

Report of the Programs and Services Committee
ARRL Board of Directors Meeting, January 21-22, 2005

The Programs and Services Committee (PSC) completed its first full year at the end of 2004. Committee members include Directors Wade Walstrom, W0EJ, Chair; Bob Vallio, W6RGG; Greg Milnes, W7OZ; Dennis Bodson, W4PWF; Art Goddard, W6XD; International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD; Rosalie White, K1STO, Staff Liaison; and Wayne Mills, N7NG, Staff Liaison.

Throughout the year Director Vallio served as liaison to the DXAC and Director Goddard as liaison to the CAC.

The PSC monitored the progress of the ARESCOM as they not only completed their Board mandated task of developing a plan for an ARES network, but actually implemented such a network. The Board extended the charter of ARESCOM to the January, 2005 Board meeting. A separate report will be presented on this topic.

The PSC also interfaced with the ad hoc committee on VHF, UHF, Microwaves, Contests and Programs, chaired by Director Frenaye. This committee has completed its work and submitted their recommendations to the PSC for review and comment. These same results were also forwarded to the CAC for review.

The PSC added a youth element to all categories of Field Day operation.

The PSC directed that the Field Day rules be modified to limit the multi-transmitter bonus points to a maximum of 2000.

The Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) is reviewing the guidelines for contest operating.

Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, joined HQ staff to implement the ARRL Volunteer Mentor Program. PSC has been monitoring the progress of the implementation of this program.

Allen Pitts, W1AGP, joined HQ staff as Media and Public Relations Manager, replacing Jennifer Hagy, who left HQ staff last summer. One of the tasks to work on with Allen involved the Section Speakers bureau. The PSC has not pursued this task with Allen since his arrival and is a task for the next PSC to complete.

The PSC is supporting a program to recognize dedication of volunteer examiners (VEs) with special listing on the official ARRL website.

The PSC also has investigated the implementation of special interest group sections of the official ARRL website to be maintained by special interest group participants. Trial efforts have proved effective and further such efforts should be actively pursued as another means of increasing ARRL membership.

Throughout 2004 the PSC has tracked HQ staff implementation of VRC Field Organization Evaluation Report recommendations.

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