

Dakota Division Update

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How many hams in the USA are ARRL members?

As of February 2020, the ARRL has 156,516 members

There are 755,952 licensed amateurs in the USA*

*<http://ah0a.org/FCC/Licenses.html>

Dakota Division Stats

	<u>Licensed*</u>	<u>Members</u>
Minnesota	11,521	2,590
North Dakota	1,588	300
South Dakota	<u>1,901</u>	<u>405</u>
Total	15,010	3,295

*AH0A.ORG/FCC 31 January 2019



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American Radio Relay League ARRL January Board Meeting

- Committee Meetings on Thursday
- Board of Directors Meetings Friday and Saturday
- Informative sessions on Thursday night

Board Elections

Honorary Vice Presidents

Our former Dakota Division Directors and Vice Directors retired at the end of the January board meeting. Both were elected to the title of Honorary Vice President.

Jay Bellows, K0QB, served 22 years on the board and continues to serve as International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 (The Americas) Treasurer.

Greg Widin, K0GW, served 12 years on the board and continues to serve as Chairman of the Logbook Of The World Committee (LOTW).

Board Elections

CEO

Chief Executive Officer Dr. Howard Michel's contract was not renewed. By secret ballot, 7 directors voted to retain him and 9 directors voted to dismiss him.

I voted to retain Dr. Michel because I thought he was making improvements in day-to-day operations of our non-profit organization that has about 80 employees and about a 15 million dollar annual operating budget.

My fellow board members have a considerable challenge to find our 3rd CEO in as many years. A search committee has been formed to hire a new CEO with experience running a non-profit organization, enthusiasm for amateur radio, doesn't mind New England weather and possibly paying higher state income taxes than previously used to. The new job posting is available on arrl.org.

Board Election Officers

Incumbent President Rick Roderick, K5UR, received 8 votes. Challenger, Pacific Division Director, Jim Tiemstra, K6JAT, received 7 votes.

International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, received 13 votes to challenger Bruce Frahm, K0BJ, 2 votes.

Elected Unanimously:

First Vice President Michael Raisbeck, K1TWF

Second Vice President Bob Vallio, W6RGG

Interim CEO and Secretary Barry Shelley, N1VXY

Treasurer Rick Niswander, K7GM

Chief Financial Officer Diane Middleton, W2DLM

Other Board Actions

- Lifelong Learning program will feature new website. Educational topics for many aspects of amateur radio will be available as well as a new store and membership database.
- New ARRL Strategic Plan
- Hire a new Emergency Communications Manager

Washington D.C.

The legislative advocacy committee is working with elected leaders and their office staff to create new legislation to provide reasonable accommodation of Amateur Radio antennas.

FCC Topics

HF Band Plan

Update digital bandwidth

Technician License Privileges

Protecting 3 and 5 GHz spectrum



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ARES Connect

Volunteer management system that will allow each ARES group to:

- Manage a membership roster

- Create and staff events

- Track training and radio exercises (nets)

Each ARES group and ARRL Section will have a unique page on the platform with appropriate admin control



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ARRL HQ

ARRL HQ is closed per CT
Governor order.

Services that may be impacted:

Award Processing

License Exam Processing

Outgoing QSL Bureau



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Events Cancelled

Buffalo, Minnesota

Visalia, California

Dayton / Xenia, Ohio

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

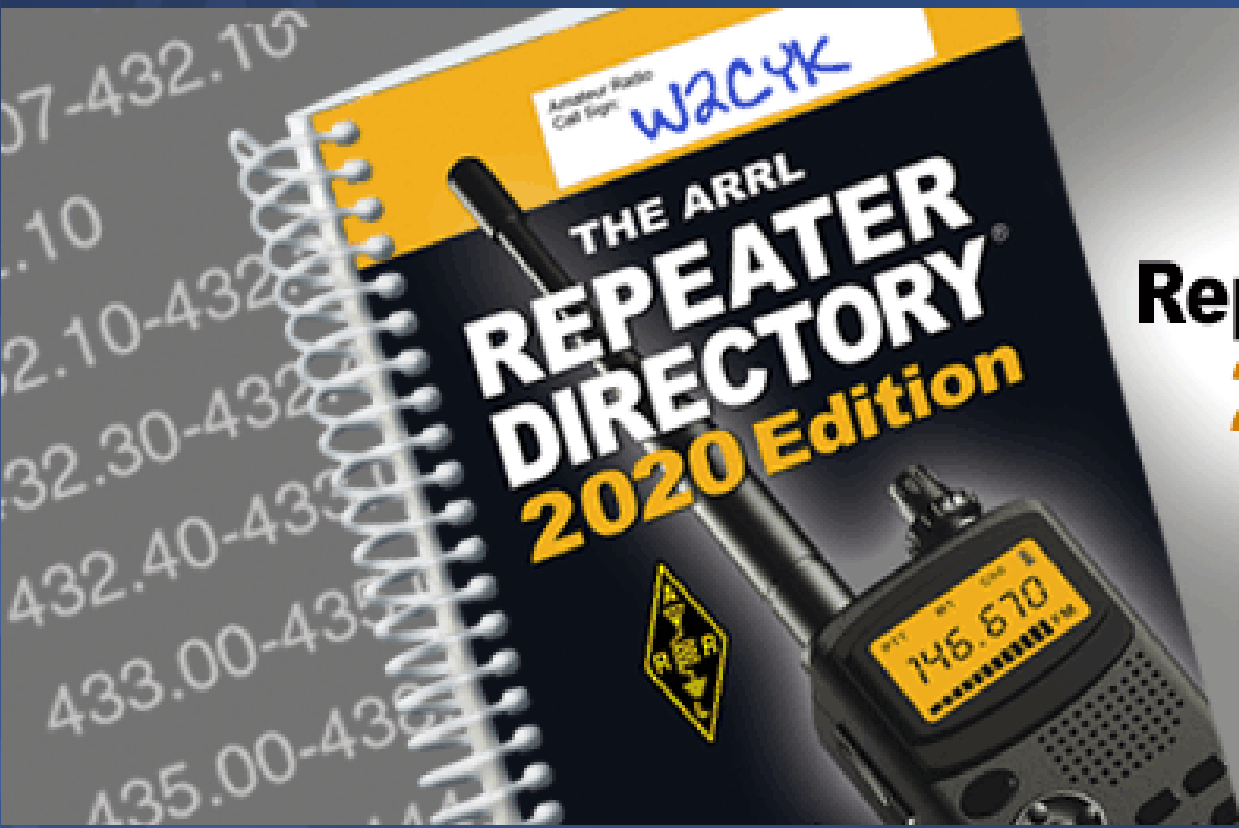


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What can we do?

- Check into HF nets
MN CW 3.568 SSB 3.860
ND 3.859 8:30 A.M. 3.860 6:30 P.M.
SD 3.86 3.87 3.89 3.96
- Check into your local repeaters
- Hold Club meetings on the Internet





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