



ARRL
The national association for
AMATEUR RADIO

ARRL Update



Sept 4, 2020



From the 20th Century.....

Recording

Total non-video participants: 20



July 2020 Board Meeting- Virtual!

- **Good news:** No long flight to Newington this year!
- **Bad news:** Business not finished though- Flew to Denver in August to interview finalists for CEO, and finish off motions.
- **Major Actions:**
 - **Programs and Services Committee:**
 - Motion to allow PSC to autonomously approve contest and operating event changes (Ritz, W7VO)
 - Passed 15-0
 - **Band Planning Committee:**
 - Release of proposed HF digital band plans (Raisbeck, K1TWF)
 - Passed 15-0
 - Next step is to FCC legal counsel for FCC action
 - FCC action might take a long time- New players to train





ARES
Amateur Radio Emergency Service

ARRL “Dir of Emergency Management” Update

- New committee formed to hire a “Director of Emergency Management” for the ARRL in Jan 2019
 - Languished under our prior CEO for at least six months!
- New Director, Paul Gilbert, KE5ZM hired, working remote for now
 - High level liaison for ARRL Emcomm strategic partners: FEMA, Red Cross, FCC, etc.
 - Responsible for ARES, NTS, ARES Connect



July 2020 Board Meeting

o Director Motions

- o Allow use of e-signatures on ARRL paperwork related to elections (Jairam, N2RJ)
 - o CT Legal counsel stated “ not needed”, already OK per CT law, motion dropped
- o Clarify that all Board members can attend any Standing Committee meetings, including e-meetings (Ritz, W7VO)
 - o Passed 15-0
- o Motion to review all ARRL governance documents for accuracy and consolidate/update (Ritz, W7VO)
 - o To be presented in January 2020 meeting

July 2020 Board Meeting

- Motion passed to allow EmComm Director Selection Committee to draft a proposal to create a new “EmComm” focused Standing Committee, in addition to Admin and Finance and Programs and Services (Stratton, N5AUS)
- Raises EmComm/ARES to higher level on Board’s radar



We hired a new CEO!

- **David Minster, NA2AA**

- Very active ham, PJ4G in contests from Bonaire
- Prior CEO experience, also former CIO



- **Not my first choice! (Four great candidates!)**

- Very structured interview process in Denver
- I had questions that I could not get answered
 - Profit verses non-profit, and about his management style
- Motion to delay 2 weeks to get more answers failed
- I voted “not vote to elect”, final vote was 11-3 with one abstention

- **I had a follow up phone call, one hour-long**

- I'm now on-board with NA2AA!



ARRL Foundation

- About \$128K awarded to about 75 scholarships recipients \$500- \$5,000
- Good news Doubled (to \$256K) with Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) grant this year only, dollar for dollar!



FCC Action to add fees back

- “**Ray Baums**” act
 - Repack **A**irwaves **Y**ielding **B**etter **A**ccess for **U**sers of **M**odern **S**ervices
 - Where was the ARRL in 2018?
 - Where are we now?



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