Executive Committee Meeting vEC 20.4
October 21, 24, 28 via Zoom

October 21:
The first session of the Executive Committee (EC) meeting of the International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 (IARU R2) was called to order by President Santoyo at 2359 UT. Mr. Santoyo welcomed the attendees:

- President, and Area C Director, Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK
- Vice-President and Area D Director, José Arturo Molina, YS1MS
- Secretary and Area A Director, George Gorsline, VE3YV
- Treasurer and Area B Director, Jay Bellows, KØQB
- Area E Director, Tommy Chen, 9Y4T
- Area F Director, Gustavo de Faria Franco, PT2ADM
- Area G Director, Carlos Beviglia, LU1BCE
- Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, IARU Secretary representing the International Secretariat
- Peter Young, VK3MV, Region 3 Director, Observer

Agenda Items:

2. Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved.

3. Annual Summary 2020

Mr. Santoyo reviewed Region 2 activities since the Lima General Assembly, noting that it seems much longer ago than 12 months, both due to the pandemic and the amount of work that has been done. He noted that the impact of the pandemic everyone’s daily lives will have a strong influence on the way R2 conducts its future meetings and events. The R2 EC continued to function well as virtual meetings were started in 2017 after the Viña GA. His presentation (attached) was very comprehensive, designed to provide the EC with a base framework on which to build R2 operational plans for 2021 and 2022. Some key R2 initiatives:

- Appointing Youth Liaison with a mandate to cultivate youth outreach
- Ten successful Workshops with the enthusiasm they generated especially for WinLink and emergency communications
- The work of the Band Planning Committee Chair in coordinating with the other regions and support for WRC23.
- R2 participation in the IARU AC plus in the Future Committee to develop a strategy and plans for updating the IARU organization to be more effective in dealing with the challenges of the rapidly evolving telecommunications ecosystem.

4. Financial report

Mr. Bellows reported that with no travel due to the pandemic, expenses have been minimal, with most items being for reimbursement form 2019: Lima Ga, WRC19, CITEL. Current banks balances are: savings $288,000, chequing $43,000, with no expenditures from either the DARF or PARF special funds. He noted that he is arranging for an audit of R2 accounts as required by the Constitutional changes approved in the Lima GA. These are conducted triennially to minimize costs (approx. $3,000).
Mr. Santoyo thanked Mr. Bellows for all of the work to complete reorganizing banking arrangements and corporate structure to conform with more strict banking regulations and maintain non-profit structure for tax purposes.

5. IARU Update

Mr. Sumner reviewed the recent Administrative Council meetings held in conjunction with the virtual R1 General Conference. As these were virtual, each region could invite 2 observers in addition to the 2 AC members. All four R2 officers participated. Major items arising in the discussions were outlined in the recent press release, including the work of the Future Committee and the beginning of preparation for WRC23.

6. Strategic Planning for 2021 and 2022

Mr. Gorsline outlined the discussion items for the third EC session for development of the 2021 operational plan and longer term strategies for 2022 and beyond. He identified that these plans are to be focused on building upon the initiatives outlined in Mr. Santoyo’s year-in-review presentation. These include:

- Youth Liaison
- Amateur Radio Administration Course (ARAC) to be updated and in conjunction with MS, presented virtually throughout the Region. The goals are to both educate regulators on the value of amateur radio. A second version of the ARAC to educate MS on how they can best develop and work closely with their regulators.
- Workshops – continuing Emergency Communications Workshops and engaging MS in EMCOMM activities, focus on more support and education for MS in developing services and education for their respective countries
- Coordinators – improving engagement and cross-pollenating ideas and processes, the need to provide support, backup and additional help for Coordinators
- Succession planning – for EC, for committees
- Improve MS participation & engagement in R2, with the need to build bridges across the north/south language and cultural differences.
- Increased R2 participation in WRC preparation
- EC 2021 in-person meeting

7. Emergency Coordinator Replacement

Mr. Santoyo noted his sadness and understanding of Dr. Cesar Pio Santos decision to step down after 12 years serving as the R2 Emergency Coordinator. A bulletin announcing his resignation and expressing our thanks for all of his hard work and dedication will be released in the next hours. Mr. Santoyo indicated the criticality of the EMCOR position and the need to fill it as soon as practical. He stated his preference for the new EMCOR to be bilingual and based in the Caribbean as it is the most heavily impacted by hurricanes and earthquakes. He repeated his earlier email request for the EC to present any candidates so a decision can be made quickly. He is aware of one candidate, Dr. Carlos Alberto Santamaria CO2JC.

8. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Mr. Santoyo closed the meeting, noting his enthusiasm for seeing the presentations from our Coordinators on Saturday and to our third session on October 28th.

October 24: Coordinators Day
October 28:

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Agenda Items:

2. Coordinator Day Discussion
   All agreed that the Coordinator Day was valuable, both to better inform the EC of the activities going on in the Region as well as for the opportunity for the Coordinators to learn about other functions operate. Notable absences were Workshops, where the Coordinator has been challenged by health issues in his family and may potentially not be able to continue, the need for a new Monitoring System Coordinator, and appointing a new EMCOR as soon as possible given the importance of the role and the ongoing hurricane season.

   Workshops discussion was to have a more limited and regular schedule, with continued emphasis on EMCOMM and WinLink as they have generated very wide interest and enthusiasm. Other topics identified were Amateur Radio Administrations Course (ARAC) and training for member societies in working with their regulators especially, with CTU, to gain support for IARU positions in WRC23 and CITEL.

   Other areas of discussion included: EC support for the Youth Liaison especially to identify Spanish and Portuguese speaker to developing activity outside North America. [v20.4.1]

   Additional resources for CITEL/WRC to better spread the heavy workload already starting for WRC23, to provide Coordinator backup, and improve communications to MS to work with their administrations. [v20.4.2]

   EMCOR was held for Item 7 below.

3. Operational Plan for 2021

   Mr. Gorsline presented an outline for the FY2021 operational plan, focusing on developing the Youth and Workshops initiatives begun this year, improving Director communications and outreach with MS using the opportunities created by now familiar virtual meeting capabilities and continuing ongoing day-to-day business.
Mr. Bellows noted that as he is no longer the International Affairs Vice President, he now does not have a direct connection to ARRL’s policy making processes. Mr. Santoyo stated his understanding, then recognized Mr. Bellows’ many contributions to the EC and expressed his desire to see that Mr. Bellows would continue to be able to contribute to the EC.

Mr. Bellows then presented the budget for discussion. The principal item for discussion was a one-year-only reduction of dues for large MS to one-half and a holiday for small societies under a minimum threshold—amount to be determined. As the R2 contribution to the IARU International Secretariat, 10% of dues, would be greatly reduced, the budget included a $5000 amount as IS activities, especially those for WRC23, are continuing. In addition, he also recommended that the EC discuss a forgiveness of outstanding dues for all societies delinquent for 2018 and prior years, provided that 2019, 2020, and 2021 dues are paid. After considerable discussion, Mr. Faria Franco and Mr. Beviglia volunteered to develop an alternative proposal to be considered along with Mr. Bellows’ changes to the budget for further consideration and approval at the special meeting in November. [V20.4.3]

4. IARU Future Committee Report – deferred to November

5. Review of OPEN Action Items and discussion on overdue items to complete or remove - deferred to November

6. 2020 activity reports from Officers and Directors (for vEC 210217) - deferred to November

7. Appointment of new Emergency Coordinator (EMCOR)

Mr. Santoyo noted that only one candidate had been identified, but that a proposal from Radio Club de Chile to restructure the EMCOR function based on geographic areas based on the type of emergencies most likely to occur (Pacific Rim – earthquakes, Caribbean – hurricanes…) was received and circulated for consideration. The EC found much merit in this proposal and discussed it at length. The EC also noted that the EMCOR vacancy needed to be filled immediately as emergency communications needs were ongoing with active hurricanes in the Caribbean.

The EC appointed Dr. Carlos Alberto Santamaria CO2JC as the new R2 EMCOR, recognizing his outstanding qualifications and his experience with hurricane and earthquake emergency communications. In this appointment, the EC will request that the new EMCOR consider the proposal from Radio Club de Chile and recommend changes to be made to R2 EMCOMM to provide a more responsive and appropriately localized approach in different parts of the region.

8. A special meeting on November 18 will be held to complete the deferred items (3-6) noted above.

9. Mr. Santoyo adjourned the meeting at 0230.

Attachments:

1. R2 Annual Summary

2. FY2021 Operational Plan
## Action Item List

**NOTE:** Sorted by Meeting Date.

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| v20.2.3 | IARU “Who we are, what we do, support your MS” video for Workshops | Mr. Gorsline  
Mr. Santoyo | June 15 | Closed | Produced by Mr. Beviligia and team |
R2 Annual Summary

Oct 2019 – Oct 2020

Ramón Santoyo, XE1KK
President
2020 Annual Summary

• An unusual year deserves a different type of report

• This format will allow me to share my thoughts on some topics

• Also sharing my views on how I see the challenges ahead
Executive Committees

Lima GA & EC
30-2

1st vEC
20

2nd vEC
21

3rd vEC
19

4th vEC
21

First time we invite all the Coordinators

Costa Rica

International Amateur Radio Union - Working for the future of amateur radio
Legal framework changes

Constitution
- Banking
- Non-profit status
- Payments and voting rights
- Dissolution

Bylaws
- Operating entity
- Audit

SOP
- Band Planning Committee
- Guidance for hosting GA

International Amateur Radio Union - Working for the future of amateur radio
International Secretariat

Lima GA & EC

30-2

2019 2020

S O N D

J F M A

S O N D

International Secretariat

30-2

2020 2021

Lima AC

YV5AM

XE1KK

VE3YV

1st vEC

20

2nd vEC

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3rd vEC

19

4th vEC

19

WRC-19

The changing face of amateur radio

Future Committee

Collaborating with the IS
• Flávio Archangelo PY2ZX
• Al Penney VO1NO
• Christian Buenger DL6KAC
• Kermit Carlson W9XA

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CITEL Coordinator

International Amateur Radio Union - Working for the future of amateur radio
Youth Liaison

International Amateur Radio Union - Working for the future of amateur radio
Emergency Communications Workshop

Lima GA & EC

2019

1st vEC

20

2020

2nd vEC

21

3rd vEC

19

4th vEC

19

30-2

19

S O N D

J F M A

M J J A

A S O N D

ECW Lima

SEW Lima

3

Virtual CTU ECW

6

2018

Sep Honduras (XE1BRX)

Oct Dominican Republic (XE1BRX)

Oct Costa Rica (XE2O)

Nov Guatemala (XE2O)

2019

Apr Panama (XE1BRX)

May El Salvador (XE1BRX)

International Amateur Radio Union - Working for the future of amateur radio
IARU R2 Workshops

Lima GA & EC

1st vEC

2019

2020

1st vEC

Virtual CTU ECW

10 Workshops

4 – Winlink
3 – Satellite
2 – Digital Modes
1 – ARRL’s Field Day

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Future Executive Committees

2020

4th vEC
21

1st vEC
17

2nd vEC
19

3rd vEC
18

4th EC
24-25

2021

TBD

International Amateur Radio Union - Working for the future of amateur radio
Balance of the year

- Good year for Amateur Radio
- Youth Coordinator
- Workshops
- Work of CITEL Coordinator
- Work of BPC Chair
- Virtual meetings

- Increased, but still insufficient, R2 participation on WRC matters
- Still much work, few hands
- Succession planning
Final comments

• Let's take advantage of the trend of enthusiasm on Amateur Radio

• We have all the elements to operate, virus or no virus

• Thank you for your hard work
R2 Operational Plan

October 2020 – October 2021

George Gorsline, VE3YV
Secretary
2021 Planning

• 2021 is uncertain – how to best plan?

• Base operating activities – role of Directors

• Initiatives – supporting Coordinators, special projects

• Succession planning - overdue
Future Executive Committee Meetings

International Amateur Radio Union - Working for the future of amateur radio
Let's take advantage of the trend of enthusiasm on Amateur Radio
  • How and what are we going to do?

We have all the elements to operate, virus or no virus
  • What are we going to do?

Thank you for your hard work
  • How to share the load and broaden our volunteer base?
Directors’ role:

• More than quarterly vEC Zoom call
• Regular 2-way communications with MS in Area
• Mentoring Coordinators
2021 Operating Activities

Directors’ role:

• Identifying and training new blood
  • Coordinators – backup and additional SME for support
  • Directors – successors: identify, train
  • Officers – new generation
2021 Initiatives and Projects

- EMCOR
  - Appoint replacement
  - Restructure operations, sub-regional engagement
  - Strengthen relationships with Winlink

- Youth Liaison
  - Develop a Spanish parallel
  - YOTAs
2021 Initiatives and Projects

- Workshops
  - Winlink
  - ARAC
  - Member Society roles and responsibilities

- WRC & CITEL
  - MS engagement
  - Additional SME to spread workload
2021 Initiatives and Projects

• Band Planning Committee
  • Area representatives active with MS
  • Cross-regional joint efforts

• EC education
  • Improved understanding of Area differences
2021 Initiatives and Projects

• Futures
  • Support of global IARU
  • Addressing the challenge of 2 languages, north/south disconnect
  • Aging leadership in MS
  • Aging leadership in EC
Time for ALL Directors to Lead

Regular contact with MS

- Calls to understand activities – if none, where/who are doing?
- Provide updates – bulletins aren’t read
- Set up joint calls on common issues – use Coordinators when appropriate
- Encourage/ structure MS working together
Time for ALL Directors to Lead

• Find new people with different perspectives
  • Too few people trying to do too much
  • Think outside the MS “old guard”

• Work done is falling on too few shoulders
  • EC is all Directors working together
  • Expect to be given tasks to do
Specific tasks:

- Carlos – Monitoring System Coordinator
- Tommy – CTU liaison: F/U on ECW and next steps
- José Arturo – New Band Planning Area representative
- Area C,E,F,G – identify possible Youth Liaisons en español

- All – Complete outstanding items on Action Item list
Time for ALL Directors to Lead

Planning and innovation is everyone’s job

• What R2 should be doing?

• How do we better bridge the north/south, Spanish/English divide?

• How can I make IARU more productive?
  • Ask for help
  • Get help
  • Give help