

The South African Radio League

The National Association for Amateur Radio in South Africa

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SARL / ICASA Meeting.

A meeting between the SARL and ICASA was held on the 5th August.

Agenda:-

Introduction of new councilors

WRC 03 recommendations and the way forward

Status of the Amendments to the regulations as previously presented

Minutes

The new council members were introduced and ICASA were brought up to speed on the changes at the SARL. Hans had apparently previously informed.

WRC 03

- The **WRC 03** recommendations and the issue around Morse code were discussed:-
 - The speed of reaction international.
 - The changes made internationally.
 - The emotion of the SA HAM community on this topic.
 - The need for action, the members are expecting it.
 - The fact that the SA HAM's feel that we (SARL and ICASA) are not been proactive enough on this issue.
 - We stressed our desire to move as quickly as possible on this issue.
 - ICASA acknowledged that this was an emotive issue.
- ICASA stated that they would have to go public and solicit comments from all interested parties, and that their recommendation on this matter would not be based solely on the recommendations of the SARL
- We then suggested a process and offered our services in this regard, this offer was accepted by ICASA
 - the agreed process is as follows: -
 - Form a joint ICASA, SARL team within the next 2 weeks
 - Workshop the WRC 03 recommendations
 - Document goals and objectives
 - Develop a bank of questions for publication.
 - Publish Goals, Objective and question on the SARL website.
 - Advertise campaign on the SARL bulletins.

- Advertise campaign on Packet
 - Collect responses for a time – (to be defined)
 - Analysis responses
 - Draft proposal
 - This recommendation will then be tabled for approval with the DoC
- This process would ensure that the interest of all parties are considered in the final outcome, it is therefore up to you to participate in this process and be heard.
- ICASA has warned that it would probably take between 4 and 6 month before any change could be implemented; we will proactively chase this process and attempt to shorten this period of time.

Going forward, ICASA stated that they are not able to entertain a regular schedule of meetings; meetings can therefore only be scheduled on an as necessary basis. It is therefore our responsibility to ensure that we get time with them.

ICASA stated that they were “not sure” of the status of the previously submitted amendments and would look into the matter; we will follow up in a week.

ICASA requested that we provide them with a copy of the council structure and members.

ICASA stated that he currently receives the weekly bulletins and finds them of value, requesting that this service continue.

ICASA raised the issue of developing PDC, we stated that this was on our agenda but would take some time to develop. News on our plans and actions taken in this area will be published shortly

The issue of the new RAE fee was raised; ICASA explained the components of the fee stating it is effective with immediate effect.

Components are –

Application for Certificate		R 140.00
Cost of Certificate		R 30.00
Application for licence		R 100.00
Annual Licence fee		<u>R 27.00</u>
Total		R 297.00
RAE fees are therefore	ICASA's	R 297.00
	SARL's	<u>R 153.00</u>
	Total	R 450.00 per person.