New England Division 1Q 2022 Cabinet Meeting

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Phil Temples, K9HI Vice Director

January 8th, 2022

Agenda

9 am – 12:30 pm

- Director and Vice Director Update
  - Plans for Communications
  - Goals and ground rules for our meetings
  - ARRL Update
  - Assistant Directors/formation of teams
  - Plans for first 100-days
- Break – 10 min
- Section Manager Updates – 10 min each
- ARRL Education and Learning Plans – Steve Goodgame, K5ATA
- Plans for Ham Radio at the Big-E – Larry Krainson, W1AST
- Boston Marathon – Rob Macedo, KD1CY
- Open Mic – 5 min max each

Director and Vice Director Updates

NE Division Communications Plans for 2022

- Cabinet Meetings
  - Four planned for 2022, ***first one today***
  - Zoom with one face-to-face if COVID situation allows
  - Sections Managers, Club Presidents, CAC/DXAC Reps, Invited Guests …
- Town Hall Meetings
  - Two planned for 2022, ***first one February 16th at 7:30 pm ET***
  - Held via Zoom
  - All New England Division ARRL Members
- Club Meeting Attendance
  - Director, Vice Director, and Asst. Director to each attend at least 6 Club Meetings per quarter
- Hamfests – Current plans for Forums (to be expanded)
  - HAM-CON in VT – February 26TH
  - Spring NEAR-Fest – April 29th and 30th
  - HamXpostion – August 26th, 27th, and 28th
  - …

Cabinet Meetings

What are we about? Goals and suggested approach…

- Share information on ARRL initiatives and actions
- Listen to concerns and ideas that can be addressed by our Cabinet and the ARRL
- Initiate and share successful programs and activities across the division
- Engage ARRL leaders to collaborate to solve problems and develop programs to further Amateur Radio and the ARRL
- Key things to succeed:
  - Engage in candid, crisp, and well thought out communications
  - Embrace opportunities for changes to move Amateur Radio forward
  - Be action oriented – be prepared to “walk your talk”
  - Plan to form a team, pursue detailed discussions, and bring your asks for support to our group

ARRL Update and Feedback

Please tell us what you think about…

- Key Appointments
  - Manager Education and Learning – Steve Goodgame, K5ATA
  - Director of Emergency Management - Josh Johnston, KE5MHV
- July Board Highlights – (full minutes)
  - Created Emergency Communications & Field Service (standing) Committee
  - Youth Licensing Grant Program
- Spectrum Defense
  - 3 GHz Band and beyond
  - RFI on HF bands and above
- FCC Items
  - Expansion of Technician Privileges
  - Symbol Rate and band plan adjustments for unattended digital communications

ARRL Update and Feedback Continued

Please tell us what you think about…

- Contesting, DXing, and Operating Events
  - Adjustment of Medium Power Limit for ARRL Contests (150w -> 100w)
  - VHF Contest Survey
  - Field Day Survey
- Other
  - ARRL Response to proposed Forest Service Administration Proposal
- Looking ahead
  - Clean Signal Initiative
  - EmComm Plans going forward
  - Finances and Investment Management Strategy
  - Strategic Planning
  - Officer Elections – President, 1st and 2nd VPs, Treasurer
  - Potential adjustments in the way the Board operates

New England Div. Assistant Director

What is the role and what do we hope to accomplish?

- Bring Hams in the division together involved in the Focus Area:
  - Share successful activities and tools in the Focus Area
  - Help promote activities and programs across the division
  - Encourage collaboration to create division-wide programs
  - Patterned after the successful New England ACC process
- Initial New England Div. Assistant Directors (ADs)
  - Focus for Promotion of Emergency Communications and Public Service Activities
  - Focus on Promoting Use of & Protecting our Spectrum
  - Focus for Mentoring and Ham Development - TBD
  - Focus for Youth Outreach & STEM Learning through Amateur Radio - TBD
- Teams include Section Field Volunteers, HQ Leaders, and Division Members
- Keep division informed on team's activities and initiatives
- Expect ADs to participate in 6+ club meetings/quarter

Emergency Communications & Public Service Activities

Goals and stakeholders…

Cory Golob, KU1U

- **Goals – Scope includes ARES, Traffic Handling, SKYWARN, RACES, Public Services**
  - Encourage participation in EmComm & Public Service activities
  - Encourage the development and sharing of Training Programs
  - Encourage the development and sharing of resource contact information, training data, and preparedness exercise information
  - Provide for publicizing these programs across the division and the ARRL
- **Suggested Stakeholders**
  - Section Emergency Coordinators and Section Traffic Managers
  - Section Public Information Coordinators
  - RRI Representative(s)
  - Josh Johnston, KE5MHV – ARRL Director of Emergency Management

Reach Cory at ku1u@nediv.arrl.org
Groups.io - ne-ecaps@groups.io

Spectrum Use and Protection

Goals and stakeholders…

Rob Leiden, K1UI

- **Goals**
  - Encourage the development of Amateur Radio activities on the VHF and above Amateur Radio Bands
  - Encourage the development and sharing of tools and resources to identify, locate, and address sources of Interference on the Amateur Radio Bands
  - Encourage participation in on-air activities on all Amateur Radio bands
- **Suggested Stakeholders**
  - Hams involved in ARDEN Networks in New England
  - Hams involved in locating RFI sources
  - Section Technical Coordinators
  - ARRL HQ Leader in RFI Mitigation

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Mentoring and Ham Development

Goals and stakeholders…

Looking for a Club or Field Staff Leader

- **Goals**
  - Encourage the development and sharing of Licensing programs
  - Encourage the development and sharing of Mentoring and skills development programs
    - Includes operating activities - ARRL Field Day, SOTA/POTA, …
  - Encourage the development and sharing of online learning tools
  - Provide for publicizing these programs across the division and the ARRL
    - Facilitate the development of social media/online skills training
- **Suggested Stakeholders**
  - Club Presidents, Programs Chairs, Activities Chairs, Field Day Chairpersons
  - Section Affiliated Club Coordinators
  - Mike Walters, W8ZY – ARRL Field Services Manager
  - Steve Goodgame, K5ATA – ARRL Manager Education and Learning

Youth Outreach and STEM Learning

Goals and stakeholders…

Looking for a Licensed Educator

- **Goals**
  - Encourage the development and sharing of Amateur Radio based STEM Learning Programs in schools and colleges
    - Also Scout Groups, Boys/Girls Clubs, Maker Spaces, and other youth groups
  - Encourage Educators to participate in ARRL Teacher's Institute
  - Encourage schools to participate in ARISS programs
  - Encourage schools to develop Amateur Radio clubs and activities
  - Facilitate publicizing activities in public and online media
- **Suggested Stakeholders**
  - ARRL Members who are Educators and Youth Group Leaders
  - Individuals (especially young people) and clubs involved in STEM learning activities in schools, colleges, and other groups
  - Section Public Info Coordinators and Section Youth Coordinators
  - ARRL Amateur Radio in the Classroom Programs Leader

Planned Club Meetings 1Q2022

- **Director**
  - Billerica Amateur Radio Society
  - PART of Westford
  - Newport County ARC
  - Hampden Cty Radio Assoc
  - Candlewood ARA
  - Franklin County ARC
  - North Shore Radio Association
- **Vice Director**
  - Billerica Amateur Radio Society
  - Boston ARC
  - Southeastern MA ARA
  - Zola Center RC
  - Meriden ARC
  - K1USN RC

Please let us know if your meeting is online or in-person and share a link if online.

Planned Club Meetings 1Q2022

Assistant Directors

- **Cory Golob, KU1U**
  - Minuteman Repeater Assn
  - Mount Tom ARA
  - Great Bay Radio Assn
  - Ocean State AR Group
  - Connecticut Valley FM Assn
- **Rob Leiden, K1UI**
  - Barnstable ARC
  - Falmouth ARC
  - Genesis ARS
  - Southeastern MA ARA
  - Addison Co. ARA

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Plans for the First 100 Days

Action Oriented, Making an Immediate Difference

- **Reach out to Board Members and Senior ARRL Leadership** to create common ground for action – ***15 of 19 complete***
- ✓ **Take concrete steps to improve Communications and Collaboration within the New England Division**
  - Two-way communications via Town Hall Meetings, nediv.arrl.org, and Groups.io
  - Quarterly online New England Cabinet meetings – feedback sets the stage for these meetings
- **Appoint a set of Assistant Directors to create a focus and advocacy for important issues** and to collaboratively promote programs to move us forward
  - ✓ Focus for Promotion of Emergency Communications and Public Service Activities
  - ✓ Focus on Promoting Use of and Protecting our Spectrum
  - Focus for Mentoring and Ham Development
  - Focus for Youth Outreach and STEM Learning through Amateur Radio
- ✓ **Continue to demonstrate our commitment to supporting Amateur Radio Clubs and Groups** – I will personally attend at least 6 club meetings each quarter

Learn more at https://elect.ab1oc.org/first-100-days

Section Manager Updates (10 mins each)

- **Connecticut:** Chuck Motes, K1DFS
- **Eastern MA:** Tom Walsh, K1TW
- **Maine:** Phil Duggan, N1EP
- **New Hampshire:** Pete Stohrer, K1PJS
- **Rhode Island:** Bob Beaudet, W1YRC
- **Vermont:** Paul N. Gayet, AA1SU
- **Western MA:** Raymond Lajoie, AA1SE

ARRL Education and Learning Plans

Steve Goodgame, K5ATA

Ham Radio Exhibit Planning at "the Big E"

Larry Krainson, W1AST

Boston Marathon

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Open Mic

5 min Each