

REPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY, 2014

The Board has been informed of Centennial activities by several e-mails sent since the July meeting. To refresh everyone's memory, here are main points and some recent developments.

A suggestion received by the Centennial Celebration committee from past McGan award winner Angel Santana WP3GW at the Puerto Rico State Convention in 2013 has become a reality. Members can generate a membership certificate and card showing the centennial logo at <http://www.arrl.org/membership-certificate>. Members must be logged into the ARRL website to access the certificate maker. Members can print the items for themselves on the paper of their choice. Bob Inderbitzen hopes to use this opportunity to encourage members to generate cards and wallpaper showing their support of the ARRL.

Although we do not want to undercut attention to and attendance at the National, being realistic we had to recognize that not all members will be able to go to New England in July. Consequently, the largest ham radio conventions in the country were offered the opportunity to participate in a special way in the Centennial. The relevant Directors were consulted for their consent before any contact was made with convention organizers. The Executive Committee approved the plans.

At the IARU Region 2 conference, the Region's Executive Committee decided to hold its 2014 meeting in conjunction with the ARRL National Convention. This will bring a number of leaders of Amateur Radio in the western hemisphere to our event. Information on the Centennial and the convention was distributed to all participants at the Region 2 conference in Mexico, and in my remarks at the closing session I said that we hope to welcome many of them at our event.

At my request, Dave Sumner sent a message to all the past Presidents of the ARRL (Dannals, Price, Stafford, Haynie, Harrison) inviting them to the convention, with the ARRL picking up their hotel expense. Most of the past Presidents have indicated that they plan to attend.

David Patton kept the committee up to date on plans developed by Staff for the Centennial QSO Party.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their enthusiasm and input. At this Board meeting, a motion will be introduced dissolving the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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