

**DX Advisory Committee Report**

**January 2018**

**to the**

**American Radio Relay League  
Board of Directors  
And Programs and Services Committee**

**Submitted by:  
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To the Members of the PSC:

From: DXAC – Prepared and submitted by Gary E. Jones, W5FI, Chairman

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I received informal notice that the DXAC would receive a tasking in late Spring of 2017 however, the formal tasking was not received. I then asked our liaison for clarification of the tasking and was sent excerpts of the recent Board of Directors minutes which indicated that the DXAC would receive a formal tasking written by Dave Patton and two other ARRL staffers. However, that formal clarification was not received until we asked the PSC specifically for it. The DXAC then received the formal tasking which appeared to be written by Norm Fusaro. This was in early fall and had a fairly tight time-line. Because there was only about 30 days allocated for discussion, I discussed the time line with my Director and decided that DXAC should take as much time as needed to fully discuss the issue.

In this sense, I decided that we needed to become fully informed of the history of the definition of DXCC entities, and I asked Bill Kennemer and Wayne Mills, two long term DXCC desk directors, to provide histories of the definition of DXCC entities since the inception of the award. Both men provided wonderful detailed histories of the DXCC entity definitions from the beginning of DXCC. Those histories were distributed to the Committee. Then we found and published country definition as defined by the United Nations, the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) and the CIA. The final step before discussion is to have the same individuals (Mills and Kennemer) provide position papers on what they believe is a good solution as both refrained from those recommendations in their histories. In addition, Jim Fenstermacker has written a white paper on his recommendation as to a possible reconsideration of the DXCC entity definitions. These will be sent to the DXAC to stimulate discussion. When those three position papers are received, I am ready to open discussion of the DXAC to the current tasking.

However, I have been dealing with a serious medical situation that has prevented me from being able to actively lead the discussion. That situation is improving and appears to be resolving, but it has seriously delayed the committee's work on the tasking. Unfortunately, due largely to my medical limitations, we are not in a position to make a recommendation to the PSC and BOD on the tasking at this time. I believe that we will be able to provide such a recommendation by late winter, early spring and potentially before a future PSC tele-meeting.

The DXAC remains available for any future task assignments from the PSC and I apologize to all the directors for the current delay in resolving this tasking.

Respectfully submitted: 73

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