



International Amateur Radio Union Region 1

EC+ meeting, Zoom, 18 March 2026.

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Subject	EC+ minutes

In attendance: F4GKR, HB9JOE, SM6EAN, 5B4AHZ, G0DUB, EA1JAY, G4SJH, Z32TO, OE1MHZ, OM3BH, PA2LS

Apologies: 9K2DB, DF2OO, DJ3HW, F6BEE, IV3KKW, OD5TE

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1. **Welcome & approval of agenda**

F4GKR welcomed the attendees, and the agenda was approved after some late changes.

2. **Code of conduct: Ethics & Operating Procedures**

9K2DB was unable to join the meeting but has sent a post-meeting update by email:
“There is still some work ongoing with update of the document. The group is meeting weekly to speed up finalising the work.”

3. **GC2026**

SM6EAN reported the current status of the preparations together with the Austrian member society (MS), OV. The number of “notice to attend” received is from 43 MS with 136 delegates, including IARU-R1 and the IARU AC. Unfortunately, the conference hotel also host participants of a horse show during our conference dates and cannot offer additional rooms. A second hotel has been selected and information can be found on the conference website <https://conf.iaru-r1.org/general-information/hotel-information/>.

Requests of support has been received in time for the deadline and the requested amount exceeds the allocated budget.

In line with the guiding text in the request for support form, the EC decides to support the received requests, however the total support shall not exceed the allocated budget for the support.

The requests for support will be reviewed in line with the decision and Z32TO will support the work together with SM6EAN. The requestors will be informed accordingly.

The delegate conference fee presented at the voting in Zlatibor for the next venue of the conference was 1000 € in the OV Vienna proposal. In earlier EC meeting it was presented that the total cost of the conference is higher than expected and the delegate conference fee will not cover the full cost. After the EC discussion at the Vienna meeting, the delegate cost of 1075 € was accepted and was communicated to the MS.

To improve safeguarding of future conference cost increases, the document "Hosting an IARU Region 1 General Conference" will be updated accordingly.

Action: F4GKR, SM6EAN

The proposal for delegate fees was presented for an EC decision. After discussion, the following fees were put for voting. However, due to absence of several EC members at the meeting, it was decided to make the voting online after the meeting of the following proposal:

- Individual delegate in single room: 1075 €
- Two delegates in a double room: 1700 €
- Delegate with partner in a double room: 1745 €

Action: SM6EAN

The post meeting online voting result was:

- In favour: 5 votes (9K2DB, F4GKR, OD5TE, SM6EAN)
- Against: 4 votes (DJ3HW, IV3KKW, PA2LS, Z32TO)

A question has been received from the HAREC WG coordinator regarding participating with reporting at the conference. The question of IARU support for in-person presence or reporting virtually was discussed, and the decision was to present the reporting virtually or by WG member being part of a MS delegation.

Action: SM6EAN

An input paper needs to be submitted to the Vienna General Conference regarding ratification of the EC interim decision to change the Youth Working Group into a permanent committee (C8). The input paper should also include a proposal for amendment to the byelaws covering the Youth Committee.

Action: EA1JAY

SM6EAN informed the meeting of a planned IARU AC meeting following the GC in Vienna (24th & half 25th Sept.). The new IARU-R1 EC elected at the Vienna GC will not be in office until 1st November, but the new President and Secretary will have an opportunity to present themselves to the AC.

4. **ARMA**

F4GKR reminded the meeting that it was agreed at an earlier EC meeting to approve ARMA updates once the offers were received. The offer is within the earlier agreed maximum cost budget, however as several EC members are missing, also this decision will be made electronically after the meeting.

Action: SM6EAN

The post meeting online voting: The proposal is to accept an ARMA upgrade of 8k€ within the earlier agreed maximum budget.

The proposal was unanimously supported.

5. **HAM RADIO 2026**

In absence of the HAM RADIO 2026 coordinator IV3KKW, SM6EAN reported that the booths have been ordered with same sizes and proposed placement as for 2025, and that a first meeting with the organising team was held. EA1JAY reported that coordination with DARC has started.

F4GKR commented that there also this year will be an International IARU Meeting, welcoming to including also updates from PRC and SRLC.

6. **IARU-R1 Constitution & Byelaws update**

F4GKR reported about the recent activities and the online information meeting (7th March) where an introduction to the updates of the Constitution and Byelaws was presented to MS. After the information meeting, four documents were sent to all IARU-R1 MS:

- the draft Constitution
- the draft Byelaws
- the meeting presentation
- a cross reference document of the main updates

The next activity will be an Q&A online meeting on 11th April where also the EC is invited to join. After the Q&A meeting, the MS have the opportunity to submit comments and proposals with a deadline of 9th May.

F4GKR also commented that a vote on update of the constitution may not be possible at the General Conference. Such decision requires a majority of at least two thirds of the of the total number of the IARU Region 1 Member Societies, which are eligible to vote. Most likely the voting will be held after the General Conference, and the conference will then be focused on preparing the documents for voting. Voting on the Byelaws require simple majority.

F4GKR reminded all chairs and coordinators that comments regarding the document are welcome before 9th May.

7. **AoB**

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8. **Next EC meeting**

The preliminary date 20th May for next EC meeting will be discussed offline.

Post meeting: It is proposed to have the next EC meeting on 13th May at 18 UTC.