

US National Coordinators Report

May 2008

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I. Staff Listing

NATIONAL COORDINATOR & STAFF

US National Coordinator:

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Vacant

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NW Regional Coordinator: (2/08)

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NE Regional Coordinator: (10/06)

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SW Regional Coordinator: (12/07)

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SE Regional Coordinator: (10/06)

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NC Arbitrator: (6/06)
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II. Summary and Announcements

May

- 630 email threads

We have completed the May National Charity Drive (<http://www.childsplaycharity.org/>). I am very pleased to announce that the Camarilla contributed \$2832.98 to this charity. The prestige awards have been made and can be found here

http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/prestige_light/document.php?id=3071

If you were missed in the reporting, please contact me (pearce@tampabay.rr.com), coping in your RC and we will see about correcting that.

There are additional National Charity Drives and activities planned for the remainder of 2008, so keep your eyes peeled if you would like to participate.

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.

Summer 2008 Transportation Prestige

Effective June 16, 2008 through Sept 30, 2008 the following change is in place regarding the organizational service line item of transportation:

Transporting 3+ members (Number to include the driver) to a sanctioned event, 5 per trip, max 10 a month, with no set distance requirement. Please remember that 1 trip is there and back from an event.

Reasoning: Due to rising gas prices, we want to help encourage carpooling and reward members to help each other get to events.

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 its 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.

Global Communication Policy

There has been a change in the Global Communication Policy - please refer to here <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=183>

Requirements for Position

There has been modification of the requirements for officer election - please refer to here <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=185>

Referenda to Remove

There has been a clarification in the Removal Referenda process - please refer to here <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=182>

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)

Two RC elections due soon.

IV. Questions & Answers

Be sure to check out the online FAQ database at:

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

CURRENT QUESTIONS

Q: When will we be allowed to have a list of candidate Domain's who completed bids for SCaRE and SERE?

A: Contact National Conventions Administrator (NCA): Nikki Hauser - nikki.m.hauser@gmail.com
. They would have that information.

Q: From CA 069I

I was told that prestige is not put into the CRD, but since that function is there, why not?

A: That function is not complete and will not function properly for recording, tracking and reviewing. Its on the list to be addressed, but is low on that list. Please continue to follow the method outlined in the USMH and on the USNC page.

Q: The CC, SpiderTeo, is currently subscribed to the us-sw-reports list to upload reports and view the archive. However, upon entering the archives, he is only able to see messages no later than February 2007. Is anyone else having this problem? If no, then does anyone have any ideas of how to fix this problem?

A: I can see back to Feb 2007, I'm assuming that's what you meant. Reported to cam.global.tech@gmail.com

Q: We are still considering methods in which to gain monies for the club. We are unsure what our limitations are on gaining money, and what would constitute prestige worthiness.

A: As far as I know there is no limitations on fund raising as far as amounts go. However straight cash for prestige is not acceptable at this time (outside of specially approved events or drives)

Q: What are the policies for setting up a checking account for domain/chapter funds outside of WW control?

A: Local units are free to maintain their own finances, to my knowledge, for operational expenses and such. However please ensure that such accounts are not set-up in such a way that they become inaccessible should officers change or other issues arise. Full detailed records are also required to be kept of balances, incomes, and pay outs

Q: Can the name of the domain be changed or altered with out re-forming the domain?

A: Absolutely, all that is required is the approval of your RC, RST and USNC.

LAST MONTHS 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 deleteing 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 seperate 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.

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 and Sean Mooney NSA.

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

ICC October 16-19th. <http://icc.cam-wiki.org/>

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 - Apr)
Jon Herrmann	US2002021241	50n (NST - Apr)
Chris Buser	US2002021013	40n (NO - Apr)
An Doyle	US2006088418	40n (NCA - Apr) (outgoing)
Nikki Hauser	US2003011029	40n (NCA - Apr) (incoming)
Chris Herr	US2002022281	40n (NFA - Apr)
Sean Mooney	US2005116923	50n (NSA - Apr)

(Awards for May 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 – May)
Jon O. Noble	US2003041492	40N (ANC: Arbitration – May)
Bekkah Anderson	US2004041403	20N (ANC: Newsletter – May) – late report
Lana Quenneville	US2002022632	20N (ANC : Chapters – May) – no report - excused (wedding and moving)

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 - May)

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 – May)
Harley Cox US2002021715 10N (Exc Srv – May)
(No outstanding issues, on time report, 3 in a row)

Jed Stancato US2002021727 20r (EC RC – May)
(no outstanding issues, no report 2 months in a row) - Report Excused

Federico Diaz US2004021207 50r (NW RC – May)
Federico Diaz US2004021207 10N (exc srv – May)
(No outstanding issues, on time reports, 3+ months in row)

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

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

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

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

Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 50r (NC RC – May)
Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 10n (Exc srv – May)
(No outstanding issues, on time, 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 30n
Tim Hardwick (SE Rep) 2/2007 US2002021670 30n
Robert Brawn (NW Rep) 2/2007 US2002023243 30n
Ricky Kramer (SC Rep) 2/2007 US2002034170 30n
Mario Razo (GL Rep) 4/2007 US2002021085 0n
(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:

EC:

NE:

SC:

NC:

NW:

SE:

SW:

Erin Miracle US2003071789 12N CoR Nov07 April 08

US NATIONAL NEWSLETTER:

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

Name: Cam#: Prestige:

(From Fiction Feature)

Bekkah Anderson –US2004041403 – 5N – Story (Fall of the Invictus); with permission from NC

Kylee H. – US2004071585- 8N – Story - Oracle at Delphi

Samuel Hinds – US2007101091 – 15N – Haikus (Page 9 x2 and Page 15)

David Holler – US2002023653 – 15N - Assistant Editor (Helped with Layout, Photoshop, Editing Articles, Getting in Articles and Artwork; Absolute Lifesaver through March, April and May to get this done)

David Holler – US2002023653 – 20N - 4 Photos (Page 1, 2, 17, 19)

Lisa Marie Jelenik - US2007050002 – 18N - Stories/Articles - Prayer for Quadragisema, Two Birds One Stone. Prayer for Direction

Lisa Marie Jelenik - US2007050002 – 5N - Artwork - Desperate Angel (photo),

Brian Keller – US2003061746 – 5N – Drawing (Page 3)

J. Kovach - US2002045203 – 8N – Time in a Bottle

J. Kovach - US2002045203 – 15N - Artwork – “Calling”, “Conjurer”, “Silent Mary”

John McBride - US2002023807 – 10N – Gruntwork and Donation of Software– Finding fonts, assisting with layout, etc. and Updates for Software

Mario Medina - US2002056025 – 20N – 4 Poems (Page 2 and 3 on Page 9)

Melissa Snyder - US2005075764 – 8N – Fits and Punishments

Jenn Stoltz - US2007019300 – 5N – Artwork (Flower)

(From Non-Fiction Newsletter)

Matt Asbell –US2002066249 - 3N – Co-Writing Skill Specialties

Dy Brokl – US2002021371 – 5N – Debunking the Mystery of Prestige

Walter Holt – US2002022592 – 5N – How to Maximize Your Merits

Brian Keller - US2003061746 – 5N – Drawing (Vampire)

Erica Martinez – US2002021903 – 5N – Low MC Players and You!

Mario Medina - US2002056025 – 5N – Making the Cam Work for You

Mario Medina - US2002056025 – 10N – Assistant Editor (Editing Articles, Getting in Submissions, Proofing)

Warren Schnur-Holmes - US2002106696 - 3N – Co-Writing Skill Specialties

Zarli Winn – US2004071604 - 5N – Photograph of Steve Wernig

OTHER AWARDS:

These awards are in the category indicated.

Name: Cam#: Prestige:

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

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

IX. Problems & Issues

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