

**Report of the Ad Hoc Antenna Defense Committee
The American Radio Relay League
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Committee Members: Director Jay Bellows, KØQB, Chairman; Director Frank Fallon, N2FF; Vice Director, Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, General Counsel Christopher Imlay, W3KD and Jim O'Connell, W9WU.

Introduction

The committee is charged with evaluating individual requests for financial assistance from amateurs involved in antenna litigation. In evaluating requests the committee utilizes criteria adopted by the Board at its July 2000 meeting. The sole source of funding awards is the ARRL Antenna Defense Fund.

The evaluation criteria limit funding to appellate proceedings likely to result in favorable precedents for a significant number of Amateurs. The perception exists among some Amateurs that the committee is "hoarding" funds to the detriment of the goals of Amateurs and the fund.

Committee Activities

The committee met electronically in November to review and act upon a request to cover out of pocket costs incurred by Al Millius, WB2EQR, a ARRL VC who represented Randy Palmer N2NVH in a Federal Court case in the Northern District of New York. The case *Palmer v, Saratoga Springs* was a significant victory for Mr. Palmer. The decision was reported in the Federal Supplement and while not precedent *per se* has strong persuasive value, primarily in New York, but also in other jurisdictions. This disbursement was less than \$550.00.

The situation in the Palmer case caused the committee to consider the advisability of a slight expansion of the funding criteria to permit limited assistance with costs in reported cases likely to be of assistance to other amateurs. A motion to modify the funding criteria will be presented to the Board.

Future Activities

The committee remains ready to review and evaluate requests for assistance on an ongoing basis.

Jay Bellows, KØQB
Chairman

