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Introduction

This paper proposes a change to the Constitution to clarify an existing standing recommendation from the De Haan (1993) Region 1 Conference

Background

Matters concerning the Executive Committee are set out in the Bylaws and Standing Recommendations of IARU Region 1.

Bylaws:

B.3.13.2 There is a permanent External Relations Committee (ERC) consisting of members of the Executive Committee (EC) and Region 1 experts selected by the EC.

The ERC deals with the coordination of the Region 1 relations with non-amateur entities (international organisations e.g. ITU, CEPT) on matters of importance to the interests of the amateur services (e.g. spectrum organisation, licensing. .) and with the delegation of Region 1 experts to meetings/conferences of these entities.

Standing Recommendations

ERC - EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

It is recommended that IARU Region 1 creates an External Relations Committee (ERC) under chairmanship of the EC's co-ordinator for spectrum matters (also named Region 1 ITU co-ordinator) to advise the Executive Committee on intergovernmental organisations (e.g. ITU, CEPT, PATU) and related matters, comprised of experts available to help the Region to meet its responsibilities and also available for appointment to assist the IARU, with the following temporary Terms of Reference:

1. The Region 1 External Relations Committee, hereinafter referred to as "ERC", is an advisory body to the Executive Committee, formed according to Art. A.5 of the Constitution and Section B.3 of the Bye-Laws, It is a permanent body in the sense of B.3.10.
2. ERC shall advise the EC on the matters relevant to monitoring of, or involvement in, works of intergovernmental organisations (e.g. ITU, CEPT, PATU) and specialised technical and/or standardisation organisations, affecting the interests of the Amateur Services.

3. The ERC shall process material and undertake actions delegated to it by the EC. It is responsible to the EC. It is acting in consultation with other relevant Region 1 bodies, e.g. HF Committee, VHF/UHF Committee, EMC Working Group, Satellite Coordinator etc.
4. The ERC shall consist of volunteers, persons of special knowledge from Region 1 Member Societies.
5. The Terms of Reference above are to be modified and finalised by the EC.

(1.5.16.1 De Haan 1993)

It is recommended that Member Societies of IARU Region 1 will inform the secretary of the EC of the names and addresses of qualified persons in their Society who could participate in this committee (ERC) as per the essential requirements as mentioned in document 93/DHB/C3.39 before the closure of this conference.

(1.5.16.2 De Haan 1993)

The current Chairman of the External Relations Committee (Hans Blondeel Timmerman) is a member of the existing Executive Committee. However, the de Haan recommendations do not **require** that the ERC Chairman be a member of the Executive Committee.

The role of the ERC Chairman, and his relationship with ITU, CEPT etc is pivotal to the core objectives of IARU Region 1:

The objectives of IARU Region 1 shall be the protection, promotion, and advancement of the Amateur Service and Amateur - Satellite Service, especially within the framework of regulations established by the International Telecommunication Union, and to provide support to Member Societies in the pursuit of these objectives at the national level (Region 1 Constitution)

The Executive Committee believes that the interests of IARU Region 1 and its members be best served by requiring that the ERC Chairman be a member of the Executive Committee.

However, choice of the right person for ERC Chairman is a critical matter. The EC has therefore considered how best to ensure that an appropriate candidate for ERC Chairman stands a good chance of becoming a member of the EC. The EC therefore proposes:

- a) That the Region 1 President and EC be required to identify and nominate a candidate for ERC Chairman prior to each General Conference. The EC would then seek to arrange for Member Societies to propose and second that candidate for election to the EC.
- b) The voting procedure for EC members then be modified as below
- c) Clause B 5.3.3 of the Region 1 Bye-Laws be amended to read:

B.5.3.3 - the office he is being nominated for; if this is for any of the four officer appointments (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer) or the ERC Chairman, the form shall indicate whether the candidate is willing to be a candidate for office as an ordinary EC member should he/she not be successful in being elected to the relevant officer post

- d) Clause B5.5 of the Region 1 Bye-Laws be amended to read:

B.5.5 On the fourth day of the General Conference the EBC shall publish the final list of candidates together with the form containing their “curriculum vitae”. The EBC shall prepare voting papers in a number equal to the number of Member Societies participating in the General Conference plus the approved proxies. The voting papers shall contain names and callsigns of candidates who accepted nominations for any particular capacity.

If, under 5.3.3 above, any candidate has indicated his/her willingness to stand for ordinary EC vacancies, the following procedure shall be followed: The EBC shall prepare two voting papers for each voting Society (including proxies). The first voting paper shall contain all candidates for the four officer appointments (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and for the Chairman, ERC. The second paper shall contain all the candidates for the other EC vacancies, as well as those from the first list that have given notice that they are candidates for office as ordinary members of the EC. Two envelopes shall be distributed to each Society and for each approved proxy.

- e) Clause B 5.6 of the Bye-Laws be amended to read:

B 5.6 At the Final Plenary, first the voting for the four EC officer appointments (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and the ERC Chairman shall take place. The first voting paper shall then be collected as set out in paragraph B 5.9. After the result of this election for these five posts has been announced, the second voting paper shall be filled in. Before this vote, the names of any candidates successful in the first ballot shall be deleted from the second voting paper. The completed voting papers shall be collected as set out in B 5.9

- f) Clause B 5.9 of the Region 1 Bye-Laws be amended to read:

B.5.9 During the Final Plenary meeting the EBC shall first collect all voting papers for the four officer vacancies and ERC Chairman vacancy. After the result from the first vote is announced, the EBC shall collect the second voting paper. On each occasion, the votes are collected from each delegation and for each proxy, in envelopes from the Heads of Delegations invited by roll-call as well as those delivered to the Secretary (as to B.4.8.1).

Recommendation

That the ERC Chairman be a member of the Executive Committee and that the relevant clauses of the Bylaws be amended as above to give effect to this by requiring the Executive Committee to identify a candidate for ERC Chairman prior to each General Conference.

That the Secretary be instructed to draft appropriate changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Region for this change to take effect, and to submit them to a ballot of Member Societies, should there be insufficient Member Societies present at the 2005 Conference to approve such a change.