

**Report of the
Technology Task Force**

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In our interim report, we listed a number of areas of interest that had been initially identified for research and possible further action by the Task Force. As we thought about these areas, and looked at the current technological landscape, they fell into one of three categories:

1. Areas where further research was eclipsed by newer developments
2. Areas that were already receiving sufficient attention
3. Areas where action would best be taken by groups “closer to the ground” than a board-level group.

Once we had sifted through each of the items, both in teleconference calls, and in individual contacts, each of the members came to the same basic conclusions.

The Technology Task Force has been a great asset both to the League and to Amateur Radio in general. The working groups that were spawned from previous members produced some groundbreaking work in Amateur Radio technology, and much of that development continues in other forums today. As a result, work on newer technologies springs up as opportunity is presented, particularly with the League's close relationship with groups like AMSAT and TAPR, among others, and the collaboration abilities made possible by today's Internet connectivity. Accordingly, this ability seems to have emerged as a better way to foster new technological development, and the League should take advantage of these venues.

With these findings in mind, the members make the following recommendations:

1. The Executive Vice President, assisted by Staff, should be responsible for tracking new technological developments and for suggesting desirable actions to the Staff and to the Board, as appropriate.

2. One or more forums should be established by the League for those in the field, particularly the Technical Advisor, Technical Chairman, and Technical Specialist volunteers, as well as interested parties in the academic world for the discussion of and development of new technologies. Depending upon the direction the ARRL Website development takes, such forums might be incorporated into that project.
3. The current Technology Task Force should be dissolved.

We thank the Board for the opportunity to serve, and for the cooperation we've received not only from Board members, but of the many others who have assisted and advised us.

Respectfully submitted,

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