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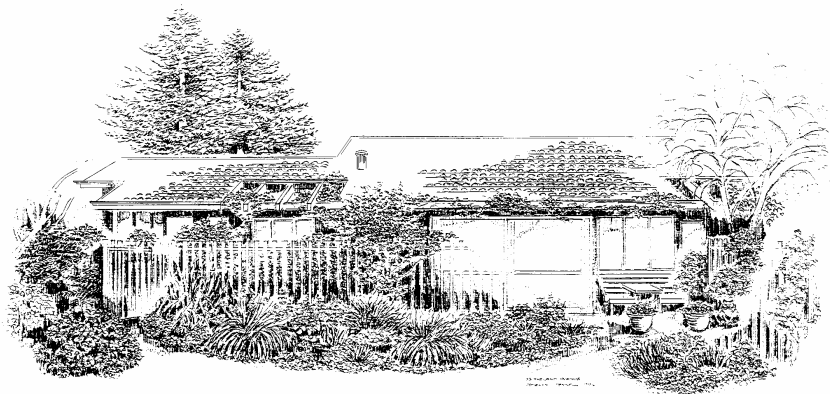
**The Minutes of
the Fifteenth IARU Region 3 Conference**

held in

**Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
5th to 9th November 2012**

**International Amateur Radio Union
Region 3**

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15th IARU Region 3 Conference



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The Delegates
15th IARU Region 3 Conference

Dear Colleagues:

I wish to report that I have checked the minutes of the 15th Conference as prepared by the Secretary. No significant errors found, so I am very happy for these to be declared a "True and Accurate Record".

Terry Carrell, ZL3QL
Conference Chairman
15th IARU Region 3 Conference



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REGION 3



FIFTEENTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE

5 – 9 November 2012

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Draft Schedule of the 15th IARU Region 3 Conference, Ho Chi Minh City

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
5 November Monday	6 November Tuesday	7 November Wednesday	8 November Thursday	9 November Friday
09:00 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony and Group Photograph (S)	09:00 – 09:45 Plenary 2 (S)	09:00 – 09:45 Plenary 3 (S)	09:00 – 10:30 Plenary 4 (S)	Full Day Excursion Mekong Delta and My Tho Details and Booking available at the Conference
10:00 – 10:15 Tea/Coffee	09:45 – 10:30 WG-1 (R)	09:45 – 10:30 WG-1 (R)	10:30 – 11:00 Tea/Coffee	
10:15 – 12:30 Plenary 1 (S)	10:30 – 11:00 WG-2 (T)	10:30 – 11:00 WG-2 (T)	11:00 – 12:30 Plenary 5 (S)	
	11:00 – 12:30 WG-1 (R)	11:00 – 12:30 WG-1 (R)		
	WG-2 (T)	WG-2 (T)		
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
13:30 – 15:00 Working Groups meeting WG-1 (R)	13:30 – 15:00 WG-3 (S)	13:30 – 15:00 WG-3 (S)	13:30 – 17:30 Plenary 6 and Final Closure (S)	
WG-2 (T)	15:00 – 15:30 Tea/Coffee	15:00 – 15:30 Tea/Coffee		
15:30 – 15:45 Tea/Coffee	15:30 – 17:00 WG-1 (R)	15:30 – 17:00 Finance Committee Meeting (T)		
15:45 – 17:15 WG-3 (S)	WG-2 (T)			
19:00 – VARC Reception	19:00 – IARU/ARRL Reception	19:00 – JARL Reception		

R: ROSE Room (3F) S: SAIGON Hall (GF) T: TULIP Room (GF)

Tea/Coffee served at the Lobby in front of SAIGON Hall (GF)

WG-1: Policy Matters

WG-2: Operational and Technical Matters

Minutes of the 15th IARU Region 3 Conference

(5 - 9 November 2012, at Royal Hotel Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam)

NOTE: The Section numbers following refer to those in the “**DRAFT Initial Agenda**” for the Conference – **Document No. 12/XV/004 Rev.1**

DAY 1: Monday, 5 November 2012

(Opening Ceremony)

1. Opening of the Conference

At 09:00 hrs on Monday, 5 November 2012, the Secretary of IARU Region 3, Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Nguyen Minh Duc, 3W2REH, Chairman of the host Society VARC. He is also the President of the Conference under the clause 5.2 of the General Regulations of IARU Region 3.

Mr. Nguyen Minh Duc, 3W2REH, as the President of Conference, welcomed everyone on behalf of the host Society, the Viet Nam Amateur Radio Club (VARC).

Mr. Peter Lake ZL2AZ, Chairman of Directors of IARU Region 3, thanked the guests for their attendance and welcomed the delegates to the 15th IARU Region 3 Conference on behalf of the IARU Region 3 Officers.

Peter then paid tributes to late Chairman of Directors, Michael Owen VK3KI, who unexpectedly and suddenly passed away in late September 2012.

He thanked VARC for their excellent preparations for the Conference venue, in cooperation with Royal Hotel Saigon. He reminded the delegates that this Conference was their Conference, as the Member Societies of IARU Region 3. The Directors are standing by to answer any questions from the floor and to offer assistance.

Mr. Timothy Ellam VE6SH, President of the IARU, welcomed the participants on behalf of the IARU Officers and the International Secretariat and thanked VARC for hosting the 15th Triennial Conference of IARU Region 3.

He then pointed out that the WRC-12 was a great success for the IARU with the achievement of a new allocation near 500 kHz and a new agenda item on a possible allocation near 5 MHz for WRC-15. He thanked the radio amateurs that contributed to these achievements for their hard work.

He then also paid tribute to Michael Owen VK3KI and described his significant contributions to amateur radio. Tim advised of the recent Administrative Council decision to create a Michael J. Owen VK3KI Award. The award recipient will be restricted to those individuals who perform above and beyond their volunteer roles either for a specific task or for long standing involvement on behalf of IARU.

He wished every success to the IARU Region 3 attendees and thanked them for inviting him to attend.

Mr. Lee Manh Ha, Vice Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City Peoples' Committee, welcomed everyone to Ho Chi Minh City. He commended the contribution by radio amateurs in emergency situations and promotion of mutual understanding. He encouraged VARC to learn more about amateur radio at the Conference and wished every success for the Conference.

Mr. Nguyen Van Thu, Deputy Manager of Radio Frequency Management Department and Director of the Center for Regional Frequency Management 2 of the Ministry of Telecommunications of Viet Nam, also welcomed the participants to the Conference. He mentioned the role of amateur radio in scientific education and mutual understanding. He said they had issued about 50 amateur radio licenses so far, but would expect more development of amateur radio in Viet Nam led by VARC. He wished the Conference every success.

JA1CJP then announced the following apologies, along with greetings and good wishes for the success of the Conference:

Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré, Secretary General of the ITU,
Mr. François Rancy, Director, Radiocommunication Bureau, ITU and
Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU.

JA1CJP invited the President of the Conference, Mr. Nguyen Minh Duc 3W2REH to speak again. Mr. Duc then formally declared the Conference open.

JA1CJP announced that the opening ceremony was concluded.

(The meeting was in recess from 09:40 to 10:15 for a coffee break.)

(Plenary-1)

2. Appointment of Conference Chairman and Secretary.

Secretary Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP opened the first Plenary meeting and asked for nominations for the Conference Chairman in accordance with clause 5.4 of the General Regulations of IARU Region 3, while he would serve as the Secretary of the Conference.

3W2REH proposed Mr. Terry Carrell ZL3QL as the Conference Chairman.

WIA seconded the proposal.

(There was no other nomination and he was greeted with acclamation.)

Secretary announced that Mr. Terry Carrell, ZL3QL, of NZART was unanimously appointed as the Conference Chairman by the Conference. He then invited ZL3QL to take the chair and introduced him to the floor.

Chairman Terry ZL3QL thanked everyone and asked for the cooperation of all delegates and observers for a successful Conference.

He asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in memory of Silent Keys. In particular Mr. Richard Baldwin, W1RU, Mr. "Selva" Selvadurai, 9V1UV, Mr. Tadahiko Honma, JA1UE, Mr. Jamie Pye, ZL2NN and Mr. Michael Owen, VK3KI.

NZART moved that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs. Owen and the Owen family from IARU Region 3 and the Conference. ARSI seconded the motion.

Chairman declared on the voices that the motion was carried unanimously and asked the Secretary to write an appropriate letter of condolences to Mrs. Owen.

Then, he advised that the meeting would next address Agenda Item 3 and invited the Secretary to report on the results of the meeting of Delegates held on the evening of Sunday, 4 November 2012.

3. Report of the Results of the Delegates Meeting

Secretary reported that the Delegates Meeting was held on the evening of Sunday 4 November in the Rose room of the Royal Hotel Saigon and advised that the results will be reported separately as Agenda Items 4 and 6. Fourteen Societies were represented at this meeting: ARSI, BDARA, CRSA, CTARL, HARTS, JARL, KARL, MARTS, NZART, ORARI, RAST, SARTS, VARC and WIA.

Chairman moved to Agenda Item 4 and invited the Secretary to report.

4. Confirmation of the Convenors and Members of the Credentials and Elections, Finance and Editorial Committees.

Secretary reported that the following nominations were agreed at the meeting of Delegates:

Credentials and Elections Committee:

Convenor: Mr. Yoshio Arisaka, JA1HQQ (JARL)
Secretary: Mr. K. N. Rajaram, VU2KKZ (ARSI)
Members: Mr. Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP (Secretary)

He asked the floor if any other Society wished to participate in the Credentials and Elections Committee.

ORARI wished to join the Credentials and Elections Committee.

Secretary noted ORARI as the member of Credentials and Elections Committee. He then carried on reporting the nominations for the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee:

Convenor: Mr. Sundram Jothinathan (Jothi), 9V1JN (SARTS)
Secretary: Mr. Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP (Secretary)
Members: All delegates but BDARA

The Chairman announced that all Societies were invited to attend the meetings of the Committee. Due to the important matters to be considered, the Committee would meet at times that did not clash with Working Groups 1 and 2. Early action would be required to table documents concerning proposed Constitution changes that could affect this Committees work.

Secretary reported that the delegates had agreed that there would be no **Editorial Committee** required at this Conference.

Chairman confirmed those Convenors, Secretaries and Members were agreed; and invited the Secretary to report on the next item, Agenda Item 5.

5. Confirmation of the Rules of Procedures

Secretary reported that the usual "Rules of Procedure for consideration of the Conference Document" had been agreed at the meeting of Delegates.

(Adoption was moved by NZART and Seconded by MARTS)

Chairman announced that as there were no comments or questions the Rules of Procedure were

adopted, and invited the Secretary to report on the next item, Agenda Item 6.

6. Announcement of all written Invitations to Host the 15th IARU Region Conference.

Secretary reported that only one Society, ORARI, had submitted a written invitation to host the 16th Triennial Conference. They proposed Jogjakarta as the location in late 2015. Other offers were welcomed until close of the time stipulated at 10:00 hours on Thursday, 8 November.

ORARI confirmed their invitation, from the floor.

Chairman asked Mr. Yoshio Arisaka JA1HQG the Convenor of the Credentials and Elections Committee to report on Agenda Item 7.

7. Report of Convenor of Credentials and Elections Committee

JA1HQG reported that the Committee would report later as it had not yet completed its work.

Chairman noted his report and moved to Agenda Item 8.1. He invited the Secretary to report.

8. Adoption of Agenda

8.1 Adoption of Agenda

Secretary reported that no additional agenda items were to be added to the Initial Agenda (Doc. 12/XV/004 Rev.1).

Chairman confirmed, with two comments on the order of discussion. They were:
(a) Agenda Item 14 (Constitution of IARU Region 3 – Proposals for change) would be considered earlier and advanced up the order of business; and
(b) Financial Issues would be initially discussed at Plenary Meeting 2.

He then moved to Agenda Item 8.2 and invited the Secretary to report.

8.2 Conference Proceedings

Secretary reported that the following nominations were agreed at the meeting of Delegates:

WG - 1 (Policy Matters):

Convenor: Mr. Chen Ping, BA1HAM

Secretary: Mr. David Sumner, K1ZZ

WG - 2 (Operational and Technical Matters):

Convenor: Dr. Yong Surk Lee, HL1FB

Secretary: Mr. Wisnu Widjaja, YB0AZ

Chairman confirmed that the meeting agreed the Convenors and Secretaries of the WGs.

K1ZZ clarified that the Agenda Item 11.5 Band Plans should be discussed in WG - 2.

Chairman confirmed the point.

He then moved to Agenda Item 9, with Item 9.1 first.

9. Minutes of the 13th IARU Region 3 Conference

9.1 Receipt

Secretary reported that the Minutes in CD-ROM format had been sent to all Member Societies.

Chairman moved to Agenda Item 9.2 for adoption of the Minutes of the 14th IARU Region 3 Conference, Christchurch, New Zealand.

9.2 Endorsement/Adoption

Chairman asked for the adoption of the Minutes.

Adoption was moved by WIA, seconded by ARRL.

Chairman declared on the voices that the motion was carried unanimously and then moved to Agenda Item 9.3.

9.3 Matters Arising

Chairman confirmed there were no matters arising, and moved to Agenda Item 10, Reports.

10. Reports

10.1 Formal Reports by:-

10.1.1 The Secretary Past & Present (Doc. 12/XV/006)

Chairman invited the Secretary of IARU Region 3 to present his Report

Secretary Ken Yamamoto, JA1CJP, referred to his written report, acknowledging Jay Oka, JA1TRC, who retired as Secretary on the 9th March 2011.

Ken himself took over this position on 9th March 2011, therefore the report as

submitted had been written by them both.

Adoption was moved by the Secretary, seconded by NZART.

Chairman declared on the voices that the report was adopted unanimously.

10.1.2 to 1.7: Directors, and Individual Directors

10.1.2 Report from IARU Region 3 Directors (Doc 12/XV/005)

ZL2AZ as the chairman of Directors presented a single joint report for the triennium from all the Directors as a team. The Directors had identified in their Report a number of matters that needed to be addressed. Some individual reports on specific subjects were also provided by Directors (Documents 027, 028, 044, and 048). It was recommended that all reports be adopted together.

Peter requested that the Working Groups address the issues raised.

Adoption was moved by ZL2AZ, seconded by WIA.

Chairman then moved to the next Agenda Item 10.1.8, inviting Society reports in alphabetical order.

10.1.8 to 1.1.23: Individual Member Societies.

10.1.8 Report from ARRL (Doc. 12/XV/012)

K0QB introduced their report briefly. He mentioned steady increase of ARRL membership and ARRL centennial celebration planned in 2014.

Adoption was moved by K0QB.

Chairman thanked ARRL to move the adoption of their report. It was proposed that the reports be tabled individually, and accepted and approved “en masse” at the conclusion. Then, he invited ARSI to report.

10.1.9 Report from ARSI (Doc. 12/XV/026)

VU2KKZ added that their society magazine has gone Digital and been available on the web, as ARRL has done.

Chairman thanked ARSI and invited BDARA to report.

10.1.10 Report from BDARA (Doc. 12/XV/047)

V85TL briefly introduced their report.

Chairman thanked BDARA and invited the next report from CRSA.

10.1.11 Report from CRSA - CRAC (Doc. 12/XV/053)

BA1HAM briefly introduced their report. He mentioned general status of amateur radio in China, new regulations to come in the near future and the establishment of new Society called Chinese Radio Amateur Club (CRAC).

HL1FB Today, foreign radio amateurs can get an operation permit but no call sign. Will it be changed under the new regulation?

BA1HAM new regulations may allow call signs for foreign operators.

Chairman thanked CRSA and invited CTARL to report.

10.1.12 Report from CTARL (Doc. 12/XV/061: provided later)

BX2AI reported that the membership of CTARL is around 100 and CW is still mandatory practice for an amateur radio license.

Chairman thanked CTARL and invited HARTS to report.

10.1.13 Report from HARTS (Doc. 12/XV/011)

VR2XGE reported that the HARTS is now incorporated as a corporation.

Chairman thanked HARTS and invited JARL to report.

10.1.14 Report from JARL (Doc. 12/XV/041)

JA1HQG reported about amateur radio activities at the Great Eastern Japan Earthquake and Tsunami in March 2011 and the change of President of JARL from Mr. Shozo Hara JA1AN to Mr. Akira Inage JA5MG.

Chairman thanked JARL and invited KARL to report.

10.1.15 Report from KARL (Doc. 12/XV/019)

HL1FB reported on their effort to remove equipment restrictions in their amateur radio license.

Chairman thanked KARL and invited MARTS to report.

10.1.16 Report from MARTS (Document not submitted)

9M2QQ provided an oral report. MARTS have big problems due to the lack of an AGM and annual reports required by Malaysian regulations. He also reported about guest license in Malaysia and drew attention to mandatory CW for a full license.

Chairman thanked MARTS and invited NZART to report.

10.1.17 Report from NZART (Doc. 12/XV/013)

ZL4QS mentioned the trend of their membership decreasing and the good relationship with their administration.

Chairman thanked NZART and invited ORARI to report.

10.1.18 Report from ORARI (Doc. 12/XV/025)

YB0JTR introduced Indonesian delegation and invited YB0KVN to report.

YB0KVN reported the amateur radio framework in Indonesia, amateur radio in disaster communications, their relationship with Scout activities and Indonesian amateur satellite.

Chairman thanked ORARI and invited PARA to report.

10.1.19 Report from PARA (Document not submitted)

DUIUGZ provided oral report. PARA is restructured and its officers are now named like company officers such as CEO, Vice CEO, etc. PARA has a good relationship with the administration NTC and achieved the introduction of Foundation class, relaxation of the age limit for examinations from 12 years to 9 years old, the new allocation in the 7 MHz band (7.1 – 7.2 MHz Primary, 7.2 – 7.3 MHz Secondary) and easier temporary permits for foreign radio amateurs.

Chairman thanked PARA and invited RAST to report.

10.1.20 Report from RAST (Doc. 12/XV/017, 018)

HS1FVL reported on the flooding in late 2011. The club station HS0AC was considered safe, but was not, and all the equipment was submerged. He also reported on the Intermediate class examinations which their new authority NBTC allowed RAST to run after 8 years with no examinations. There are about 300,000 licensed amateurs in Thailand, but most of them are in the Basic class for VHF/UHF only, and only about 700 have the Intermediate class license to operate in the HF bands.

Chairman thanked RAST and invited SARTS to report.

10.1.21 Report from SARTS (Doc. 12/XV/010)

9V1JN said nothing to add to their written report.

Chairman thanked SARTS and invited VARC to report.

10.1.22 Report from VARC (Doc. 12/XV/029)

XV2A reported the number of their members as 173, but only 30 are licensed operators among them and he also outlined the requirement for operation permits for foreigners.

Chairman thanked VARC and invited WIA to report.

10.1.23 Report from WIA (Doc. 12/XV/031)

VK3TL reported the successful centennial celebrations, good relationships with their administration the ACMA, the importance of WRC in the future and the sudden death of WIA President, Michael VK3KI recently.

Chairman thanked WIA and moved that all the reports from Member Societies be adopted and declared on the voices that the reports were adopted unanimously.

He then announced that the Plenary would resume at 13:30 hours with Agenda Item 10.2, and adjourned for lunch at 12:33 hours.

(Plenary-1 resumed at 13:50 hours.)

10.2 Reports by Coordinators and Committee Chairpersons

The reports of the Coordinators and Committee Chairpersons were tabled individually, and accepted and approved “en masse” at the conclusion.

10.2.1 Monitoring System (MS) (Doc. 12/XV/046)

VK3MV MS Coordinator presented his report. **Action Point:** He was requested to forward a copy of his report to all Member Societies directly for their information and action.

10.2.2 Region 3 Award (Doc.12/XV/040)

The report was tabled by NZART on behalf of the Region 3 Award Manager Alan Chapman ZL3GX.

10.2.3 ARDF Committee Report (Doc. 12/XV/039)

JA1HQG Chairman of ARDF Committee presented his report.

10.2.4 STARS * Task Force Report (Doc. 12/XV/038)**

JA1DM Convenor of the STARS *** Task Force presented his report.

10.2.5 Disaster Communications Committee (DCC) Report (Doc. 12/XV/033)

The Report was tabled by the WIA on behalf of Jim Linton VK3PC, the Chairman of the DCC. It was referred to Working Group 2; to be discussed with other issues relating to emergency communications.

10.2.6 Region 3 Newsletter (Doc. 12/XV/016)

VU2GMN Editor of the Newsletter presented his report. The Member Societies expressed their appreciation to Gopal for his efforts in gathering and publishing news.

10.2.7 Beacon Coordinator Report (Doc. 12/XV/009)

The report was tabled by NZART on behalf of the Region 3 Beacon Coordinator Peter Norden ZL2SJ.

10.2.8 EMC Coordinator Report (No Report received)

KARL advised that the EMC Coordinator Chang Won Seok HL3QUV had resigned from the position.

10.2.9 EMR Coordinator Report (No Report received)

It had previously been advised by the WIA that Keith Malcolm VK1KM had passed away, and the position was Vacant.

Adoption of Reports

Chairman asked for the adoption “en masse” of all the reports presented from the Coordinators and Chairpersons.

Chairman declared on the voices that the motion was carried unanimously.

He then moved to Agenda Item 10.3.

10.3 Reports by -

10.3.1 IARU IS (International Secretariat) (No written report provided)

VE6SH President of the IARU verbally reported the recent activities of the IS and international activities including the success at WRC-12. He also reported on the IARU Administrative Council (AC) meeting that was held in the two preceding days. It was noted that a news Release has been issued with details of this AC meeting.

Chairman thanked VE6SH for his IARU IS report and their collective efforts on behalf of amateur radio at the international level. He then invited IARU Region 1 to report.

10.3.2 Region 1 Report (Doc. 12/XV/024)

PB2T President of Region 1 submitted their report and added that World Championships of ARDF and HST were held recently in Region 1. He requested that the IARU position for WRC 2012 be noted.

Chairman declared the report to be adopted and invited IARU Region 2 to report.

10.3.3 Region 2 Report (Doc. 12/XV/023 Add 1)

YV5AM President of Region 2 presented their report and highlighted their next General Assembly meeting in Cancun, Mexico on 23 – 27 September 2013.

Chairman declared on the voices that the reports of IARU IS, Region 1 and Region 2 were adopted.

10.4 Reports by Other Societies and Organizations

No reports received.

Chairman moved to Agenda Item 14.

14. Constitution of IARU Region 3 – Proposals for Change, if any

Chairman advised the Plenary meeting that as advised earlier at the adoption of agenda, it was now proposed that the documents dealing with changes to the Constitution be tabled and reviewed. Early action was required to reach decisions on any changes, since such changes will affect the future budgets and other Finance Committee considerations.

Changes to the Number of Directors

Chairman advised that the proposals received would be introduced by the Societies that submitted them; followed by some preliminary discussion.

Notice of Motion Submitted by WIA (Doc. 12/XV/049 and 049a)

VK3TL tabled the letter from the WIA giving formal notice seeking changes under clause 56A of the Constitution to amend clause 27 to increase the number of Directors to 6 or 7 – from the existing number of 5 Directors.

Notice of Motion from NZART (Doc. 12/XV/037)

ZL4QL tabled their document that proposed an increase in the number of Directors to 6, which seconded the WIA proposal. The increase was to be with immediate effect from the conclusion of this Conference being held in HCMC in November 2012.

Statement from Chairman of Directors IARU Region 3

ZL2AZ outlined the needs that the Directors foresee for an increase – including a wider “reach” out to the Member Societies, increasing the breadth of knowledge and capability, increased capacity to do the work required and greater resilience for unforeseen events. The Directors expect the region to continue to grow and change, especially in the emerging economies in Asia and South East Asia.

Preliminary Discussion

Key points made were:

KARL	agreed with an increase of one Director (and also suggested that the Regional Conference duration be reduced from 5 days to 3 days).
ORARI	agreed with an increase the number of Directors to 6 and quorum to 4.
Chairman	put a provisional recommendation to the Plenary meeting “that an increase of one in the number of Directors be adopted”.
ARSI	wanted to wait for the Finance Committee report to make a recommendation.
Chairman	summarized the intention of the Conference as to differ the decision until the final Plenary meeting.
Chairman	closed the 1st Plenary meeting at 14:40 hours and asked the Working Groups 1 and 2 to start their meetings.

(The Plenary meeting was in recess from 14:40 hours Monday 5 November until 09:00 hours Tuesday 6 November 2012.)

DAY 2: Tuesday, 6 November 2012

(Plenary-2)

Chairman opened the 2nd Plenary meeting at 09:05 hours. He called on WG-1 and WG-2 for interim progress reports.

WG-1

BA1HAM Mr. Chen Ping reported that the WG-1 met the previous afternoon and reviewed the IARU policy and International and Regional Telecoms meetings inputs. About 30 people attended from 13 Societies, R1, R2 and the IS.

WG-2

HL1FB Dr. Yong Surk Lee reported that the work in WG-2 was proceeding and some papers reviewed and one recommendation drafted. About 13 participants attended and 2 more joined later.

Chairman thanked both Working Groups for their progress reports.

Secretary advised that three new documents had been placed in the “share box” on the server.

13.3 Future of IARU Region 3 – Financial Matters – Possible Subscription Increase

Chairman opened the subject of “Financial Matters” and a possible subscription increase. Comments had been provided in documents submitted by Member Societies in reply to a Circular Letter issued by the Directors (**Document 12/XV/050**, which provided a copy of the Circular Letter Circular No. G/03/12T, 18th May, 2012). “Proposal” and “Issue” subjects noted below refer to Document **050**. Response documents from Societies were tabled and the meeting was opened up for debate, to be focused on the subscriptions in order to provide some guidance to the Plenary and the Finance Committee.

Response from NZART (Doc. 12/XV/034)

Response from JARL (Doc. 12/XV/042)

Response from KARL (Doc. 12/XV/051)

Proposal 1: Increase of Subscriptions by 20%

NZART agreed to increase subscriptions and showed their view on a fair way to set subscription fee depending on the subscription income of each Society.

ORARI supported an increase of subscriptions, but commented that 20 % increase is too big for them; but they can agree to a 10% increase.

KARL mentioned that some Member Societies did not appear to be accurately reporting their number of transmitting members, leading to incorrect payments.

ARSI clarified that their reporting number of transmitting members is rounded to the higher side of the actual number.

Chairman observed that the consensus was to accept the 10% increase on current subscription retaining the current way of allocating the subscription.

- ARSI asked for clarification of outstanding subscription for IARU Region 3.
- Secretary clarified that there are no big outstanding subscriptions to date.
- WIA asked whether a 10% increase is sufficient to cover additional cost of one extra Director.
- Secretary advised the Conference that a 10% increase only covers the current activities of IARU Region 3. If the Conference decides to increase the number of Directors to 6, the additional cost per year is in the range of 200,000 to 250,000 Yen.
- ARSI suggested that as a contribution, Societies who have a Director could fund part of the expense of a Director.
- NZART responded to ARSI suggestion that the best possible Directors should be chosen irrespective of financial capability of their home Societies.

Proposal 2, Issue 1 – Regional organization wanted

- NZART supported the roles described in the report from the Directors. They also commented that primary role of IARU Region 3 is to protect or enhance the frequencies for amateur radio, but there were other activities which could be accomplished with relatively low cost.

Proposal 2, Issue 2 – Possible cost saving measures

- WIA recognized that the Secretary and Directors did their business as well as they could and there should be no changes to what was done.

Proposal 2, Issue 3 – Number of Directors

- Chairman noted that this issue was discussed earlier and the Conference felt it should go forward to the Finance Committee and the Plenary meeting.

Proposal 2, Issue 4 – Specific member Society situations

- NZART explained their view that the subscriptions should be set irrespective of any special situations of particular Societies, and any Society having difficulty to meet the subscription could ask the Directors for an adjustment.

Proposal 2, Issue 5 – Method of setting subscriptions

(No particular comments)

- Chairman summarized the situation and thanked all the Delegates and participants for their contributions. He asked everyone to consider the issues prior to a final discussion on the following day.
- Then, he moved to the report from the Convenor of the Credentials and Elections Committee.

7. Report of Convenor of Credentials and Elections Committee

JA1HQQ the Convenor of the Committee asked his secretary to report.

VU2KKZ the Secretary of the committee reported that the Letter of Appointment of all the 16 delegations present and the one proxy were in order and that the Societies present or who had deposited a Proxy had fully paid their subscriptions.

It was noted that the Conference had a record number of 16 Societies participating in person; and one by proxy. (ARRL/ ARSI/ BDARA/ CRSA/ CTARL/ HARTS/ JARL/ KARL/ MARTS/ NZART/ ORARI/ PARA/ RAST/ SARTS/ VARC/ WIA; and PIARA represented by JARL.)

Chairman noted this report and moved to Agenda Item 17. He invited the Secretary to announce the nomination for Office Bearers for the next triennium.

17. Election of Office Bearers for the Next Triennium

Secretary advised that he had Nomination proposal sheets for Directors for the next Triennium available. The deadline for submission was 10:00 hours Thursday 8 November.

Chairman advised that the Working Groups 1 and 2 would now reconvene. He adjourned the 2nd Plenary meeting at 09:55 Hours.

(The Plenary meeting was in recess from 09:55 hours Tuesday 6 November 2012 to 09:00 hours Wednesday 7 November 2012.)

DAY 3: Wednesday, 7 November 2012

(Plenary-3)

Chairman opened the 3rd Plenary meeting at 09:05 hours, and invited the Convenor of the Credentials and Elections Committee to report the latest status.

7. Report of Convenor of Credentials and Elections Committee

JA1HQQ the Convenor of the Committee asked his secretary to report.

VU2KKZ the Secretary of the Committee reported that there was no change in the number of Societies present, i.e. 16 Member Societies present and 1 proxy.

Chairman thanked the Credentials and Elections Committee.

He then reminded that nominations for election of Directors are due by 10:00 hours Thursday 8 November; including associated CVs. Written offers to host the 16th Regional Conference are also due by that time.

He then called on WG-1 and WG-2 for interim progress reports; and a report from the STARS *** Task Force.

WG-1

BA1HAM reported that the WG-1 met the previous morning and afternoon periods. It was attended by 12 Societies, 2 Directors and others. A draft of their Report will be completed shortly, and available on the server.

STARS * Task Force**

JA1DM reported that they met after the WG-1 meeting concluded on Tuesday 6 November. A report is posted on the server.

WG-2

HL1FB reported that the WG-1 met the previous morning and afternoon periods. A draft Report is available on the server.

JE1MUI pointed that the Document 12/XV/035 should be discussed in WG-2 and it was noted by the Chairman of WG-1.

Chairman thanked all three Groups for their progress reports.

Chairman advised that the Finance Committee would convene at 11:00 hours, with everyone invited to participate. Working Groups 1 and 2 would now reconvene in the meantime, as required. He closed the 3rd Plenary meeting at 09:25 hours.

(The Plenary meeting was in recess from 09:25 hours Wednesday 7 November 2012 to 09:00 hours Thursday 8 November 2012.)

DAY 4: Thursday, 8 November 2012

(Plenary-4)

Chairman opened the 4th Plenary meeting at 09:15 hours.

He invited the Convenor of WG-1, Chen Ping BA1HAM to report the result of their work.

[Report of Working Group 1]

Two documents from WG-1 were submitted to the Plenary meeting:

Report to Plenary Meeting from Working Group 1, Policy Matters (Doc. 12/XV/057)

Supplementary Information on STARS* (Doc. 12/XV/057a)**

11 Policy Matters

11.1 IARU Region 3 Policy

11.1.1 Membership

BA1HAM reported that Working Group 1 reviewed the reports of the Member Societies, including the oral reports presented at the first Plenary meeting. The reports reflected a general trend of declining or stable membership, with the notable exceptions of WIA and PARA who reported membership growth. Several reasons for declining membership were reported: competition from cell phones and the Internet, aging members, newer amateurs having different interests than older members, limited license examination opportunities, and the retention of the Morse code licensing requirement by some administrations. ARSI viewed the Internet as a positive development that should lead to future membership growth.

11.1.2 IARU Region 3 Strategic Plan

BA1HAM reported that no documents were received on this topic. It was observed that the Strategic Plan should be on the task list for the Directors for the next triennium.

11.2 International/Regional Telecommunication Conferences, Meetings and Events (Doc. 12/XV/027)

11.2.1 WRC-15

BA1HAM The contents of Section 1 of Document 12/XV/027 were noted. One small error was corrected: The responsible group for WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.6.1 is WP4A, not WP5A.

11.2.2 ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), APT and Other Meetings

BA1HAM reported that the contents of Section 2 of the document were reviewed. It was observed that if an administration is unable to support an amateur position at an APG meeting but is not strongly opposed, it should be urged to remain silent. At this early stage of preparations for WRC-15 the Working Group was unable to identify an administration in Region 3 that already has decided to support an amateur allocation at 5 MHz. It was noted that more input is needed from the IARU to

assist Member Societies in developing support for an allocation. One small error was corrected in Section 2: WRC-12 should read WRC-15.

He proposed Recommendation WG1-1 for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-A/XV:

That Member Societies note the agenda items for WRC-15 affecting the amateur and amateur-satellite services and the actions required to prepare. Further that Member Societies work closely with their administrations/ regulators to protect and improve our spectrum allocations; especially for agenda item 1.4 to achieve a Secondary allocation near 5 MHz.

11.2.3 ITU-TELECOM

BA1HAM reported that while Section 3 of the document refers to Regional Telecoms, the ITU has decided instead to hold a World Telecom every year. Unfortunately, organizations such as the IARU no longer receive free exhibit space so an IARU stand is no longer feasible. The IARU continues to seek participation in the Forum that is held in conjunction with each Telecom, but speakers and panelists generally are chosen from the commercial sector. The next World Telecom is scheduled for Bangkok in the October 2013 time frame.

11.3 IARU Administrative Council Matters

11.3.1 Resolution 12-1 (Monitoring System) (Doc. 09/XIV/007)

BA1HAM The pertinent parts of Documents 12/XV/005 and 12/XV/046 were considered, along with the text of IARU Administrative Council Resolution 12-1. Because it was adopted in January 2012 by mail vote of the Administrative Council the number was changed from Resolution 11-1 to 12-1, but the text is the same. The Working Group Secretary explained Administrative Policy #1 of the IARU Administrative Council and the options available to the Conference with regard to Administrative Council resolutions.

He proposed Recommendation WG1-2 for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-B/XV

That this Conference encourages Member Societies to adhere to IARU Administrative Council Resolution 12-1, concerning the revised terms of reference for the IARU Monitoring System (MS), with particular regard to the following paragraphs:

6. The AC encourages each Member Society to have a National MS Coordinator guiding a group of volunteers in the monitoring activities.

7. Member Societies shall report details of the improper use of amateur bands by stations in their own country to their own national administration and take all steps possible to ensure that their administration acts to stop such improper use. Details of cases of established improper use of the amateur bands that cannot be resolved by the Member Society with its own administration shall be forwarded by the Member Society to its IARU MS Regional Coordinator.

8. Member Societies and their National MS Coordinators are encouraged to report details of the improper use of amateur bands by stations in other countries to their own national administration so that their administration may raise the matter with the administration of the station concerned.

11.3.2 Future of IARU

BA1HAM reported that no documents were received on this agenda item. IARU President Ellam briefed the group on the status of IARU restructuring. In the current economic climate the IARU 2025 Committee was unable to develop a viable financial model that would permit the implementation of its proposed new organizational structure for the IARU. The committee did complete proposed revisions to guidelines for the election of IARU President and Vice President, and these were adopted by the AC.

11.4 Harmonization of License Qualification

BA1HAM No documents were received on this topic. On behalf of Region 1, PB2T explained the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC), CEPT Recommendation T/R 61-02 that provides for examinations passed in one's own country to be recognized in other countries. It was observed that of the five administrations outside CEPT participating in HAREC, three are in Region 3: Australia, Hong Kong, and New Zealand. No similar mechanism exists within Regions 2 or 3.

VE6SH reported that the IARU's efforts to promote an international roaming license through

ITU-R Study Group 5 have been unsuccessful and have been suspended until there is a more favorable climate.

11.5 Review and Revision, if any, of the Existing Bandplans for HF, VHF and UHF bands

BA1HAM advised that this agenda item had been referred to Working Group 2.

11.6 Amateur Satellite (Doc. 12/XV/028)

BA1HAM reported that the document was considered and resulted in a recommendation to the Plenary.

He proposed Recommendation WG1-3 for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-C/XV

That the Member Societies of Region 3 pay attention to the progress of studies by ITU with regard to Resolution 757 on agenda item 2.2 of WRC-18 (to consider the appropriate regulatory procedures for notifying satellite networks needed to facilitate the deployment and operation of nano- and pico-satellites, in accordance with Resolution 757 (WRC-12)) mentioned in Section 1 of Document 12/XV/027 (for Agenda Item 11.2.1 (WRC-15)) of this Conference.

11.7 STARS* (Support for the Amateur Radio Service in IARU Region 3) (Docs. 12/XV/038 and 12/XV/057a)**

BA1HAM advised that Document 12/XV/038 was reviewed. Several Member Societies announced changes in their representatives on the STARS*** Task Force. The Task Force met on Tuesday afternoon. A supplementary report entitled "Supplementary information on STARS*** (STARS 3)" (**Document 12/XV/057a**) was tabled.

11.8 EMC and Standards (Docs. 12/XV/041 and 12/IV/024)

BA1HAM Section 1.3 of Document 12/XV/041 (Report from JARL) and the relevant portion of Document 12/XV/024 (Region 1 Report) were considered. He proposed Recommendation WG1-4 for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-D/XV

That the Director responsible for EMC be tasked with educating Member Societies with regard to the interference potential of Power Line Communications (PLC), LED lights, plasma TVs, photovoltaic systems, and similar sources.

11.9 EMR and Standards

BA1HAM reported that there were no documents submitted and no discussion of this item.

11.10 Region 3 Newsletter and IARU Region 3 Web (Doc. 12/XV/016)

Region 3 Newsletter

BA1HAM advised that Document 12/XV/016, Report from News Letter Editor, was considered. He proposed Recommendation WG1-5 for adoption.

JE1MUI suggested starting the resolution with "That Conference recommends".

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-E/XV

That Conference recommends that Member Societies support the work of the Region 3 Newsletter Editor by sending the Editor timely news items.

IARU Region 3 Web

BA1HAM There were no documents submitted concerning the IARU Region 3 website. After discussion, Recommendation WG1-6 was proposed for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-F/XV

That the Directors be requested to consider the appointment of a volunteer webmaster with the objective of modernizing the Region 3 website.

11.11 Other Policy Matters

NOTE: The documents under this agenda item were grouped according to topic, and so were not considered in number order.

11.11.1 – Working with Administrations (Doc. 12/XV/048)

BA1HAM reported that this document, “Issues Facing Member Societies in Working with Their Administrations in the 21st Century”, was considered. Recommendation WG1-7 was proposed for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-G/XV

That the Member Societies of Region 3 should:

- (a) consider and discuss the issues identified in this Document 12/XV/048; and
- (b) respond to a questionnaire to be circulated by the Secretary of Region 3, with a list or table to be compiled, of the situation with respect to the regulations governing their country or territory; and
- (c) consider ways to work with their administrations and whether some external guidance and assistance may be required; and
- (d) consider ways for Member Societies to work together for mutual assistance.

11.11.2 – Article 25 (Doc. 12/XV/044)

BA1HAM reported that this document, “Regulatory Restrictions on Emergency Communications”, was considered. Member Societies were asked whether the changes to Article 25 of the ITU Radio Regulations that were adopted at WRC-03 had been implemented in their countries, and to describe the nature of the regulations governing their country or territory in respect of allowing amateurs to both prepare for and provide emergency communications.

The detailed responses given by each Society are recorded in the WG-1 report (**Doc. 12/XV/057**) and are not repeated in these Minutes.

Part (a) of the proposed recommendation contained in Document 15/XV/044 having been fulfilled, a modified version of the recommendation was proposed for adoption as Recommendation WG1-8.

BDARA asked for clarification about whether the Tampere Convention to allow emergency communicators free access into and exit out of neighbour countries to assist each other still enjoyed the support of IARU.

K1ZZ responded that Tampere Convention is certainly supported by IARU and we should not forget the Tampere Convention.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 11-H/XV

- (a) That the Conference congratulates those Member Societies that have achieved the implementation of the changes to Article 25 in their countries; and
- (b) That the Member Societies of Region 3 ensure that the regulations governing their country or territory do not inhibit the ability of amateurs to prepare for and provide emergency communications on behalf of third parties, particularly internationally.

11.11.3 – Equipment Restrictions

BA1HAM reported that Working Group 1 was informed that Document 12/XV/020 had been dealt with in Working Group 2, so it was not taken up.

11.11.4 – Financial Matters: Possible Subscription Increase Methods (Doc. 12/XV/050)

BA1HAM reported that at the request of the Conference Chairman, **Document 12/XV/050** was discussed. Each Member Society present was asked to give its views as to how subscription income could be increased by 20% without necessarily increasing the subscription rate by that percentage. Most Member Societies said they could support an increase in subscription rate of 10% even though several face financial difficulties of their own. A few could support an increase of 20%. One could only support 5% without consulting its members. The Conference Chairman observed that for a three year period, NZART's Region 3 dues are only about 30%

of the cost of attending a Conference. He suggested that reducing the cost of Conference attendance, for example by shortening the Conference to three days, would save enough to cover the needed 20% increase. No specific recommendation was proposed for consideration by the Working Group.

Chairman thanked the Convenor, Secretary and members of WG-1 for their hard work, attention to detail and their positive recommendations.

(The Chairman and the meeting expressed their appreciation by acclamation)

11.7 STARS* (Support for the Amateur Radio Service in IARU Region 3)
(Docs. 12/XV/038 and 12/XV/057a)**

Chairman invited the Convenor of STARS*** Committee to present its report.

Secretary presented the STARS*** Report (**Docs. 12/XV/038 and 12/XV/057a**) as the Secretary to the STARS*** meeting.

(Moved by ARSI and seconded by MARTS to receive and adopt the STARS*** Report.)

Chairman declared on the voices that the STARS*** Report was received and adopted.

(WG-1 Report was moved by NZART and seconded by WIA to be received and adopted.)

Chairman declared on the voices that the WG-1 Report was received and adopted.

He thanked again the participants of these two groups.

(The Plenary meeting was in recess for morning coffee from 10:15 to 10:45 hours)

(Plenary-4)

Chairman resumed the 4th Plenary meeting at 10:52 hours.

WG-2. He invited the Convenor of WG-2, Dr. Yong Surk Lee HL1FB to report the results of their work.

[Report from Working Group 2]

One document from WG-2 was submitted to the Plenary meeting:

Report to Plenary Meeting from Working Group 2: Operation and Technical Matters (Doc. 12/XV/058r)

12 Operational and Technical Matters

12.1 IARU Monitoring System (Doc. 12/XV/046)

HL1FB reported that WG-2 had discussed the Monitoring System report Document 12/XV/046 and proposed Recommendation WG2-1 for adoption.

Chairman slightly modified the wording in Recommendation WG2-1 and declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-A/XV

That Member Societies note the progress the AC has achieved to harmonise the Monitoring System activities across all regions and encourages the Monitoring System Committee to standardise reporting, information distribution and training arrangements.

12.2 International Beacons (Doc. 12/XV/009)

HL1FB advised that WG-2 had discussed and noted the Beacon Project report and made no recommendation.

12.3 Data Transmission and Amateur Radio

Data Transmissions

HL1FB reported that WG-2 had discussed data transmission in amateur radio and proposed Recommendation WG2-2 for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-B/XV

That Region 3 Societies encourage administrations to permit amateurs within their countries to interconnect to the Internet to facilitate intercommunication between other amateurs and particularly for emergency communications.

Chinese Text HF Transmissions

HL1FB reported that WG-2 had discussed and noted experiments of new mode for the Chinese text exchange over HF bands. This mode was noted by CRSA as particularly useful in Amateur Radio Emergency Communications. WG-2 congratulated CRSA on this interesting development.

12.4 ARDF (Doc. 12/XV/039)

HL1FB reported that WG-2 had discussed the ARDF document and proposed Recommendation WG2-3 for adoption.

Chairman clarified the year of the 9th IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships.

HL1FB it would be held in 2013.

WIA suggested minor change of wording in the Recommendation.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation as amended was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-C/XV

That Conference accept the offer of Korea (KARL) to host the 9th IARU Region 3 ARDF Championships in Korea in 2013.

12.5 Region 3 Award (Doc. 12/XV/040)

IARU Region 3 Award

HL1FB reported that WG-2 had discussed the IARU Region 3 Award report (Document No. 12/XV/040) and proposed Recommendation WG2-4 for adoption.

Chairman reworded the Recommendation WG2-4 and declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-D/XV

That Region 3 Award be promoted on the Member Societies websites as well as on the IARU Region 3 website.

Annual Award in Memory of Michael Owen VK3KI

- HL1FB reported that WG-2 had discussed the the verbal offer from the WIA to sponsor an annual award/trophy in memory of the late Michael Owen, VK3KI. Recommendation WG2-5 was proposed for adoption.
- Chairman asked rewording of Recommendation WG2-5 being suitable for Resolution.
- WIA suggested the amended wording for Recommendation WG2-5.
- Chairman declared on the voices that the following amended Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-E/XV

That Conference accepts the verbal offer of WIA to sponsor an annual award/trophy in memory of the late Michael Owen, VK3KI; to be awarded to the highest Region 3 individual score in the annual IARU HF Contest, noting that WIA will fund and present a suitable trophy each year.

- Chairman conveyed the thanks of the Conference to the WIA for this offer and the recognition of Michael Owen, VK3KI.

12.6 Emergency Communication (Six Documents)

- HL1FB reported that WG-2 had discussed Documents numbered 12/XV/015, 12/XV/030, 12/XV/036, 12/XV/044, 12/XV/045, and 12/XV/055; and proposed Recommendation WG2-6 for adoption.
- Chairman proposed to handle this Recommendation as three separate Motions.
- He then proposed following Motions individually and declared on the voices that the following Motions were passed as Resolutions of the Conference:

Resolution 12-F/XV

That Member Societies note the documents submitted to the Conference on emergency communications and the desireability to establish working relationships with emergency services in other Societies in preparation for extreme emergencies.

Resolution 12-G/XV

That Conference note the emergency response in Australia is a move away from the traditional role of amateurs as volunteers with their own equipment, to one of being trained as a communicator to make them suited and relevant in disaster response and relief. Conference note the development of emergency preparedness in China.

ARRL pointed out that the third part of Recommendation WG2-6 had already been adopted as Recommendation WG1-8.

Chairman noted that Document **12/XV/044** concerning “Regulatory Restrictions on Emergency Communications” and Article 25 had already been considered in WG-1. The Conference had already adopted Recommendation WG1-8 on this subject and therefore the third Motion from Recommendation WG2-6 would not be put to the Plenary.

12.7 Amateur Satellite (Doc. 12/XV/035)

HL1FB advised that WG-2 had discussed KIWISAT described in the above document and proposed Recommendation WG2-7 for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-H/XV

That Conference acknowledge the educational value of continued technical development by individuals within the Amateur Services and recommends that Member Societies continue to encourage involvement by radio amateurs in the technical development aspect of the Amateur Services.

12.8 Other Operational/Technical Matters

Equipment Restrictions

HL1FB advised that WG-2 had discussed the equipment restrictions in some countries in this Region and proposed Recommendation WG2-8 for adoption.

MARTS clarified who took action on this Recommendation.

ARRL proposed reworded text to start with “That Conference note”.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-I/XV

That Conference note the difficulties presented in certain countries in Region 3, especially Japan, Korea, and the Philippines; by restrictions on the possession and operation of transmitters and receivers used in the Amateur Services and urges the removal of such restrictions.

12.9/11.5 Review and revision, if any, of the Existing Bandplans for HF, VHF and UHF Bands

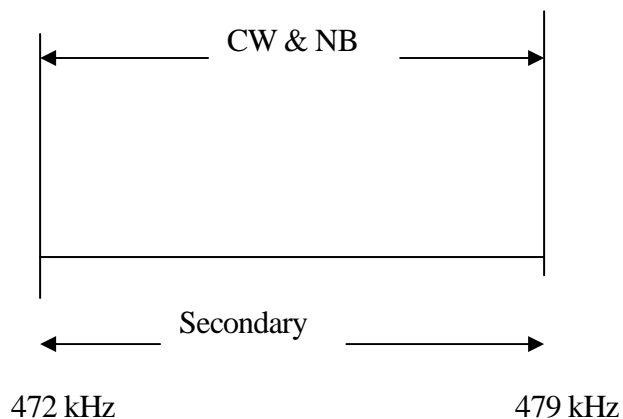
New 472 – 479 kHz MF Band

HL1FB advised that WG-2 had discussed the new amateur secondary allocation in the band 472-479 kHz. The WIA and NZART noted that this band will shortly become available in their countries. Recommendation WG2-9 was proposed to include the new band in the Bandplan.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-J/XV

That Conference adopt a bandplan for 472 – 479 kHz with CW and NB modes only.



Possible New 5 MHz Band

HL1FB noted that WG-2 had discussed the WRC-15 Agenda Item 1.14 proposing a possible new secondary allocation in the region of 5 MHz. The possibility was noted of its suitability for use over intermediate ranges for emergency communications.

Correction to Bandplan Legend

HL1FB advised that a correction was required to the Legend for the IARU Region 3 Bandplans. Recommendation WG2-10 was proposed.

Chairman modified the wording and declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 12-K/XV

That the IARU Region 3 Bandplan Legend be corrected for the **phone emission bandwidth** from “less than 2 kHz” to “less than 6 kHz”.

Chairman thanked HL1FM and YB0AZ and their Working Group 2 members for their hard work.

(The Chairman and the meeting expressed their appreciation by acclamation)

(WG-2 Report was moved by NZART and seconded by ARSI for adoption.)

Chairman declared on the voices that the WG-2 Report was adopted.

(Plenary-4 Resumed)

Chairman moved to Agenda Item 13 and invited the Convenor of the Finance Committee “Jothi” S. Jothinathan 9V1JN, and Ken Yamamoto JA1CJP Secretary, to report.

[Report from Finance Committee]

One document from The Finance Committee (FC) was submitted to the Plenary meeting:

Report to Plenary Meeting from Finance Committee (Doc. 12/XV/059r1)

9V1JN reported that the Finance Committee (FC) met on Wednesday morning of the Conference at 1100 hours in order to complete its assigned work. In addition to the Chairman and Secretary, the delegates of all Member Societies represented at this

Conference attended, except for PARA and RAST; as well as the IARU Region 3 Directors and Special Advisor. All participated in the discussions.

13 Finance of IARU Region 3

Introduction

9V1JN reported that the FC **Documents discussed** were:

- 006 Formal Report by Secretary
- 034 Response to Report of the Directors to the Member Societies in relation to Financial Matters (NZART)
- 042 Financial matters of IARU Region 3 - JARL Views
- 050 Report from Directors to Member Societies in relation to Financial Matters
- 051 KARL's response to Circular No. G/03/12T, May 18, 2012 Re Financial Matters of IARU R3

9V1JN **highlighted the major issues** as follows:

- Resolution 13-C/XIV of the 14th Region 3 Conference: that "the Conference notes that a significant increase in the subscription rate will be essential at the next Conference"
- That IARU Region 3 is a very important link to protect our frequencies
- That IARU Region 3 needs to be strong and active
- That costs are increasing, and that costs have been minimized by the Directors
- We need to continue to protect and build our reserve funds.

13.3 Membership Subscription

Proposal to increase the Subscription by 20%

9V1JN summarized the detailed discussions and the present positions of the Member Societies (as described in detail in the FC Report **Doc. 12/XV/059r1**) tabled.

The draft Recommendation FC-1 for a subscription increase, and the related conditions, was put to the Plenary meeting. Detailed discussion followed and some amendments were accepted.

9V1JN further summarized the revised Recommendation FC-1 and put it to the Plenary meeting to vote.

Chairman proposed to handle this Recommendation as two separate Motions. He then proposed the following Motions individually.

- JE1MUI clarified the possible contradiction between the proposed Motion and the Constitution Clause 24 on how much waiver can be applied by Directors.
- Chairman clarified that Directors have authority according to Clause 24, but Conference can adopt the recommendation that the subscription be increased by 20% and the minimum of 10%.
- BDARA commented that the Constitution Clause 24 gave the Directors discretion to set any level of subscription reduction.
- 9V1JN advised that the conclusion at the Financial Committee was for a 20% increase of subscription for all but four Societies showing non compliance, and not less than 10% increase for those four Societies.
- NZART proposed to simplify the recommendation removing the level of reduction and add a separate note encouraging the Directors to ensure any reduction resulting was not less than a 10% increase.
- Chairman suggested a small group to edit the Motion and adjourned for lunch.

(The Plenary meeting was in recess for lunch from 12:30 to 13:30 hours)

- Chairman resumed the 4th Plenary meeting at 13:30 hours.
- He presented the first recommendation edited by the small group during lunch break.
- He moved the edited recommendation and declared on the voices that the following edited Motion was adopted as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 13-A/XV

The subscription rate be increased by 20%. Any Society unable to comply may seek reduction for any specific fiscal year under Clause 24 of the Constitution. It is agreed that by special request to the Conference some Societies seek 10% instead of 20% increase of Subscription.

1 to 5,000	(78 Yen per Transmitting member)
5,001 to 10,000	(48 Yen per Transmitting member)
10,001 and above	(13 Yen per Transmitting member)

With a minimum annual subscription fee of 2,800 Yen which should be payable in one installment for the three year sum.

(Constitution “24. Subscription payable by each member Society shall be fixed by the Conference. However, either the Conference or the Directors may either waive the subscription of any Society or accept a lesser subscription.”)

Chairman proposed to make another recommendation to set the amount of subscription.

9V1JN proposed to include the table of subscription rate under the Motion on this subject.

Chairman asked the Conference whether it was acceptable to include the chart of actual subscription in the Motion to become a part of it.

He declared on the voices that the chart of actual subscription was a part of the motion. Then, he moved to Agenda Item 13.2.

13.2 Triennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 (Doc. 12/XV/060)

9V1JN reported that the FC had then considered and accepted the draft budget for the next triennium based on a 20% increase of subscription (**Doc. 12/XV/060**), and proposed a Recommendation FC-2 for adoption.

Chairman declared on the voices that the following Recommendation was passed unanimously as a Resolution of the Conference:

Resolution 13-B/XV

That the Conference adopts the Draft Budget as proposed in **Document 12/XV/060**.

Proposal to increase the number of Directors

9V1JN reported that the FC had also considered an increase of Directors from five to six. There should be no impact on the budget since the Directors should operate within the budget. It was accepted that the effective date of Constitution change should be discussed and decided at the Plenary session.

9V1JN Recommendation FC-3 was put to the Plenary meeting to vote.

Recommendation FC-3

The number of Directors should be increased by one, from five to be six.

- Chairman noted the recommendation and proposed to discuss this recommendation under the Agenda Item 14 Constitution of IARU Region 3.
- 9V1JN agreed with the proposal by the Chairman.
- Chairman Thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work and attention to the details. He also thanked the Plenary meeting participants for their willingness to discuss the issues and reach compromise solutions.
- Chairman then continued with the documents not addressed.

12.6 Emergency Communications

Documents not Addressed

WICEN in different regions of Australia (Doc. 12/XV/032)

- VK3TL highlighted the wider role that WICEN now had in emergencies.
No recommendation was provided or made.

EmcomNet – A High Performance Digital Emergency Communications System with A Long History (Doc. 12/XV/043)

- VK3MV highlighted the complex information in this document. The net is a long term 24/7 operation. After some discussion a modified recommendation for the Plenary was drafted.
- DUIUGZ commented that the best system could not be affordable in every country/territory while the commonality was important for cross border communications in case of emergency. It would be useful if IARU could develop a common platform for an emergency communication system.
- VK3MV responded that there was an ongoing review process to determine the best practice.
- BDARA commented on the commonality, with reference to Globalset, where a common message format was used.

(WIA moved/NZART seconded)

Resolution 12-L/XV

That Member Societies note the contribution that amateur radio can play in meeting communications needs during time of disasters and relief operations, particularly for non-Government organizations.

Chairman declared on the voices that the Recommendation was passed unanimously as a Resolution of the Conference. He moved to Agenda Item 14.

14. Constitution of IARU Region 3 – Proposals for Change, if any

Chairman advised the Plenary meeting that this issue would now be formally discussed and voted on, having been reviewed earlier in the **Plenary-1** meeting on Monday 5 November. **Recommendation FC-3/XV** from the Finance Committee meeting also covered this subject.

Changes to the Number of Directors

Two documents previously tabled were referenced:

Notice of Motion Submitted by WIA (Doc. 12/XV/049 and 049a)

Notice of Motion from NZART (Doc. 12/XV/037)

(Moved by WIA/Seconded by NZART)

Resolution 14-A/XV

That clause 27 of the IARU Region 3 Constitution be amended by substituting the word “six” (6) for the word “five” (5).

Chairman declared on the voices that this Resolution of the Conference was passed unanimously.

JA1KAB advised the Conference of the need to table the amendment to **Quorum for a Meeting of Directors** proposed by NZART in **Doc. 12/XV/037**.

NZART commented that their proposal to increase the Quorum from three to four for a meeting of Directors was based on their proposal to increase the number of Directors to Seven. Therefore, they would like to leave this particular proposal for Directors consideration in the future.

WIA supported the NZART proposal to increase the Quorum to four; considering that six Directors with a Quorum of three would be difficult for decision making.

(Moved by WIA/Seconded by HARTS)

Resolution 14-B/XV

That Clause 33 of the IARU Region 3 Constitution be amended by substituting “four” (4) for “three” (3).

Chairman declared on the voices that this Resolution of the Conference was passed unanimously.

Resolution 14-C/XV

That the **effective date for the election** of six Directors shall be immediate, to include the forthcoming election.

(Moved NZART/Seconded WIA)

Chairman declared on the voices that this Resolution of the Conference was passed unanimously.

15 General regulations of IARU Region 3 – Proposals for Change, if any

No changes were proposed.

8. Report of Convenor of Credentials and Elections Committee

Chairman invited the Convenor of Credentials and Elections Committee to report.

JA1HQQ the Convenor of the Committee asked his secretary to report.

VU2KKZ reported on behalf of Credentials and Elections Committee that only six nominations had been received for the six vacancies. Consequently an election was not required. The nominations received were:

1. Peter Lake ZL2AZ
2. Joong-Geun Rhee HL1AQQ
3. Shizuo Endo JE1MUI
4. Geoff Atkinson VK3TL
5. Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ
6. Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN

He also reported that just one proposal was received nominating Katsumi (Ken) Yamamoto for the position of Secretary IARU Region 3.

Chairman announced that the report from Credentials and Elections Committee would be addressed under Agenda item 17 and moved to Agenda Item 16.

16 Any Other Business

Report on Silent Key VK1KM

WIA reported that Keith Malcolm VK1KM was now a silent key. A replacement for him as the EMR Coordinator will be required.

Chairman announced that this matter would be left to the Directors. He moved to Agenda Item 17.

17 Election of Office Bearers for the Next Triennium

Chairman announced the Directors-elect as follows, according to the report from Credentials and Elections Committee, and congratulated them.

1. Peter Lake ZL2AZ
2. Joong-Geun Rhee HL1AQQ
3. Shizuo Endo JE1MUI
4. Geoff Atkinson VK3TL
5. Wisnu Widjaja YB0AZ
6. Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN

(Conference approved all the appointments by acclamation.)

Chairman He also reported that just one proposal was received for the position of Secretary nominating Katsumi (Ken) Yamamoto JA1CJP and welcomed him.

(Conference approved the appointment by acclamation.)

Chairman moved to Agenda Item 18 and invited the Secretary to report.

18 Appointment of IARU Region 3 Auditor and Coordinators/Committee Chairpersons

- Secretary recommended, with the support of JARL, that Mr. Makoto Suzuki, JA1QIW, be re-appointed as the Auditor of IARU Region 3.
- Secretary called for volunteers for the vacant positions of Coordinators or Committee Chairpersons as follows:
- IARU Region 3 EMR Coordinator:
Position vacant. Directors to take action to fill the vacancy.
- IARU Region 3 EMC Coordinator:
- KARL confirmed the resignation of Prof. Chang HL3QUV.
- ORARI offered Mr Onno W Purbo YC0MLC for the position.
- Chairman called for the Coordinators/Committee Chairpersons as follows:
- IARU Region 3 Monitoring System Coordinator:
Mr. Peter Young, VK3MV
- IARU Region 3 Beacon Coordinator:
Mr. Peter Norden, ZL2SJ
VR2BG to be deleted from the list.
- IARU Region 3 EMC Coordinator:
Position vacant. ORARI offered Mr Onno W Purbo YC0MLC for the position.
- IARU Region 3 EMR Coordinator:
Position vacant. Directors to take action to fill the vacancy.
- Chairman of IARU Region 3 ARDF Committee:
Mr. Yoshio Arisaka, JA1HQG
- Chairman of IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee:
Mr. Jim Linton, VK3PC
- Convenor of STARS*** Task Force:
Mr. Masayoshi Ebisawa, JA1DM
- Convenor of the Harmonization of License Qualification Committee:
Mr. Paul Anderson, VR2BBC to be replaced
- HARTS reported that HARTS would nominate another candidate.
- Region 3 Awards Manager
Mr. Alan Chapman, ZL3GX
- Chairman confirmed the appointments and re-appointments en masse on the voices.

He then adjourned the meeting for the short meeting of the Directors-elect, in accordance with Article 27A of the Constitution.

Chairman resumed the meeting on return of the Directors and invited Shizuo Endo JE1MUI to report.

JE1MUI reported that Gopal Madhavan VU2GMN was unanimously elected as their Chairman.

(This was endorsed by Conference with acclamation.)

VU2GMN greeted the Conference.

Chairman moved to Agenda Item 19 and invited the Credentials and Elections Committee to report on the received invitations.

19 Date and Venue of the 15th IARU Region 3 Conference.

JA1HQG the Convenor of the Committee reported that they had received only one proposal from ORARI.

ORARI confirmed its offer to host the 16th IARU Region 3 Conference in Jogjakarta, central Java, Indonesia in late 2015. Jogjakarta is a tourist city and the nearby area is famous for the Buddhist relics and temples at Borobudur, and the surrounding area. ORARI last hosted the Conference in 1991 in Bandung city.

(Moved by NZART and seconded by BDARA)

Chairman confirmed that the 16th IARU Region 3 Conference will be hosted by ORARI in Jogjakarta in late 2015.

20 Closure of the Conference

Chairman thanked especially the VARC Committee and helpers who had made the 15th Regional Conference such a success. Thanks were also due to the various chairpersons of committees for all their assistance throughout the Conference, and to all the attendees who contributed and helped to make the Conference run smoothly.

Terry ZL3QL declared the meeting closed at 16:00 hours.

(The 15th IARU Region 3 Conference declared closed at 16:00 hours, Thursday 8 November 2012)

DAY 5: Friday, 9 November 2012 – Tour to Mekong Delta and My Tho

A full day excursion tour was held on Friday to the Mekong Delta and the nearby town of My Tho. The excellent and comprehensive escorted tour was enjoyed by most delegates and partners. Thanks were given to VARC and the tour company for their hard work to make this a successful conclusion to the Conference.

End of 15th IARU Region 3 Conference Minutes
