Proceedings of the Third and Final Plenary

President Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH, opened the Third and Final Plenary at 09:00 hours on Friday, October 8, 2010.

Committee F President (Credentials Committee), Noel E. Donawa, informed that the following Member Societies were present:

Societies present (in order according to when credentials were received):
1) United States
2) El Salvador
3) Mexico
4) Brazil
5) Chile
6) Dominican Republic
7) Guatemala
8) Honduras
9) Peru
10) Panama
11) Canada
12) Colombia

Societies represented by proxy:
13) Uruguay by Brazil
14) Cuba by Panama
15) Costa Rica by El Salvador
16) Trinidad & Tobago by the Dominican Republic
17) Grenada by United States
18) Curacao by Colombia
19) Venezuela by Mexico
Societies with voting rights
   Nineteen

Resolution EC-1

Next, President Leandro gave the floor to Secretary Ramón Santoyo, which indicated that in the XVI General Assembly in Brasilia, after having elected 10 members for the Executive Committee and not 9, as established in our bylaws, the following agreement was reached:


“On behalf of the Executive Committee President Stafford propose that the General Assembly modifies article 7.2 of the Bylaws to allow the election of ten members of the EC, for a limited period of time until the next Conference, with the understanding that the EC will propose a permanent solution at the XVII Assembly in 2010. No one present at the meeting made any comments and the proposal was approved unanimously”

Based on this, the Executive Committee in its Lima, Peru, meeting in September 2009, solved the issue as indicated in item 40 of that meeting:

“40. Other affairs. Rod Stafford presented a proposal to change the Normal Operational Procedures with reference to “Procedures for the nomination and election of Executive Committee members – The Electoral Committee“, which adds the following underlined text:

9. (a) During the afternoon session of the Third and Final Plenary, the Electoral Committee shall first conduct the election of officers of the Executive Committee, distributing to and collecting the secret ballot from each head delegate, counting the votes and announcing the name of each person chosen as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In case of a tie for the first place, an additional vote between the tied candidates shall be taken for the position in question only.
(b) Pursuant to By-Law 7.2, two of the officers shall represent a geographical area. The two officers elected receiving the most votes for their respective officer positions shall be the two officers to represent a geographical area. If two officer members of the Executive Committee are elected from the same geographical area as set out in the by-laws, the officer from that geographical area receiving the highest number of votes during the election of officers shall be deemed to be elected as the director from the geographical area.

President Reinaldo Leandro subjected the matter to discussion and once the arguments were heard, he asked each member of the Executive Committee for his vote, obtaining a unanimous approval for the modification “.

To prevent future occurrences of this situation, Secretary Santoyo also requested that the words “no more than” be added to the By-laws when referring to the number of members of the Executive Committee; therefore, the first part of article 7.2 would be like this:

“7.2 The Executive Committee will be formed by no more than nine members, which are: President; Vicepresident; Secretary; Treasurer and five Directors”.

After this background was explained, a favorable vote from the delegates to these modifications was requested, and they were approved unanimously.

After the election was over, Salvadorean delegate Fabián Zarrabe made comments about the changes in the number of members of the Executive Committee in Region 2 during the years when he was a member of it.

President Leandro requested Committee A President Norma Leiva to read their report; after mentioning the names of the members of such Committee, she presented the following resolutions which, after being discussed, were approved unanimously.
Resolution A-01. After analyzing the proposal for changing the date for the next Assembly,

It recommends

Holding the XVIII General Assembly of IARU-R2 in 2013, as it would normally correspond.

It additionally resolves,

Celebrate the Golden Anniversary of IARU Region 2 in 2014. The Executive Committee will appoint an ad-hoc committee, formed by persons that are not members of such Executive Committee, to submit alternatives in the XVIII General Assembly after consulting with all member societies.

Resolution A-02.

After hearing the proposals for the next venue submitted by Mexico (FMRE) to hold it in Monterrey and by Chile (RCCH) to hold it in Viña del Mar,

It resolves

That the XVIII General Assembly to be held in 2013 will have the city of Monterrey, Mexico as its venue. The exact date of this event will be determined later on by the member society in coordination with the Region 2 Executive Committee.

Resolution A-03: Proposal of Club de Radioaficionados de Guatemala, CRAG, for the unification of a handbook for novice amateurs.

It resolves

That Club de Radioaficionados de Guatemala, CRAG, submits to the Area D Director a more thorough and detailed proposal that includes among other steps, Planning, Objectives and Progress Measurement, to make a decision on this matter. Such Director will forward it to the Committee of the Amateur Radio Education Fund (AREF).
Resolution A-04: Presentation of ARRL’s “Amateur Radio Operators and Tropical Cyclone Events”.

It recommends

That the document be published in IARU Region 2 web page to be analyzed by the Member Societies and if they consider it necessary, adapt it to include other types of disasters that are common in our Region. The Member Societies will publish it later on to their associates.

Resolution A-05: Document YS-A-06, Radio Amateur Licenses in Region 2 submitted by the Secretary, with statistics about licensing in the region’s countries (radio amateurs per million inhabitants).

It is recommended

That each Area Director have the Member Societies design strategies to increase the number of associates; they must at the same time encourage each one of their members to make a personal commitment to win at least one person that is interested in amateur radio.

Resolution A-06, Document submitted by Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA, of Canada regarding Resolution A-05, part 2 of the XVI General Assembly of Brasilia in 2007, which says: “2. The Executive Committee will elect one of its members to act as president of the emergency Communications Committee (EMCOM), with the president as a member”.

It is recommended

That such part of the resolution be expanded to say as follows:

The functions of the EMCOMM R2 president will be:

A) In the Executive Committee
1. The EMCOMM R2 president will be the liaison of the EMCOR R2 before the Executive Committee.

2. He will submit a report where he will evaluate the emergency Communications activities in CE meetings, and will propose strategies to be followed in emergency communications in Region 2, according to the resolutions taken in GAREC meetings and to the recommendations suggested by the EMCOR R2 in his annual reports, opinions and communications.

B) International activities

He will represent Region 2 before international communications organizations and other services where he might be invited to participate, to broadcast the activities and achievements in emergency communications in Region 2 and will submit a report to the EC on the achievements and resolutions obtained from his participation.

Resolution A-07, Proposal of Marco Tulio Gudiel, related to awarding recognition to Fabián Zarrabe, YS1FI, for his commitment of many years to IARU events in the Region.

It is approved

That Area D Director presents to Fabián Zarrabe a recognition plaque, to be delivered during the coming 50th FRACAP Convention in San Salvador, on November 5, 6 and 7 of this year.

After Committee A President finished her presentation, President Leandro declared a recess.

Committee B/C President Mario Avilés, YS1MAE, submitted the report to the General Assembly. All resolutions were unanimously approved after being discussed.
Resolution B/C-01

Committee B/C revised and discussed document YS-B-03 Modifications to the Region 2 Band Plan, submitted by the ARRL. Based on this,

It resolves,

Add the AM Activity Center in 3885 kHz, by virtue that it was omitted by mistake in the 2007 band plan and must be added now.

Additionally, it resolves,

Change the AM Activity Center in 7290 kHz to 7275 kHz as well as change the Activity Center in 7275 kHz to 7290 kHz, by virtue that these two activity centers overlapped by accident in the 2007 band plan.

It also resolved,

Add in the notes section of the band plan:

Unoccupied frequencies: Operating according to the band plan is a good practice for amateurs, especially in regard to activity center frequencies. However, radio amateurs must understand that during periods of intense activity, it is unrealistic to expect a perfectly clean frequency.

This considering that all amateurs must operate according to band plans. However, unrealistic expectations can generate destructive conflict among individuals and groups.

Resolution B/C-02

With regard to the RAC proposals with respect to the 135.7 - 137.8 kHz band, the Committee

Resolves,
Add the new band of 135.7 - 137.8 kHz in the final notes of the band plan in the narrow bandwidth modes. Likewise, this band must be added to the list of bands where contests are not allowed.

Additionally, it resolves,

That with the inclusion of this band in the Region 2 band plan, its name must be relabeled to LH – MF – HF.

**Resolution B/C-03**

After analyzing and discussing document YS-B-07, Proposal for the Discussion and Revision of the Terms of Reference for the IARU Region 2 HF Committee submitted by ARRL, it

Resolves,

Eliminate the HF Committee of Region 2, by virtue that with the new procedure for making changes to the Region 2 Band Plan, the ordered participation of the Member Societies in this important process is guaranteed.

**Resolution B/C-04**

The Committee analyzed document YS-B-08, Caguairán Project of the Federación de Radioaficionados de Cuba, and about it, it

Resolves,

That the proposal of economic support requested by the FRC for the Caguairán Project requires of a much more specific and concrete description about the support that is being requested.

Additionally, it resolves,
That the Region 2 Executive Committee will be in charge of analyzing and deciding if this petition is acceptable using, if appropriate, resources from the Amateur Radio Education Fund.

**Resolution B/C-05**

After reading document YS-B-09, Frequency Allocation in the 60-meter Band submitted by Radio Club Venezolano, it is

Resolved,

To thank Radio Club Venezolano for their initiative of preparing this document, and encourage them to continue with this effort.

**Resolution B/C-06**

The Committee reviewed and analyzed document YS-R-15, Region 2 Beacon Coordinator Report, and based on that

Resolves,

To thank the Region 2 Beacon Coordinator for his very thorough and interesting report.

It additionally resolves,

To request Member Societies that they notify radio amateurs in their countries that before installing a beacon, they should contact their national coordinator or the Region 2 coordinator, in order for him/her to issue an opinion about the best frequency to install it, thus preventing interference to other operating beacons.
It also resolves,

To reiterate the petition of not installing CW beacons in the 30-meter band, and rather consider the installation of WSPR beacons.

**Resolution B-07**

After analyzing document YS-A-05, Unlicensed Use of Amateur Bands, the Committee

Resolves,

Reiterate to the Member Societies that they energetically collaborate and demand that their regulatory entities combat the non-authorized use of the bands.

Committee D President Noel E. Donawa, 9Y4NED, presented the Committee D Report to the General Assembly; after being discussed, the following recommendation was unanimously approved:

**Recommendation D-01**

The Committee discussed the Audited Financial Statements for December 31, reviewed the Accounts Receivable and the Dues Program and recommends that the General Assembly adopts the following resolution:

It resolves,

1. That Member Societies report to the Treasurer the changes in the number of amateurs with licenses in their respective countries by December 31, this to guarantee accuracy in the calculation of their annual dues to be charged in the following near.
The Committee also recommends

2. Increasing the Budget for EC Meetings in two (2) additional days in the year of the triennial conference.

President Leandro requested a recess to the General Assembly, and after returning from it, announced that Committee E (Electoral Committee) President, Francisco Jose de Queiros, will lead the election of the Officers and Members of the Region 2 Executive Committee, with the help of Committee E members Kay C. Craigie and Pedro J. Allina.

After a meticulous electoral process that even required a second round in the election of the Vicepresident for lack of a majority vote, Committee E (Electoral Committee) President informed that the following persons have been elected as officers of the Union:

- President: Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH
- Vicepresident: José Arturo Molina, YS1MS
- Secretary: Ramón Santoyo V., XE1KK
- Treasurer: Noel E. Donawa, 9Y4NED

By virtue of his election as Officer, Ramón Santoyo V. was declared elected as Area C Director, and Noel E. Donawa as Area E Director.

Area Directors were elected afterwards. Once the votes were counted, Electoral Committee President informed that the following persons were elected as Directors:

- Area A: Daniel Lamoureux, VE2KA
- Area B: John (Jay) Bellows, K0QB
- Area C: Ramón Santoyo V., XE1KK
• Area D: Marco Tulio Gudiel, TG9AGD

• Area E: Noel E. Donawa, 9Y4NED

• Area F: Gustavo de Faria Franco, PT2ADM

• Area G: Galdino Besomi, CE3PG

When the election had ended, President Leandro thanked Committee E (Electoral Committee) President and members for their participation and announced the end of the conference.

During the evening, Club de Radioaficionados de El Salvador offered the closing dinner. Several presents and countless praise words were presented to CRAS for having hosted such a successful conference.