

**ARRL Executive Committee Meeting
December 05, 2022
11:00 AM ET via Zoom**

- 1. The Executive Committee of the ARRL Board of Directors was called to order at 11:00 AM Eastern Time via Zoom with President Rick Roderick, K5UR, in the Chair.** Present were committee members: Directors Tom Abernethy, W3TOM; Bill Lippert, AC0W; Kristen McIntyre, K6WX; John Robert Stratton, N5AUS; and Dale Williams, WA8EFK. **Present without vote:** 1st VP Mike Raisbeck, K1TWF, CEO David Minster, NA2AA; and FCC Counsel David Siddall, K3ZJ

Present as observers were Treasurer John Sager, WJ7S; Directors: Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA; Ria Jairam, N2RJ; Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ; Jeff Ryan, K0RM; Mike Ritz, W7VO; Vice Directors Scott Yonally, N8SY; Phil Temples, K9HI; Mark Tharp, KB7HDX; Anthony Marcin, W7XM; Bill Morine, N2COP; Ed Hudgens, WB4RHQ; and CFO Diane Middleton, W2DLM.

- 2. On the motion of Mr. Williams, seconded by Ms. McIntyre, the Agenda was ADOPTED.**

- 3. Chief Executive Officer/Secretary's Update**

Mr. Minster provided updates on several topics.

Staffing – Mr. Minster noted that an offer to a candidate for the Public Relations Manager position was expected shortly.

Black Friday/Cyber Monday Sale – There were impressive results following ARRL's Black Friday Sale. Headquarters had a sale surrounding a "mystery box" that contained not only the *Handbook: 100* but also miscellaneous items. The sale had a great turnout. On Cyber Monday there was a different approach with promotional prices that also had good results in reducing inventory.

Giving Tuesday – Giving Tuesday, a "Supporting Youth" theme, has exceeded its goal for the fundraiser.

Credit Card Processing – There has been a complication with credit card processing where credit card payments have been canceled after being processed. The issue is being diligently worked on to get fixed.

4. **Legislative Advocacy Committee Status Report**

Mr. Stratton discussed the Legislative Advocacy Committee's current Congressional legislative efforts.

Private Land Use Restriction – Mr. Stratton, ARRL FCC Counsel David Siddall, and The Vogel Group lobbyist Matt Keelen met with Rep. Johnson (OH-06) and his Legislative Director on November 30, 2022 to discuss the League's private land use draft legislation. Rep. Johnson reaffirmed his support for amateur radio and offered to arrange a meeting with House Legislative Counsel to review the Bill's draft language. The meeting was very positive all around.

FCC-Symbol Rate – Rep. Debbie Lesko (AZ-8) is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. In a meeting with Mr. Stratton, ARRL FCC Counsel David Siddall, and The Vogel Group lobbyist Matt Keelen on November 30, 2022 Rep. Lesko's legislative staff expressed interest in the delays in updating the FCC's Part 97 amateur rules, especially those that impede experimentation with and use of new digital technologies. The outdated symbol (baud) rate in particular was the focus of the discussion.

U.S. Forest Service User Fee – Rep. Tom Cole (OK-4), Vice Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Committee, is continuing his efforts to direct the U.S. Forest Service to exclude Amateur Radio installations in national forests from the Forest Service's proposed \$1,400.00 per year user fee.

3 GHz Band – The Legislative Advocacy Committee has been coordinating its efforts with FCC Counsel David Siddall to preserve Amateur Radio's secondary use status in the sections of this band that are subject to auction. Mr. Stratton deferred to Mr. Siddall for a more detailed update.

5. **FCC Counsel's Update and FCC Matters**

Mr. Siddall provided updates on several FCC matters.

Rulemakings – The FCC has taken no action on the pending FCC symbol rate rulemaking or petitions to update the rules in other matters. Status checks have been made regularly at the FCC and the lack of movement has come up in a number of conversations the LAC has had about amateur matters on Capitol Hill.

3 GHz Band – Counsel and LAC are closely monitoring negotiations on Capitol Hill related to the FCC's auction authority and future reallocations of the 3 GHz band. At this time, it is not

clear whether a barebones extension of the auction authority will be enacted or more comprehensive provisions that will address other spectrum matters such as 3 GHz.

10 GHz Petition – Mr. Siddall reported on a petition submitted to the FCC requesting reallocation of the 10 GHz band by the Coordinated Sharing Coalition. The petition proposes to preserve the current amateur secondary allocation but with sharing details that are uncertain. The petition has not been accepted for public comment as of this date.

Cross-Band Waiver – A waiver for Battle Ship Iowa (NEPM) / Amateur cross-band communications to commemorate Pearl Harbor Day was secured by ARRL for a club in California. The club already had secured permission from the Department of Defense (DoD) for operating the ship callsign on non-amateur frequencies. However, Part 97.111(a)(5) limits this type of amateur-to-non-amateur communications to the annual Armed Forces Day Communications Test. We will undertake consideration of whether to seek rules change to permit such operations more generally when counterpart operations are authorized by DoD.

FCC Enforcement – An FCC press release announcing an enforcement action identified the subject individual by his amateur radio callsign, but the alleged infraction as described in the release appeared to be unrelated to amateur radio. This matter has been taken under advisement.

6. **Recognition of New Life Members**

The committee reviewed the list of new Life Members.

On the motion of Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Stratton, the recognition of new Life Members CARRIED (with applause).

7. **Other Business**

- a) Mr. Abernethy thanked Mr. Minster for collaborating with member services on correcting an issue with the first class mailing of NCJ.

Mr. Stratton advised that the Field Service Restructuring Sub-Committee of the Emergency Communications-Field Service Committee is scheduling Zoom meetings with Directors to present the Sub-Committee's recommendation for restructuring the Field Service Organization.

- b) Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. McIntyre:

WHEREAS The Executive Committee tasked Vice Director Robert Famiglio, K3RF, to proceed in seeking a trademark attorney to be hired and to commence a review of ARRL trademarks to protect League intellectual property and to repair such trademarks as necessary, and

WHEREAS He has retained and worked with competent counsel in Washington DC, and

WHEREAS He presented in detail at the July 2022 ARRL Board Meeting his results from the past 3 years, and

WHEREAS With the expansion of HQ personnel, the responsibility for managing trademarks should be moved back to that HQ staff.

THEREFORE Executive Committee thanks Vice Director Famiglio for his exemplary work and appreciates his undertaking the transfer of all relevant materials associated with his efforts to CFO Middleton as soon as is possible.

The motion **FAILED** with 3 No votes (Abernethy, Lippert, Stratton), 2 Aye votes (McIntyre, Williams).

8. There being no further business, on the motion by Mr. Abernethy, seconded by Mr. Williams the meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sabrina Martin