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## THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO UNION

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### IARU Officers Nominated for 2009-2014 Term

A 14-month consultative process has led to the nominations of Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA to serve as IARU President and Ole Garpestad, LA2RR to serve as IARU Vice President for five-year terms beginning on 9 May 2009. The nominations are now offered to the IARU member-societies for ratification.

According to the IARU Constitution, the ARRL as International Secretariat is responsible for initiating discussions with the IARU Administrative Council to identify candidates for President and Vice President. The nominations are made by the International Secretariat, but not until agreement has been reached that the candidates are suitably qualified. An Administrative Council policy sets out in more detail how the consultative process is to take place.

For the 2009-2014 term the process began at the May 2007 meeting of the Administrative Council in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN attended the meeting for that purpose. At that time IARU President Larry Price, W4RA confirmed that he was not available for another term as IARU President. During the subsequent months Mr. Harrison held numerous discussions with representatives of the three IARU regional organizations and several member-societies. Those discussions revealed a consensus that Mr. Ellam and Mr. Garpestad were suitably qualified to serve as IARU President and Vice President, respectively. This was confirmed unanimously by the Administrative Council at its meeting in Konstanz, Germany in June 2008.

Accordingly, the Administrative Council instructed the Secretary to present to the member-societies, in a *Calendar* to be issued no later than 8 December 2008, proposals by the International Secretariat with the unanimous concurrence by the Administrative Council that Tim Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA, be elected for a five-year term as IARU President and Ole Garpestad, LA2RR be elected for a five-year term as IARU Vice President. Those two proposals are now offered for consideration by the member-societies.

**Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA**, is a Barrister and Solicitor with the law firm of McCarthy Tetrault LLP and is a partner in the firm's Calgary, Alberta and London, UK offices. Born in England, Tim emigrated to Canada in 1972 and holds both Canadian and British/EU citizenship. He earned the degrees Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Economics from the University of Calgary and Bachelor of Laws LLB from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, and is a member of the Law Societies of Alberta and England & Wales as well as of the International Bar Association. In 2005 he was made a Fellow in International Legal Practice – College of Law of England and Wales, the first Canadian lawyer to be awarded the designation. He is also qualified in the UK as a solicitor-advocate and was recently awarded higher rights qualifications (the right to appear in all courts) in that jurisdiction. His extensive legal experience includes intellectual property and corporate

litigation, arbitrations involving communications, technology and energy matters, and utility regulation.

Tim was a delegate to the 1998 IARU Region 2 Conference and was elected to the Region 2 Executive Committee in 2001, stepping down upon his election as IARU Vice President in 2004. He also served as an IARU Expert Consultant from 2000 until his election as Vice President. First licensed in 1977 as VE6CJR at the age of 16, Tim credits a visit to the ITU in 1979 and the opportunity to operate 4U1ITU during his student years with contributing to his interest in the organizational side of Amateur Radio. He held executive positions in the Radio Amateurs of Canada and one of its predecessor organizations, the Canadian Radio Relay League, starting in 1990. Tim's extensive travel as IARU Vice President has included a particular emphasis on the ITU Development Sector. He is active on the air from his home in Calgary.

**Ole Garpestad, LA2RR** is a telecom and radio engineer working with development, system design and program management of tactical communication systems for Thales Norway AS (formerly Alcatel). He earned the degree M. Sc. in Electronic Engineering, Radio Technology at the Technical University of Norway, Trondheim.

Ole joined the Norsk Radio Relae Liga (NRRL) in 1972, the year before he was licensed as LA2RR. His service as an NRRL volunteer includes as a member of the NRRL Board of directors 1981-1992 including six years as Secretary, ARDF Manager 1982-2000, chairman of the organizing committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> ARDF World Championships (1984), IARU Liaison Officer 1987-2004, member of the organizing committee for the IARU Region 1 Conference in Lillehammer (1999), NRRL representative to the Norwegian Telecom Administration WRC preparatory group since WARC-92, and NRRL President 2000-2002.

Ole served IARU Region 1 as a member of its ARDF Working Group 1982-2000 and is an International Class Referee in ARDF. He has participated in all Region 1 Conferences since 1987 including several as head of the NRRL delegation. He was elected to the IARU Region 1 Executive Committee in 1999 and was elected Chairman (later changed to President) in 2002. Ole has represented Region 1 on the IARU Administrative Council since 2001 and has attended IARU conferences in both Regions 2 and 3. He participated in CEPT preparations for WRC-03 and WRC-07 and attended both conferences as a Norwegian delegate representing amateur radio interests.

Ole enjoys HF DXing, Field Day organizing and operation, emergency communication, ARDF activity and home construction.

The following two proposals are offered for the consideration of the member-societies:

### **Proposal No. 241**

The International Secretariat, following consultation with the Administrative Council and with the unanimous concurrence of the Council, nominates Timothy S. Ellam, VE6SH/G4HUA for a five-year term of office as President, IARU, commencing on 9 May 2009. This nomination is offered to the member-societies for ratification, in accordance with Article III, paragraph 3(e), of the IARU Constitution.

**Proposal No. 242**

The International Secretariat, following consultation with the Administrative Council and with the unanimous concurrence of the Council, nominates Ole Garpestad, LA2RR for a five-year term of office as Vice President, IARU, commencing on 9 May 2009. This nomination is offered to the member-societies for ratification, in accordance with Article III, paragraphs 3(e) and 5, of the IARU Constitution.

Vote sheets for Proposals No. 241 and No. 242 are enclosed (see below for voting deadline and procedures).

**Emirates Amateur Radio Society Proposed for IARU Membership**

An application for IARU membership has been received via IARU Region 1 from the Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS). The application has been examined by the Region 1 Executive Committee and has been found to satisfy the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of the IARU.

Based in Sharjah, EARS was formally authorized by the Ministry of Social Affairs of the United Arab Emirates on 5 February 2008. There are 28 licensed members of the Society out of a total amateur population of 72. The officers are:

President: H.H. Abdulla Faisal Al Qassimi, A61AQ

Vice-President: Yousuf Ahmed Rafee, A61Y

General Secretary and IARU Liaison: Mohammad Hamza Darwish, A61M

Treasurer: Qabila Shatter Al Bedawi, A61YL

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The General Secretary of EARS has confirmed that the Emirates Amateur Radio Society has the ability to meet its financial obligations as a member of the IARU, is legally able to act in the furtherance of IARU objectives within its country, and will adhere to the Constitutions of both the IARU and IARU Region 1.

Accordingly, in compliance with the Bylaws pertaining to applications for membership the following proposal is presented to member societies for consideration:

**Proposal No. 243**

The Executive Committee of IARU Region 1 has forwarded to the Administrative Council an application for membership submitted by Emirates Amateur Radio Society (EARS). Region 1 reports that it has examined the application and has found it to be in order, and so it has made

a favorable finding with regard to the application. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 3, it is proposed that

*Emirates Amateur Radio Society*

be elected to membership.

A vote sheet for Proposal No. 243 is enclosed (see below for voting deadline and procedures).

## **Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur Proposed for IARU Membership**

An application for IARU membership also has been received from the Public Association “Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur” (KFRR). KFRR is registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan and has a general license from the Sports Committee, Ministry of Tourism and Sport. KFRR held its first conference on 17 May 2008. The officers are:

Chairman: Seitkul Assaubay, UN7BM

Secretary: Igor Marchenko, UN7BF

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There are 617 licensed radio amateurs in Kazakhstan and 452 members of KFRR.

### **Proposal No. 244**

The Executive Committee of IARU Region 1 has forwarded to the Administrative Council an application for membership submitted by Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur (KFRR). Region 1 reports that it has examined the application and has found it to be in order, and so it has made a favorable finding with regard to the application. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 3, it is proposed that

*Kazakhstan Federation of Radiosports and Radioamateur*

be elected to membership.

A vote sheet for Proposal No. 244 is enclosed (see below for voting deadline and procedures).

## Deadline and Voting Methods for Proposals

The closing date for receipt by the International Secretariat of votes on Proposals 241 – 244 is five months after the date of this *Calendar*, or **10 February 2009**. Votes received after this date cannot be counted.

The IARU Constitution requires that a member-society shall cast its vote in writing. Vote sheets must be signed by an authorized official of the member-society. Vote sheets may be returned by any of the following methods:

1. By postal mail addressed to IARU, P.O. Box 310905, Newington CT 06131-0905 USA.
2. By fax to +1 860-594-0259.
3. As a PDF or similar scanned attachment to an email sent to [iaru@iaru.org](mailto:iaru@iaru.org).

Votes cast by fax or email attachment should be followed up with the original returned by postal mail for confirmation.

## Voting on Proposal No. 240

Association des Radioamateurs de Guinée was admitted to IARU membership in May 2005 by affirmative vote on Proposal No. 240 contained in *Calendar* No. 186. There has not been a formal IARU *Calendar* issued since that time, so for the record here is a report on the voting.

There were 59 affirmative votes received from the member-societies listed below:

### Region 1

ARA (Algeria), URA (Andorra), OeVSV (Austria), BFRR (Belarus), ARABiH (Bosnia & Herzegovina), BFRA (Bulgaria), HRS (Croatia), CRC (Czech Republic), EDR (Denmark), FRA (Faroe Islands), SRAL (Finland), RSM (FYR of Macedonia), REF (France), MRASZ (Hungary), IRA (Iceland), IRTS (Ireland), IARC (Israel), ARI (Italy), ARSK (Kenya), KARS (Kuwait), RAL (Lebanon), AFVL (Liechtenstein), RL (Luxembourg), MARL (Malta), MARS (Mauritius), NARL (Namibia), VERON (Netherlands), NRRL (Norway), REP (Portugal), FRR (Romania), ARRSM (San Marino), SARA (Slovakia), URE (Spain), RSS (Swaziland), USKA (Switzerland), TIR (Syria), RSGB (United Kingdom), and ZARS (Zimbabwe)

### Region 2

RCA (Argentina), RAC (Canada), RCC (Chile), RCCR (Costa Rica), RCH (Honduras), LPRA (Panama), RCP (Paraguay), RCP (Peru), ARRL (USA), and RCU (Uruguay)

### Region 3

BARL (Bangladesh), CRSA (China), HARTS (Hong Kong), JARL (Japan), ARM (Macau), NZART (New Zealand), SARTS (Singapore), RAST (Thailand), ARCOT (Tonga), VARS (Vanuatu), and VARC (Vietnam)

Late vote sheets were received from KARL (Rep. of Korea), ROARS (Oman), PZK (Poland), LABRE (Brazil), and PARA (Philippines). All had voted “aye.”

The Constitution provides that a proposal is adopted “upon the casting of affirmative votes by a simple majority of the member-societies who have submitted, within the specified time, a vote or abstention, either on that proposal or in response to one of the three preceding issues of the *Calendar* which contained proposals for consideration by the member-societies.” There were 111 member-societies that had so voted. Therefore, the minimum number of affirmative required for the adoption of Proposal No. 240 was 56. There being 59 affirmative and timely votes, the proposal was adopted.

This illustrates the importance of voting and of ensuring that your vote sheet is received by the International Secretariat by the deadline. A proposal that has no opposition can still fail if too few member-societies cast their votes.

## Administrative Council Documents Available on the Web

The Internet makes it possible to make documents available, conveniently and at essentially no cost, to anyone who is interested in a particular subject.

For example, the Summary Record of the most recent meeting of the Administrative Council, held in Konstanz, Germany in late June, is at <http://www.iaru.org/ac-0806min.pdf>.

Among the documents that the IARU Administrative Council makes available at the IARU Web site, [www.iaru.org](http://www.iaru.org), are the following:

- Summary Records of Administrative Council meetings
  - (<http://www.iaru.org/admin-council-summaries.html>)
- Resolutions and Policies of the Administrative Council
  - (<http://www.iaru.org/ac-respol.html>)
- Spectrum Requirements for the Amateur and Amateur-Satellite Services
  - (the current version is at <http://www.iaru.org/ac-08spec.pdf>)
- Past issues of the IARU *Calendar*
  - (<http://www.iaru.org/calendars.html>)
- List of IARU member-societies
  - (<http://www.iaru.org/iaru-soc.html>)
- List of QSL Bureaus
  - (<http://www.iaru.org/iaruqsl.html>)

Member-societies are asked to check their listing at <http://www.iaru.org/iaru-soc.html> and to advise the Secretary ([iaru@iaru.org](mailto:iaru@iaru.org)) of any required updates and corrections.

## Resumption of Annual Report Form

At its June 2008 meeting the Administrative Council agreed that the practice of requesting annual reports from member-societies will be reinstated. The Secretary or other authorized official of each member-society should complete and return the enclosed Society Annual Report Form as soon as possible.

## Member-Society Input Sought on QSL Bureaus

The Administrative Council also discussed the problems faced by member-societies in operating the worldwide QSL Bureau system. The existing IARU policy concerning QSL bureaus, Administrative Council Resolution 85-9, was adopted 23 years ago. Much has changed since that time. Postage and other expenses are increasing, while there is a growing trend toward electronic confirmation of radio contacts for awards purposes. After discussion, the Administrative Council agreed that the President will invite the regions to nominate individuals to conduct a study of the future of the QSL bureau system.

Resolution 85-9 reads:

The IARU Administrative Council, Auckland, November 1985,

recognizing that the exchanging of QSL cards is a "final courtesy" in an Amateur Radio communication,

recognizing that the cost of exchanging cards between individual amateur stations is prohibitive in most cases, unless an efficient international bureau system in operation,

recognizing that an amateur who sends a card via the bureau usually has no way of knowing whether the amateur to whom it is addressed is a member of his national IARU society, and

recognizing that most IARU member-societies operate incoming bureau systems that are available to members and non-members alike, but that some are unable, for good and sufficient reason, to provide service to non-members even if the expenses of doing so are fully reimbursed,

resolves that member-societies are strongly encouraged, whenever possible to provide incoming QSL bureaus service to non-members within their operating territory, if such non-members agree to pay the full cost of this service, and

further resolves that member-societies shall not forward QSL Cards to bureaus operated by non-members of IARU, if there is an IARU member-society in the country concerned that forwards cards to non-members who agree to pay the full cost of this service.

To facilitate the study, member-societies are asked to complete and return the supplemental questionnaire accompanying the Society Annual Report Form that is enclosed with this *Calendar*. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Operating Standards

Another topic of discussion at the Administrative Council meeting in Konstanz was the need to teach correct operating behavior not only to newcomers to Amateur

Radio, but to some long-time licensees as well. The Administrative Council adopted the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION 08-1**  
*concerning operating standards*

The IARU Administrative Council, Konstanz, June 2008,

noting that the Amateur Radio Services are services which rely on self-regulation for effective use of their spectrum allocation, and

further noting that poor operating behavior adversely affects the enjoyment of all radio amateurs and does not enhance the reputation of the Amateur Radio Services,

resolves that all radio amateurs be encouraged to operate to the highest levels of proficiency, with proper consideration for others using the amateur radio bands;

that the necessary effort be made by member-societies to teach newcomers and others correct operating behavior; and therefore

endorses and recommends the principles set out in the booklet “Ethics and Operating Procedures for the Radio Amateur” by John Devoldere, ON4UN and Marc Demeuleneere, ON4WW, and

encourages each IARU Region to consider this booklet, with a view to adopting it, including any Regional variations that might be felt appropriate.

The booklet is available for free download from the IARU Web site at <http://www.iaru.org/Eth-operating-EN-iaru-SITE-1july2008.pdf>.

## Summary of Member-Society Actions Required

Member-societies are requested to respond to this *Calendar* as follows:

1. Consider Proposals 241 – 244 and return the vote sheets to the International Secretariat for receipt no later than 10 February 2009.
2. Complete and return the Society Annual Report Form for 2008.
3. Complete and return the supplemental questionnaire on QSL bureaus.

Sincere 73,



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