

[Uscamarilla-oooc] US National Coordinators Report - August 2008 (edited)

I. Staff Listing

NATIONAL COORDINATOR & STAFF

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ANC Chapters:

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ANC Prestige:

Vacant

ANC Newsletter:

Bekkah Anderson ([bekkah.anderson at gmail.com](mailto:bekkah.anderson_at_gmail.com))

REGIONAL COORDINATORS

SC Regional Coordinator: (4/08)

Harley Cox, [scrc at gmail.com](mailto:scrc_at_gmail.com)

EC Regional Coordinator: (5/07)

Jed Stancato, [xavier_oconnor at yahoo.com](mailto:xavier_oconnor_at_yahoo.com)

GL Regional Coordinator: (7/07)

Ian Ruark, [greatlakesregionalcoordinator at gmail.com](mailto:greatlakesregionalcoordinator_at_gmail.com)

NW Regional Coordinator: (2/08)

Federico Diaz, [cam.nwrc at gmail.com](mailto:cam.nwrc_at_gmail.com)

NE Regional Coordinator: (10/06)

Dominick Ciraco, [vampst at theinferno.net](mailto:vampst_at_theinferno.net)

SW Regional Coordinator: (12/07)

Paul J. Hackett, [cam.swrc at gmail.com](mailto:cam.swrc_at_gmail.com)

SE Regional Coordinator: (10/06)

Deb Pelletier Clark, [whitewynd at yahoo.com](mailto:whitewynd_at_yahoo.com)

NC Regional Coordinator: (5/07)

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NATIONAL STORYTELLERS

US National Storyteller (NST):

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ANST Chief of Staff:

ANST Requiem:

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ANST Changeling:

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ANST Awakening:

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ANST WoD:

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ANST Troubleshooter:

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II. Summary and Announcements

Charities: (Updated Sept 2008)

We have completed the May National Charity Drive (<http://www.childsplaycharity.org/>). I am very pleased to announce that the Camarilla contributed \$3,661.86 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

At this time the Prestige Awards are officially closed. We are 3 months past the deadline. No more prestige additions will be made.

The Machiavellian Moment

The US National Coordinator, National Services Administrator and US National Ombudsman would like to encourage you to become a US registered voter. As recent past elections have demonstrated, each vote can (and does) make a difference.

The Camarilla is non-partisan non-political organization, so this is not an invitation join any particular political party, or endorsement of any candidate or platform. However the majority age group of our organization is sadly, very lightly represented in voting. As such we would like to encourage everyone to become more involved in the community by exercising your right to vote and making your opinion heard come election day.

To encourage this, by simply showing your current voter registration card to your supervising coordinator between now and the US National Election (November 4th), you will receive a single prestige award of 10 National awarded in the Community Service category. If you happen to be living in one of the few states that do not use voter registration cards, any form of documented proof that you are a registered US voter will suffice.

No, you can't show your coordinator every day... nice try :)

If you need information on how to register to vote, start here <http://www.justvote.org/>

* CC/DCs should record the name and cam number of each individual qualifying and send one complete report to their respective RCs. Regional Coordinators will collect this information and send up one report for their entire region to the National Coordinator for award and posting in the Prestige Database.

Again, while politics have a natural home in the IC venues, the discussion of real life politics is often a sensitive and volatile subject. While we encourage involvement, understanding, and participation in the process ...please understand that the lists and channels are inappropriate locations for heated debate.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at [pearce at tampabay.rr.com](mailto:pearce_at_tampabay.rr.com)

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 move physically to another location (outside your previous 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.

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]".... news flash - 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. 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: This ends this month.

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. Just an update that we are now back to normal award guidelines for transportation.

National Prestige Review Information:

May 2008 - 24 reviews

Jun 2008 - 17 reviews

Jul 2008 - 17 reviews

August - 11 reviews

September - 24 reviews

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.

Appeals:

> From the USMH - 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.

Resolutions Passed:

1. 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>

2. 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>

3. 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, Chapters and Newsletter selection started.

Two RC (NE and SE All calls out this week)

IV. Questions & Answers

Be sure to check out the online FAQ database at:

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

CURRENT QUESTIONS

Q: What are the recommendations for box top and pop top charity drives in regards to prestige?

A: Box Top Guideline - <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=180>

Pop Tab Guideline - <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=129>

Q: Where can we find a listing of Regional, National and Recruitment cons planned for 2009 and locations and Dates if known?

A: All cons are detailed at http://camarilla.white-wolf.com//index.php?option=com_content&task=section&id=7&Itemid=53

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

A: This has been corrected per [cam.global.tech at gmail.com](mailto:cam.global.tech@gmail.com)

Q: Is there a minimum number of members in a chapter to keep it open?

A: No, there is a minimum to form a chapter. It becomes the call of the RC and myself to evaluate the functionality of a chapter with less than that amount. If the chapter is functioning, doing charities, reporting, and working on recruiting then typically it is not an issue

LAST MONTHS QUESTIONS

Q: The DST/DC/VST/CC have reported that several of them have not received their awards for on time reporting, who can they contact about this?

A: Officers should contact their regional supervising office (STs to RST and Cs to RC). It is from that level which the recommendations are made for on-time reporting awards.

Q: What is the Cam policy on recording conversations at cam functions and events?

A. With the prevalence of recording devices integrated into cell phones, PDAs, MP3 Players and other personally owned electronics, the Camarilla, is not going to make a policy on what people do with their own personal property. However members are advised that each state may have different legal requirements for recording ANY conversation and also that doing so covertly would not seem to in line with the "Exercise honesty" or "solving problems not causing them" spirit of the Code of Conduct. I would be must more interested in why a member felt the need to record conversations.

Q: Can a Trial Member earn prestige?

A: A trial member may not:

- Vote in elections.
- Hold a Camarilla office.
- Benefit from Prestige earned unless a Full Membership is purchased.
- Apply for Mid, High or Top Approval level characters or abilities.
- Take the Camarilla Ordeals

They may earn prestige while under a Trial Membership, however they can not benefit (Increase in MC) until such time as they have purchased a full membership.

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

(Awards for Aug 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	30N (ANC: Admin - Aug)
Bekkah Anderson	US2004041403	20N (ANC: Newsletter - Aug)
Lana Quenneville	US2002022632	20N (ANC : Chapters - Aug)
Jon O. Noble	US2003041492	40N (ANC - Arbitration - July)

Jon O. Noble US2003041492 40N (ANC - Arbitration - Aug)

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 - Aug)

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 40R (SC RC - Aug)
(1 outstanding issues, first month on-time report,)

Jed Stancato US2002021727 40r (EC RC - Aug)
(no outstanding issues, report received)

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

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

Deb Pelletier-Clark US2002022584 50r (SE RC - Aug)
Deb Pelletier-Clark US2002022584 10n (Exc srv - Aug)
(1 outstanding issues, Early report, 3+ in a row)

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

Ian Ruark US2004122456 50r (GL RC- Aug)
Ian Ruark US2004122456 10n (exc srv - Aug)
(1 issues , early report, 3+ in a row)

Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 0r (NC RC - Aug)
Greg Fitzsimmons US2002034400 0n (Exc srv - Aug)
(No outstanding issues, No Report, 0 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:

Steve Cothard US2005106753 12N (Exceptional Service - August)
(On-time reporting DC IL-017-D Mar - Aug 2008)
Sarah Holliday US2002022891 12N (Exceptional Service - August)
(On-time reporting DC IL-018-D Mar - Aug 2008)
Jeff Pyritz US2005106780 12N (Exceptional Service - August)
(On-time reporting VST Created IL-017-D Mar - Aug 2008)

Lucas Amodio US2006088433 12N (Exceptional Service - August)
(On-time reporting VST Awakening IN-017-I Mar - Aug 2008)
David Bradtmueller US2006088436 12N (Exceptional Service - August)
(On-time reporting VST Forsaken IN-017-I Mar - Aug 2008)
Jar Spencer US2007019345 12N (Exceptional Service - August)
(On-time reporting VST Forsaken MI-015-D Mar - Aug 2008)
Mark Seketa US2003061714 12N (Exceptional Service - August)
(On-time reporting DST MO-028-D Mar - Aug 2008)

EC:

NE:

SC:

NC:

NW:

Following are ST on time reporting backdates

##August 2008##

Mattias Flensburg US2003102429

Richard Pruiett US2002021210

Nathan Wiltse US2002096617

John McBride US2002023807

##July 2008##

Trason Dazell US2004102273

##June 2008##

None

##May 2008##

None

##April 2008##

None

March 2008

None

February 2008

John McBride US2002023807

January 2008

Trason Dazell US2004102273

William "B.J." Altman US2005022938

December 2007##

Richard Pruiett US2002021210

November 2007##

None

##October 2007 Qualifiers##

Mattias FlansBurg US2003102429

##September 2007 Qualifiers##

Ryan Stucker US2002021549

Brighton Wood US2002023130

Richard Pruiett US20020212

Following are coordinators on time:

Mattias Flensburg US2003102429 (Exceptional Service) 12n 6mo. On time reporting
Richard Pruiett US2002021210 (Exceptional Service) 12n 6mo. On time reporting
Nathan Wiltse US2002096617 (Exceptional Service) 12n 6mo. On time reporting
John McBride US2002023807 (Exceptional Service) 12n 6mo. On time reporting
Jennifer Pruiett, US2002021352 (Exceptional Service) 12n 6mo. On time reporting

SE:

Overtime Coordinator Reporting Recommendations to National
If you have been missed, please let me know.

Kathaleen Amende US2002022637 12/07 - 05/08
Rebecca Nichols US2002022823 12/07 - 05/08
Josie Stanton US2002022252 09/07 - 02/08
Josie Stanton US2002022252 03/08 - 08/08
M. Miranda Allison US2002022650 09/07 - 02/08
M. Miranda Allison US2002022650 03/08 - 08/08
Dan Hartstein US2002023320 11/07 - 04/08
Pearce Dreadin US2002021645 12/07 - 05/08
Bonnie Zabytko US2005023013 08/07 - 01/08
Bonnie Zabytko US2005023013 02/08 - 07/08
John-Jay US2006088270 02/08 - 07/08
Garet Bleddynn US2002023605 02/08 - 07/08
Travis Buck US2002021952 01/08 - 06/08

SW:

Backdated Dates Shown with Recommendations for On Time Reporting

Jay Hart US2003021320, DST Nomads of Twilight (AZ-009-D), 12N 8/07-02/08
Ron Edens US2002034494, DST Dark Tower (Ca0-22-D) 12N 08/07-01/08
Vern Dorethy, US2002034263, DST Myst (CA-051-D) 12N 08/07-01/08
Jeff Wilson US2002021718, DST Songs of the Sand (NV-004-D) 12N 08/07-01/08
John Vescio US2003021294, DST The Ancient Gamble (NV-008-D) 12N 08/07-01/08

Current Awards for on time reporting

Jay Hart US2003021320, DST Nomads of Twilight (AZ-009-D), 12N 02/08-08/08
Ron Edens US20020344941, DST Dark Tower (Ca0-22-D) 12N 02/08-08/08
John Vescio US2003021294, DST The Ancient Gamble (NV-008-D) 12N 02/08-08/08
Jeff Wilson US2002021718, DST Songs of the Sand (NV-004-D) 12N 02/08-08/08

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 - Aug)
(Donated Web Space for the Regional Website)

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	2 Chapters	19 Domains
US-NCR:	3 Independent	6 Chapters	9 Domains
US-NER:	4 Independent	0 Chapters	10 Domains
US-NWR:	1 Independent	13 Chapters	11 Domains
US-SCR:	3 Independent	3 Chapters	19 Domains
US-SER:	7 Independent	5 Chapters	23 Domains
US-SWR:	6 Independent	11 Chapters	18 Domains

Totals: 33 Independents 49 Chapters 125 Domains

IX. Problems & Issues

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