

**Report of the Executive Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
July 2022**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee (EC) since the July Board Meeting. This period of time has been one of the lowest in terms of necessary action by the EC that I can recall.

The U.S. Forest Service is proposing to implement a statutorily required annual fee of \$1400 for new and existing communications use authorizations to cover the cost to the agency for processing applications, maintenance, and other related activities. The EC worked with Counsel Siddall in drafting a response seeking an exemption for amateur radio facilities. This could have a seriously negative impact on amateur installations. Counsel Siddall filed a response to oppose the fees on February 22, 2022. (ODV:33458)

The EC also worked with Counsel Siddall on comments filed on the FCC's Notice of Inquiry that addresses ways to increase spectrum efficiency by promoting or requiring improved receiver performance. Arguments were presented that given the inherent characteristics of the Amateur Service, regulatory performance for receivers used by amateurs would be counterproductive to the amateurs' continued experimentation and operations and should not be considered. Comments were filed on June 28, 2022. (ODV:33824)

The EC continues to monitor the status of our pending items before the FCC. Counsel Siddall reports that FCC responses to periodic status checks indicate that the amateur proceedings have been highlighted in the Chairwoman's office by several Congressional inquiries that were initiated, but at this time they have not been scheduled for action. EC gives top priority to his efforts to seek FCC attention to our pending amateur proceedings.

To monitor the status of ongoing operations of the League, the EC meets approximately every 4-6 weeks.

The EC held three virtual meetings since the January, 2022, Board meeting.

The EC held a meeting on March 21, 2022. See Minutes ODV:33664

The EC held a meeting on May 9, 2022. See Minutes ODV:33765

The EC held a meeting on June 9, 2022. See Minutes ODV: 33869

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Roderick – K5UR
Chair, Executive Committee

Members:

Director Tom Abernethy – W3TOM
Director Bill Lippert – AC0W
Director Kristen McIntyre – K6WX
Director John Stratton – N5AUS
Director Dale Williams – WA8EFK
First Vice President Mike Raisbeck – K1TWF
Chief Executive Officer David Minster – NA2AA
President Rick Roderick – K5UR