

## ARRL Ad-hoc Committee on Scouting Report to the Board – July 18, 2008

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**ARRL ad-hoc Committee on Scouting charge:** To study the interface between ARRL and scouting organizations and make recommendations for improvement, and survey ARRL and scouting literature for effectiveness and adequacy.

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At the January 2008 meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors, a thorough set of recommendations were provided in these pages, as per our charge, to better promote ham radio to our Scouting community, and to formalize the relationship between ARRL and the Boy Scouts of America.

As the first course of action in response to our January report, the ARRL Board of Directors adopted the following motion (as read in Minute #41):

*On motion of Mr. Fenstermaker, seconded by Mr. Edgar, it was VOTED that the following resolution be adopted:*

*WHEREAS, the ARRL and Boy Scouts of America (BSA) have mutually supportive goals and where these goals include and are not limited to: Education, development of skills, leadership, emergency preparedness and awareness; and*

*WHEREAS, no specific agreement is in place between ARRL and BSA;*

*NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL engage in discussions with BSA leading to a formal and mutually supportive relationship.*

Since the January board meeting Chairman Milesosky, on behalf of the committee and ARRL, has been in contact with the Relationships Division of the Boy Scouts of America to express ARRL's intentions to enter in a memorandum of mutual support. While communications between the two organizations continue to take place, draft language is being circulated amongst the committee members as well as key Headquarters staff for their input and consideration before being forwarded to BSA for their consideration.

Beyond a memorandum of mutual support between ARRL and BSA, this committee looks forward to seeing its other recommendations implemented. As mentioned in our previous report, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate its 100th anniversary in two years, and there is much that ARRL and BSA could do together to forge a strong alliance for the second century of Scouting and amateur radio.

Respectfully submitted,

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