

Dakota Division Update

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How many hams in the USA are ARRL members?

As of August 2020, the ARRL has
157,940 members

There are 766,542 licensed
amateurs in the USA

Dakota Division Stats

	<u>Members**</u>
Minnesota	2,608
North Dakota	303
South Dakota	<u>417</u>
Total	3,328

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Board Elections

Honorary Vice Presidents

Our former Dakota Division Directors and Vice Directors retired at the end of the January board meeting. Both were elected to the title of Honorary Vice President.

Jay Bellows, K0QB, served 22 years on the board and continues to serve as International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Region 2 (The Americas) Treasurer.

Greg Widin, K0GW, served 12 years on the board and continues to serve as Chairman of the Logbook Of The World Committee (LOTW).

ARRL CEO David Minster, NA2AA

The ARRL Board of Directors has elected David Minster, NA2AA, of Wayne, New Jersey, as ARRL's new Chief Executive Officer, starting on September 28.

- Licensed in 1977
- Contester PJ4G Bonaire
- Satellite Operator
- Successful business leader
- Ohio State University Graduate

Paul Z. Gilbert, KE5ZW, Director of Emergency Management

Cedar Park, Texas

30 years of experience in public service

- ARRL South Texas Section Manager
- Radio Officer, Texas State Guard
- Public Safety Radio Coordinator, State of Texas
- FEMA Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG)
- Army MARS
- DHS certifications, including COML, COMT, COMT Instructor, and AUXCOM Communicator



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Washington D.C.

The legislative advocacy committee is working with elected leaders and their office staff to create new legislation to provide reasonable accommodation of Amateur Radio antennas.

COVID-19 and the election campaign remain top priorities of the U.S. Congress.

FCC Topics

- \$50 fee for new licensees and renewals
- Address changes “free”
- Deadline to comment not set yet
- ARRL HQ creating talking points for you to use in your comments
- Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270

FCC Topics

HF Band Plan

- Update digital bandwidth
- Technician License Privileges

Protecting 5 GHz spectrum

Continue to fight for 3 GHz band
secondary allocation



Online Magazines

- Online free to all members!
- QST – ARRL Flagship Magazine
- On The Air – New hams
- National Contest Journal (NCJ)
- QEX – Technical Journal

On The Air Magazine

Targeting new hams

Published every other month

Electronic version available on arrl.org

When renewing your membership, you may choose to receive one magazine by mail.

QST and OTA available online for all members



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ARRL HQ has a limited number of employees per CT Governor order.

Services that may be impacted:

Award Processing

License Exam Processing

Outgoing QSL Bureau (Intl blocks)



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ARRL HQ

Information Technology projects

- Member Database (Personify)
- Lifelong Learning
- VE processing
- Logbook of the World (LOTW)

What can we do?

- Check into HF nets
MN CW 3.568 SSB 3.860
ND 3.859 8:30 A.M. 3.860 6:30 P.M.
SD 3.86 3.87 3.89 3.96
- Check into your local repeaters
- Hold Club meetings on the Internet



Minnesota Section Manager

- Skip Jackson KSØJ is retiring after 16 years of service to the ARRL members in Minnesota.

Minnesota Section Manager

Bill Mitchell AEØEE starts on October 1st

- President Twin Cities DX Association
- Past President Bloomington Amateur Radio Association
- Bloomington AUXCOMM member
- Dxpeditioner VKØEK
- Contester (likes CW) HF and VHF+

Thank You!

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