Minute

The second 2017 virtual Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (IARU R2) started at 2200 UTC on April 4th, 2017 via Skype the participation of the following persons:

- President, Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AM
- Vice-President and Area C Director, Ramón Santoyo V., XE1KK
- Secretary and Area D Director, José Arturo Molina, YS1MS
- Treasurer and Area B Director, Jay Bellows, KØQB
- Area A Director, George Gorsline, VE3YV
- Area E Director, Noel E. Donawa, 9Y4X
- Area F Director, Gustavo de Faria Franco, PT2ADM
- Area G Director, Ernesto Syriani, LU8AE

Representing IARU International Secretariat was Dave Sumner, K1ZZ.

The President of IARU R2, Mr Leandro, opened the session, welcoming everyone. The agenda was approved without change and, afterwards, participants proceeded to the review of documents.

Main topics:

Incorporation of IARU R2 – Mr Bellows

Mr Bellows gave an update on his research on how to register IARU R2 as a non-profit organization able to do business in the US as a way to open a new bank account, something that has become nearly impossible for an unincorporated association as we are. The proposed way is to register in Minnesota and this will allow us to obtain a Certificate of Authority and the needed tax identification number. Questions about various implications were made and all were discussed and answered. The EC agreed on taking the following actions: Mr Bellows will complete the registration process regardless that we use this alternative and he will talk with IARU President Mr Ellam about any other possibilities. IARU R2 President Mr Leandro, who will visit Miami soon, will talk to our current bank and will try to make, in person, the needed actions that we have been unable to do remotely.
Some Further Thoughts on Balance Sheet – Mr Bellows

The discussion on the implementation of this Finance Committee’s document was postponed. As soon as we have sorted out the bank account issue the ad-hoc group, Mr Bellows, Mr Gorsline and Mr Santoyo, will inform the EC the proposed actions.

Thoughts on EC meetings – Mr Gorsline

Considering that the virtual ECs allow us to be more productive, Mr Gorsline proposed that we spend more time with the member society, the regulators and the amateur community of the country in which we will celebrate future in person EC meetings. The proposal was well accepted and after discussion, the EC agrees to implement it on a case-by-case basis.

Updates:

6. News Coordinator partial report – Mr Solana

Mr Solana reported 29 news items published in various social media since our General Assembly in Viña del Mar. He requests more news from us. Usually what he needs its two short paragraphs, a photo and a link to the main news if need it. Mr Leandro requested Area Directors to help Mr Solana providing him with news from the member societies in their areas.

7. Youth Group update – Mr Santoyo

Mr Santoyo mentioned that slowly we are getting news regarding youth in amateur radio. Belize sent two that the News Coordinator report with many hits and republished by member societies. Other two were related to ITU’s Girls in ICT Day,

8. BARC membership calendar update – Mr Santoyo

We have received 22 votes from Region 2 so far. At world level Mr Sumner mentioned that we are above the number we need to accept BARC.

9. Next in person EC update – Mr Santoyo
Mr Santoyo reported that we continue to evaluate alternatives and waiting for the quotes that we need. The dates for the EC meeting were confirmed, the first weekend in September and it was also mentioned that if Havana becomes too complicated logistically, maybe Guayaquil could be an alternate venue for the meeting, to which everybody agreed.

Other business:

10. Next Virtual EC Meeting

It will be on Thursday July 6th at 2200 UTC via Skype.

11. Other business

- Mr Molina updated us on the CITEL project to provide communications equipment to countries in the Caribbean. He will keep us posted.

- He also gave an update on the member societies in Central America and informed that FRACAP 2017 will be held in Guatemala.

- Mr Donawa commented about member societies in the Caribbean participating in Emergency Communications.

- Mr Syriani reported that the new Monitoring System Operating Handbook is in final revision and he expects to present the document in the next virtual EC meeting.

- Finally Mr Donawa commented on the financial reports audit process.

The meeting was adjourned at 2326 UTC.