

ARSC Wire Subcommittee Charter

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Whereas, among ARSC's purposes are "to foster improvement of techniques for the reproduction, storage, and preservation of sound recordings" (ARSC Bylaws Article II.f Purpose);

The Technical Committee establishes a Wire Recording Subcommittee with the mission to advance the capabilities for archival-quality wire recording playback in furtherance of ARSC's purposes.

Date of Charge: November 2018

Mission: To advance the capabilities of archival-quality wire recording playback for preservation in support of ARSC's purposes.

Composition: At least two current members, including one or more chairpersons.

Organizational Standing: Subcommittee, reporting to Technical Committee; Chair is a non-voting member of the Executive Committee, per ARSC Bylaws.

Duration: November 2018 to May 2020, status to be reviewed by Technical Committee at 2020 ARSC conference.

Outcomes/Activities:

- Research and find a solution for the archival quality playback of wire recordings
 - Organize a coalition of parties interested in wire recording preservation
- Develop a list of collection owners of wire recordings; with particular focus on those that are in need of digital preservation
 - create a survey that can be circulated through the ARSC listserv to gather this information.
- Foster interest in the development of a new, archival-quality wire playback machine.