

US National Coordinators Report

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I. Staff Listing

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II. Summary

Another insanely busy month, covering 796 individual email threads.

A good portion of my time has been spent on conflict resolution between members, disciplinary actions, mediation and investigation. Members should exercise some discretion when calling for appeals. Not every decision that affects you negatively should be appealed. Only those decisions which are clearly incorrect in the way they were made are likely to be reversed. An officer simply exercising her own best judgment in a way other than you feel you would rule, or even differently than her supervising officer, is not grounds to overturn a decision. So long as it is a reasonable course of action, that decision will stand. To appeal a decision, you must submit a letter of appeal within 30 days of the decision to the original officer, the officer(s) to whom the decision is appealed, and to your direct coordinator.

Members are expected to be courteous and cordial whenever they are not in character. Compliments should be as frequent as possible and criticism should be constructive. Members who have a personal issue with another member have a responsibility to handle it calmly through the dispute resolution procedures. Dishonesty is disrespectful. Members shall be honest in their dealings with other members. Members should avoid spreading information at Camarilla functions and over Camarilla forums that is hurtful to other members, particularly information that is secondhand or potentially incorrect.

On the positive side, we have also seen an increase in the number of new chapters and returning members. Still time is consumed with setting up new chapters, approving transfers and rebuilding logs. I urge members to take advantage of the national lock process, so that your records are archived somewhere in case they have a system crash or other situation which results in lost records.

Josh Humble - USANC Arbitration - will be transitioning to another role, as such I am in the process of reviewing applications and moving into the second phase of hiring for that position. Sean Mooney - USANC Prestige - will be transitioning to another role, I just began the process of accepting applications for that position.

NWRC Elections are complete - Welcoming Federico Diaz, to the RC panel and getting him on the appropriate lists

The 2007 Holiday Blood Drive is complete, with a couple of late submissions (getting to me, not donating) and the complete list and awards are available here
http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/prestige_light/document.php?id=2830

On the subject of charities, I have been listening to your comments concerning cash for prestige, and the issues that some members have with Blood Drive due to the eligibility requirements. The next National Charity drive idea is under consideration by the RCs (I like to get their input and to ensure that we don't cross streams as it were). SO look for that April 1.

Elections and voting - Just a reminder that per the Camarilla Constitution votes are cast via secret ballots. Secret ballot choices are confidential. The key aim is to ensure the voter records a sincere choice by forestalling external attempts to influence the voter

I'm going to be issuing a call for project leads for a couple of projects that need to get done. Look for those as well in the next couple weeks.

I'm gonna unabashidly steal this idea from Jon (and I dont feel that bad about doing so :)) "Gimme 5." We often get into a rut, doing what we do at each game or meetings, and hanging with the same folks. I'm asking each member and officer in the US Cam to "Gimme 5." Give 5% of your time to something for the future of the club. We all do present-day stuff, and that's great. Just take 5% of your time and give it to building the Cam of the future.

I. For members, that may mean that if you've played a four-hour game, give 10 minutes or so to talking to the new people or to chatting with someone at the WW rack of your friendly local gaming store about how much you enjoy the Cam. Recruiting is a key to the future, as is retention and enjoyment of the players we have now

II. For officers, that means planning beyond your term of office a bit. You spend hours each month thinking about what you need to do right now, and soon. Take 5% of that time and mentor a newer member, if you're a Coord take the time to walk new members though the prestige system, How to renew, Explain the ordeal system, or transferring. Do those things that will make the experience of those who come after you better- just 5% of your time.

III. Staff Election Updates

NW Regional Coordinator: Election Finished congratulations to Federico Diaz

SC Regional Coordinator: In Vetting Phase

IV. Questions & Answers

Be sure to check out the online FAQ database at:

<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq/>

CURRENT QUESTIONS

Q: Can the region reports or the NC report get updated totals on funds that are held by WW for a region on a monthly basis to help in planning and tracking of regional finances and needs? That's available to any RC, all they need to do is contact Chris Herr - camfinance@white-wolf.com

LAST MONTHS QUESTIONS

Q: How does one nominate someone for trustee status in the Camarilla? The information ins contained on the Club Director's site http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=88&Itemid=46

Q: Where can we get the bid guidelines for regional events, USCC or ICC? Contact An Doyle National Conventions Administrator (NCA): an.camoffices@gmail.com

Q: Member Bobby Miranda, listed as an unassigned US member at the national level, needs to be moved to CA 056D, issues with his renewal as well Bobby Miranda has been moved to CA-056-D: Strange Bedfellows, contact cam.global.tech@gmail for renewal issues.

Q: Unable to get Michael Crawford (US2002045377) onto the CRD. He cannot use his Club Tokens to renew membership.

Contact [cam.global.tech@gmail](mailto:cam.global.tech@gmail.com) for renewal issues

Question: What is the policy on Disciplinary Actions and running for office after said DA? The Membership states that "once a disciplinary action has been enacted and completed, the member is back in good standing with the Camarilla and is encouraged to return to club activities immediately." How soon after a Disciplinary Action can a member be allowed to run for an elected office? Please clarify.

That is correct, however the MH also states (Under the election procedure) = "After the application deadline, the officer administering the election reviews the applications. The officer may remove any applications that are inappropriate. Legitimate reasons for removal of an applicant include past disciplinary actions or an applicant's unwillingness or inability to meet the minimum standards of the office"

Typically Disciplinary actions within the last year are closely reviewed during application review and may result in removal from the candidate list.

Question: When shall the Membership Handbook revisions be completed? Is any assistance needed in its completion?

Currently there is no solid deadline for completion of revision of the MH. Its an on-going process.

Question : As its taken way too much time to get our prestige for NERE to be official, is it possible because its only regional prestige, that I could just ok it? It?s somewhat ridiculous its taking this long and my region has been very patient.

NERE 2007 Prestige is up

http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/prestige_light/document.php?id=2805

Question : Any reason why the Camarilla Council?s actions have to be so secret? The recent removal of the NW RC is sort of shocking to the say the least. More so when the person responsible for the NERE prestige has the time to vote on that but not get our prestige done.

The reasoning for, and actions taken, were detailed to the entirety of the NW region within 72 hours of the decision. The entire process for motions to the Camarilla Council, and procedures of the Council are listed in the Membership Handbook. While I can understand the importance many members place upon prestige, in practice there are other issues of the organization which must take priority over prestige at times.

Q: There's something I've always heard, but wanted it verified. I've always been told that temporary members can earn prestige, but (obviously) can't earn MC. That is, that stuff our awesome temp members do for us is still worth prestige for them, and that it adds on to their totals when they sign up for the permanent membership. Is this how it works?

A: Per the White Wolf Camarilla site under trial memberships – A trial member may not benefit from prestige earned unless a full membership is purchased. So a trial member may earn prestige, but can not apply for MC advancement until such time that they are a full member.

V. Projects

Project status is listed as of the time of this report, not necessarily the first of the month. If you would like to contact a project lead for more details on any of these projects, you can find contact information

for most of them at: <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/contact.php>

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK:

Development has stalled due to other issues. No ETA is available at this time. Project lead is Pearce Dreadin, NC.

UNIFIED EMAIL ADDRESSES:

The domain camarilla.org is unavailable due to legal issues that cannot be resolved without spending more money than it's worth. Another domain name will need to be settled on, but other issues have occupied the Council for the moment. Project lead is Wes Contreras, Global Tech.

OPEN PRESTIGE REVIEWS:

The voluntary national locks have been opened up to include anyone with prestige awards (not counting awards already locked) dating back to January of 2002 or earlier. Project lead is Sean Mooney, ANC: Prestige.

DOMAIN / INDY CHAPTER BOUNDARIES:

In cooperation with regional officers, we are checking to ensure that each and every domain and independent chapter has defined geographic boundaries. The GL, EC, NC, SW and SC regions are complete. NE, NW, and SE are incomplete. New project lead to be determined pending time to properly scope this low-priority project.

MEMBERSHIP PACKETS:

Still processing requests for missing membership packets. If you have not received your packet, see the FAQ at the URL below for more information. Project lead is Jamie Homampour, NSA.
<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=3D87>

RECRUITING MATERIALS:

A call for recruiting materials was sent, and several excellent submissions have already been received. Review is ongoing, with several templates sent to WW for review pertaining to use of images that may contain copyright concerns. Plans to install a recruiting materials section on the USNC page are under review. Project lead is Pearce Dreadin, NC, with assistance from Bekkah Anderson, ANC: Newsletter.

VI. Upcoming Events

CAiNE 2008 will be held in London, ON March 13 – 16

<http://caine.camarilla.ca>

USCC – May 8-11 Cleveland, OH

SWaRE 2008 will be held in Phoenix, AZ, July 17th-20th (2008)

If you would like to be a part of SWaRE '08, please e-mail Jeremy at jw316@cox.net

NWRE 2008: Regional Convention, September 2008 - <http://nwregion.wikispaces.com/NWRE08>

VII. Prestige Awards

The following prestige amounts are hereby awarded and/or confirmed by the US national coordinator. Months with an asterisk (*) are corrections to previously reported amounts.

CAMARILLA COUNCIL:

As delegated by the Club Director based primarily on reporting. These awards are all in the Administration category unless otherwise noted.

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Pearce Dreadin	US2002021645	50n (NC - Dec)
Jon Herrmann	US2002021241	50n (NST - Dec)
Chris Buser	US2002021013	40n (NO - Dec)
An Doyle	US2006088418	40n (NCA - Dec)
Chris Herr	US2002022281	40n (NFA - Dec)

(Awards for Jan will be in next month's report)
(Awards are formulaic - 50n with any report, 40n with no report)

ASSOCIATE NATIONAL COORDINATORS:

These awards are all in the Administration category unless otherwise noted.

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Bert Sanders	US2002021972	20N (ANC: Admin - Jan)
Josh Humble	US2002023853	20N (ANC: Arbitration - Jan)
Sean Mooney	US2005116923	40N (ANC: Prestige - Jan)
Bekkah Anderson	US2004041403	40N (ANC: Newsletter - Jan)
Lana Quenneville	US2002022632	40N (ANC : Chapters - Jan)

OTHER NATIONAL COORDINATOR STAFF:

These awards are all in the Administration category unless otherwise noted.

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Chris Buser	US2002021013	5n 5g (Cam LJ Moderator - Jan)

REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

These awards are all in the Administration category unless otherwise noted.
Awards with a * next to the month replace any previous award for that month.

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Howell Herrin	US2002034609	40r (SC RC - Jan)

(No outstanding issues, caught up on reports, reports prepared by Harley Cox)

Jed Stancato US2002021727 40r (EC RC - Jan)
(no outstanding issues, Late reports 3+ months in a row)

Chris Williams US2002022046 0r (NW RC - Jan) Acting RC
(No outstanding issues, No report)

Dominick Ciraco US2002034109 50r (NE RC - Jan)
Dominick Ciraco US2002034109 10n (Exc Srv - Jan)
(No outstanding issues, early report, 3+ in a row)

Deb Pelletier-Clark US2002022584 50r (SE RC - Jan)
Deb Pelletier-Clark US2002022584 10n (Exc srv - Jan)
(No outstanding issues, Early report, 3rd+ in a row)

Paul J. Hackett US2002021986 50r (SW RC - Jan)
Paul J. Hackett US2002021986 10n (Exc srv - Jan)
(no outstanding issues, on time report 3 in row)

Ian Ruark US2004122456 50r (GL RC- Jan)
Ian Ruark US2004122456 10n (exc srv - Jan)

(no issues , on time report, 3+ in a row)

Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 50r (NC RC – Jan)
Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 10n (exc srv – Jan)
(No outstanding issues, on time report, 3+ in a row)

ARBITRATION BOARD:

These awards are all in the Administration category unless otherwise noted.

* No report from ANC Arbitration

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Timothy Brown (SW Rep)	US2002021318	30n
Ric Blasko (EC Rep)	US2002021092	30n
Tim Hardwick (SE Rep)	US2002021670	30n
Bryan Blalack (NC Rep)	US2002021545	30n
Derrick Burbee (NE Rep)	US2002022150	30n
Robert Brawn (NW Rep)	US2002023243	30n
Ricky Kramer (SC Rep)	US2002034170	30n
Mario Razo (GL Rep)	US2002021085	30n

COORD & ST RECOGNITION AWARDS

These awards are all in the Exceptional Service category. All should be showing on the USNC Prestige database now

GL:

Jessica Orsini US2006037576 – Consecutive on time reports (July – Dec 07)
Kyle Monteith US2006037561 – Consecutive on time reports Aug 07 – Jan 08
Stephanie Wheeler, US2005086211 – Consecutive on time reports Aug 07 – Jan 08

EC:

NE:

James Foster, US2004102252 - Consecutive on time reports – July – Dec 07
Rachael Burbee US2005086215 – Consecutive on time reports - March – Aug 07

SC:

Cody Beitel, US2005085913 – Consecutive on time reports – July – Dec 07
Jessica Fazio US2002034251 – Consecutive on time reports – July – Dec 07
Shelley Welch US2002066211 – Consecutive on time reports – March – August 07
David Brown, US2004041366 – Consecutive on time reports Aug 07 – Jan 08
Haleigh Watson: US2002021188 – Consecutive on time reports – Aug 07 – Jan 08

NC:

Sally McCampbell, US2002035101 – Consecutive on time reports Aug 07 – Jan 08
Danielle Sullivan, US2002021515 Jul-Dec06, Jan-May07, Jun-Nov07
Misty Gates US2002035145 feb-Jul07
Vanessa Wilner, US2004031324 may-oct07

NW:

Amber Richter, US2002023356 – Consecutive on time reports – July – Dec 07
John Heine US2002022165 – Consecutive on time reports Aug 07 – Jan 08

SE:

Travis Buck, US2002021952 – Consecutive On time reports – July – Dec 07

Richard J. Miller, US2004122512 – Consecutive on time reports – July Dec 07
John Jay, US2006088270 – Consecutive on time reports Aug 07 – Jan 08
Wesley McKeown US2002021721 – Consecutive on time reports Aug 07 – Jan 08

SW:

Lori Herrin, US200211686, 06/07-12/07
Vicki Meith, US2003061755 2/07-9/07
Rudy Fuentez, US2002022628, may 06-oct 06, jan 07- Jun 07, July-Dec 07)
Jenn Driscoll, US2002021799 july06- Dec 06, Jan 07 - Jun 07, July 07-dec07
Lenora Mills, US2005116852, July 07-dec 07
Cassandra Wendel, US2004051477, Feb 07- Aug 07, Sept 07 -Jan 08
Linda Stiles, US2003122618, July07-dec07

US NATIONAL NEWSLETTER:

These awards are all in the Publications & PR category unless otherwise noted.

Name: Cam#: Prestige:

OTHER AWARDS:

These awards are in the category indicated.

Name: Cam#: Prestige:

Ian Ruark US2004122456 10R (Comm. and Web Design - January)
(Donated Web Space for the Regional Website)

Sara Stancato US2005075731 25r (Comm– Jan)
(Non-Fiction Newsletter Editor)

2007 Holiday Blood Drive

http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/prestige_light/document.php?id=2830

VIII. Regional Chapter/Domain Status

The following is a breakdown of Chapters and Domains by Region based on Jan chapter rept

US ECR:	6 Independent	8 Chapters	17 Domains
US GLR:	3 Independent	1 Chapters	18 Domains
US NCR:	4 Independent	6 Chapters	8 Domains
US NER:	3 Independent	0 Chapters	10 Domains
US NWR:	1 Independent	12 Chapters	11 Domains
US SCR:	3 Independent	4 Chapters	20 Domains
US SER:	7 Independent	5 Chapters	20 Domains
US SWR:	5 Independent	10 Chapters	19 Domains
Total	31 Independent	46 Chapters	123 Domains

IX. Problems & Issues

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