

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January, 2015

The Executive Committee met in person on October 4, 2014. The Minutes of that meeting were distributed to you attached to ODV:23440. The Minutes indicate the committee's thoughts on certain motions that were referred to it by the Board in July.

Although the EC was not specifically tasked by the Board in July to review the existing Conflict of Interest policy and the Ethics and Elections Committee is normally responsible for review of that policy, events earlier in the year led the EC to create a drafting committee to prepare draft revisions to the policy. The drafting group worked diligently and thoughtfully, and the resulting proposal has been distributed to the Board.

As directed at the meeting at the request of a member and with the benefit of input from another member with professional expertise on the subject, Mr. Sumner prepared a letter to the U.S. Secretary of Defense urging that the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) facility in Alaska be maintained in its current condition until the full proposal process by the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska has been completed by the National Science Foundation. The letter said, in part, that "The ARRL takes no position on the question of whether the future operation of HAARP is the best way to pursue this research. However, as it is an existing facility with impressive capabilities that was constructed at considerable expense, it is only reasonable to preserve these capabilities until that question can be answered definitively." The Department of the Air Force acknowledged receipt of the letter.

Also as a result of the meeting, the EC asked Mr. Sumner to send constructively-critical comments to Mr. Ross Merlin (ARRL Life Member WA2WDT) of the Department of Homeland Security about a draft proposal for rule making that FEMA may file with the FCC. This proposal, which Mr. Merlin shared with us for comments, would amend Part 97 regarding use of Amateur Radio callsigns reserved for use by FEMA. The comments were received in the spirit of their intent and were incorporated into the draft document. We do not know when the petition may be filed. In no way did the EC tie the hands of the Board about responding to any eventual petition, whose content may or may not be the same as the draft the EC most recently saw.

Strategic planning is within the purview of the EC, but the Administration & Finance Committee's discussion of the subject at their autumn meeting is well taken by the EC. The chairs of the EC and the A&F have outlined for the A&F's consideration an approach to re-starting the strategic planning process. The result of that consideration will be sent to the Board when the A&F is ready to do so.

The committee discussed the proposed agreement between the ARRL and The Keelen Group for the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

This report will conclude with a list of the filings on FCC proceedings that the EC reviewed and authorized in 2014. However, before that list appears I would like to take a moment to thank Cliff Ahrens KOCA for his contributions to the EC's work not only in 2014 but also in previous years when he served on this committee and others. His capacity for close reading of documents and careful analysis of complicated subjects is second to none, as is his ability to debate with courtesy towards his peers and objectivity about the issues. Thank you, Cliff.

#### FCC PROCEEDINGS FILED ON, 2014

- IB Docket 04-286, WRC 2015 WAC Recommendation Comments [ODV:22445]
- GN 14-25, Report on Process Reform [ODV:22573]
- RM-11715, Mimosa Networks, Inc., Amendments of Parts 2 and 90 [ODV:22597]
- ET Docket 13-213, Globalstar Mobile Satellite System Ancillary Terrestrial Component, 2 GHz [ODV:22672]
- ET Docket No. 14-99, Model City For Demonstrating And Evaluating Advanced Sharing Technologies [ODV:23251]
- RM-1171, Rules Governing the Technical Standards for the Wireless Communications Services in the 2.3 GHz Band [ODV:23370]
- IB Docket 04-286, Recommendations for WRC-15 [ODV:23371]
- WT Docket 14-161, Enhancements to the Commission's Universal Licensing System and Antenna Structure Registration System for Providing Access to Official Electronic Authorizations [ODV:23494]
- WT Docket 14-176, RECCO AB Request for Waiver of Location and Monitoring Service Rules to Permit Certification and Use of an Avalanche Rescue System [ODV:23575]

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Craigie N3KN  
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