

Jan. 16, 2015

David:

Thank you for your letter of January 15, 2015. I too enjoyed meeting you at the ARRL Centennial Convention, and we appreciate your support. Thanks as well for sharing with us the views of the Board of the Wisconsin Association of Repeaters. While we may not agree about the level of dedication of ARRL to the Repeater Directory, your letter provides some helpful input on the means by which data is received for new editions which we will consider carefully. I do of course agree with you that it is helpful to have the most current and accurate information possible in the Repeater Directory, and for that reason it is unfortunate that WAR has decided to not participate in the agreement.

I understand the basis for your request that ARRL not utilize the data from 2013 concerning Wisconsin Repeaters in the Repeater Directory, but in all candor I must tell you that we will continue to use that data as I have been informed that we are entitled to do so. If there is a means by which we can address your concerns and persuade WAR to provide data in the future, I would be pleased to discuss the matter further with you. As I stated previously, we are working on a new database that will offer batch uploading and many other features, but it will likely not be functional until late this year.

73, Steve WB8IMY