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| SUBJECT | Changes to Region 1 Constitution with regards to Secretary | | |
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Since the formation of Region 1 in 1933 the secretariat and the post of secretary have been held by the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). This situation under the current Region 1 constitution prevents RSGB from holding any other position on the Executive Committee (EC).

It is the RSGB's view that, by default, this further prevents any officer of RSGB seeking to stand for the office of President, Vice President, Treasurer or any other vacancy on the EC. And although it does not prevent an RSGB member from seeking a higher office at the International level of IARU, it is unlikely that this would be achieved under the current arrangements.

The RSGB believes that the post of Secretary should be one of impartial non voting advisor to the Executive Committee and not as is the current position a full voting member. This will allow a further ordinary voting member to join the EC from a member society thus increasing representation at EC level by member societies.

Under the IARU International constitution (Article V.1), any member society that is willing to and capable of serving as the secretariat should have the opportunity to do so. The member societies' of IARU elect by ballot the member society they wish to fill that role. This situation, we believe should now be adopted by Region 1.

The Secretary to the EC should be able to come from any Region 1 member society and not necessarily the society holding the secretariat.

Nominations for this post can be put forward at conference as is the case now but the post holder would not have voting rights.

Proposal:

The following amendments are made to the Region 1 Constitution;

Article A.4.2 The Executive Committee consists of a President, Vice President, Treasurer and six ordinary members supported by a non voting Secretary.

Article A.4.8.1 Its voting members shall be licensed radio amateurs and from different member societies.

If adopted by conference the RSGB recommend that the changes take effect from the IARU Region 1 conference 2008.