

# Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio AGM

## To be held in the

Kintex 1 (Exhibition Center I), Seoul Korea

Business Lounge 2B

0830 to 1000 on Monday, 30 May 2016.

## Agenda

1. Call to order,
2. Confirmation of the meeting Chairman
3. Confirmation of Meeting Secretary
4. Registration and introduction of the attendees,  
(An attendance register will be available)
5. Apologies Received.
  - a. President John (ZL2JPM) tenders his apology and may join the AGM via SKYPE.
6. Tribute to Silent Keys – information from the floor
  - a. Wally Gelok VK6YS
7. Minutes of the last meeting
  - a. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. (see attached minutes):  
**Resolution:** that the Minutes of the last meeting be accepted.
  - b. Matters arising from 2016 minutes
8. Report of annual activities
  - a. President John, (ZL2JPM) (Attached)
  - b. Vice President ANZO Phil (VK2MCB)
  - c. Incoming Vice President USCB West Steve (KL7SB)
9. Treasurer's report
  - a. Confirmation of the Treasurer's Report
  - b. **Resolution:** that the Treasurer's Report Be accepted
  - c. Vote of Thanks to the Treasurer.
10. Tributes:
  - a. Resignation of Secretary **Dr Elwood 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.
  - b. Resignation of **Ken Demaray (W8SOO)**. 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 (EA7GSU). Again, the fellowship thanks Ken for his years of service and trust that he will continue to be active on the nets.
11. Election of Officers.
  - a. Philip B. ("Phil") Fleming (N9HWO) has made himself available to assume the role of Secretary of Roar. He is seconded by President John.
    - i. **Resolution:** That Phil Fleming be appointed Secretary of ROAR.
  - b. Stephen Bloom (KL7SB) has made himself available to assume the role of Vice President USCB West. He is seconded by President John.
    - i. **Resolution:** That Stephen Bloom be appointed Vice President USCB West.

12. Succession Plan.

Officers in ROAR are proposed and confirmed at the AGM. Terms for offices 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 throughout ROAR's regions (e.g. by 2018, the previous two Presidents will have been from ANZO, and prior to that, Europe). President John seeks expressions of interest or suggestions of potential candidates for his successor.

13. Discussion:

a. Confirmation of an earlier suggestion from outgoing Secretary, Andy AE5EA:

1. When someone makes a dues payment between April and June, we currently give them credit for the year in which they pay - **we should give them credit for the remainder of the year plus the next year.**

2. 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 we contact all who are in arrears on 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 an e-mail address and for those for 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.

14. General Business

15. Next Meeting

16. Close.

## ROAR President's Report for the year 2015-2016

Although my term as Roar President commenced on 1 July 2015, its effective starting date was at the São Paulo convention a few weeks earlier. That convention highlighted several ROAR: engaged membership and the changing face of that membership.

At São Paulo five new members joined ROAR and since then other new members have joined a rate of about one a month. Whilst it is extremely encouraging to see membership steadily increase I am still left with a question which, as yet, remains unanswered: how do we increase the value and scope of our Fellowship to new members when many of them are unlikely to engage in our HF nets (cost and the practical constraints of erecting effective HF aerials in urban settings, et cetera)? Moreover, how can we make ROAR appeal to younger potential members? To those who have been in ROAR for some time, I suspect these questions are less troubling but they are shared with many other Fellowships and, indeed, are central to the future of a great many Rotary clubs.

That said, it is pleasing to see, despite declining solar activity, our HF nets continue to be the mainstay of international fellowship. In this regard, I pass on my thanks and best wishes to ROAR members in Japan. For years they have had one of the most well attended networks within the Fellowship and are a striking example to everyone. Similarly, the work done every week by John (G3OKT) compiling net reports from Europe and ANZO cannot be left unremarked! My thanks also to Phil (VK2MCB) for keeping John primed with news from Australia and New Zealand.

Conventions play a huge role in promoting Fellowships. Whilst we did not have an active station at our São Paulo booth, we were provided with generous support from LABRE and many QSO's were made from an off-site station with call sign ZW110ROAR. My thanks to Gustavo (PT2ADM) and his team of helpers from LABRE who not only provided equipment and signage but whose presence helped to make our ROAR booth look extremely professional. This year, in the lead up to Seoul Convention, work is being done on an active station using the call sign HL16RI. My thanks to Kim (HL4CCM) and to Past President Bill (VK4ZD) for working together to establish a station. I trust all will be well on the day!

This year ROAR has been invited to share in a Convention program presentation on Fellowships organised by Lawrence Tristram, President of Rotarian Singles Fellowship. This is an example of collaboration which I heartily endorse and I thank Past President Bill (VK4ZD) for agreeing to present our component of this program item at Seoul.

Our Communicator is not only a great way to share the things we do amongst our members but it is also a requirement of Rotary International and our presence at Conventions is conditional on meeting all of our obligations as a Fellowship. This year we will have published two Communicators and I express my thanks to Diane (VK4DI) for offering her assistance as publisher and of course to all of you who have forwarded articles for publication.

The Communicator is probably the best vehicle we have for developing dialogue, sharing ideas and providing potential members with examples of what they can share in. I'm pleased with this year's Communicators and I would urge members to share their activities with the President and the Publisher in the year ahead. There is no such thing as too much copy!

All members of ROAR possess skills which may be very valuable to others - such as in times of local or overseas emergencies arising from natural disasters or by mentoring others wishing to acquire knowledge of radio communications and its associated systems. Whilst we have seen a number of ROAR initiatives promoting Rotary's focus on Polio Eradication (see recent Communicators) I'm sure there are other opportunities for collaboration not only with other Rotary Fellowships but also with our local communities where ROAR members' skills can be applied to the betterment all concerned. This is an area where I believe dialogue amongst us would be very constructive and may provide a pathway for rejuvenating our membership and adding value to Rotary.

I add my thanks on behalf of our members to Andy (AE5EA) and Ken (W8SOO) who have held office for many years, and also to Phil (N9HWO) and Stephen (KL7SB) who have offered to assume the

roles of Secretary and Vice-President USCB respectively: welcome aboard! And to the other ROAR officeholders, my thanks on behalf of our members for your contributions to your area.

To those of you travelling to the Convention in Seoul my thanks and best wishes for your support.

Helen and I look forward to seeing you at the ROAR booth in 2017 at Atlanta.

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Dr John Moriarty (ZL2JPM)

President