

**ARRL Ad-Hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century
Report to the Board – January 18, 2014**

Committee Charge: Given that: (a) it is essential to enhance the League's outreach to potential Amateurs among America's youth; (b) the League's centennial in 2014 will highlight not only the accomplishments of the past but also point towards Amateur Radio's future; and (c) meaningful plans to excite young Americans about Amateur Radio today and in the future must take into account the ideas, lifestyles, and experiences of youthful Amateur Radio operators; this committee has been tasked to seek input from youth and also from adult Amateurs working with young people, and to furthermore make recommendations to the Staff and the Board of Directors on such topics.

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The ARRL ad hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century, established in accordance with Minute 31 of the July 2011 Board of Directors meeting, has explored a number of topics pertaining to youth, ARRL, and the general amateur radio community including:

- Aspects of ham radio that youth find appealing;
- Perceived and actual barriers of entry for youth desiring to become a ham radio operators;
- Potential causes for youth who seem not to get involved on the air or integrated within the amateur radio community after investing time and effort to earn their license;
- ARRL's current youth promotion techniques and resources;
- The feasibility, roles, and responsibilities of a (then notional) Section Youth Coordinator position; and
- Youth program and activity ideas for the 2014 ARRL Centennial Convention

Discussions of these topics and subtopics therein resulted in a comprehensive set of recommendations that was submitted for board and staff consideration at the July 2013 ARRL board of directors meeting.

We are grateful for the board's quick action on one of our recommendations through authorizing the new Section Youth Coordinator (SYC) position at its July meeting and, subsequently, ARRL's Program and Services Committee approval of the position's suggested roles and responsibilities. We look forward to the SYC position being rolled out across the Field Organization so that it can contribute towards a stronger amateur radio and League.

At this juncture we believe that we have met the objectives of our committee's charge. Going forward, we are pleased to assist the board or staff as needed with future youth-related topics or with implementing the recommendations provided last July. The ad-hoc Committee on Youth in the Second Century thanks the board for the opportunity to work on the crucial subject area of youth and amateur radio, especially as the League embarks on its second successful century.

Respectfully submitted,

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