1. The Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (IARU R2) started at 09:00 hours on Tuesday, July 15, 2014, at the Marriott Hartford Downtown Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut, with the presence of the following persons:

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

Representing IARU’s International Secretariat was Mr. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR. Representing IARU Region 1 (IARU R1) was its President, Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T. Representing IARU Region 3 was its Secretary, Mr. Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, who arrived on July 16.

2. The President of IARU R2, Mr. Leandro, opened the session, welcoming everyone and asking them to participate actively.

3. A minute of silence was observed in memory of the radio amateurs that had passed during the previous year. Among them that were remembered were Roberto Beviglia (LU4BR), Francisco Fischnaler (YS1FAF), Marco Tulio Loarca (TG9ANM), Rolando Benítez (TG9RB) y Rodolfo Calvillo (TG8UD).

4. Then, the agenda for this meeting was reviewed and approved, and the Secretary indicated how the meeting will proceed. The Treasurer requests to present his reports at the end of the meeting because he is still awaiting the reply to questions he made to the auditor and to the accountant. The request was accepted.
5. President Leandro gave the floor to Mr. Ole Garpestad, LA2RR, who thanked the invitation to attend this EC meeting. He mentioned that the priority must be WRC-15 and that if there's anything to be discussed he will be available throughout the meeting and in the days afterwards.

6. Hans Blondeel Timmerman, President of IARU R1, thanked the invitation as well and stated that he is glad to be here.

7. President report. President Leandro asked if there were questions about his report. He gave details about his participation in COM/CITEL meetings, where it is convenient to be present in order to have contact with high-ranking telecommunications authorities. He also informed about IARU R1 EC meeting recently held in Azores Islands. He commented about the hard work of R1 EC members and about the high quality of the discussions at that meeting.

8. Vice-President report. Vice-President stated that all available files of Region 2 since 1998 are organized and digitalized, which implied a lot of hard, diligent work. There was a book of minutes before that date but it was lost. Jay Bellows, from the ARRL, commented that the ARRL has a large number of historical files and that he will see what is available about IARU R2 and will provide copy of it.

9. Secretary Report. Secretary Molina elaborated on the information in his report, which relates mostly to his participation in CITEL meetings. He provided details of the situation regarding the 5-Mhz allocation that is sought. Among other comments, Mr. Garpestad emphasized the importance of being present at those meetings, since one never knows what might come up in them and therefore, it is convenient to be present all the time.

10. Area A Director Report. Mr. Gorsline informed that he is planning a personal trip to Bermuda to see if contact can be re-established with the MS and that he will report about the results. Other comments that he made were about the growth in the number of radio amateurs in Canada, about how RAC has had good results, about the Maple Leaf Operators program, about regulations related to tower height in Canada and about the allocation sought in 5 Mhz.

11. Area B Director Report. Mr. Bellows indicated that his report was shorter than usual but that we could appreciate the situation of ARRL personally, since most of the EC will be present at their Centennial Convention starting on July 17. He offered to coordinate a tour of ARRL’s facilities and made certain comments about the participation of ARRL’s delegate in CITEL. He commented that the number of radio amateurs and ARRL members continues growing and stated that he has professional experience in legal situations related to antenna towers, offering his advice if anyone considers it necessary.

12. Area C Director Report. Vice-President Santoyo, as Area C Director, informed that the situation in Mexico is fairly good, that there were changes of authorities but that they are always on good terms with them, mentioning that the matter of working for an allocation in 5 Mhz is always in their agenda. He mentioned that Radio Club Dominicano is working well, with good communications all the time, very helpful, and that the MS of Cuba is also working well. With regard to the other islands, he mentioned that he will continue trying to reestablish contact with those that were more active in the past. For
this matter, he will coordinate with Mr. Donawa, Area E Director, which covers the other Caribbean islands, in order to combine efforts.

13. Area D Director Report. Mr. Gudiel stated that the situation of CRAG in Guatemala is fairly good, as is the situation of CRAS in El Salvador, which is working without problems. He added that he is very pleased by the appointment of CREN’s President Juan Rodriguez, YN1J, as ECAG, and that in Costa Rica there are still delays due to the new radio amateur registration being carried out by the authorities. With respect to Panama, he said that regretfully, the situation of the member society is fairly uncertain and that the communication with them is unreliable. He suggested that it could be convenient to make a visit with the president in order to learn about the situation personally. He mentioned the coming FRACAP Convention to be held at Copán Ruinas, Honduras, on November 7-9 and invited all those in the meeting to be present. Secretary Molina stated that CRAS is considering submitting a proposal in that convention so that the countries determine if it would be convenient to establish a system operating in El Salvador to link repeaters in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador, which would be very functional, especially for attention in cases of emergencies.

14. Area E Director Report. Treasurer Donawa informed that in Aruba, the relationship with the regulator is fairly good again, that they are on good terms with the radio amateurs. He also informed that the islands members of CTU are in the second phase of harmonization and recalled that among the coming events is WRC-15. He mentioned that it is a problem when the authorities of certain islands do not attend CITEL meetings just because CTU represents them. Mr. Donawa is very active in CTU, where he has been called to represent radio amateurs in their plans, especially in what respects to emergency communications.

15. Area F Director Report. Mr. de Faria Franco indicated that the communication with the MS of Peru is Little, but good, that he has been unable to reestablish communication with anyone in Ecuador and also provided details about LABRE operations at the national and local levels. He also informed about the good working relationship that LABRE maintains with ANATEL and said that he will contact ANATEL to remind them about the allocation sought in 5 MHz and to request their help in that respect. Finally, he reported about the matter of equipment certification by Brazilian authorities, which continues without problems.

16. Area G Director Report. Dr. Besomi commented the following about the countries in his area:
Paraguay: contact is uncertain and if they reply, there is no follow-up. He will try to program a visit to learn more about the situation and to try to recover them.
Uruguay: This MS is in good financial health, with a growing number of radio amateurs. He informed about bureau operations and also about the request of RCU to have an easier way to pay their dues. The Vice-President and the Treasurer started working immediately in a possible solution alternative.
Argentina: contact with the MS is maintained. It seems that they are becoming reactivated, which was welcomed by all present.
Chile: the number of radio amateurs continues growing and there have been positive changes in the law to eliminate the expiration of novice licenses, providing more time for novices to upgrade to more permanent licenses. Their relationship with the authorities is good and contest activity has increased. Their QSL bureau has tripled activities in the last 5 years. They will try to get access to the 30 and 60 meter bands, which are
currently allocated to the Armed Forces. They still coordinate with the Air Force for
emergency situations.
With respect to the 2016 General Assembly, he reported about possible alternatives for
the venue, and now, there is a Director exclusively for this activity. The tentative date
would be in November of that year.

17. IARU Region 1 Report. Region 1 President, Mr. Blondeel Timmerman, informed
that they had their EC meeting in May and that the General Conference will be in
Albena, Bulgaria, at the end of September, where about 54 member societies have
confirmed their participation. In this conference, 6 of the 9 region directors will be
replaced. He also informed that a workshop will be held on the operation of societies for
MSs. He reported on the situation of the bands and on issues related to interferences.
Finally, he reported that they received the application from Rwanda and are expecting to
receive the application of Burundi.

At 17:30 hours, President Leandro adjourned the meeting until 08:30 hours of tomorrow.

The meeting resumed at 08:30 hours on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, as established.

18. IARU Region 3 Report. Mr. Yamamoto requested a correction in a date in his
report, which was made immediately. He informed that his board meeting was held in
Brisbane, Australia, where Mr. Timmerman attended representing Region 1. With
respect to the 5-Mhz band, he stated that a part of it will be removed because of the
existing oceanographic radar operation and that ITU-R has indicated that a secondary
operation in the rest of that segment would be feasible. As indicated in his report, they
are trying to establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the APT. He made general
comments about the numerous emergencies that always affect his region, indicating that
at this very moment, there is a typhoon in Manila, Philippines. Their General Conference
of 2016 will be held on or about October 12-16, but he will confirm the dates as soon as
this is possible. Either before or after the conference there will be a board meeting,
which could be on October 10 and 11. He invited all those present to attend the General
Conference, stating that it would be an honor to have them at such event.

19. Report about CITEL Secretary Molina indicated that his report as secretary contains
what is there to report about the events happening at CITEL. Mr. Timmerman stated that
he is very worried about the situation of 5 Mhz and that he fears that an allocation is not
obtained if member societies do not push their regulators to support the proposal of
allocation. He said that the significant regional organizations are CEPT, African
Countries, APT, Arab Group and CITEL, and that there is hard work to do before WRC-
15. Mr. Garpestad stated that regional organizations must support this measure given
the importance that they have before the regulators, who see their support as more
important than one from an individual country. Mr. Bellows added that although it is
certain that they should be pushed, this must be carried out with certain tact and
measure, so that regulators do not take an antagonistic position. President Leandro
agrees with the words of Mr. Bellows and indicated that the MSs are the ones who must
push the regulators in each country so that they support the request. Mr. Donawa
indicates that within CTU, they can push the administrations directly.
With respect to CITEL, all those present agreed that an IAP should be reached
somehow, and that talking points will be prepared to discuss with the regulators, among
them the convenience of our policy of “listening before transmitting”. Besides, they
agreed that this is the most important task for everyone in the coming months.
20. Information about the operation of the WRC. Mr. Garpestad was kind enough to provide details about the procedures that are followed in a WRC, a presentation that was appreciated by all the directors, stating that such information provided them with a very clear picture of the steps before and during a WRC. He also stated that besides AI 1.4, the most relevant agenda items are AI 1.1, AI 1.6, AI 1.10, AI 1.12 and AI 1.18. This was completed with a detailed presentation about the situation relating to Agenda Item AI 1.4 and the methods and options that should be followed.

21. Treasurer Report. Mr. Donawa stated that Region 2 is operating within budget, with only minor adjustments related basically to travel expenses. The figures can only improve in any case, he said. He mentioned that IARU R2 might recover certain tax withholding related to the subsidy to FMRE for IARU 2013 in Cancun, Mexico. He indicated that there are other things but non-problematic and that they will be duly dealt with.

In this meeting, and with the help of Vice-President Santoyo, a PayPal account was established for IARU R2, hoping that this will make it more convenient for those societies to send their dues payments using this system.

22. Reports from Coordinators. The different reports sent by the coordinators were submitted to the consideration of the EC, without receiving any comments or questions but thanking them for their unselfish work. All those present acknowledged the excellent and dedicated work of our EMCOR, Dr. César Pío Santos, in issues related to the emergencies that occur in our countries throughout the year. The good work of the News Coordinator, Joaquín Solana, was mentioned, as was the collaboration of our webmaster, Christian Buenger.

23. IARU International Secretariat. Mr. Garpestad emphasized that MSs must work, now more than ever, with their respective telecommunications administrations towards the promotion of the allocation that we seek in 5 MHz and recommended that area directors worked intensely to reach this objective. Mr. Timmerman agreed with this recommendation and also mentioned that this will be the last time that he participates in an EC meeting, since his term in Region 1 is about to end, thanking Region 2 for inviting him and expressing his best wishes for the region.

24. Other matters. A request was received from Radio Club de Chile for an allocation from the fund for the amateur radio defense and promotion fund for a school in the region of Bio Bio, with details about how they plan to use it and what they aim to achieve. The application was received with thanks and they were notified that Secretary Molina will translate it and forward it to the Promotion Committee, formed by directors Donawa, Gudiel, Gorsline and Bellows, for them to analyze it and issue a recommendation to this respect according to the standard procedures established.

25. Next Executive Committee meeting (2015). To determine the venue and date of the next Executive Committee meeting, after analyzing in the meeting the different options, it was determined that it would be convenient to hold it in Cuba in order to support the member society of that country and considering that they have a good level of activity.

A request was made to Mr. Bellows to make the necessary research to determine if it is feasible for the directors with a United States Passport to travel to that country without problems. He agreed to conduct the research and will report by electronic mail when he
is done with his analysis. If Cuba is not a feasible option, Colombia has been considered as the next option.

26. Closing. Having discussed all the matters programmed for this meeting, President Leandro closed the EC meeting at 1200 hours on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, thanking all those present and inviting all directors to stay for the invitation of the ARRL to celebrate their Centennial Convention.

José Arturo Molina, YS1MS
Secretary – IARU Region 2