Proceedings of the Third and Final Plenary

IARU Region 2 President Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, opened the Third and Final Plenary at 09:00 hours on Friday, September 27, 2013.

Credential Committee Report

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

Present Societies
1) ARRL (USA)
2) CRAG (Guatemala)
3) FMRE (Mexico)
4) LABRE (Brazil)
5) LPRA (Panama)
6) RAC (Canada)
7) RCCH (Chile)
8) RCH (Honduras)
9) RCP (Peru)
10) RCV (Venezuela)
11) TTARS (Trinidad and Tobago)

Societies represented by proxy:
12) ARSB (Barbados) proxy to TTARS
13) CRAS (El Salvador) proxy to ARRL
14) CREN (Nicaragua) proxy to CRAG
15) RCD (Dominican Republic) proxy to FMRE
16) RCU (Uruguay) proxy to RCV
17) VERONA (Curacao) proxy to RAC
18) GRC (Ecuador) proxy to LABRE

He also reported that there are eighteen member societies who are eligible to vote in the General Assembly.

**Committee A Recommendations**

The committee received and reviewed 43 reports from Executive Committee members, Coordinators and Member Societies. The Committee A President, Norma Leiva on behalf of the committee, thanked each and every author and society for their report.

Further, she congratulated each officer, director and volunteers for their accomplishments and recognized their hard work on behalf of amateur radio in the region. Finally, she acknowledged the contributions and achievements of each reporting member society to further amateur radio within their respective countries.

The following recommendations were made.

EC consider developing specific strategies and tools to assist societies in need to strengthen amateur radio in their countries and in the region. According to the Notes of Meetings of Committee A – Administrative Matters of the IARU Region 2 Conference Cancun 2013 of September 23 and 24, 2013, this will include an outreach program to confirm current society contacts for both sending R2 information as well as for R2 to receive information from the national society to inform the other societies in the region. This process should establish a protocol to periodically confirm that information is flowing in both directions. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

1) It is requested that the EC continue presence of R2 at future CITEL meetings and use opportunities to strengthen ties as a resource for assistance in amateur matters. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.
2) Directors may consider counting on an informal assistant and/or to rely on the Vice-President for support to ensure continuity of communications between societies and with R2. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

3) Treasurer should develop a process to identify and follow up on collection from societies who are in arrears, with assistance of the appropriate director. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

4) Area B: EC encourage societies to study ARRL program with a view to developing a similar program suitable in their circumstances to attract younger people into amateur radio. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

5) Area D: It was requested that the EC considers how R2 can assist member societies in creating the appropriate information packages to educate their regulators. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

6) Emergency Communications: Committee B request the inclusion of peer-to-peer data for emergency use and testing similar to that already identified for phone usage. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

7) News editor: EC to stress to societies the importance of frequent and timely information on activities in their country, which are of interest to others in the region. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

8) Monitoring System Coordinator: Societies must be reminded that besides the regulator, reports must be sent periodically to the coordinator for follow-up. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.
9) Webmaster: Societies to ensure link to www.iaru-r2.org is on their website. Each society making regular contributions is necessary to make the site successful – informative, current, useful. Member Societies should take special notice that it’s their responsibility to have the correct contact information, including working emails, to ensure a good flow of communication. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

10) IARU Region 2 Award: Member Societies should continue to publicize IARU R2 awards and to actively have their headquarters stations be working toward earning each and every one. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

11) Radio Club Argentino: The General Assembly acknowledges their report and cordially invites them to actively work, from within the organization, to make the improvement that is always needed.

12) Radio Club de Chile: The EC and the EMCOR may wish to consider how to publicize and use this excellent example of how societies can help each other by sharing their experience and expertise and strengthening the bonds with each other. It also strengthens amateur radio by raising its profile with regulators. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

13) Guayaquil Radio Club. Committee suggests that Area Director G to contact GRC to determine how R2 may be able to assist in their project with their regulator. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

14) Establishing Morse Code as an Intangible Heritage. The Region 1 proposal was approved by the majority of member societies.

15) EMC: Committee A requested that the EC recommend to IARU to set up a mechanism for societies to share information and assist each other on EMC matters. IARU could establish working group to address EMC-related issues.
The IARU VP commented that he prefers that each region establishes their own EMC working group and that their work be forwarded for coordination by the IARU EMC Coordinator Thilo Kootz, DL9KCE.

The EC will name the responsible for this matters shortly.

16) Use of electronic QSLs for Society Awards: Societies should consider a reliable electronic confirmations method as an alternative to paper QSL for their awards.

Committee B and C Recommendations

Committee B and C President Rick Roderick informed the General Assembly that the committee discussed 12 conference papers which can be found in sections B and C on the web site.

The Combined Committee (B)(C) recommends four resolutions, which are posted under item B in the documents on the web site, under recommendations and reports XE-B-09 through B-12 (they are attached to this minute in its original version):

17) Number 1.) Reference to XE-B-10 Report B-1; Resolved,

That the General Assembly adopts the definition of terms proposed in the Report of the Committee which contains definitions to organize the concepts used in, and applicable to, the Region 2 band plans.

The General Assembly voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.

18) Number 2.) Reference XE-B-11 Report B-2; Resolved,

That the General Assembly adopts a Region 2 LF/MF/HF Band Plan for 2200 meters through 10 meters as proposed in the Report of the Committee. The General Assembly voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.
19) Number 3.) Reference XE-B-12 Report C-1; Resolved,

That the General Assembly adopts a Region 2 VHF/UHF/Microwave Band Plan for 6 meters through 1 millimeter as proposed in the Report of the Committee.

The General Assembly voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.

20) Number 4.) Reference XE-B-09 Recommendation-B; Resolved,

That the General Assembly shall seek to establish an IARU Technical Working Group to address open source technologies and interoperability in the Amateur Radio Service as proposed in the Report of the Committee.

The General Assembly voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.

Next General Assembly

21) Marisa Tobella, Principal Delegate from Radio Club de Chile, offered to host the next General Assembly in October 2016. She also presented a video and a summary of what Chile can offer. The General Assembly voted unanimously in favor.

Finance Committee Recommendations

Finance Committee President Noel Donawa presented the following recommendations to the General Assembly.

22) To receive and accept the Audit of Region 2 finances through December 31, 2012. The General Assembly voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.
23) To approve the Region 2 2014-2016 Budget as proposed in document XE-D-02 (attached). The General Assembly voted unanimously to approve this recommendation.

24) Recommends that if a Member Society was more than five years in arrears on its annual due the Treasurer should record the last time the Society paid its annual dues or the date the Society was suspended but should not be required to send a Society a further notice of annual dues. On behalf of the Executive Committee President Reinaldo Leandro accepted it.

Electoral Committee

Electoral Committee President Kay Craigie reported the following candidates for the next EC.

Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, President
Ramón Santoyo V., XE1KK, Vice-President
José Arturo Molina, YS1MS, Secretary
Noel E. Donawa, 9Y4X, Treasurer
George Gorsline, VE3YV, Area A Director
Jay Bellows, KØQB, Area B Director
Marco Tulio Gudiel, TG9AGD, Area D Director
Gustavo de Faria Franco, PT2ADM, Area F Director
Galdino Besomi CE3PG, Area G Director

There were no candidates for Areas C and E.

The Electoral Committee conducted the election of the Region 2 Officers and Executive Committee members.

The following persons were elected as Officers:

Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM, President
Ramón Santoyo V., XE1KK, Vice-President
José Arturo Molina, YS1MS, Secretary
Noel E. Donawa, 9Y4X, Treasurer

Then Electoral Committee President Kay Craigie indicated that the Article 9 (b) of the Procedures for the nomination and election of the members of the Executive Committee states that:

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 who 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.

As a consequence Ramon Santoyo V. was elected as Area Director C and Noel E. Donawa as Area Director D.

Later the election of the other members of the EC took place with the following results:

George Gorsline, VE3YV, elected to Area A Director
Jay Bellows, KØQB, elected to Area B Director
Marco Tulio Gudiel, TG9AGD, elected to Area D Director
Gustavo de Faria Franco, PT2ADM, elected to Area F Director
Galdino Besomi CE3PG, elected to Area G Director

Closing remarks were made by many of the conference attendees and the Region 2 President announced the closing of the conference.