

ARRL Programs and Services Committee (PSC)

Report to the Board of Directors – July 2018

This report from the PSC covers the 6-month period from January to July 2018. On Jan. 20, 2018 ARRL President Rick Roderick appointed the following to the PSC:

Director Blocksome – Chair
Director Abernethy
Director Allen
Director Sarratt
Director Tiemstra
Vice-Director Hollingsworth

Additional (non-voting) personnel on PSC are:

Mr. Dan Henderson – Recording Secretary
Mr. Norm Fusaro – Staff Liaison
Vice President Vallio – Officer Liaison

Three PSC meetings have been held since the last report – Jan. 18, 2018 in Newington, CT, Apr. 18, 2018, and June 28, 2018 – the last two via Teleconference. The activities and actions of the PSC for this period follow:

DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) – The DXAC consists of 15 amateurs each appointed by their division director. President Roderick appointed John Yodis, K2VV of Moscow Mills, MO as the DXAC Chairman and Director Tiemstra, K6JAT as the board liaison. The DXAC report is contained in a separate document.

PSC actions related to the DXAC include:

- Drafted and approved for board consideration a revision of DXCC Section II, Rule 1 which had the immediate effect of making Kosovo a new DX entity. This proposal was subsequently approved by the board.
- Directors Tiemstra and Sarratt and HQ Staff working on tasking for DXAC to study the feasibility of offering more sub-mode specific digital awards for DXCC

Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) – The CAC consists of 15 amateurs each appointed by their division director. President Roderick appointed Dennis Egan, W1UE, of Marlborough, MA as the CAC Chairman and Director Allen, WY7FD as the board liaison. The CAC report is contained in a separate document.

PSC actions related to the CAC include:

- PSC review of CAC's first draft proposal for unification of contest rules was positive and that CAC should proceed with the remaining work on this task.

- PSC asked the CAC chairman to provide list of inactive CAC members so their Division Director might consider another appointment.
- Director Allen and HQ Staff working on possible tasking language for CAC to look at:
 1. Proposed Sweepstakes Contest changes as described in the May/June 2018 issue of NCJ
 2. The feasibility of new digital activity or contest and how to gauge interest

VHF & Above Contest Revitalization Working Group – This working group consisted of Kermit Carlson, W9XA, chairman; Rod Blocksome, K0DAS; Matt Holden, K0BBC; and Bart Janke, W9JJ. The PSC heard the final results of the first running of the August 2017 UHF contest and found it satisfactory - thus completing the tasking of this working group which was disbanded effective Jan. 18, 2018.

Public Service Enhancement Working Group (PSEWG) – The PSEWG membership consists of the following individuals:

Dale Williams, WA8EFK, Chairman
 Jim Pace, K7CEX
 Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT
 Ken Bailey, K1FUG
 Mike Corey, K11U
 Steve Ewald, WV1X

The PSC closely tracked this committee's progress toward achieving a new *ARES Strategic Plan* with briefings from Director Williams at every PSC meeting. The final plan document was unanimously approved by the PSC at a special teleconference meeting held June 28, 2018. After discussion and a few minor corrections, the *ARES Strategic Plan* was approved by unanimous vote to recommend it for adoption by the board of directors. See PSC-1 motion.

The PSEWG report and *ARES Strategic Plan* is contained in a separate document.

Education Subcommittee – The Education subcommittee consists of the following individuals:

David Woolweaver, K5RAV, Chair
 Kermit Carlson, W9XA
 Bonnie Altus, AB7ZQ
 Tom Delaney, W8WTD
 Tommy Gober, N5DUX
 Kevin O'Dell, N0IRW
 Gordon West, WB6NOA, consultant

The PSC continues to track this committee's progress in updating the instructor materials used to teach amateur radio license classes. They are working on the power point presentation for the technician license classes and expect to complete by the July board meeting.

The Education subcommittee report is attached.

Award Recommendations – The PSC has received and reviewed several award nominations. Those approved by PSC were forwarded to the board for final consideration.

Member Benefit and Services Study – The PSC and A&F have been jointly tasked by the EC with performing a study and analysis of all ARRL member benefits and services and to evaluate the benefits and costs. PSC & HQ Staff have prepared a list of benefits and services. The list has been sorted into categories of the “Five Pillars” of ARRL: Advocacy, Education, Membership, Public Service, and Technology. The list has been reviewed for completeness with a final review scheduled for the July 2018 PSC meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rod Blocksome, K0DAS
PSC Chair
ARRL Midwest Division Director

Attachment

June 28, 2018

To: Rod Blocksome

FM: David Woolweaver

Subj: PSC Subcommittee on Education Report

The Subcommittee has communicated via E-Mails and conference calls and since the last PSC Subcommittee report, members of the Subcommittee have been working on the Volunteer Instructor Power Point program for the Technician class license. There are literally dozens of slides that require revision; consequently, the process is time consuming.

Kevin O'Dell and Tom Delaney are the principles in the Power Point effort and have worked diligently to produce a new and updated Power Point program to benefit Volunteer Instructors and students alike.

Photo and video additions are planned for the new Technician Power Point to enhance the experience. Unfortunately, preparing the photos and videos have been a slow process. In order to speed the effort, I turned to Barry Shelley for help. Barry Shelley responded by asking Kris Bickell, K1BIC, Lifelong Learning Manager to assist in the project. We hope that Kris' addition to the team will speed the effort.

Respectively submitted by the PSC Subcommittee on Education,

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Kermit Carlson, W9XA
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