

Meeting Minutes
FCC WRC-03 Advisory Committee
IWG-6, Public Protection and Other Issues
FCC, Washington, DC

Meeting: Seventh meeting of IWG-6

Date/Time: July 11, 2001, 10:00 am

Location: Room 7-B112/B142, FCC, 445 12th St., SW, Washington, DC

Committee Members present:

Walt Ireland, Vice-Chair

Julie Buchanan, FCC Coordinator

Attendees: There were 17 attendees, including 5 FCC and 6 Government representatives.

Scribe: Walt Ireland

Meeting Summary:

Walt Ireland, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order, welcomed the group and called for attendees to introduce themselves.

- Agenda. The agenda for July 11, 2001 was approved without objection.
- Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2001 were approved.
- IWG-6 approved four Preliminary Views.

Preliminary Views

At the request of Carl Stevenson, No Code International, on the phone-bridge and about to attend another meeting, Preliminary View on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.7.1 was addressed first.

It will be recalled that at the June 18th meeting, Carl Stevenson, NCI, took exception to ITU-R Recommendation M.[RAM.QUAL] (radio amateur qualifications) in Article S-25, MOD S25.1, in Section 1, Amateur Service, as presented in the Preliminary View on this agenda item, by Paul Rinaldo, ARRL.

Stevenson stated that he had no objection to any of the other modifications to S25 as presented. He also provided alternative wording for the draft proposal on Art.S25 (Doc.IWG-6/054 - on floppy disk). The documents were tabled for further coordination between ARRL and NCI.

Rinaldo, taking into consideration NCI's alternative wording in IWG-6/054, presented IWG-6/049(Rev.2). It had deleted all reference to Incorporation By Reference (IBR) of ITU-R Recommendation M.[RAM.QUAL] (radio amateur qualifications), as requested at the last IWG-6 meeting. However, Stevenson now wanted to incorporate some of the wording in his IWG-6/054 document. After considerable discussion on the pros and cons of the suggested wording, Doc. IWG-6/049(Rev.2) was approved with an NCI reservation.

Doc. IWG-6/46(Rev.2), Preliminary View on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.2, relating to the regulatory aspects for the introduction of digital technology for HF broadcasting, was approved. Ed Evans, National Association of Short-wave Broadcasters (NASB), agreed to prepare the Draft Proposal for this agenda item.

Doc. IWG-6/014(Rev.3), Preliminary View on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.23, relating to the realignment of allocations for the Amateur Service and the Broadcasting Service in the 7 MHz band, was approved for the second time after incorporating changes suggested by Government agencies.

Doc. IWG-6/025(Rev.2), Preliminary View on WRC-03 Agenda Item 1.36, dealing with the adequacy of spectrum for HF broadcasting in the band 4 to 10 MHz, was approved for the second time after incorporating changes suggested by Government agencies.

Other Business. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00pm.

Next meeting: September 4, 2001, 10:00am, FCC

Attachment: Agenda for July 11, 2001

Reference. FCC web site for WAC/IWG meeting schedules and documentation, www.fcc.gov/wrc-03.