

**DX Advisory Committee Report**

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**to the**

**American Radio Relay League  
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To the Members of the PSC:

From: DXAC – Prepared and submitted by Arne Gjerner, N7KA, Chairman

Subject: Year End DXAC Annual Report

At the July BOD meeting some portions of the DXAC report were found to be acceptable, however, the Remote Operating issue was not accepted as presented. As a result the Program and Services Committee (PSC) was assigned the task of additional discussions concerning the issue of remote operating. The DXAC has not been involved in those discussions and the DXAC has not been informed of any final decisions.

After the DXAC report was published the DXAC representatives received comments from the general amateur community who expressed support for the use of remote operations. A number of comments stated reasons based on antenna restrictions imposed by their locations due to CC&R's, inner city apartments, of care facilities. Comments were also received that supported the position of limited use of remote operations in the DXCC Program.

Remote operating is a technological advancement combining traditional amateur radio with the capabilities of internet. However, it this advancement that has resulted in differing opinions for the acceptance of remote operations in the DXCC Program.

Remote operating affects more than just DXCC award rules. In addition to the current DXCC rule for location, FFMA, VUCC, and WAS award rules each set a location and/or maximum mileage limit for amateur operations from different locations. How the remote operations issue affects other awards is not the responsibility of the DXAC. How a ruling concerning remote operations in the DXCC Program may create unintended consequences for other ARRL operating awards is yet to be determined and may be a consideration during the PSC discussions.

The amateur community is awaiting the decision of the PSC concerning the use of remote operations in the DXCC Program. Regardless of the decision comments in support of and against any decision can be expected.

The DXAC has not received any new task assignments from the PSC since the July 2015 ARRL BOD meeting. The DXAC remains available for any future task assignments from the PSC.

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