

International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio
2016 Annual General Meeting
Seoul, Republic of Korea
May 30, 2016

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was called to order at the Kintex I Exhibition Center Business Lounge 2B, on Monday, May 30, 2016, at 8:43 AM Korea Standard Time, with four members physically present and one attending via Skype. Immediate Past President Bill Main VK4ZD chaired the meeting. Other persons present were Diane Main VK4DI, Phil Fleming N9HWO, and Ingo Werk KK6EWB. IFROAR President John Moriarty ZL2JPM attended via Skype from New Zealand. Kim Jae-Ho HL4CCM arrived at 9:13 AM, and Terunobu Hashimoto JM2HBO and Tim Matsuda JH1NVZ arrived later.

Silent Keys

Wally Gelok VK6YS was acknowledged as a Silent Key.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the 2015 AGM in Sao Paulo, Brazil, were presented. John Moriarty ZL2JPM was the only attendee. He discussed the issues involving the Sao Paulo convention. A resolution to approve the minutes was passed unanimously.

President's Report

The President's Report, previously published on the IFROAR website (www.ifroar.org) was accepted as published.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report, previously published on the IFROAR website, was accepted as published.

Treasurer's Report

John Moriarty ZL2JPM presented the Treasurer's report on behalf of Ed Tyler (N4EDT), reporting US\$11,000 on hand. Approval was given to reimburse Bill Main VK4ZD for a taxi ride this morning (\$92.65) to arrive before the convention opened to open and set up the AGM meeting site. The expense was approved with a vote of thanks to Treasurer Ed Tyler N4EDT. John Moriarty ZL2JPM to add the position of Assistant Treasurer and approve Ingo Werk KK6EWB to the position, with him becoming Treasurer before the 2017 Atlanta AGM. After discussion, KK6EWB was appointed Treasurer-nominee by the AGM with access to the bank accounts of the Treasurer. A resolution was presented that Ingo Werk KK6EWB be elected Treasurer-Nominee from today (May 30, 2016), and that he coordinate with the current Treasurer Ed Tyler N4EDT to facilitate transfer of fund accounts, to be accomplished by the 2017 AGM in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The resolution was approved by acclamation.

Tribute Resolutions

A Resolution of Tribute for retiring Secretary Dr. Elwood ("Andy") Anderson AE5EA: "The Fellowship is indebted to Andy for his many years of service. Office bearers serve on behalf of the members and their

voluntary efforts merit our thanks. We wish Andy well and trust that he will keep in touch with us.” This resolution was passed by acclamation.

A Resolution of Tribute for retiring Regional Vice-President of USCB West Ken Demaray W8S00: “Ken, after many years in this role, has resigned as Vice-President USCB West. Ken has been active on the Atlantic net and more recently in contact with past President Perti Kause EA7GSU. Again, the fellowship thanks Ken for his years of service and trust that he will continue to be active on the nets.” This resolution was passed by acclamation.

Election of Officers

Phil Fleming N9HWO has made himself available to assume the role of Secretary, and was seconded by John Moriarty ZL2JPM. He was elected by acclamation as Secretary.

Steve Bloom KL7SB has made himself available to assume the role of Vice-President for USCB West. He is seconded by John Moriarty ZL2JPM. He was elected by acclamation.

Succession Plan

A succession plan was discussed. Officers in ROAR are proposed and confirmed at the AGM. Terms for officers other than President are “sine die,” but for the President the term is 3 years. Although the next President’s term commences in July 2018 – some time away – it is desirable that this office move through ROAR’s regions (e.g., by 2018, the previous two Presidents will have been from ANZO, and prior to that, Europe. President John Moriarty ZL2JPM sought expressions in interest or suggestions of potential candidates for his successor.

Other Agenda Items

There was an agenda item concerning “an earlier suggestion by Andy Anderson AE5EA that when someone makes a dues payment between April and June, we currently give them credit for the year in which they pay, and that we should give them credit for the remainder of the current year plus the next year.” Bill Main VK4ZD stated that this had already been approved at the Sydney AGM but has not yet been implemented.

There was also an agenda item concerning membership from President John Moriarty ZL2JPM. The text reads: “If we want Rotarian amateurs who are in arrears on their dues to continue to be members of ROAR, I suggest that during the next Rotary year [2016-2017] we contact all who are in arrears in dues and actually no longer a member of ROAR and offer a one-time opportunity to pay dues for 2015-16 and we will forgive all back dues owed. For most of these Rotarians, I have email addresses and for those whom I don’t, I have a home address. Snail mail would be a little costly, but I think it will pay for itself in membership renewal.” This was stated and passed at the Sydney AGM, but the previous Secretary Andy Anderson AE5EA has not been able to implement this. Ingo Werk KK6EWB made a suggestion to invoice members on an annual basis. He suggested to use an Excel spreadsheet and send a copy to the Treasurer. Diane Main VK4DI suggested to invoice 1 month before dues are due. Information should also be sent to Bill Main VK4ZD for posting on the website. This will help in our efforts to get back former ROAR members.

General Business

Phil Fleming N9HWO discussed nets on Sunday and Tuesday, to have a general discussion on Rotarians in North America to communicate better. A suggestion was made to have a reflector or email list for ROAR-North America.

John Moriarty ZL2JPM noted that current propagation conditions are poor, and that the regional Vice-Presidents “have to lead the charge.”

Bill Main VK4ZD and Diane Main VK4DI asked that next year that the ROAR booth not be placed near the musicians or the entertainment, as it is difficult to hear radio contacts under those conditions. They also suggested that ROAR start looking now for local contacts for the 2017 Atlanta Convention to set up local radio facilities. John Moriarty ZL2JPM suggested operating remotely if propagation is poor, to get around the poor conditions.

The meeting ended by unanimous consent at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Phil Fleming, N9HWO
Secretary