

**Minutes of 2016 Annual Meeting**  
**ARRL Board of Directors**  
**January 15-16, 2016**

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the American Radio Relay League, Inc. met in Annual session at the Hartford/Windsor Airport Marriott in Windsor, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM EST Friday, January 15, 2016 with President Kay Craigie, N3KN, in the Chair and the following Directors present:

Tom Abernethy, W3TOM, Atlantic Division  
George R. Isely, W9GIG, Central Division  
Greg Widin, KØGW, Dakota Division  
David Norris, K5UZ, Delta Division  
Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Great Lakes Division  
Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division  
Rod Blocksom, KØDAS, Midwest Division  
Tom Frenaye, K1KI, New England Division  
Jim Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division  
Bob Vallio, W6RGG, Pacific Division  
James Boehner, N2ZZ, Roanoke Division  
Brian Milesosky, N5ZGT, Rocky Mountain Division  
Douglas Rehman, K4AC, Southeastern Division  
Dick Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division  
David Woolweaver, K5RAV, West Gulf Division

Also present without vote were Rick Roderick, K5UR, First Vice President; Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, Second Vice President; Jay Bellows, KØQB, International Affairs Vice President; Frederick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer; David Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary; Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX; Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B; and Chief Financial Officer Barry J. Shelley, N1VXY.

Also in attendance were the following Vice Directors: Robert Famiglio, K3RF, Atlantic Division; Kermit A. Carlson, W9XA, Central Division; Kent Olson, KAØLDG, Dakota Division; Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ, Delta Division; Thomas Delaney, W8WTD, Great Lakes Division; Bill Hudzik, W2UDT, Hudson Division; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ, Midwest Division; Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, New England Division; Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ, Northwestern Division; James A. Tiemstra, K6JAT, Pacific Division; Bill Morine, N2COP, Roanoke Division; Dwayne Allen, WY7FD, Rocky Mountain Division; Michael Lee, AA6ML, Southeastern Division; and Martin Woll, N6VI, Southwestern Division. John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, Vice Director of the West Gulf Division, was unable to attend.

Also present were General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD; International Amateur Radio Union Secretary Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Glenn MacDonell, VE3XRA, President of the Radio Amateurs of Canada; Honorary Vice President Dennis Bodson, W4PWF; Field Services and Radiosport Department Manager David Patton, NN1N; and Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, 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, especially Dick Bodine, NØIM, Bob Carpenter, W3OTC, George B. Cline, KP2G, Jim Cochran, KØRH, Peter Dodd, G3LDO, Robert G. Ferrero, W6RJ, Isidro Gabino "Gabi" San Martin Hernandez, EB1BT, Jim Holston W9FFR, David Hranac, KBØLVO, Jack Jackson, N4JJ, Don Jensen, NØDJJ, Gunter "Lindy" Lindermeier, WW5AA, Bo G. Lindfors, N9UH, Clair Manna, N2NQE, George Marti, W5GLJ, Mark McCloud, K6YCV, Jeremy Muller, KØTV, Jay Musikar, AF2C, William J. "Bill" Myers, KK4KF, Fred Johnson, ZL2AMJ, Richard Pooley, W7HUY, Paul Richey WO5K, Phil Shuman, NP2AG, Mason Southworth, ex-W1VLH, Richard Strand, KL7RA, Val Tareski, KØQYW, William "Bill" Vanderheide, N7OU, Perry Williams, W1UED, Willard "Willie" Williams, W5WIW, Donald "Don" Witschger KC5VLV, and Bradley W. "Brad" Wyatt, K6WR.

3. President Craigie welcomed IARU Secretary Stafford, RAC President MacDonell, and Honorary Vice President Bodson to the meeting.

4. Mr. Stafford, brought greetings from IARU on behalf of IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH. While Mr. Stafford did not attend the 2015 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15), he observed that the work of the IARU team in Geneva was much in evidence from his monitoring of email traffic during the conference.

5. Mr. MacDonell, who has been RAC President for just two weeks, expressed appreciation for the invitation extended to RAC to attend the meeting. He highlighted the contributions of the Canadian WRC-15 delegation to Amateur Radio's success at the conference and also observed that there is an excellent working relationship between RAC and its administration. Mr. Sumner confirmed these observations.

6. Mr. Frenaye, as president of the ARRL Foundation, brought greetings and reminded ARRL Board members of the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for scholarship applications. Mrs. Craigie encouraged Board members to spread the word about the opportunities provided by the Foundation.

7. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Norris, the agenda for the meeting was ADOPTED as previously distributed.

8. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for President. Mr. Frenaye nominated Mr. Roderick. Mr. Norton nominated Mr. Rehman. On the motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Pace, it was VOTED to close nominations. The Chair appointed Messrs. Famiglio, Delaney, and Hudzik as tellers. Ballots were distributed and collected. The tellers found 11 votes for Mr. Roderick and 4 votes for Mr. Rehman, whereupon Mr. Roderick was declared elected (Applause).

9. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for First Vice President. Mr. Rehman nominated Mr. Isely. Dr. Boehner nominated Mr. Widin. On the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Lisenco, it was VOTED to close nominations. The Chair appointed Messrs. Zygielbaum, Morine, and Hudgens as tellers. Ballots were distributed and collected. The tellers found 9 votes for Mr. Widin and 6 votes for Mr. Isely, whereupon Mr. Widin was declared elected (Applause).

10. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Second Vice President. Mr. Pace nominated Mr. Fenstermaker. Mr. Norris nominated Mr. Mileschosky. On the motion of Mr. Rehman, seconded by Dr. Boehner, it was VOTED to close nominations. The Chair appointed Messrs. Woll, Tiemstra, and Raisbeck as tellers. Ballots were distributed and collected. The tellers found 12 votes for Mr. Mileschosky and 3 votes for Mr. Fenstermaker, whereupon Mr. Mileschosky was declared elected (Applause).

11. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for International Affairs Vice President. Mr. Widin nominated Mr. Bellows. Mr. Rehman nominated Bruce Frahm, KØBJ. On the motion of Mr. Lisenco, seconded by Mr. Norris, it was VOTED to close nominations. The Chair appointed Mr. Carlson, Mr. Allen, and Ms. Altus to serve as tellers. Ballots were distributed and collected. The tellers found 8 votes for Mr. Bellows, 6 votes for Mr. Frahm, and 1 vote for Mr. Stafford, whereupon Mr. Bellows was declared elected (Applause).

12. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Frenaye nominated Mr. Niswander. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was VOTED to close nominations and Mr. Niswander was declared ELECTED.

13. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Mr. Norris nominated Mr. Sumner. On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded Mr. Lisenco, it was VOTED to close nominations and Mr. Sumner was declared ELECTED.

14. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Isely nominated Mr. Sumner. On the motion of Mr. Lisenco, seconded by Mr. Vallio, it was VOTED to close nominations and Mr. Sumner was declared ELECTED.

15. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Widin nominated Mr. Shelley. On the motion of Dr. Woolweaver, seconded by Mr. Norris, it was VOTED to close nominations and Mr. Shelley was declared ELECTED.

16. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Norris nominated Mr. Kramer. On the motion of Mr. Lisenco, seconded by Mr. Williams, it was VOTED to close nominations and Mr. Kramer was declared ELECTED.

17. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Frenaye nominated Mr. Price. On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Widin, it was VOTED to close nominations and Mr. Price was declared ELECTED.

18. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chief Development Officer. There being no nominations, on the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Pace, it was VOTED to close nominations and the position was left vacant.

19. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for the Executive Committee. Mr. Lisenco nominated Dr. Woolweaver, himself, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Vallio. Mr. Mileschosky nominated Mr. Norris. Mr. Norton nominated Mr. Isely, who declined the nomination. On the motion of Mr.

Lisenco, seconded by Dr. Woolweaver, it was VOTED to close nominations and Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Lisenco, Mr. Williams, Mr. Vallio, and Mr. Norris were declared ELECTED.

20. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for ARRL Foundation Directors. Mr. Frenaye nominated Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Isely, and Andrea Wayward, KG4IUM. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, nominations were closed and Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Isely, and Mrs. Wayward were declared ELECTED.

21. Mr. Niswander presented the Treasurer's report. The ARRL's portfolio has been affected by recent downturns in the market, as have most investors. He has increased the credit quality of the bond portfolio.

22. Mr. Shelley presented the report of the Chief Financial Officer. While audited figures for 2015 are not yet available, preliminary results show a slight increase in assets despite a loss on operations for the year. Cash flow is positive. He noted that the Plan for 2016-2017 that is presented for ratification at this meeting calls for a small surplus.

Matt Keelen of The Keelen Group joined the meeting at 9:56 AM.

23. The following reports were lifted from the consent agenda: General Counsel, Legislative Relations, Administration & Finance Committee, Programs & Services Committee, CEO Search Committee, and Strategic Planning Working Group. On the motion of Mr. Vallio, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the remainder of the consent agenda was ADOPTED.

24. Mr. Imlay entertained questions on the report of the General Counsel. He raised concerns about how certain current antenna cases are progressing and observed that lessons learned will help guide the Amateur Radio Legal Defense & Assistance Committee in assessing support for cases going forward. In response to a question he explained the status of recent monetary forfeitures ordered by the Federal Communications Commission in enforcement actions.

The Board was on break 10:31 until 10:56 AM. President Craigie presented Mr. Fenstermaker with his DXCC Challenge 2500 Medallion.

25. Mr. Keelen presented an oral report on legislative relations. He complimented President Craigie on her efforts to "lead from the front" toward achieving passage of the Amateur Radio Parity Act and described possible scenarios for the remainder of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

The Board was on break for lunch and a group photo from 12:03 until 1:15 PM with all persons previously noted in attendance except Mr. Keelen.

26. Mr. Widin presented the report of the Administration & Finance Committee and answered questions. Methods for determining division budgets have been under study.

27. Mr. Milesosky entertained questions on the report of the Programs & Services Committee. He commented on the positive relationship between the ARRL and the Federal Emergency

Management Agency. The committee continues to work on strengthening its relationship with the National Traffic System leadership.

28. Mr. Pace presented the report of the CEO Search Committee. On the motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Vallio, at 1:47 PM the Board voted to resolve into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters. All visitors, and staff members except Mr. Sumner and Mr. Shelley, were excused. In addition, Mr. Lee excused himself. The Committee of the Whole rose and reported to the Board at 2:34 PM. On the motion of Mr. Isely, seconded by Mr. Lisenco, the report was ACCEPTED with Mr. Rehman voting nay.

The Board was on break from 2:35 until 3:04 P.M. with Vice President Roderick assuming the chair for President Craigie.

29. Mr. Fenstermaker presented the report of the Strategic Planning Working Group and entertained questions. Mrs. Craigie resumed the chair at 3:10 PM

On motion of Mr. Fenstermaker, seconded by Mr. Widin, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Whereas, the ARRL Board of Directors created the Strategic Planning Working Group at the 2015 Annual Meeting in January 2015;

And, whereas the members of the Strategic Planning Working Group were selected and began meeting in February 2015;

And, whereas the members of the Strategic Planning Working Group met and presented revised Mission, Vision, and Value Statements at the July 2015 meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors;

And, whereas the ARRL Board of Directors approved, in principle, the Mission Statement along with revised Vision and Values at this meeting and were presented with the initial thoughts regarding Goals and Initiatives;

And, whereas the Strategic Planning Working Group was directed to continue its work during the second half of 2015;

And, whereas the Committee in due diligence solicited input and comments from ARRL leadership, members, and other stakeholders;

And, whereas the proposed Strategic Plan (Mission, Vision, Values, Goals, and Initiatives) was distributed to the Board in December 2015;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the ARRL Board accepts the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Working Group and adopts the ARRL Strategic Plan 2016-2020, revised January 8, 2016 as presented;

Further, the ARRL Board recognizes the Strategic Plan presented is the beginning of a more formal process for the ARRL and requires establishing priorities, resources, monitoring, review and modification and/or additions of goals, initiatives, and tactics supporting the Strategic Plan as future conditions and the environment change;

Further, the ARRL Board of Directors recognizes their charge is to establish organizational priorities and allow Management to execute the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Rehman asked to be recorded as voting nay.

30. The Board next considered recommendations from the Executive Committee. Mr. Lisenco moved, seconded by Mr. Williams, "That the Standing Orders identified as no longer relevant and necessary for the good operation of the organization are deleted as recommended in the report of the Executive Committee." After discussion the motion was ADOPTED.

31. Mr. Frenaye moved, seconded by Mr. Lisenco, the following resolution which was unanimously ADOPTED (with applause):

Whereas, on February 15, 2005 Harold Kramer, WJ1B, joined the ARRL Headquarters staff as Chief Operating Officer, and

Whereas, Harold brought with him a lifelong interest in and passion for Amateur Radio, and

Whereas, for the past 11 years he has applied the knowledge and experience acquired in his successful career with for-profit and not-for-profit organizations to the betterment of Amateur Radio and the ARRL, and

Whereas, his contributions include several innovations that have generated, and continue to generate, significant new revenue for the ARRL, and

Whereas, his focus on staff development and participation in the Strategic Planning Working Group have strengthened our association, and

Whereas, he has been a valued member of the ARRL staff and colleague of the members of the Board, and

Whereas, he has announced his retirement effective at the end of February 2016,

Now, therefore, the ARRL Board of Directors, in meeting assembled and on behalf of the entire ARRL membership, expresses sincere gratitude for the service of Harold Kramer, WJ1B, as Chief Operating Officer, and best wishes for the future.

32. The Board next took up recommendations from the Administration & Finance Committee. Mr. Widin moved, seconded by Mr. Pace, that "The ARRL 2016-2017 Plan, as recommended by the Administration & Finance Committee be ratified." After discussion, Mr. Norton moved,

seconded by Mr. Vallio that the motion be postponed until Saturday morning. The motion to postpone was ADOPTED.

The Board was on break from 3:41 until 4:02 PM.

33. The Board next took up recommendations from the Programs & Services Committee. On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED (with applause):

WHEREAS Joseph "Al" A. Nollmeyer, W3YVQ has been active in the ARRL Field Organization for many years, serving in numerous roles including Atlantic Division Assistant Director, Maryland-DC Assistant Section Manager and Section Traffic Manager, Net Manager of the Maryland Emergency Phone Net, Net Control Station, Official Relay Station, as well as Official Emergency Station; and

WHEREAS Al has additionally provided significant contribution within the National Traffic System (NTS) program and community by executing extensive work on the ARRL NTS Methods and Practical Guidelines, including serving as Eastern Area Staff Member at Large, chairman of NTS's "radio email" committee, advocating and defining the technical and functional standards for NTSD stations, as well as providing countless hours of training and mentoring on NTS and NTSD practices and operations to NTS participants;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Programs & Services Committee, awards the **2015 George Hart Distinguished Service Award** to Joseph "Al" A. Nollmeyer W3YVQ.

34. On the motion of Mr. Bellows, seconded by Mr. Milesosky, the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED (with applause):

WHEREAS Antonio Gonzales, EA5RM, has been an active volunteer with Radioaficionados Sin Fronteras (RSF), a non-governmental, non-profit, and apolitical organization created by volunteers aware of the importance of radio in any project of solidarity between groups of geographically distant collaborators;

WHEREAS Antonio has made six visits to the Bolivian Amazon jungle in support of Solidaridad Médica España, a nonpolitical, independent non-governmental organization that strives to bring sanitary and medical assistance to places in need across the world;

WHEREAS Antonio has been instrumental with the building, testing, and maintenance of solar powered HF amateur radio stations in remote locations throughout Bolivia on behalf of RSF since 2007 to create communication channels into these remote locations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the ARRL Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the ARRL Programs & Services Committee, awards the **2015 ARRL International Humanitarian Award** to Antonio Gonzales, EA5RM.

35. The Board next considered recommendations from the Public Relations Committee. On the motion of Dr. Boehner, seconded by Mr. Mileschosky the following resolution was unanimously ADOPTED (with applause):

WHEREAS, the active promotion of Amateur Radio in the media is necessary for generating interest in and growth of the Service, preservation of spectrum and fulfillment of our mission; and

WHEREAS the ARRL recognizes the unique arts in creating print, audio and video based news; and

WHEREAS, Don Keith, Writer for “American Legion” magazine, provided an excellent overview of Amateur Radio’s current technologies and activities in the article, “Wave of Popularity;” and

WHEREAS, Jackie Lukas, reporter and anchor for News 12 Long Island in New York, showcased the Great South Bay ARC’s Amateur Radio activation of a lighthouse in an uplifting and positive manner; and

WHEREAS these submissions have gained the recognition and recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee as worthy of the 2015 Bill Leonard Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ARRL BOARD OF DIRECTORS, at the recommendation of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, awards the 2015 *Bill Leonard, W2SKE, Professional Media Awards* to Don Keith for print media, and Jackie Lukas for video excellence in covering Amateur Radio topics in the media.

The Board recessed at 4:17 PM for the day and reconvened at 9:00 AM Saturday, January 16, with all previously noted present except Mr. Zygielbaum and Mr. Keelen.

36. The Board returned to consideration of the Administration & Finance Committee’s recommendation on the ARRL 2016-2017 budget plan, which was postponed from Friday’s session. After further discussion, the Budget Plan was ADOPTED.

The Board was on break from 9:40 AM until 10:07 AM.

37. The Board next moved to proposals for amendments to the Articles of Association and Bylaws. Mr. Norton moved, seconded by Mr. Vallio, that:

To remedy the present inequity in division populations, where one division now has essentially five times the population of the smallest division,

Replace ARRL By-Law 30, with the following:

**Divisions**



30. In accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Articles of Association and for the purpose of By-Laws 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22 and 23, the following territorial divisions are established:

ATLANTIC DIVISION, the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware, and the District of Columbia; CENTRAL DIVISION, the states of Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin; DEEP SOUTH DIVISION, the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia; DELTA DIVISION, the states of Louisiana, Missouri, Alabama, Mississippi, and Arkansas; GREAT LAKES DIVISION, the states of Michigan, and Ohio; HUDSON DIVISION, the states of New York and New Jersey; MIDWEST DIVISION, the states of Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota; NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, the states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut; NORTHWESTERN DIVISION, the states of Washington, Oregon, and Alaska; PACIFIC DIVISION, that portion of the state of California not included in the Southwestern Division, and the state of Nevada; ROANOKE DIVISION, the states of Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky; ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION, the states of Arizona, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Montana, and New Mexico; SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION, the state of Florida, the United States possessions in the Caribbean, and the commonwealth of Puerto Rico; SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION, the counties of Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura of the state of California, and Hawaii and the United States possessions in the Pacific; WEST GULF DIVISION, the state of Texas.

to be effective 1 January 2017.

Implementation as follows:

- 1) Hold 2016 elections this summer as planned. This will cover SE, SW, WG, PAC, and RMT divisions, at likely no more cost than would be expected without the boundary changes.
- 2) Hold two concurrent additional elections for reconstituted Midwest and Delta divisions for an initial term of one year. After one year, they will revert to the regular 3-year election cycle.
- 3) Hold another two concurrent elections for Roanoke and Deep South with a two-year term. After the two-year term, they will also revert to the regular 3-year election cycle.

During discussion, Mr. Sumner as Secretary observed that if adopted, an amendment of Bylaw 23 also would be required for implementation. After further discussion, with 12 affirmative votes required for adoption, the motion was defeated by a vote of 2 aye, 12 nay, and 1 abstention. Mr. Vallio and Mr. Norton voted aye; Dr. Woolweaver abstained; all other Directors voted nay.

The Board next moved to Directors' motions.

38. Mr. Rehman moved, seconded by Mr. Norris, that Section 7.2 of the ARRL Travel Policy is amended as follows:

Directors – Travel within their own Division is at the discretion of each Director. Travel to neighboring Divisions on official ARRL business shall be coordinated with advance notification to the Director of the Division being visited.

Division budgets may be used for travel on official ARRL business to the Dayton Hamvention, extending stays at headquarters, and making an additional trip annually to Headquarters for those Directors serving on committees that do not hold four meetings a year there.

After discussion the motion was ADOPTED.

39. On motion of Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, it was VOTED that the 60-day notice requirement concerning the ARRL Honorary Vice President Award be suspended at this meeting for the purpose of immediately nominating ARRL Second Vice President, Mr. James Fenstermaker K9JF, as ARRL Honorary Vice President.

40. Mr. Pace moved, seconded by Mr. Abernethy,

Whereas, Mr. James Fenstermaker, K9JF, has served the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), Inc. for eighteen continuous years as Vice Director (1998-2005), Director (2005-2014) and ARRL Second Vice President (2014-2016) providing outstanding leadership, and

Whereas, showing exceptional leadership above and beyond the call of duty, which was a significant contribution to the health and strength of the ARRL, and

Whereas, he has also served diligently as a member of the Ethics & Elections Committee, Executive Committee, Chairman of the Administration & Finance Committee, and Chairman of the Strategic Planning Working Group, and

Whereas, he has been an active Radio Amateur and promoted goodwill, and

Whereas, his leadership and devotion to duty have earned him the respect of the Board and the admiration of the membership, and

Whereas, since becoming a Radio Amateur in 1959, he has endeavored to live by the Amateur's Code;

Now therefore be it resolved that in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the League and Amateur Radio, Mr. James Fenstermaker, K9JF, is nominated as ARRL Honorary Vice-President.

The motion to nominate was ADOPTED.

President Craigie appointed Messrs. Carlson, Tiemstra, and Lee as tellers. In accordance with procedures previously adopted by the Board, the tellers distributed and collected ballots and announced that Mr. Fenstermaker is ELECTED as ARRL Honorary Vice-President (with applause and standing ovation).

41. On the motion of Mr. Rehman, seconded by Mr. Widin, it was VOTED that the Board is interested in establishing an ARRL Digital Media Content Channel and directs staff to prepare a proposal and report back to the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

42. On the motion of Mr. Lisenco, seconded by Dr. Boehner, and after discussion, the following resolution was ADOPTED:

Whereas, the presently pending Amateur Radio Parity Act legislation is important to ARRL's membership and to the long term survival of Amateur Radio in the United States; and

Whereas, the progress of this legislation at the midpoint of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress has been encouraging, given the large number of House cosponsors and the strong support in both houses of Congress; and

Whereas, the management of the legislative advocacy program during this critical period requires agile, continuing, ongoing attention by a small ad hoc committee of the Board of Directors, which will provide stable leadership in order to achieve our legislative initiatives;

Now, therefore, it is Moved:

That the President shall, without delay, appoint an ad hoc legislative advocacy committee composed of a chair, the ARRL General Counsel (ex officio), and not more than three additional Directors or Vice Directors. This committee will report regularly to the Executive Committee and will be charged with the following duties:

1. Implementation of the Board's Federal legislative program and goals.
2. Develop and evaluate strategies for passage of the Amateur Radio Parity Act.
3. Oversight of and coordination with legislative consultants and staff support efforts.
4. Identification and recommendation to the Executive Committee of future legislative goals and strategies.

43. On the motion of Mr. Rehman, seconded by Mr. Lisenco, the following was ADOPTED:

WHEREAS, the current Division boundary lines were established many decades ago and populations of amateurs have changed;

WHEREAS, the largest Division has close to five times the number of members of the smallest Division;

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors seeks an equitable means by which the members may be represented and hereby creates the Reapportionment Committee which shall consist of five members selected immediately following the passage of this motion using the following process:

The Fifteen Divisions are divided into five groups based upon the member population:

- Group 1: Dakota, Hudson, and Midwest
- Group 2: Rocky Mountain, Delta, and New England
- Group 3: Central, Pacific, and Northwestern
- Group 4: Great Lakes, West Gulf, and Roanoke
- Group 5: Southwestern, Atlantic, and Southeastern

The three Directors from each Group will choose one from among themselves to serve on the Reapportionment Committee. Where a Director in the Group has been elected to an Officer position, the Vice Director for that Division shall participate in the selection process in that Director's stead and is eligible to be selected as the representative for that Group.

The five representatives selected by the five Groups will then select a Chairperson for the Reapportionment Committee.

The committee shall explore at minimum these possible means of reapportionment:

1. Realigning Division Boundaries,
2. Decreasing the Number of Divisions,
3. Increasing the Number of Divisions,
4. Weighting a Director's Vote Based Upon the Number of Members They Represent,

and any other means they may determine.

Once the committee has reached its final list of possible means of reapportionment a preliminary report will be issued to the Board and then the membership will be solicited for their comments.

The committee shall make its report to the entire Board of Directors no later than the January 2017 Board of Directors Meeting. The following information for each possible means of reapportionment shall be included in the report:

1. The relative level of support by the membership for that means of reapportionment
2. Potential positive and negative outcomes, both at the Division level and national level, created by that means of reapportionment
3. Potential issues with implementing that means of reapportionment
4. A chart for that means of reapportionment indicating the weight of a member's representation relative to members in other Divisions
5. A process and estimated timeline for implementing that means of reapportionment

6. An estimated cost for implementing that means of reapportionment (i.e. cost of elections if required, etc.)

The Reapportionment Committee may hold committee deliberations and votes independent of the times established for meetings of the Board of Directors or its standing committees.

The Reapportionment Committee shall conduct its work, to the greatest extent feasible using electronic means. In-person meetings are to be held only if the need for one overrides the cost consideration of the meeting. In-person meetings may be held in a manner that minimizes extra expense, such as in conjunction with meetings of the ARRL Board of Directors, or standing Board committee meetings at which one or more members of the committee would otherwise attend.

The Board was on break for luncheon from 11:42 AM until 1:00 PM.

44. President Craigie presented Mr. Vallio and Dr. Woolweaver with their 50-year membership certificates (Applause). President Craigie next presented the ARRL President's Award to Mr. Sumner for his lifetime of service and dedication to the advancement of Amateur Radio and the ARRL (Applause and standing ovation).

45. President-elect Roderick announced the following committee assignments for 2016:

*Administration & Finance:* Mr. Pace (chair), Mr. Norton, Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Isely, Mr. Blocksome, Mr. Morine, Mr. Niswander

*Programs & Services:* Dr. Boehner (chair), Mr. Allen, Mr. Olson, Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Rehman, Mr. Zygielbaum, Mr. Patton (staff liaison)

*Ethics & Elections:* Mr. Williams (chair), Mr. Blocksome, Mr. Olson

*Legal Defense & Assistance:* Mr. Raisbeck (chair), Mr. Lisenco, Mr. Pace, Mr. Tiemstra, Mr. Woll, Jim O'Connell, W9WU, Mr. Imlay

*RF Safety:* Dr. Gregory Lapin, N9GL (chair), Mr. Delaney (Board liaison)

*Electromagnetic Compatibility:* Mr. Carlson (chair)

*Historical Committee:* Mr. Blocksome (chair), Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Norton, Mike Marinaro, WN1M, Bob Allison, WB1GCM (staff liaison)

*HF Band Planning:* Mr. Milesosky (chair), Mr. Frenaye, Mr. Norris, Mr. Allen, Mr. Hudzik, Steve Ford, WB8IMY (staff liaison)

*Public Relations:* Scott Westerman, W9WSW (chair), Sid Caesar, NH7C, Randy Hall, K7AGE, Angel Santana-Diaz, WP3GW, Katie Allen, WY7YL, Sean Kutzko, KX9X (staff liaison), Board Liaison and RAC member to be announced

*Amateur Radio Direction Finding:* Joe Moell, KØOV (coordinator)

*Logbook of the World Study Committee:* Mr. Widin (chair), Mr. Shelley, Mr. Niswander, Michael Keane, K1MK, Mr. Patton, Dave Bernstein, AA6YQ, Rick Murphy K1MU

*Advisory Committee Chairs:* George Wagner, K5KG (Contest); Gary Jones, W5FI (DX)

*Ad Hoc Legislative Advocacy Committee:* Mr. Lisenco (chair), Mr. Rehman, Dr. Woolweaver, Mr. Woll

46. At 1:21 PM, on the motion of Mr. Widin, seconded by Mr. Pace, the Board resolved into a Committee of the Whole to discuss personnel matters. All visitors and staff members were excused. The Committee of the Whole rose at 1:38 PM and on the motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Abernethy, the report of the Committee of the Whole was ACCEPTED.

47. On the motion of Mr. Sumner, seconded by the entire Board, the following resolution was ADOPTED by acclamation (with applause):

WHEREAS the January 2016 ARRL Board of Directors meeting has been concluded successfully, thanks in large part to the advance preparation and on-site support of the staff, especially Lisa Kustosik, KA1UFZ,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the entire Board Family thanks the staff for their warm welcome at headquarters and their assistance at the committee and Board meetings, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board also recognizes the contributions of spouses in the Board Family who support the work of the association, at this meeting and throughout the year.

48. Each attendee was given the opportunity for closing remarks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:49 PM. (Time in session as a Board: 8 hours and 50 minutes; Time in session as a Committee of the Whole: 1 hour and 4 minutes).

David Sumner, K1ZZ  
Secretary