

US National Coordinators Report

June 2008

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. Staff Listing

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II. Summary and Announcements

June
617 email threads

Charities:

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.

Transfers:

With the summer full upon us there are a great deal of transfers occurring. Please remember that membership transfers across regions require both local coordinators, both regional coordinators and my approval.

For ease of Tracking please do not entitle your email "transfer" but rather put your name and cam number in the title. That prevents it from getting mixed with 60 other emails of the same title and allows everyone to track and get the transfer through the system in the shortest amount of time. Also please remember that while a national lock or review is not an absolute requirement for a transfer, it's a very very good idea so that somewhere down the line you are not looking for records from years back and regions past.

To clarify, if you physically move to another location (outside your chapter/domain/region or nation) you have 90 days to begin the transfer process. I will consider approval of transfers no more than 30 days from the physical move date, so that members are not dealing with their membership transfer at the same time that they are dealing with the stress of the actual move but no sooner.

Also just a reminder that without approval, you can not be an officer of an organizational unit to which you do not belong,

Plagiarism:

Copying someone's answers on an ordeal is cheating. People are expelled for Plagiarism every year in schools around the country, and really there is no need to cheat on an open book, no time limit test. When you are caught there will be disciplinary action.

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 takes 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.

UNited States National Ombudsman

Election completed - Congrats to Sara Hart as the new USNO. Best Wishes from the USNC and staff.

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 will be restarted. (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

>From CA-57-D

Q. Scott Beech is showing on the CRD as a member of a Florida domain. He has never been a member there and is unable to move himself to the San Diego domain CRD.

A. US2007080498: Scott Beeh has been relocated to CA-057-D: Veil of Shadows in the CRD

Questions from UT 014D

1. Archives in the SW Reports list does not go past February 2007. Can this be fixed?

A: It's a global office issue, passing it along. cam.global.tech@gmail.com

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 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.

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

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 - May)
Jon Herrmann	US2002021241	50n (NST - May)
Chris Buser	US2002021013	40n (NO - May)
Nikki Hauser	US2003011029	40n (NCA - May)
Chris Herr	US2002022281	40n (NFA - May)
Sean Mooney	US2005116923	50n (NSA - May)

(Awards for June 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	10N (ANC: Admin – June) – late report
Bekkah Anderson	US2004041403	20N (ANC: Newsletter – June) – late report
Lana Quenneville	US2002022632	20N (ANC : Chapters – June) – 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 - Jun)

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

Jed Stancato US2002021727 20r (EC RC – June)
(no outstanding issues, late report 1 months in a row)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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:

Ray Rodriguez US2002127014 12N (Exceptional Service - June)
(On-time reporting CC IA-005-I Jan - Jun 2008)
Jessica Orsini US2006037576 12N (Exceptional Service - June)
(On-time reporting DC MO-017-D Jan - Jun 2008)
Alia Federow US2005096528 12N (Exceptional Service - June)
(On-time reporting VST Mortals IL-017-D Jan - Jun 2008)
Jim Chauvaux US2007029454 12N (Exceptional Service - June)

(On-time reporting DST IN-013-D Jan - Jun 2008)
Greg White US2006098696 12N (Exceptional Service - June)
(On-time reporting DST IN-014-D Jan - Jun 2008)
Emily Bogerd US2006047693 12N (Exceptional Service - June)
(On-time reporting VST Forsaken MI-016-D Jan - Jun 2008)

EC:

NE:

SC:

NC:

NW:

SE:

SW:

6 MONTHS Continuous ontime reporting Jan 2008-June 2008 for the following DC's and CC's

Chuck Morill US2005127043 12N
Lori Herrin US200211686 12N
Corissa Hinkley US2006037622 12N
Cassandra Wendel US2004051477 12n
Kristi Trujillo US2005116862 12n
Marco Terrazas US2002066274 12n
Daniel brown US2007019286 12n
Stacie Bullough US2007080541 12n
C.R. "SpiderTeo" Teodoro, US2002021898 12n CA 016 C
Eric Frank US2002023911 12N CA65C
Joe Holsinger US2005012656 12N ca 045C

US NATIONAL NEWSLETTER:

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

Name: Cam#: Prestige:

James Evans – US2004092015 - 5N – Cam Cons 101

Robert Hodges – US2008021876 - 5N – Changing the World One Weekend at a Time

David Holler – US2002023653 – 5N - Pictures (Photo of Buddy Jackson)

Walter Holt – US2002022592 – 5N – Filler Material – Jokes and One Liners

J. Kovach – US2002045203 - 10N – Photos – St. Peter's Ceiling and Lovecraft

Mario Medina - US2002056025 – 5N – Changes in the Cam

Mario Medina - US2002056025 – 15N – Assistant Editor (Editing Articles, Getting in Submissions, Proofing, (Roughly 5+ Hours of Newsletter Work)

Jesse Robbins - US2007019373 - 5N – Snark 101

Jake Tessler – US2002022694 - 5N – Roleplaying the Human Element

OTHER AWARDS:

These awards are in the category indicated.

Name: Cam#: Prestige:

Ryan Walters	US2005086013	10G (Administration - December 2005)
Ryan Walters	US2005086013	20G (Administration - June 2006)
Ryan Walters	US2005086013	20G (Administration - September 2006)
Ryan Walters	US2005086013	20G (Administration - October 2006)
Ryan Walters	US2005086013	20G (Administration - November 2006)
Ryan Walters	US2005086013	20G (Administration - February 2007)

(Ryan Walters was an ADC for IN-014-D Midnight Crossroads during the months listed. Although I believe he performed the tasks requested of him as an ADC, he was not awarded as such, because no reports were turned in by his superior.)

Tammie Philpott US2005075694 30R (Administration - March 2007)

(Tammie was Great Lakes ARST Chief of Staff at the time. For whatever reason, this was not reported in the any GL RC Report due to what I judge as miscommunication between the RST and RC at the time.)

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

(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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