

**Report of the Executive Committee  
ARRL Board of Directors  
January 2025**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee (EC) since the July Board Meeting.

The EC worked closely with Counsel Siddall regarding the 902 MHz matter. Recall that on August 6, 2024, the FCC accepted for public comment a Petition for Rulemaking filed by NextNav, Inc., a licensee in the 900-MHz Location and Monitoring Service (LMS), to completely reconfigure the 902-928 MHz band and replace the LMS with high-powered 5G cellular and related location services. (WT Docket No. 24-240, RM-11989) Although uses by the Amateur Radio Service in this band are secondary to LMS, NextNav proposed substantial technical and use changes that would completely alter the foundation upon which the current rules and spectrum sharing arrangements rely and undercut the shared use of the band by amateurs as well as a variety of other uses. Consequently, it was imperative to file comments in opposition.

The EC worked with Counsel Siddall and Staff on an announcement to members urging all amateurs to study the NextNav proposal and to file their own comments in opposition to the proposed changes. (ODV email 8/15/24, Website and ARRL 8/15/24) Additionally, the EC worked with Counsel Siddall on the Opposition to the Petition for Rulemaking by NextNav brief filed with the FCC on September 5, 2024. (ODV email 9/6/24) Information was sent to members regarding the Opposition brief to defend the 902-928 MHz amateur band on September 12, 2024, and posted on our website. There were over 1750 comments filed and almost all were opposed to the NextNav proposal.

The EC collaborated with CEO Minster on a regular basis concerning the cyber-attack and recovery efforts, including updates to members on system disruption and recovery. The EC also worked with CEO Minster on other public relations releases to members, i.e. election matters.

The EC also worked with CEO Minster on the rollout of the partnership with Grouper, Inc. to deliver a paid benefit to our members. These benefits include a \$50 annual payment that encourage members to stay engaged with social activities in amateur radio. (ODV email 9/19/24)

The EC held a meeting on January 6 primarily to discuss pending matters before the FCC with Counsel Siddall. (Minutes pending)

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work and dedication to Amateur Radio and the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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