

**Contest Advisory Committee
Semi-Annual Report**

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COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS

In the second half of 2018, the CAC completed their on-going Rules Consolidation Project. The results have been forwarded to our P&SC representative Greg Sarratt, W4OZK. This tasking required that the current 3 tiered set of rules for ARRL HF contests (160M, 10M, RTTY Roundup, DX, and SS) be condensed into one set of rules for each contest. This was completed and the RCP rules were forwarded on Dec 9.

The CAC received two taskings in August:

Tasking #1: In the March/ April issue of the NCJ, several suggestions were made for possible changes to the current ARRL November Sweepstakes. What is the general reaction of the CAC to the proposals from KØAD and WØOR? What impacts, both positive and negative, would implementation of any of the proposed changes have on the event?

Tasking #2: With the increase of activity in digital modes, does the CAC sense a need to offer a new contest using all digital modes based on the dynamics of the current ARRL International DX Contest? Please consider both the pros and cons, along with an assessment of the impact on current contests sponsored by the ARRL.

Tasking #2 was completed and submitted to our P&SC Rep on Dec 2; Tasking #1 was completed and submitted on Dec 9. Tasking #1 was completed and submitted to the P&SC Rep on December 10.

CONTINUING ASSIGNMENTS

Youth In Contesting (YIC).

1.) The objective of the YIC assignment was to undertake a study of youth and radio contesting, "Radiosport". The YIC assignment was multifold, in that the CAC asked to do the following:

- a.** Find out whether young operators are under-represented in contesting particularly, or whether contesting's young operator demographics are just representative of the current ham population.
- b.** Engage in a broad survey of hams between 10 and 50 [years of age] to assess their interest levels and preferences for contests.

- Research and report on what youth programs and approaches are successful in Europe.

The PSC requested that the YIC project be done in two parts: first to do the research, and second to analyze the information and make specific recommendations. The CAC conducted the first part of YIC in 2016 as Phase I, and did some analysis work in 2017. However, no work was done on this topic in 2018. At this point, I would suggest that the P&SC either re-task the CAC with the topic and let us start anew, or that the tasking be removed from the CAC agenda.

The CAC members working on the YIC subcommittee were Don, K4ZA, Glenn, W0GJ, Stan, K5GO and Dennis, W1UE. Additionally, Bob Gerzoff, WK2Y, a retired statistician volunteered his services to do a statistical analysis and reporting of the Youth Survey responses. Several CAC members that did work on the project are no longer on the CAC, and several new members would probably be interested in working on the project.

CAC ADMINISTRATION

As recommended in our 2015 review of CAC activities with the PSC, the CAC is now managing its assignments through the use of subcommittees. This is being done to make it easier to have group discussions and make operational decisions with fewer individuals than the full 16 member committee.

The primary method of communications within the CAC is the cac-i@arrl.org email reflector. As Chairman, I periodically issue updates of CAC activities to the full CAC to keep everyone informed of the progress on our projects.

CHANGES IN CAC MEMBERSHIP

There were no changes in the CAC membership during the last half of 2018. The CAC members as of January 1, 2019 are:

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