

**Contest Advisory Committee
Semi-Annual Report**

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1. Executive Summary

On July 27th, the CAC was officially notified that the PSC had approved the CAC's earlier recommendation for adding Single Operator Unlimited categories to the ARRL 10 Meter Contest, the ARRL 160 Meter Contest, the ARRL RTTY Round Up, and the IARU Contest. The Awards Committee endorsed this recommendation. The rules for these contests will be officially revised by the Contest Branch starting with the 2014 events. The rules for the RTTY Round Up (which runs in January) have already been revised and posted to accommodate this recommendation.

No additional taskings have been assigned to the CAC over the last six months. The CAC Chair is currently working with the PSC on two additional taskings to be considered in early 2014.

2. Discussion

Because no additional taskings have been assigned over the last six months, there is no additional discussion beyond that presented in the Executive Summary.

3. Administrative Notes

George Wagner, K5KG has replaced Charlie Wooten, NF4A as the Southeastern Division on the CAC.

4. Recognition

The CAC recognizes Charlie Wooten, NF4A for his years of service to the CAC representing the Southeastern Division.

5. Additional Topics

The CAC Chair is currently in discussions with the PSC Chair about two additional topics to be considered by the CAC. The first of these is a comparison of the rules for the ARRL DX contest with the CQWW DX contest including the most recent changes made to the CQ events. Recommendations on whether or not similar changes to the ARRL DX contest should be considered will be made. The second tasking has to do with issues related to rover operation in ARRL VHF/UHF contests. Although the CAC normally does not involve itself with VHF contests, the VUAC was not able to resolve this issue and the PSC is interested in getting an objective opinion on the rover issues from the CAC.

It is anticipated that the tasking for these two topics will be formalized in January and recommendations given to the PSC prior to the July, 2014 Board Meeting.

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