

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

July, 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee met in St. Louis on March 24. The Minutes of the meeting were distributed to the Board as ODV:20692. The Board subsequently adopted a motion which emerged from that meeting, authorizing negotiation of a new Memorandum of Understanding with the National Frequency Coordinators' Council. That negotiation was delayed somewhat by uncertainty about the presidency of the NFCC, which has since been resolved, and by my husband's major back surgery, from which he is now recovering and less in need of my help to manage his daily life. Dave Sumner, Chris Imlay, and I developed the major points we propose for the MOU. They have been distributed to the EC for review.

The EC reviewed and approved the ARRL's filing in FCC Docket 12-91, the study related to CC&Rs and Amateur Radio antennas. The Staff members who worked on preparation of this massive document and the EC and other Board members who offered suggestions and edits are due everyone's appreciation. We do not know what the outcome will be, but we know that the ARRL hit the target with every asset imaginable. This document was distributed to you as ODV:20779.

Other FCC filings made in 2012 have included

- RM-11651, Lockheed-Martin proposal to amend Part 15 to change the RFID device rules at 433 MHz. [ODV:20465]
- Two Petitions for Reconsideration regarding ReconRobotics -- applications for licenses and units sold [ODV:20615]
- Replies to Opposition to Petitions for Reconsideration in WP Docket 08-63 (more ReconRobotics)
- Opposition to Motion for Leave to File Additional Pleading and to Response of ReconRobotics to ARRL

Recently the EC developed a strategy in support of action regarding the Low Frequency (LF) and Medium Frequency (MF) allocations and a domestic rulemaking proceeding to obtain access to them. In St. Louis, the EC decided that a consolidated Petition for Rule Making would be filed asking for the domestic allocation of 135.7-137.8 kHz and 472-479 kHz to the Amateur Service. Recently, the committee reviewed and fine-tuned a letter to be sent by Dave Sumner to the Utilities Telecom Council (UTC), which has opposed our goals at this order of spectrum in the past. The objective of the letter is to offer to address UTC's concerns about Amateur use of this spectrum before, rather than during, the rule making process.

The EC approved conferring the ARRL President's Award upon Victor D. Poor W5SMM, of Melbourne, Florida, for his long and distinguished career both in Amateur Radio digital communications systems

development and also in the commercial sector, where he was involved in development of the first microprocessors and cell phones. The award was conferred on July 9.

The next meeting of the EC will be held in Denver in late September. It is always a pleasure to work with the dedicated people whom you elect to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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President