

**DX Advisory Committee Report
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The DXAC has continue to meet on a 3 week basis throughout 2026 continuing discussion on findings of our 2025 DXCC overall review.

This report is a summary of notes taken during the various sessions. Recommendations will follow at the end of the report.

Several changes in the DXAC membership occurred since my last report:

- **Board Liaison** - We would like to thank David Norris (K5UZ) for his active participation and guidance in the DXAC.
- **PSC Liason** – We would also like to acknowledge Bill Lippert (AC0W) for his continued direction.
- **New England Division** – The Division has been without representation since Bob Beaudet (W1YRC) stepped down last year (and continues to do so).
- **West Gulf**- In December 2025, Vice Chairman Coy Day stepped down due to health concerns. The DXAC thanked Coy for his years of service to the committee. To date, no replacement has been named.

Specific meeting dates are listed below – all were held on Zoom

11 December, 2025
22 January 2025
19 February
12 March
16 April
7 May
4 June
23 July (scheduled)

Various items were discussed over the last few months including :

- Club and interested parties polling procedure
- LOTW automated award milestone notification
- Availability of “paper” DXCC documentation electronically
- The possibility of a DXCC based Groups.io account
- Updating (or further clarification) of the DXCC affiliated clubs listing
- Ways to attract amateurs to the DXCC program, mentor new DXers

Please see attached subset of recommendations submitted by Bill Shell, N6WS, DXCC representative from the Southwestern Division. This is a part of a larger document that addresses many of the items listed above. We (the DXAC) would like to submit these findings for formal review and consideration.

PROPOSED CONCEPT

Participation and Progressive Engagement Framework.

Under this concept:

A. Automatic DXCC Qualification Notification

When an operator reaches 100 confirmed current DXCC entities within LoTW:

- the system would automatically notify the operator that they have qualified for DXCC.

The notification could include:

- congratulatory messaging,
- explanation of DXCC,
- information regarding additional progression opportunities,
- mentoring and participation resources,
- and an invitation to obtain an officially issued DXCC certificate.

Rather than automatically mailing certificates, the operator could:

- electronically approve issuance of the certificate,
- and submit the appropriate administrative fee through a simplified online transaction workflow.

This preserves:

- the integrity of the award,
- operator intent and existing revenue structures, while substantially reducing friction involved in entering the DXCC program.

The proposal does not automatically grant DXCC credit or bypass existing DXCC verification standards.

B. Progressive DXCC Recognition Milestones

The framework could also provide automated milestone recognition notifications as operators continue progressing within DXCC participation.

Possible milestone levels for discussion could include:

- Bronze – 100 confirmed current DXCC entities
- Silver – 150 confirmed current DXCC entities
- Gold – 200 confirmed current DXCC entities
- Platinum – 250 confirmed current DXCC entities

- Diamond – 300 confirmed current DXCC entities
- Honor Roll – Existing Honor Roll standard

These are not intended as separate awards replacing DXCC or Honor Roll, but rather as visible progression milestones within the existing DXCC participation ladder.

At each milestone level, operators could receive:

- congratulatory notifications,
- information regarding additional DXCC opportunities,
- mentoring resources,
- and invitations to further participate within the DXCC community.

The exact milestone levels and naming conventions would remain subject to Program Service or Awards Committee discussion.

C. Recognition Through QST and DXCC Publications

Rather than recreating large static DXCC listings previously published in QST, recognition efforts could focus more on:

- newly qualified DXCC participants,
- newly achieved progression milestones,
- significant DXCC progression advancements,
- and newly achieved Honor Roll status.

Possible publication formats could include:

- callsign,
- newly achieved progression level,
- number of newly added current entities,
- and total confirmed current DXCC entities.

Example:

N6WS – Gold Level (+5) – 212 Current DXCC Entities

Recognition could potentially be grouped by:

- ARRL Division,
- progression level,
- or newly achieved milestone category.

The objective would be to:

- reinforce continued participation,
- create visible progression,
- and increase awareness of active DXCC participation.

D. Recognition Markers and Certificate Enhancements

Several suggestions during DXAC discussion involved possible recognition markers associated with DXCC progression milestones.

Possible concepts could include:

- progression stickers,
- certificate endorsements,
- medallions,
- or milestone recognition markers similar in concept to DXCC Challenge endorsements.

The objective would not be to create competing awards, but rather to provide visible recognition of continued advancement within the DXCC progression ladder.

Yet another project the group (and a very active sub-committee) has undertaken is a review of all current DXCC entities and their history regarding inclusion in the DXCC countries list. These findings continue to be under review for accuracy and completeness.

Respectfully submitted,

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