

Mid Year REPORT OF THE Administration and Finance Committee

July 2018

2018 A&F Committee Members: James D Pace, K7CEX, Northwestern Division Director, Chairman, Richard J. Norton, N6AA, Southwestern Division Director, Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, Hudson Division Director, David Woolweaver K5RAV, West Gulf Division Director, Kermit Carlson, W9XA, Central Division Director, Jeff Ryan, Rocky Mountain Vice Director, Rick Niswander, K7GM, Treasurer. President Rick Roderick, K5UR (ex officio)

Staff Participants: CEO Barry Shelley, N1VXY and CFO Diane Middleton, KC1BQF.

Activity: The committee has had before it many issues, this year, including but not limited to the 2018 Financial plan. After some staff changes, budget reductions and conservative forecasts, the plan was approved committee meeting, and was recommended to the Board of Directors, at the January 2018 meeting.

Beyond the topics presented to the Board of Directors in the Treasurer's Report, the committee considered efficient use of 'cash reserves'. The matter is still being reviewed as the 2018-19 plan is implemented. A review of encumbered funds, with their terms of reference are being analyzed by the committee.

Much has been accomplished by the Logbook of The World Committee, as activities are reported and discussed with the A&F Committee. Some of the LoTW committee work, now, has more need to be overseen by the Program and Services Committee. Mr. Widin, LOTW Committee Chair, will be reporting to both committees as these matters are examined and moved forward.

The Parity act expenditures were also a concern for many. We do realize that a project of this enormity would be costly. It is hoped that 2018 will bring a conclusion to the legislative actions, on behalf of the act.

A review of ARRL involvement in the publication of a Repeater Directory (by a contractor or in house) has been reviewed by a sub-committee. Findings and recommendations are anticipated soon.

A review of VE electronic filing potential has been undertaken by the A&F with the assistance of Staff. It has been determined that an electronic filing process, to be used by VE Liaisons, should be implemented. A pilot project has been suggested by Maria Somma, AB1FM, VEC Manager. This pilot project will be reviewed by the Program & Services Committee and the Administration & Finance Committee at their July meetings; it is anticipated that a recommendation to the Board will follow those meetings.

Other Committee activity includes discussions on Section Manager budgets, ARISS future funding, efficient communications and of course the search for a new CEO.

The Committee continues to pursue ways to increase revenues and limit expenditures, with an eye on financial efficiency, leading to the successful future of the ARRL, as it serves all the Amateur Radio hobby.

Respectfully Submitted

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Chair