW, F4GKR

6. **Code of conduct: Ethics & Operating Procedures**
Work is on-going and 9K2DB gave a short status report on the work ramping up. There are a few volunteers to contribute to the work. The idea is to split the current documents into two sections.
- Ethics
- Operational procedures

After new members to the group have studied the document, it is proposed to publish information of the on-going work on the IARU-R1 website, also asking if any additional volunteers like to support the work moving forward.

**Decision**
Publish information of the work on the website.

**Action:** 9K2DB

7. **AoB**
- The list of meetings with the societies during HAM RADIO was reviewed.

8. **Next meeting**
To be decided.