Minutes of the Third Plenary of the General Assembly

The third plenary of the 20th General Assembly of IARU Region 2 was convened at 1500 hours in Balta Hall. The Secretary Arturo welcomed the participants and introduced the agenda.

1. Inauguration of the Plenary

President Leandros welcomed the participants and thanked the committee chairs and secretaries for their hard, efficient work and for finishing their reports on time. He congratulated the officers, directors and volunteers for their achievements and recognized their work on behalf of amateur radio in Region 2. He also recognized the contributions and achievements of all of the Member Societies detailed in their Triennial Reports, describing the activities each has done in their country in the three-year period between assemblies.

Closing his remarks, President Leandro noted that this would be the last meeting presiding as Region 2 President, as he is not running for reelection. He wished the new Officers and Board the best of success, and stating that he will continue to follow IARU matters closely and that he will be available for consultation, should the need arise.

2. Administrative Matters Committee

The floor was given to the Administrative Committee chairman, Glenn MacDonnell, VE3XRA, who provided a summary of the items addressed in Committee meetings and presenting the resolutions on Constitution and Bylaws changes for the Assembly’s consideration.

The committee reviewed the triennial reports from each of the Member Societies, commenting that much is going on in the region and there are many good ideas that can be shared throughout Region 2.

The Committee received Mr. Bellows’ reports (OA-A-01.1-E and OA-A-02.1) detailing the changing circumstances in banking procedures and new US regulations which necessitating changes to IARU R2 banking arrangements and financial reporting requirements. These require changes to the IARU R2 Constitution and Bylaws, the IARU R2 Constitution and Bylaws. Mr. Bellows then went through each of these documents in detail, noting the changes that are proposed in order to satisfy these requirements. He also stressed that no other changes to how IARU R2 operates are proposed.

After discussion, the Committee, unanimously voted to accept his reports and recommend to the Assembly the following resolutions:

That the proposed IARU R2 Constitution (OA-A-01-E) be adopted by the Assembly.

That the proposed IARU R2 Bylaws (OA-A-02-E) be adopted by the Assembly

The committee thanked Mr. Bellows for his work on what has been a three-year long project.
The committee then received a report (OA-A-03) from Mr. Gorsline explaining the changes and rationale for the changes in revised Standard Operating Procedures (OA-A-03.1). In most cases these changes were to update these to reflect actual practice and changes in technology. New Terms of Reference were also created for the Band Planning Committee and a number of R2 Coordinators. Also, overlapping roles for Emergency communications and for CITEL were clarified. The committee accepted these with thanks, noting that the Executive Committee had already approved these at its July 23, 2019 virtual meeting.

3. Operational, Regulatory and Technical (ORT) Committee

This committee is meeting for the first time at this Assembly. Its purpose is to provide a forum for Committee Chairs and Coordinators to present their reports on activities, answer questions and table items which may require the attention of the full Assembly. It also is a forum for discussions which do not fall within the mandate of an existing Committee or Coordinator responsibility. Mr. Recabeitia, LU8ARI served as Chair and Mr. Archangelo, PY2ZX acted as Secretary. A full summary of the committee activities, discussions and reports received may be found in OA-T-01-E.

**Actions arising: Band Planning Committee**

That the Assembly adopt the recommendation that:

In the interests of harmonizing the worldwide allocation it was recommended that 21.125 to 21.450 MHz be used for satellite uplinks on a non-exclusive basis.

A vote was called and the addition to the R2 Band Plan was unanimously supported by the Assembly.

That Member Societies be aware of and communicate with their members that Region 2 Band Planning in now a continuous process and that changes to the band plan may be proposed at any time to the Area and Planning representative. The list of representatives is available on the IARU-R2.org website. Proposals will be reviewed by the full Band Planning Committee and the Committee may recommend changes to the Executive Committee acting in its role as representing the full Assembly between triennial meetings. In other words, as new modes and practices develop and evolve, the band plan can be kept up-to-date and not wait for the next triennial meeting.

These discussions lead to a further discussion regarding amateur satellites, Mr. Recabeitia, LU8ARI introduced OA-O-01 and OA-O-02 which focus on several key issues. After discussion, the following recommendations were developed to be presented to the Assembly:

1. Create a Satellite Communication Workshop under a scheme similar to the Emergency Communications Workshop at the next General Assembly of IARU R2 (2022).
2. At this Satellite Communication Workshop a representative of the IARU Satellite Frequency Coordination Panel will be present. Mr. Timmerman, PB2T, representing the IARU Satellite Frequency Coordination Panel undertook to maintain direct and open communication with all IARU Region 2 member societies with an interest in amateur satellite matters.

A vote was called and the Assembly unanimously accepted these proposals

**Emergency Communications Committee**

Mr. Santos, HR2P, R2 Emergency Communications Coordinator, presented 17 reports on emergency incidents over the past three years. Much discussion followed with many very informative ideas and perspectives (see OA-T-01 for specifics). No formal recommendations were developed the Assembly to adopt, however, the Committee did agree to establish an informal working group to identify and share best practices of emergency communications
throughout Region 2. Mr. Santos, HR2P, and Mr. Tremblay, VE3JXT will coordinate this working group.

4. Selection of Location and Host Member Society for the XXI General Assembly in 2022.

Two Member Societies made proposal for hosting the next General Assembly of IARU R2. RCA presented their proposal for Buenos Aires and LCRA presented their proposal for Medellin. Both were very favorably received by the delegates present. A vote was taken by show of hands which resulted in a tie 10 for each. The meeting was adjourned to permit the two societies to meet privately to determine if an accommodation could be reached. When the meeting reconvened, a second vote by secret ballot was taken, supervised by the Electoral Committee which determined that Buenos Aires would be the site of the R2 XXI general Assembly by a 11-9 tally. Mr. Leandro thanked both societies for their very strong presentations.

5. Constitution and Bylaws.

Mr. Bellows, K0QB presented the recommendations of the Administrative Matters Committee and provided a brief explanation of the reasons for and the changes that were made to the Constitution and Bylaws to operate under new and more strict US banking regulations (see 2. above).

Mr. Leandro then called for a vote on each proposal, with the results below:

That the proposed IARU R2 Constitution (OA-A-01-E) be adopted by the Assembly: unanimously (3/4 required).
That the proposed IARU R2 Bylaws (OA-A-02-E) be adopted by the Assembly: unanimous (majority required)

He declared that the Constitution and Bylaws were now adopted and thanked Mr. Bellows for his hard work.

6. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, chaired by Treasurer Jay Bellows, KØQB, met according to the agenda and reviewed the financial documents of IARU-R2, concluding that they provide a fair statement of the current financial condition. Committee chairman also stated that he is very glad that all the problems related to the incorporation and to the opening of functional bank accounts have been successfully solved, noting it has taken over three years to achieve this.

The Committee recommended that the General Assembly receives and accepts the current Financial Statements Audit of IARU Region 2 and that approves the 2020-2022 budget as presented.

Mr. Leandro called for a vote to accept the Finance Committee recommendation which passed unanimously.

7. Credentials Committee

The Credentials Committee reported that credentials and proxies from the following member societies have been duly received to this date.

Societies Present

1) RAC (Canada)
2) ARRL (USA)
3) CRAG (Guatemala)
4) CRAS (El Salvador)
5) RCH (Honduras)
6) LCRA (Colombia)
7) VERONA (Curazao)
8) TTARS (Trinidad & Tobago)
9) RCP (Peru)
10) BARC (Barbados)
11) LABRE (Brazil)
12) RCU (Uruguay)
13) RCA (Argentina)
14) RCCh (Chile)
15) Mexico (FMRE)

Societies represented by proxy:
16) GRC (Ecuador) proxy to RAC (Canada)
17) RCV (Venezuela) proxy to RCP (Peru)
18) RCCR (Costa Rica) proxy to RCH (Honduras)
19) LPRA (Panama) proxy to CRAG (Guatemala)
20) RCD Dominican Republic proxy to CRAS (El Salvador)

Member societies eligible to vote: **Twenty (20)**

The Committee then reported that the following nominations have been received:

**Position: President**
Ramon Santoyo
Nomination: XE1KK FMRE

**Position: Vice President**
José Arturo Molina
Nomination: YS1MS CRAS

**Position: Secretary**
George Gorsline
Nomination: VE3YV RAC

**Position: Treasurer**
Jay Bellows
Nomination: KØQB Reelection + ARRL

**Position Director Area A:**
George Gorsline
Nomination: VE3YV Reelection + RAC

**Position: Director Area B**
Jay Bellows
Nomination: KØQB Reelection + ARRL

**Position: Director Area C**
Ramón Santoyo
Nomination: XE1KK Reelection + FMRE

**Position Director Area D**
José Arturo Molina
Nomination: YS1MS Reelection + CRAS
Mr. Leandro then invited each candidate to give a 2 minute presentation for the delegate’s consideration.

8. Electoral Committee

After the Credentials Committee concluded its report of nominations, President Leandro called a 15-minute recess for the preparations of the Electoral Committee. The Electoral Committee was composed of Mr. de Queiroz, PT2FR, Chair; Mr. Roderick, K5UR, Secretary; and Ms. Macher, OA4DEM, third member.

The meeting was reconvened, and an explanation of the voting procedures was given to ensure that the voting would be transparent and done in an orderly manner. Voting is carried out in two parts: first officer elections: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. That is followed by a second vote for Area Directors. Both are by secret ballot.

After the election, Mr. de Queiroz, announced the results as shown in the table below.

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With no further business, Mr. Leandro who thanked Radio Club Peruano for their years of hard work to produce this very successful conference and to make all of those attending feel very welcomed. He then thanked those present for their participation, congratulated the newly elected officers and directors, and declared the 20th General Assembly of
IARU Region 2 General Assembly of Delegates was officially concluded.

The outgoing and the newly elected board members met immediately after the plenary to coordinate transition and set the date for the first virtual meeting of the new executive committee for November.

Lima, Peru, October 2, 2019.
José Arturo Molina,YS1MS
Secretary of IARU Region 2