

US National Coordinators Report

April 2008

Distribution: us-reports (Full), coordinators & general-ooc (Edited)

I. Staff Listing

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II. Summary and Announcements

Very busy month, with the Pre-con prestige review frenzy and typical issues.

Apr

- 535 email threads

For some reason, general-ooc keeps holding my edited reports. I don't have an issue with regional officers forwarding my report or information from my report but please remove the problems and issues section.

Just a reminder we are approaching the reporting deadline for the May National Charity Drive (June 10th). Please ensure that you get your information to your RC / ARC charities for them to compile and send to me. I will post all of the awards and am hopeful for a good showing. Full information is below

May National Charity

What: National Charity Drive

When: April 26, 2008 - May 31, 2008. (Yes, its a little more than a month to account for announcement time, getting the word around, member planning, and such. Donations beginning Apr 26th though May 31st all will count for the May awards)

Who: <http://www.childsplaycharity.org/>

Basically if you click on any of the children's hospital controller icons on the map located at the above site, it brings up a wish list for that hospital. This list covers all facets of things that the hospital needs to help make a sick child's stay in the hospital a little more bearable. All the items purchased from this list will go directly to the kids so there is no having to collect or deliver. Items are available in many price ranges from as little as \$5 to as much as a couple hundred dollars. The site also shows your for each item how many the hospital needs and how many that have been purchased.

All items must be new and unwrapped. Please do not purchase used items or have them giftwrapped.

Tracking will need to be by member, item, value and hospital. Sent to your RC and ARC Charity to compile the individual reports and drop them all to me at once (Due to national no later than June 10th so I can have them in my following report). Every member should have a digital receipt from Amazon for the donation. Please provide that to your DC to help with them reporting

There will be additional National Charity opportunities forthcoming.

Couple of general reminders:

Prestige Reviews

"I'll go up for my next lock/MC review right before [insert major convention name here]".... everyone else had that same thought. Please remember that your local, regional and national

coordinators are volunteers who are donating their free time. Traditionally the busiest times for reviews are immediately preceding USCC and ICC. On average national reviews over 18 logs a month. Considering that the average log consists of 200 individual lines, and take about 2 hours to complete, that equates to 34 hours for an average month. That's a full work week every month on average. Peak months can range from 26-30 reviews a month, quickly getting up to 60+ hours.

Prestige Reporting

A. Donations - please ensure to include what you donate to the organization in your prestige activity report to your coordinator and on your logs. Coordinator's please include this information in your report. We need to ensure that everyone is getting the correct awards for helping out,

B. List Mods - Remember that there are different reporting requirements for cam-server lists and non-cam-server lists. Please refer to the USMH for each to ensure that they are properly awarded and you have no delays come review time.

Global Communication Policy and you

Please remember that the organization has specific details on what communication forums are covered by the Code of Conduct. These are in place to ensure that members treat each other as adults, in a professional respectful manner when involved in the organization's activities. A full detailing is located here <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/documents.php?src=handbook.02.05.04.html&subject=Camarilla%20Membership%20Handbook#Global%20Communication%20Policy>

Professionalism and Courtesy

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.

Also, if something you are about to do out-of-character, isn't appropriate for where you work or where you go to school, then chances are it's not appropriate within the organization. Everyone will have people at their job or in everyday life that they disagree with. That's a simple fact. However we expect that our members... behave as adults. Even if you disagree with another member it is expected that you can still behave correctly when in social situations. Please remember that the first stage of conflict resolution is to calmly discuss the matter with the other member. If you need to step-back and calm down, use the 24hr rule but remember to discuss with the member next.

III. Staff Election Updates

ANC Prestige selection process underway. (I've been covering personally until I can select an ANC to ensure no member service slip)

IV. Questions & Answers

Be sure to check out the online FAQ database at:

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

CURRENT QUESTIONS

Q: Is the CRD a legitimate way to track prestige for the purposes of MC audits and National Locks?

A. No, as indicated on the USMH, and on the USNC page - When submitted for a national review, it is required that the prestige log be submitted to national using the national prestige template. This is an Excel spreadsheet available from the USNC's web site. If you do not have, or do not wish to install Microsoft Excel, you can use OpenOffice, a free download that is able to open and manipulate Excel spreadsheets (among other things). There are plans for an on-line system in the future.

Q: In the current Membership Handbook, there is mention of a Test of Leadership ordeal. However, this ordeal never existed. Is there a plan to have a Test of Leadership written up, or does the Handbook need to be revised?

A. National Services Administrator (NSA): Sean Mooney - memberservices@volunteer.white-wolf.com - is in the process of reviewing the ordeal system. This may include creation of the indicated ordeals or modification of that section of the USMH. Please contact him for additional information.

Q: Have a member who has both a Trial and a full membership listed in the CRD and when tries to log in to take ordeals it is causing issues. He has tried contacting WW to see if can help as well as been told to contact the ACD tech and submit a ticket but not had any help as of yet.

US2007070328: Sean Warren as well as US2007070328T: Sean Warren

A. Contact cam.global.tech@gmail.com - Access to deleting memberships is extremely limited and tightly controlled due to connections into the finances of the organization.

Q: If an election is found to have been done improperly what are the recourses to fix the error? Can it be rerun, extended or is only recourse a VONC and force a new election?

A. More information would be required to accurately answer this question.

Q: With many people having issues in the CRD and not receiving membership cards what are considered acceptable forms or proof of membership so a member can receive the benefits that they have paid for?

A. The member should have a receipt for payment from WW (as that is separate from the application of the credit onto their membership). That would be acceptable proof while the issues is resolved.

Q: Can anyone send up for a national lock now at any MC or is it just limited to those with prestige prior to 2002 still?

A: The prestige lock timeframe available is always listed in this report - The voluntary national locks have been opened up to include anyone with prestige awards (not counting awards already locked) dating back to January of 2003 or earlier.

LAST MONTHS QUESTIONS

Q. Does the Club Director post reports for those in the club to read?

A. The Club Director maintains an informational website available off of the Camarilla portion of the White Wolf site.

Q: What is a Conflict of Interest? When would be an appropriate time to use this policy? Please assist me by clarifying when it is ok to ignore this guideline. Appreciate your time on this topic, thanks.

A: A conflict of interest occurs when a reasonable person with knowledge of all the relevant facts would question the officer's impartiality on the matter. Possible sources of a conflict of interest include but are not limited to:

The presiding officer has competing professional or personal obligations or personal interests that would make it difficult to fulfill his duties fairly

An issue in which the presiding officer would receive a substantially greater benefit from one outcome than another

Direct involvement in the situation

An officer should be willing to step aside from an issue in order to present the image of impartiality and fairness." (Membership Handbook Page 77)

The key phrase is - when a reasonable person with knowledge of all the relevant facts would question the officer's impartiality on a matter. Each situation is unique, and would need to be evaluated.

Q: May I get a count from the NFA as to what income was gained for the region for GLaRE? (From GL RC)

A: Contact Chris Herr - camfinance@white-wolf.com

Q: How is insurance usually taken care of in regards to renting locations for a game? If I use my own home owners insurance or renters insurance, are there any issues I need to be aware of?

A: Insurance is handled at large events through the contract with the facility. Just as any other social gathering of friends at your home, you carry the responsibility should someone get injured on your property.

Q: To whom do the DSTs report? It is my understanding that the Domain Storytellers report to the Domain Coordinators in order to have their prestige recommendations submitted. Is this correct?

A: DSTs are required to report per the USMH. The report should be sent to both the DC (responsible for confirming prestige recommendations into actual awards) and the RST (their supervising storyteller). Naturally ST information should be controlled to only the ST chain, therefore it is acceptable for DCs to receive edited DST reports that contain the prestige recommendations, but not plotline, approval or other ST sensitive materials.

Q: When is the revised GLARE prestige going to be out?

A: New NCA has stated that other than USCC in May her next big priority is catching up on all back prestige for national conventions.

Q: Prestige for donating game snacks, etc. has always been awarded under "Donating needed materials." I have a number of members who go out of their way to burn CDs and provide soundtracks for games and events; is this a prestige-worthy activity?

A: Yes, providing the CDs remain a part of the domains equipment on-going and that no issues exist with copyright on the material. (Camarilla members should not be violating music copyright to produce CDs for use within the organization). Prestige awards should be in line with the relative cost of the blank CD.

Q: How and what does a list mod for a list on the cam server need to do to find or get awarded prestige? Have been a list mod for years and never seen any post of awards or report requirements and not been able to get approved to be on the moderator list on cammail either.
A: List Moderation prestige is awarded though the Club Directors office in combination with the Technology Department. All awards currently received are posted at http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/prestige_light/index.php?cat=18

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 been revived. Woot!. 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 2003 or earlier. Project lead is Pearce Dreadin. USNC

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 Sean Mooney, NSA.
<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=3D87>

VI. Upcoming Events

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

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 - Mar)
Jon Herrmann	US2002021241	50n (NST - Mar)
Chris Buser	US2002021013	40n (NO - Mar)
An Doyle	US2006088418	40n (NCA - Mar)
Chris Herr	US2002022281	40n (NFA - Mar)
Sean Mooney	US2005116923	50n (NSA - Mar)

(Awards for Apr 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	40N (ANC: Admin – Apr)
Sean Mooney	US2005116923	20N (Except Serv - Apr - Prestige Review Assistance)
Jon O. Noble	US2003041492	40N (ANC: Arbitration – Apr)
Bekkah Anderson	US2004041403	40N (ANC: Newsletter – Apr)
Lana Quenneville	US2002022632	40N (ANC : Chapters – Apr)

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 - Apr)

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:
Harley Cox	US2002021715	50R (SC RC – Apr)
Harley Cox	US2002021715	10N (Exc Srv – Apr)

(No outstanding issues, on time report, 3 in a row)

Jed Stancato US2002021727 20r (EC RC – Apr)
(no outstanding issues, no report 1 months in a row) - Report Excused

Federico Diaz US2004021207 50r (NW RC – Apr)
Federico Diaz US2004021207 10N (exc srv – Apr)
(No outstanding issues, caught up on reports, 3 months in row ontime)

Dominick Ciraco	US2002034109	50r (NE RC - apr)
Dominick Ciraco	US2002034109	10n (Exc Srv - Apr)

(No outstanding issues, early report, 3+ in a row)

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

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

Ian Ruark US2004122456 50r (GL RC- Apr)
Ian Ruark US2004122456 10n (exc srv - Apr)
(no issues , on time report, 3+ in a row)

Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 50r (NC RC - Apr)
Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 10n (Exc srv - Apr)
(No outstanding issues, No 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:
Derrick Burbee (NE Rep)	6/2006	US2002022150 30n
Timothy Brown (SW Rep)	10/2006	US2002021318 30n
Ric Blasko (EC Rep)	2/2007	US2002021092 20n
Tim Hardwick (SE Rep)	2/2007	US2002021670 30n
Robert Brawn (NW Rep)	2/2007	US2002023243 10n
Ricky Kramer (SC Rep)	2/2007	US2002034170 30n
Mario Razo (GL Rep)	4/2007	US2002021085 10n
(NC Rep)		

COORD & ST RECOGNITION AWARDS

These awards are all in the Exceptional Service category.

Coordinator should come from local to regional then to me for award

Storyteller should come from local to regional to NST then to me for award

GL:

Ryan Walters US2005086013 12N (Exceptional Service - April)
(On-time reporting DC IN-014-D Nov 2007 - Apr 2008)
Donna Sanders US2003102379 12N (Exceptional Service - April)
(On-time reporting VST Lost MO-028-D Nov 2007 - Apr 2008)

EC:

NE:

SC:

NC:

NW:

SE:

SW:

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:

Clark, Deb US2002022584 30R COM-SVC 30 PB (can not award own prestige)

Clark, Deb US2002022584 8G+2R EVT-SPC pre-event (can not award own prestige)

Ian Ruark US2004122456 10R (Comm. and Web Design - April)

(Donated Web Space for the Regional Website)

Scott Troiano US2007080375 10G (Event Service - July 2007)

(Scott NPC'd for two separate sessions during InConjunction, but it was not reported in IN-014-D's report for July 2007. This has been verified by the present Domain Coordinator, and I am passing it up the chain.)

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:

US-ECR:	6 Independent	9 Chapters	17 Domains
US-GLR:	3 Independent	1 Chapters	18 Domains
US-NCR:	3 Independent	6 Chapters	9 Domains
US-NER:	4 Independent	0 Chapters	10 Domains
US-NWR:	1 Independent	12 Chapters	11 Domains
US-SCR:	2 Independent	4 Chapters	20 Domains
US-SER:	8 Independent	5 Chapters	20 Domains
US-SWR:	6 Independent	13 Chapters	19 Domains

Totals: 33 Independents 50 Chapters 124 Domains

SW

+1 chapter CA-073-C

NE:

+1 Indie VT-002-I

SE

+1 Indie FL-043-I

NC:

-1 Indie NC-001-I

+1 Domain NC-001-D

IX. Problems & Issues

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