The second 2018 virtual Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (IARU R2) started at 2210 GMT on May 8th, 2018 via Skype with the participation of the following board members and guests:

- 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 Siryani, LU8AE

Representing IARU International Secretariat was Mr Dave Sumner, K1ZZ.

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

1. Executive Committee:

1.1 Treasurer update

Mr Bellows explained the documents “check register of the operative account” and the “summary of expenditures”.

In his preliminary analysis of his document “changes in member society’s dues” he commented that based upon 2018 Yearly Statistical Questionnaire responses Mr Bellows notice that some countries are reporting less number of radio amateurs and that will affect the corresponding society dues. But on the other hand he mentioned that is expected that our income will exceed our expenses and seems appropriate for the for the ad-hoc group, that includes Mr Gorsline, Mr
Santoyo and himself, to meet and evaluate an adjustment in the society’s annual dues.

Mr Donawa raised some operational issues regarding the Citibank account. After several comments from the EC members it was decided that Mr Leandro, Mr Bellows and Mr Santoyo, who will attend the Dayton Hamvention next week, should meet to decide which actions are need it to address this issues.

Mr Santoyo asked that the Citibank account balance sheets continue to be uploaded to the EC document section of our webpage.

2. Regional Organizations:

2.1 CTU
Regarding the Emergency Communications Workshop (ECW) in the Caribbean Mr Donawa will start a dialog with CTU to evaluate the possibility to make the event in the future.

2.2 CITEL

Mr Archangelo’s report was noted specifically OAS lobbying on IARP adoption by the region. President Leandro congratulated Mr Archangelo for its work.

3. Region 2 Coordinators

3.1 EMCOR Report

Dr Santos also sent the R2 EC a written report describing the work that is taking place with Winlink mainly in Areas C and D. President Leandro commented on the good work he always does for the region.

4.4 Band Planning Committee Report

Mr Penney presented the results obtained so far of the IARU Questionnaire that included statistical information of number of radio amateurs and information on the allocation of the 5 MHz band per country. President Leandro congratulated Mr Penney and the Band Planning Committee members for their work.

4. Other business

4.1 IARU R2 Award update
Mr Leandro proposed a fully electronic award and presented the new ruling and explained the changes. For the QSL checking he will talk next week in Dayton with ARRL for the possibility of using LoTW for the award. He will review the text of the award rules and we will publish it. Since the current award manager is no longer able to take the responsibility Mr Leandro will be in charge of it.

4.2 SKNAARS vote and R2 MS participation

Mr Sumner commented that we have already the need it votes to accept SKNAARS as an IARU member society.

4.3 Next EC in person meeting in Panama

Mr Santoyo updated the EC members on the next in person meeting in Panama Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 October 2018