

# Report of the Programs and Services Committee January 2012 ARRL Board Meeting

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The Programs and Services Committee is pleased to present its report to the ARRL Board.

The committee had been given nominations for two awards since the July 2011 board meeting. We made the motion to award the George Hart Distinguished Service Award to two really good candidates, Betsey Doane, K1EIC and Fritz Nitsch, W4NTO. We've got just one nomination for the 2011 International Humanitarian Award for consideration at the PSC meeting next week. It is disappointing that we aren't getting more nominations for these prestigious awards. That may be a future issue for PSC to study.

We undertook a review of and made a recommendation for the ARRL's Volunteer Termination Policy. This policy is for use by Section appointees and Directors for terminating volunteers for any reason and provides protection for the ARRL and the terminating individual.

Work still continues on the affiliated club benefit survey and desired club benefits by affiliated clubs.

The Field Organization sub-committee had been working on a survey of the Section Managers. The purpose of the survey was to find out from our Section Managers what would help them in their jobs. A sub-committee was created with Section Managers who volunteered from a message that Field Services was kind enough to post on the Section Manager reflector seeking volunteers to design a set of survey questions to be sent to the Section Managers.

Unfortunately, we had heard from some of the committee members that the sub-committee chair, a Section Manager, appeared to have his own agenda and did not fully represent his committee members. As a result, the PSC decided to put this survey effort on the back burner for possible tasking by another sub-committee in the future.

Section budgets were discussed late last year, and this is a topic that should continue to be discussed and studied to make sure our Section Managers have the proper resources to do their job effectively.

We appreciate the help and assistance from our ARRL Staff members, staff officers, volunteer officers, Section Field Organization members, Advisory Committee members, Directors and Vice-Directors during the past several months.

The PSC Members would like to thank those who have helped in task groups and sub-committees: Andrea Hartlage KG4IUM, Kermit Carlson W9XA, Bill Hudzik W2UDT, David Haycock, KI6AWR, David Woolweaver, K5RAV, Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, Dewey Rykard, KI4RGD, Jim Boehner N2ZZ, Kent Olson KA0LDG, Tom Abernethy W3TOM, and Twila Greenheck, N0JPH, and Chris Imlay W3KD.

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