

International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

2018 Annual General Meeting

Room 809, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Ontario, Canada

12:30 pm. Saturday, 23rd June, 2018

AGENDA

- 1. Meeting Convened by the Chairman (President IFROAR)**
 - a. Roll Call of Members and any Visitors Present.**
 - b. Apologies Received.**
 - c. Silent Keys Received.**

- 2. Minutes of the AGM held in Atlanta, 2017 (attached)**
 - a. Moved: That these minutes be received as a true record of that meeting.**
 - b. Matters Arising from those Minutes**

- 3. President's Report (Attached)**

- 4. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Moved: That the Report be received**

- 5. Treasurer's Report (Interim Financials Attached)**

Any amended Financials will be tabled beforehand.

 - a. Moved: That the actual and reasonable expenses of IFROAR as incurred and presented by its Officers be approved.**
 - b. Moved: That the financial statements be received.**

- 6. Notices of Motion Received**
 - a. Notice of Motion received from President John (ZL2JPM) (attached).**
 - b. Other Notices of Motion received by the Secretary in a timely manner.**

- 7. Changeover From President John (ZL2JPM) to President-Elect Ed (N4EDT)**
 - a. President John will transfer the badge to President Elect Ed for his 2018-2021 term of Office.**

- 8. Address to Members from President Ed (N4EDT)**

- 9. General Business**

Next Annual General Meeting to be held at the Rotary Convention in Hamburg, Germany – expected to be between the dates of 1st- 5th June 2019 at a venue to be confirmed.

**International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio
2017 Annual General Meeting
Atlanta Convention Center, Room A406
Atlanta, Georgia, USA
Saturday 10 June 2017**

The meeting was opened at 12:34 PM local time by President John Moriarty ZL2JPM

Apologies were received from Diane (VK4DI) and Ingo (KK6EWB)

It was announced that Bob Butler WB7RQGA had become a Silent Key in July 2016.
Joe Spears AF1E said that Joseph Simonet W0TBC had also become a silent key.

Bill Main VK4ZD moved, and Richard Golden K8LOS seconded, that the minutes of the previous AGM be approved. The motion passed.

VK4ZD mentioned the treasurer's transition from Ed Tyler N4EDT to Ingo Werk KK6EWB which will take place at the 2018 AGM. This is a carryover from the Seoul AGM.

President ZL2JPM passed out his report, which is incorporated by reference.

Treasurer N4EDT reported that the treasury had about US \$12,066. He noted that there were some problems with confirming days payments, which have now been resolved.
ROAR is not incorporated in the USA. The group needs to incorporate and apply for a 501(c) 3 or 501(c) 4 tax-exempt status. There was a discussion on the two different types of tax exemption classifications. Jeff Brennan AC7IJ, an attorney, volunteered to assist in the paperwork.
ZL2JPM moved, and K8LOS seconded, to form a committee to do the paperwork. KK6EWB was added to the committee. The committee will report to the ROAR officers in six months. The motion passed.

ZL2JPM discussed a plan to put forward a Profit and Loss Statement by next year. Accounts will be posted on the ROAR website and emailed to members. He also discussed experimenting with a program called Netlogger for net check-ins. ZL2JPM authorized the expenditure for Netlogger.

Election of Officers

The current president-nominee is N4EDT. He was nominated as President-Elect by ZL2JPM and seconded by VK4ZD. There were no other nominations. N4EDT was elected by unanimous vote and will become President at 2018 Convention.

Ingo Werk KK6EWB was nominated to become ROAR Treasurer in 2018, with a transition to occur during this AGM and the 2018 meeting. N4EDT discussed the plans for an upgraded financial system. ZL2JPM moved, and N4EDT seconded that KK6EWB become Treasurer as discussed. The motion was unanimously approved.

ZL2JPM discussed the new system being developed for membership and dues. It is a full accounting system, and also with a full membership system. New memberships and renewals will get automated

emails sent to members and officers. We have about 451 members in 31 countries in the current system. About 10-15% are active members. This new system is a prototype system which can be further developed or “tweaked” later. It is based on Microsoft Excel. ZL2JPM moved to adopt this system on a trial basis. The motion was approved.

General Business

The meeting also discussed some of the issues relating to incorporation of IFROAR. One imperative for change is the ownership of the Bank account – currently associated with N4EDT on behalf of the fellowship. Jeff Brennan (AC7IJ) offered to assist the President and President-Elect with any legal matters that might need to be addressed if the fellowship either incorporated or sought formal movement of the bank account into its own name. AC7IJ’s offer of support was accepted.

N4EDT discussed Netlogger software, including a text window, for use with the USA nets. The current USA net has been moved to 40 meters from 20 meters, but he still can’t hear the West Coast.

N4EDT said that the switch to electronic forms of communication has made some things more efficient, but also causes problems if we lose email addresses, etc. He noted that many Rotarians are unaware of the ROAR Fellowship, calling it “the Best-Kept Secret in Rotary.” He suggested that we ask each District to raise awareness of all the Rotary Fellowships, especially ROAR. We need to talk about our Fellowships. Communication is a key part.

ZL2JPM said he is encouraging the Vice-Presidents to “step up” and be more active. He also said that local nets are just as important as long-range nets to get Rotary’s name out.

The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 1:39pm local time. The next Annual General Meeting will be held at the Rotary Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in June 2018 (date and time to be announced).

Respectfully Submitted by Phil Fleming, N9HWO, ROAR Secretary

Attendees (those who signed the roster)

N9HWO	Phil Fleming
KL3ZR	Dan Nelson
ZL2JPM	John Moriarty
N4EDT	Ed Tyler
NG2H	Ken Karr
VK4ZD	Bill Main
W5FY	Jerry Chapman
KD8WFE	Michael Kramer
K8LOS	Richard A Golden
WD6EJI	Donna Grigsby
WA6AAI	Stan Grigsby
AC7IJ	Jeff Brennan
KL7SB	Stephen Bloom
AF1E	Joe Spears
W8SOO	Ken Demaray

President's Report to Members of The Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio.

Annual General Meeting, Toronto, 23rd June 2018

Dr John P Moriarty (ZL2JPM)

Three years ago, at the Sydney Convention, I had the honour of becoming President of our Fellowship. Looking back, three years seems quite a long time ago and as with most Rotary appointments, I wouldn't have missed the opportunity and am now very pleased to both welcome and support Mr Ed Tyler (N4EDT) as our new President.

Rotary fellowships bring their own joys and challenges. Coming together as Rotarians with a common interest and communicating with one another via amateur radio greatly enlarges the value of Rotary life. But behind the scenes there is also the vital task of coordinating and administering the Fellowship across dozens of countries and ensuring that members' expectations are met – particularly at the annual Convention. This is the work carried out by your President and fellowship Officers. Believe me, the work behind the scenes in any fellowship, ours included, can sometimes seem like “herding cats”. Any assistance or support given by members to the Fellowship's Officers is always welcomed and gratefully acknowledged.

Acknowledgements.

Thanks are due to many members and Officers. Firstly, thanks to our new members who joined us this past year and ongoing thanks to those who participate in our weekly nets – despite difficult propagation; without you all, our Fellowship would shine less brightly.

I thank all our Officers – noting Secretary Phil (N5WHO) for his work this year; ANZO VP Phil (VK2MCB) also took on the job of recording worldwide net activities; Webmaster Bill (VK4ZD); Newsletter Editor Diane (VK4DI); incoming President Ed for his leadership with the USA net and helping to provision the Toronto Convention Booth and USCB VP Joe (AF1E) for helping to get traffic onto our DSTAR reflector node. A special acknowledgement also goes to Jeff Brennan (AC7IJ) who provided legal assistance to sort out our banking issues. I note our new treasurer, Ingo (KK6WEB), is busying himself taking over the reins from past treasure Ed (N4EDT).

I also acknowledge the excellent support IFROAR has had from Japan (88 members) and RIBI (22 members) and particularly welcome the renewal of membership in the USA (46 members paid into the future).

Membership.

The compelling reason to improve fellowship administration was the historical inadequacy of our membership and financial records. I wrote and tested an Excel-based System and introduced it at Atlanta Convention. This a prototype administration system, along with a more systematic approach to subscription renewal has produced very encouraging results. Our database has 441 entries – all of whom paid at least one subscription over the past 10 years. In 2016, paid-up membership stood at no more than 120 members, but the introduction of the administration system has helped to raise this to 179 members – many of whom have paid for 5 years.

The prototype system is now complete. It integrates all fellowship accounting, membership records, region records, automated communications for sub renewal and sub receipting, statistics, financial reports and more. Unfortunately, providing international access to it has been hampered by unsatisfactory performance that now needs to be overcome (internet bandwidth issues – not dissimilar to remote operation of a HF Station). Working satisfactorily in a “local” environment has been invaluable,

but the future calls for faster access from anywhere. The prototype will be handed over to the incoming administration and it can either be used as it is, or extended to a more efficient platform that improves accessibility from anywhere in the world.

Our statistics are appended for interest and I'm sure everyone would agree that the effort to reach out to all potential members needs to continue and alongside that, increased participation levels in member-member communication via amateur radio.

New initiatives.

The HF QSO has been the traditional way our members have interacted for decades. Transcontinental nets have been very successful in the past linking all regions - with modest equipment in the shack and similarly modest antennas (for most of us). My own introduction to ROAR, 8 years ago, was with a simple G5RV and an ICOM7000 into an auto tuner. I had little difficulty with the ANZO-Europe Net, but as the years progressed, propagation deteriorated as solar flux collapsed. Today, a Beam, a Kilowatt and a top range transceiver is the starting point for feasible HF intercontinental networking: a huge investment indeed!

Our Fellowship stands on the shoulders of years of amateur innovation and experimentation and I believe that our value to current and future members lies in additional modes of radio communication. To that end, I worked with a DSTAR team in New Zealand to provide IFROAR members with a "reflector". This service has been provided gratis and I acknowledge the kindness of Phil (ZL2RO) and Tony (ZL2EZ) in providing DCS626 (E) for IFROAR members.

Accessing DSTAR or DMR Digital modes has become even easier. Modest in cost, easy to set-up and use, outstanding voice and data quality and truly global in reach, it is hard to see any down-side to these supplementary communication modes for IFROAR's traditional HF members or as primary modes for our new members. I don't believe that it matters much which mode you choose because interconnection between DSTAR and DMR is now available!

I welcome new interest in DSTAR or DMR and hope to see members on the DCS626 reflector soon (www.626.nz). Join with Joe (AF1E), Phil (VK2MCB) and John (ZL2JPM) and swell the numbers on our DSTAR reflector (DMR also works on this reflector).

Similarly, the upsurge in HF digital modes such as FT8 has sparked new enthusiasm around the world as propagation deteriorates. These modes provide extremely reliable, global, QRP, low-speed, character-based QSOs and there is no reason why IFROAR members wishing to setup nets can't do so. You CAN have a QSO on these modes – it's the "New Morse".

Administration, Finances and Funding.

At the previous AGM, the question of Incorporation arose. The driver for this was twofold: RI encourages fellowships to incorporate and, historically, IFROAR's banking was essentially the liability of past treasurer Ed. Incorporation imposes significant governance and compliance challenges for a global membership entity like IFROAR. Advice from Jeff Brennan (AC7IJ) helped to re-establish our banking in the name of IFROAR – operating as an unincorporated entity. Liability still rests with members, but the risks associated with our mode of operation are extremely small. Proceeding to incorporate IFROAR is a decision for the future.

The Fellowship has steadily accumulated funds which have traditionally been spent on services and facilities at Convention. Annual fees are modest and benchmark well with other Fellowships. The attached statements of Financial Performance and Position report an extremely robust situation and it is

timely to consider how these funds can best be used to improve the accessibility of Amateur Radio to all of our members – wherever they are.

Rotary International rules limit the accumulation of Fellowship funds – for good reason. Fellowships should be focussed on inclusive and participative membership – in our case, increasing the participation of our members in Amateur Radio. I will be moving a motion at the AGM to give the President delegated authority to resource initiatives that have potential to benefit “all members” through new technologies or services that would improve their interactions between each other using Amateur Radio.

In conclusion.

I acknowledge the honour given to me these past three years through service as your President. I am delighted to pass the baton and the badge to incoming President Ed. I wish him well for his term and would be pleased to offer him my support – as I’m sure all of you would also do.

73’s John (ZL2JPM)

Notice of AGM Motion from Outgoing President John (ZL2JPM):

1. I move that the President of IFROAR be given delegated financial authority to approve expenditure on technological or service initiatives subject to the following conditions:
 - a. That the initiative is non-recurring, would be beneficial to members in general and could be enjoyed by any of them,
 - b. That any single initiative or combination of initiatives does not incur expenditure in excess of 10% of the Fellowship's equity in any Rotary year,
 - c. That no member of IFROAR receives any pecuniary benefit, directly or indirectly, from the funding of any initiative approved under this delegation,
 - d. That all initiatives under consideration are disclosed to members in the Fellowship's newsletter before this delegation is exercised on any of them.

Background to the Motion:

The ability to innovate and to respond to changing circumstances has become an issue for the Officers of IFROAR. For instance, the resurrection of a USA Net was essential and a mechanism for doing so involved a software dashboard service (akin to a DSTAR Reflector dashboard) allowing participants to "log-in" and register their availability for QSOs. This service was provided by other amateurs and was available to all members, although more usefully so to those in the USA. President John (ZL2JPM) authorised the expenditure of a few hundred dollars to purchase access to this service and it was ratified at the 2017 AGM. This motion would formalise funding of such initiatives in the future. Future possibilities could include:

- *Payment for Services on a Reflector that would enable any Digital mode to connect and create inter-mode QSOs by members.*
- *Improvement of the prototype administration system written by President John. This prototype may need to be advanced to provide greater capability by programmers and that would be of benefit to all members (through a more secure and capable administration system).*
- *Incorporation of IFROAR (if mandated by RI), would benefit all members from a legally safer governance structure.*

The condition of 10% of equity in any year limits addresses any risks and allows for revision at the next AGM, where the President must account to the Members for this delegation.

The motion also expects members who can do service for the Fellowship, for the benefit of all members, should do so without pecuniary reward. However, if such approved work involves payment to third parties (actual and reasonable costs for goods or services integral to that work), then those parties should be paid by the Fellowship.

Finally, disclosure of initiatives under consideration provides members with advance notice of benefits they could access.

IFROAR Statistics

Rotarians of Amateur Radio Member Database Statistics				
Database Statistics as at: 27 May 2018				
Current Financial Year Ends: 30 June 2018				
Membership Statistics: Entries				
Records in Database:	441			
Countries represented:	38			
Silent Key Entries:	0			
Duplicate Callsigns:	8	5	= NOCALL	
Subscription Statistics: Entries				
Subs Expiring in Future Years:	52			
Subs Expiring This Year:	127			
Subs Expired Last Year:	13			
Subs Expired 2 Years Ago:	14			
Subs Expired > 3 Years Ago:	235			
Totals:	441			
Regional Statistics: Entries		Subs > 2018	Subs = 2018	Subs < 2018
ANZO:	17	5	1	11
CEEMA:	47	9	1	37
ASIA:	95	2	88	5
RIBI:	24	0	22	2
SACAMA:	7	4	1	2
USCB:	251	32	14	205
Totals:	441	52	127	262
Country Statistics				
Sri Lanka	1			
West Indies	1			
Usa	239			
Taiwan	1			
Portugal	1			
Germany	5			
Korea (South)	1			
Philippines	2			
Spain	2			
France	6			
England	18			
Isle Of Man	2			
Northern Ireland	1			
Scotland	1			
Wales	1			
Switzerland	2			
Italy	8			
Dominica	1			
Japan	88			
Argentina	1			
Nigeria	1			
Finland	3			
Aruba	1			
Netherlands	6			
Brazil	4			
Brasil	1			
Sweden	3			
Iceland	1			
Russia	1			
Ukraine	1			
Canada	10			
Australia	14			
India	5			
Roumania	2			
Venezuela	1			
Zimbabwe	1			
New Zealand	3			
South Africa	1			

INTERIM IFROAR FINANCIALS (All amounts in \$US).

These accounts may be subject to amendment at the AGM. See Notes.

Statement of Financial Performance			
Rotarians of Amateur Radio			
28/05/2018 19:37			
[Amounts in \$US]			
PERIOD			LAST Year
Opening Date	1/07/2017		30/06/2016
Closing Date	30/06/2018		30/06/2017
Categories			
Income	Donations	-	\$0.00
	Grants	-	\$0.00
	Bank Interest	-	\$5.33
	Projects	-	\$0.00
	Refunds Received	-	\$0.00
	Sales	-	\$0.00
	Subscriptions	\$2,700.00	\$2,420.00
	Tax Received	-	\$0.00
		-	\$0.00
		-	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$2,700.00	\$2,425.33
Categories			
Expenses	Accommodation	-	\$0.00
	Bank Fees	\$25.05	\$46.28
	Computer Equipment	\$172.00	\$0.00
	Computer Networks	-	\$0.00
	Convention Fees	\$313.61	\$380.00
	Cost of Goods Sold	-	\$0.00
	Computer Software	-	\$250.00
	Gifts	-	\$0.00
	Hireage	-	\$0.00
	Insurance	-	\$0.00
	L&P Fees	-	\$0.00
	Marketing	-	\$0.00
	Misc Purchases	-	\$0.00
	Postage	-	\$0.00
	Printing	-	\$497.42
	Promotion	\$50.50	\$0.00
	Repairs and Maintenance	-	\$0.00
	Rotary Products	-	\$0.00
	Stationery	-	\$0.00
	Taxes	-	\$0.00
	Travel	-	\$0.00
	Uncategorised	-	\$0.00
		-	\$0.00
	-	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$561.16	\$1,173.70
NET Suplus for Period		\$2,138.84	\$1,251.63
Monetised Welfare Service Delivered		\$0.00	\$0.00

Rotarians of Amateur Radio							Welcome Screen	
Account Report between Selected Dates								
[Amounts in \$US]								
	From 1st Date:	To 2nd Date:	Account	Category Description				
	1/07/2017	30/06/2018	Payables (Trade)	Unpresented expense payments				
				Transaction Credits:	\$536.11			
				Transaction Debits:	\$0.00			
				Net Transactions:	\$536.11			
Qualifiers:	4							
Date	Transaction Type	Category	Xfer Type	Ex-Tax Amt	Tax	Transaction	Comment	
8/02/2018	Expenses	Computer Equipment	Credit	\$172.00	\$0.00	\$172.00	Intel Computer Admin System Loaded \$NVZ240.35	
1/05/2018	Expenses	Promotion	Credit	\$50.50	\$0.00	\$50.50	VE3R Callsign for Convention \$CA65.59	
27/05/2018	Expenses	Convention Fees	Credit	\$150.70	\$0.00	\$150.70	Electricity Supply at Toronto ~\$CA195.49	
27/05/2018	Expenses	Convention Fees	Credit	\$162.91	\$0.00	\$162.91	Toronto Booth Equipment ~\$CA211.31	

Statement of Financial Position			
Rotarians of Amateur Radio			
28/05/2018 19:37			
[Amounts in \$US]			
PERIOD			Last Year
Closing Date		30/06/2018	30/06/2017
Assets:	Current	\$16,104.94	\$13,137.13
	PayPal	\$379.28	\$672.14
	Investment	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Stock	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Service Supplied	\$0.00	\$0.00
		\$0.00	
	Receivables (Trade)	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$16,484.22	\$13,809.27
Liabilities:	Payables (Trade)	\$536.11	\$0.00
	Service Delivered	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Net GST Position	\$0.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$536.11	\$0.00
Equity:		\$15,948.11	\$13,809.27
GST Position:	Opening Tax	\$0.00	
(On Report Date)	Tax Paid	\$0.00	
	0	\$0.00	
	Grants	\$0.00	
	Tax Remitted	\$0.00	
	Net GST Position:	\$0.00	(+ = to Pay)

Notes:

1. The Current Account has been fully reconciled to bank statements as at its report date.
2. The ownership of the Current Account is now with IFROAR – an unincorporated entity.
3. The PayPal Account is unreconciled at its report date, but will be before the AGM. This may result in amendment at the AGM. The reason for the delay is that the Fellowship is currently restoring its “ownership” of the PayPal account and this has delayed transaction reports. Historically, both IFROAR’s income accounts were held by a member (for which the Fellowship has been grateful).
4. All outstanding expenses brought to the attention of the Treasurer have been accrued in the Payables (Trade) account and are shown on that Account’s report
5. Any amended Accounts will be tabled at the AGM.