

**Report of the Executive Committee
ARRL Board of Directors
July 2026**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Following are noteworthy actions of the Executive Committee (EC) since the January Board Meeting.

The EC continues to monitor the status of our pending matters before the FCC with Counsel Siddall. Following the “Delete, Delete, Delete” proceeding from the FCC last year, Counsel Siddall has watched closely for opportunities to address the changing environment at FCC, especially reviewing Part 97 to see if there are additional items to be simplified or deleted within reason and not extreme. We need to stand ready for continued discussions with the FCC when they arise.

The EC worked with Counsel Siddall on filing objections to the requested grant of four experimental special temporary authority (STA) applications of Caos Capital. The four applications filed with the FCC requested use of 420-450 MHz spectrum for experimental purposed related to anti-drone (C-UAS) development. You may recall that last year ARRL successfully stopped two similar applications by Caos. There are numerous other contractors, including some under government contracts, working on the same issues without causing interference. However, Caos seems determined in arguing for the use of Amateur spectrum and seeks to disregard the FCC’s experimental license rules. Unfortunately, the location and frequencies requested for use by Caos are some of the most heavily used and it would be difficult to avoid harmful interference, consequently, we asked the Commission to decline the requested authorizations. Objections were filed on March 24, 2026. See ODV:1026

Another filing by Counsel Siddall concerns FCC’s proposal to add a secondary allocation for space tracking, telemetry and control (TT&C) in the 2320-2345 MHz band. While this proposal would have no effect on Amateur spectrum, the Commission asked for comments on extending the proposal to include licensees at 2305-2320 MHz which would overlap the 5 MHz secondary Amateur spectrum from 2305-2310 Mhz. On May 11, 2026, a filing was made for the record to document our concerns for potential interference and protection of communications adjacent to the proposed band at 2300-2305 MHz, especially in the 2304 MHz area. This type of filing underscores the importance of using our spectrum. Use it or lose it as the old saying goes. See ODV:1081

The EC held a virtual meeting on April 22, 2026. Minutes were sent to members on June 5, 2026. See ODV:1139

I want to thank the members of the EC for their hard work and dedication to Amateur Radio and the League.

Respectfully submitted,

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