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Report to Plenary Meeting from Working Group 1

Policy Matters

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WG1 met on Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning, and Tuesday afternoon of the Conference in order to complete its assigned work and met again on Wednesday morning to review and approve this Report and to receive a report from the STARS*** Task Force. In addition to the Chairman and Secretary, those participating included:

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Tim Ellam, VE6SH, IARU President
Rod Stafford, W6ROD, IARU Secretary
Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, Region 1
Terry Carrell, ZL3QL, Conference Chairman

Other conference participants were present for all or part of the Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning meetings.

Agenda Item 11.1 – IARU Region 3 Policy

11.1.1 – Membership

The Working Group reviewed the reports of the member societies, including the oral reports presented at the first Plenary meeting. The reports reflected a general trend of declining or stable membership, with the notable exceptions of WIA and PARA who reported membership growth. Several reasons for declining membership were reported: competition from cellphones and the Internet, aging members, newer amateurs having different interests than older members, limited license examination opportunities, and the retention of the Morse code licensing requirement by some administrations. ARSI viewed the Internet as a positive development that should lead to future membership growth.

11.1.2 – IARU Region 3 Strategic Plan

No documents were received on this topic. It was observed that the Strategic Plan should be on the task list for the Directors for the next triennium.

Agenda Item 11.2 – International/Regional Telecommunication Conferences, Meetings and Events (Document 12/XV/027)

11.2.1 – WRC-15

The contents of Section 1 of Document 12/XV/027 were noted. One small error was corrected: The responsible group for WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.6.1 is WP4A, not WP5A.

11.2.2 – ITU Radiocommunication sector (ITU-R), APT and Other Meetings

The contents of Section 2 of the document were reviewed. It was observed that if an administration is unable to support an amateur position at an APG meeting but is not strongly opposed, it should be urged to remain silent. At this early stage of preparations for WRC-15 the Working Group was unable to identify an administration in Region 3 that already has decided to support an amateur allocation at 5 MHz. It was noted that more input is needed from the IARU to assist member societies in developing support for an allocation. One small error was corrected in Section 2: WRC-12 should read WRC-15.

11.2.3 – ITU TELECOM

While Section 3 of the document refers to Regional Telecoms, the ITU has decided instead to hold a World Telecom every year. Unfortunately, organizations such as the IARU no longer receive free exhibit space so an IARU stand is no longer feasible. The IARU continues to seek participation in the Forum that is held in conjunction with each

Telecom, but speakers and panelists generally are chosen from the commercial sector. The next World Telecom is scheduled for Bangkok in the October 2013 time frame.

On motion of WIA seconded by MARTS the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-1:

That member societies note the agenda items for WRC-15 affecting the amateur and amateur-satellite services and the actions required to prepare. Further that member societies work closely with their administrations/regulators to protect and improve our spectrum allocations; especially for agenda item 1.4 to achieve a Secondary allocation near 5 MHz.

Agenda Item 11.3 – IARU Administrative Council (AC) Matters

11.3.1 – Resolution 12-1 (Monitoring)

The pertinent parts of Documents 12/XV/005 and 12/XV/046 were considered, along with the text of IARU Administrative Council Resolution 12-1. Because it was adopted in January 2012 by mail vote of the Administrative Council the number was changed from Resolution 11-1 to 12-1, but the text is the same. The Working Group Secretary explained Administrative Policy #1 of the IARU Administrative Council and the options available to the Conference with regard to Administrative Council resolutions.

On motion of WIA seconded by NZART the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-2:

It is recommended that this Conference encourage member societies to adhere to IARU Administrative Council Resolution 12-1, concerning the revised terms of reference for the IARU Monitoring System (MS), with particular regard to the following paragraphs:

- 6. The AC encourages each member society to have a National MS Coordinator guiding a group of volunteers in the monitoring activities.**
- 7. Member societies shall report details of the improper use of amateur bands by stations in their own country to their own national administration and take all steps possible to ensure that their administration acts to stop such improper use. Details of cases of established improper use of the amateur bands that cannot be resolved by the member society with its own administration shall be forwarded by the member society to its IARUMS Regional Coordinator.**
- 8. Member societies and their National MS Coordinators are encouraged to report details of the improper use of amateur bands by stations in other countries to their own national administration so that their**

administration may raise the matter with the administration of the station concerned.

11.3.2 – Future of IARU

No documents were received on this agenda item. IARU President Ellam briefed the group on the status of IARU restructuring. In the current economic climate the IARU 2025 Committee was unable to develop a viable financial model that would permit the implementation of its proposed new organizational structure for the IARU. The committee did complete proposed revisions to guidelines for the election of IARU President and Vice President, and these were adopted by the AC.

Agenda Item 11.4 – Harmonization of License Qualification

No documents were received on this topic. On behalf of Region 1, PB2T explained the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC), CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-02, that provides for examinations passed in one's own country to be recognized in other countries. It was observed that of the five administrations outside CEPT participating in HAREC, three are in Region 3: Australia, Hong Kong, and New Zealand. No similar mechanism exists within Regions 2 or 3.

VE6SH reported that the IARU's efforts to promote an international roaming license through ITU-R Study Group 5 have been unsuccessful and have been suspended until there is a more favorable climate.

Agenda Item 11.5 – Review and Revision, if any, of the Existing Bandplans for HF, VHF and UHF bands

This agenda item had been referred to Working Group 2.

Agenda Item 11.6 – Amateur Satellite

Document 12/XV/028 was considered. On motion of WIA seconded by NZART the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-3:

That the Member Societies of Region 3 pay attention to the progress of studies by ITU with regard to Resolution 757 on agenda item 2.2 of WRC-18 (to consider the appropriate regulatory procedures for notifying satellite networks needed to facilitate the deployment and operation of nano- and picosatellites, in accordance with Resolution 757 (WRC-12)) mentioned in Section 1 of Document 12/XV/027 (for Agenda 11.2.1 (WRC-15)) of this Conference.

Agenda Item 11.7 – STARS* (Support for the Amateur Radio Service in IARU Region 3)**

Document 12/XV/038 was reviewed. Several member societies announced changes in their representatives on the STARS*** Task Force. The Task Force met on Tuesday afternoon. A supplementary report entitled “Supplementary information on STARS*** (STARS 3)” is attached.

Agenda Item 11.8 – EMC and Standards

Section 1.3 of Document 12/XV/041 (Report from JARL) and the relevant portion of Document 12/XV/024 (Region 1 Report) were considered.

On motion of NZART seconded by MARTS the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-4:

The Working Group Recommends that the Director responsible for EMC be tasked with educating member societies with regard to the interference potential of Power Line Communications (PLC), LED lights, plasma TVs, photovoltaic systems, and similar sources.

Agenda Item 11.9 – EMR and Standards

There were no documents submitted and no discussion of this item.

Agenda Item 11.10 – Region 3 Newsletter and IARU Region 3 Web

Document 12/XV/016, Report from News Letter Editor, was considered.

On motion of WIA seconded by ARSI the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-5:

The Conference recommends that member societies support the work of the Region 3 Newsletter Editor by sending the Editor timely news items.

There were no documents submitted concerning the IARU Region 3 website. After discussion, on motion of NZART seconded by ARSI the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-6:

The Working Group recommends to the Conference that the Directors be requested to consider the appointment of a volunteer webmaster with the objective of modernizing the Region 3 website.

Agenda Item 11.11 – Other Policy Matters

11.11.1 – Working with Administrations

Document 12/XV/048, Issues Facing Member Societies in Working with Their Administrations in the 21st Century, was considered.

On motion of WIA seconded by NZART the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-7:

That the Member Societies of Region 3 should:

- (a) Consider and discuss the issues identified in this Document 12/XV/048; and**
- (b) Respond to a questionnaire to be circulated by the Secretary of Region 3, with a list or table to be compiled, of the situation with respect to the regulations governing their country or territory; and**
- (c) Consider ways to work with their administrations and whether some external guidance and assistance may be required; and**
- (d) Consider ways for member societies to work together for mutual assistance**

11.11.2 – Article 25

Document 12/XV/044, Regulatory Restrictions on Emergency Communications, was considered. Member societies were asked whether the changes to Article 25 of the ITU Radio Regulations that were adopted at WRC-03 had been implemented in their countries, and to describe the nature of the regulations governing their country or territory in respect of allowing amateurs to both prepare for and provide emergency communications. The responses were as follows:

ARRL: There are no impediments to preparing for and providing emergency communications on behalf of third parties.

ARSI: Amateur emergency communications services can be requisitioned by District Magistrate. For public service events, third party traffic requires advance permission that is routinely granted. Practice drills are notified by fax; permission is taken for granted (i.e. no reply is needed).

BDARA: As an NGO, BDARA is part of the national disaster management department.

CRSA: New regulations signed yesterday make it clear that the government encourages

amateur stations to be prepared for emergencies. Amateur stations may communicate with non-amateur stations in emergencies; post-event notification is required.

CTARL: Government supports amateur operations. CTARL holds an annual national educational program. ARES holds a practice drill twice a year with the government medical department.

HARTS: Written approval has been received to conduct international third party communications for emergency and disaster relief. HARTS also provides communications support to local charitable events. Amateurs have a representative on government advisory committees.

JARL: Can conduct emergency communications.

KARL: Article 25 changes have been implemented.

NZART: Article 25 changes have been implemented. Liberal access to frequencies, including two spot frequencies at 5 MHz with conditions, is granted in emergencies.

ORARI: The Ministry of Communications and Information Technologies (MCIT) teams with ORARI to provide mobile unit facilities for emergencies. Third party traffic is permitted for preparedness and in emergencies.

MARTS: Third party traffic is allowed in emergencies. New regulations that have not yet been adopted will clarify in a positive direction.

WIA: Article 25 changes have been adopted.

Part (a) of the proposed recommendation contained in Document 15/XV/044 having been fulfilled, a modified version of the recommendation was prepared. On motion of WIA seconded by ARSI the following recommendation was approved for forwarding to the Plenary for consideration:

Recommendation WG1-8:

- a) **That the Conference congratulates those member societies that have achieved the implementation of the changes to Article 25 in their countries; and**
- b) **That the Member Societies of Region 3 should ensure that the regulations governing their country or territory do not inhibit the ability of amateurs to prepare for and provide emergency communications on behalf of third parties, particularly internationally.**

11.11.3 – Equipment Restrictions

The Working Group was informed that Document 12/XV/020 had been dealt with in Working Group 2, so it was not taken up.

11.11.4 – Financial Matters

At the request of the Conference Chairman, Document 12/XV/050 was discussed. Each member society present was asked to give its views as to how subscription income could be increased by 20% without necessarily increasing the subscription rate by that percentage. Most member societies said they could support an increase in subscription rate of 10% even though several face financial difficulties of their own. A few could support an increase of 20% and one could only support 5% without consulting its members. The Conference Chairman observed that for a three year period, NZART's Region 3 dues are only about 30% of the cost of attending a conference. He suggested that reducing the cost of conference attendance, for example by shortening the conference to three days, would save enough to cover the needed 20% increase. No specific recommendation was proposed for consideration by the Working Group.
