

**Report of the Executive Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
January 2026**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee (EC) since the July Board Meeting.

In May, 2025, the FCC initiated rulemaking proceeding GN Docket No. 25-166 titled "Protecting our Communications Networks by Promoting Transparency Regarding Foreign Adversary Control." The intent of the NPRM is to address the importance of protecting the nation's communications networks against foreign threats and to propose new certification and disclosure requirements to all persons and entities holding a broad range of licenses.

The EC worked with Counsel on comments in opposition to the NPRM and requesting the amateur service be exempt from proposed certification and information requirements intended to protect against threats from foreign adversaries in the communications sector, specifically pointing out the amateur service is non-pecuniary and the rules are intended to apply to the commercial sector. Comments were filed on July 21, 2025. See ODV:339

The EC worked with Counsel Siddall on comments in opposition to FCC proceeding SB Docket No. 25-201, Space Bureau Accepts for Filing AST & Science, LLC Modification Application, in which AST requests unprecedented authorization to 430-440 MHz for a constellation totaling 248 satellites to communicate with five ground stations using up to five channels with up to 256 kHz bandwidth. Comments were filed on July 21, 2025. See ODV:341.

This proceeding drew amazing response by the amateur radio community in the United States and from international societies around the world. The EC worked with Counsel Siddall on Reply comments which emphasized the AST request resulted in an unprecedented 2500+ comments being filed, mostly from amateur radio operators from all parts of the world voicing their unanimous opposition to the request due to the interference to amateur radio operations. Additionally, at least 17 national amateur radio societies from around the world took the extraordinary step of making their opposition known to the Commission. Reply comments were filed on August 5, 2025. See ODV:370

The EC worked with CEO Minster on a summary of the July Board meeting to be sent to members. A member bulletin on actions from the July Board meeting was sent to members on July 22, 2025. See ODV:344

The EC held a virtual meeting on November 5, 2025. See Minutes sent to members on December 4, 2025

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work and dedication to Amateur Radio and the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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