Final Minute

The third 2017 virtual Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (IARU R2) started at 2200 UTC on July 6th, 2017 via Skype with 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.

President Leandro gave the welcome words to the participants and asked for the approval of the agenda. A last minute request of IARU membership from St. Kitts Nevis Anguilla Amateur Radio Society, SKNAARS, was included in the other business section.

Main topics

1) CITEL: Secretary Molina presented his CITEL CCP II attendance report. He highlighted the following:
   - He met with Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, ARRL CEO, who participated the first day on the event.
   - After a couple of editorial amendments, the modified IARP text was approved and now has to be presented to COM-CITEL for approval and then be presented to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States.
   - He commented that Hector Budé, Uruguay head of delegation, provided valuable feedback on IARP. He has always been very supportive of radio amateur activities.
   - CITEL’s Emergency Telecommunications Project still looking for funding. President Leandro commented that our participation in emergency communication initiative is important and we look forward to be present on them.
2) CTU: Area E Director Donawa commented that the Caribbean Telecommunications Union requested to have a second delegate from involved parties to join the working groups. He proposed Area C Director Santoyo considering that in that area C includes several CTU member counties. Mr. Santoyo accepted the proposal and President Leandro approved it.

President Leandro also requested Mr. Donawa to look for a suitable area director candidate from the CTU countries to be his successor. Mr. Donawa said that he has been actively looking for one but none of those candidates have showed much interest.

3. Funds: Area A Director Gorsline reviewed in detail the three documents on the current funds that IARU R2 has established over the years to address specific needs.

Two of these funds have built large balances, creating questions as to whether the amount on hand is reasonable to sustain funding of the supported activities, whether the intended use of the funds is still appropriate, and whether there is reasonable expectation that these will be requested. These funds are:

- Defense of Amateur Radio Fund “DARF”. Established at the EC meeting in 1987 with no known Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)
- Promotion of Amateur Radio Fund “PARF”. Established on the GA in 1992 with no known SOP
- IARU R2 Relief Fund “Relief Fund”, Established at the GA in 2007 with SOP.
- Amateur Radio in Education Fund (“AREF”). Established at the GA 2004, with SOP.

He presented a proposal to maintain DARF as one fund and unify the other three into a new PARF. He also presented proposed SOPs for the funds to the EC. He noted that R2 needs to support projects with these funds as their use has been minimal in the past.

Treasurer Bellows indicate that we must be attentive to evaluate proposals based on the “the needs and not the wants”. Mr. Gorsline added that the request for funds needs to include a way to make the projects accountable. Mr. Donawa mentioned that these evaluations should consider the continuity of the projects, especially in smaller societies, where it appears to be more challenging to do so. Treasurer Bellows and Vice-President Santoyo requested to vote for the approval of these Terms of Reference.
but President Leandro postponed the vote until the next in-person EC meeting at the
beginning of September to allow time to verify if the EC has the authority to merge the
three funds (PARF, Relief Fund, AREF) into one single fund or if it requires approval at
the next General Assembly. Vice-President Santoyo agreed to review the matter and
report back to the EC.

**Information documents.**

4) Two information documents were presented to the EC:
   - IARU Aligns Satellite Coordination Guidelines with ITU WRC-15 Decisions, by
     Mr. Sumner.
   - Small Satellites Development in Brazil, by Mr. Archangelo

President Leandro expressed gratitude for the information.

**Other business**

5) Vice-President Santoyo presented the request from the St Kitts Nevis Anguilla
Amateur Radio Club for IARU membership. He commented that there is already a
Member Society from Anguilla and that the name of the new society contains Anguilla
because it was formed at a time they were a single country. After discussion, the EC
agreed to request that the society update its name to that of the current country to
avoid confusion.

6) Mr. Santoyo updated the EC on the next ARAC course and on the final
arrangements for the coming in-person EC meeting in Guayaquil.

Lastly, President Leandro asked each participant for any final comments and thanked
everyone for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 0032 UTC on July 7th, 2017.