

# NRAU meeting October 2025 minutes

**Time:** 21.10.2025 at 1600 - 1825 UTC

**Place:** Virtual meeting / Google meet

## Participants:

EDR: Arne (OZ4VW), Verner (OZ5TQ)

IRA: Kristjan (TF3KB)

NRRL: Thomas (LA3PNA), Ole (LA2RR), Pål (LA6CSA), Magne (LA1KKA)

SSA: Jens (SM0HEV), Mats (SM6EAN), Ingemar (SM5AJV), Eric (SM1TDE),  
Thomas (SM0KBD), Jan (SM4HFI)

SRAL: Henri (OH3JR), Mikael (OH3BHX), Markku (OH2BQZ), Jussi (OH5LK),  
Erik (OH2LAK)

## 1. Official opening of the meeting

Markku (OH2BQZ) welcomed all participants to the meeting on behalf of SRAL.

## 2. Presentation of all participants

## 3. Short status update from each Society

### EDR:

- EDR has decided to change NAC rules for OZ: MGM on Wednesdays and accept 4-digit locators on low bands
- CEPT 1.2 GHz amateur radio use decision (ECC Decision (25)01) will be implemented on 1.1.2026

### IRA:

- Got extended 60 m band 5260-5410 kHz, 70 MHz band still with temporary permits

### NRRL:

- 107 new members this year
- Working on ELL, public consultation this year, in effect hopefully mid-2026
- Indication from the regulator that they will implement the CEPT 23 cm decision, but no schedule given

### SRAL:

- Number of members declining slightly
- ELL no seen feasible in OH due to existing basic class and resourcing limits at regulator side
- Problem finding volunteers to work with different areas
- Good results presenting ham radio in an event for cybersecurity / IT people ([Disobey](#))
- New [training material books](#) (also available as eBooks) published

- Magazine distribution: SRAL team studying on an AI agent-based approach
- Finnish regulator Traficom still very hesitant to open 23 cm in Finland
- IARU-R1 VHF+ Committee subgroup close to finalizing work on 23 cm bandplan proposal

#### **SSA (presentation attached):**

- ELL has been a success in Sweden: 250 new members, 149 ELL certificates issued so far
- Training material for instructors available in “SSA-Akademien”
- SSA is responsible also for the content of exam question bank
- Sweden will follow CEPT 23 cm decision
- SSA working also on increasing power limits for satellite traffic in the 2,4 GHz band.
- Discussion: What are the limits of an ELL amateur building or modifying their equipment? Seems to vary country by country.

#### **4. NAC: MGM on Tuesdays or Wednesdays?**

**Background:** IARU R1 has a recommendation in the VHF Handbook chapter 12 for having monthly digital mode (MGM) tests on Wednesdays. So far NAC has still combined analog and MGM modes on Tuesdays. Central Europe follows the IARU defined division. The topic has been widely discussed for several times in Nordic VHF meetings and in NRAU meetings also.

EDR has already decided to move MGM test to Wednesday due to their location close to German and other Central European stations.

NRRL, SRAL and SSA have been afraid of losing much analog activity on Tuesdays if there is a separate day for the MGM activity.

SSA has made a survey to its active VHF+ contesters, and a slight majority wants to keep both modes on Tuesday.

**Decision:** NRRL, SRAL and SSA will continue NAC with current rules, i.e. to have both analog and MGM modes on Tuesday. Members should be encouraged to look for longer MGM contacts on Wednesdays even though they do not count for the contest.

#### **5. IARU R1 news (SM6EAN)**

- IARU restructuring proposal: Feedback has been analysed, and the main result is that the three regions will not be merged. Better transparency to overall cost (e.g. ITU work) created and IARU will be registered as a Swiss Association.
- Next IARU R1 General Conference is in Vienna in September 2026. EC and OV are still negotiating pricing with the selected hotel.
- IARU R1 SRLC (Spectrum and Regulatory Liaison Committee) regularly publishes information on documents and decisions by ITU, CEPT and other related bodies on IARU R1 web pages.

## **6. Nordic IARU-R1 EC candidate(s)**

Only two of current EC members are eligible for re-election.

It has been a goal for several years to have (at least) one person in EC from the Nordic countries. The current "Nordic representative" Mats, SM6EAN, has served the maximum number of three periods.

IRA and NRRL told they have some candidates in their mind. Ole pointed out, that any candidate should have some IARU background. Having one elected is not self-evident and requires lobbying and discussions with other member societies.

It was agreed that a meeting with NRAU society presidents and IARU/NRAU liaisons is held in May (before Friedrichshafen) to agree on the NRAU candidate proposal.

## **7. Report from SAC Contest Committee (SM5AJV) (presentation attached)**

- Some drop in CW participants due to the ban of Russian and Belarus stations
- Number of Scandinavian operators declining
- Ingemar wants to step down as team leader, workload sharing in log checking has not worked in practise. No SAC CC member from EDR.

## **8. Status of actions from previous meeting:**

- **"Organizing NRAU Contest" guideline (NRRL)**

Markku's mail to Sanimir and Ole on proposed members to work on the document was lost in the mail system. Resent to Ole, who will take it up with Sanimir.

## **9. Any other business**

None

## **10. Next meetings**

- Meeting to discuss IARU R1 EC candidates in May 2026.
- NRAU meeting on Saturday September 5, 2026 (preparation for the Vienna GC on 18.-23.9.2026)  
**Note:** To be rescheduled to August 29, 2026 as requested by some societies after the meeting