

US National Coordinators Report

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I. Staff Listing

NATIONAL COORDINATORS

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REGIONAL COORDINATORS

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EC Regional Coordinator:
Scott Sweeney smswee_wm@yahoo.com

GL Regional Coordinator:
Mario DiGirolamo, Greatlakes_rc@yahoo.com

NW Regional Coordinator:
Tony Mungo jaress@comcast.net (incoming)
Pat Thorp, pat@ivymist.com (outgoing)

NE Regional Coordinator:
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SW Regional Coordinator:
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SE Regional Coordinator:
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NC Regional Coordinator:
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NATIONAL STORYTELLERS

US National Storyteller (NST):
David Bounds, malkav@jyhad.net

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ANST Requiem:
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ANST Garou:
Matthew Williams, mattheww99@yahoo.com

ANST Mage:
Nycci Daniels, nycci@fuse.net

ANST Changeling:
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ARBITRATION BOARD

ANC Arbitration:
Jesse Daniel, jd19_77@yahoo.com

NW Arbitrator:
Matthew Jackson matthew202@hotmail.com

SW Arbitrator:
Adam Phelps, amp@cs.stanford.edu

NC Arbitrator:
Frann Rames roleplayer1968@yahoo.com

SC Arbitrator:
Benjamin Craft-Rendon aiglos@yahoo.com

GL Arbitrator:
Jennifer DiGirolamo, msbrandywhite@comcast.net

NE Arbitrator:
Mark Lichtenstein, Camwebbie@hotmail.com

EC Arbitrator:
Kevin Garrett, fire.ant@verizon.net

SE Arbitrator:
George Chance, george66@gmail.com

II. Summary

January was focused mainly on communities adjustments and handling renewals, as well as the normal spate of elections. We managed to wrap up a few projects, and set ourselves to start a few new ones in the near future.

In personal news, I started a new job last week which has somewhat slowed down my response time while I settle into the new schedule. Things are coming back up to speed now, though, and I should be back

up to full speed in another week.

I will be attending SCRE, arriving Thursday night and leaving Sunday in the early afternoon. If there are any issues that need to be addressed in person, please email me ahead of time so that I can find room for your request in my schedule. I do, after all, expect some personal time in New Orleans.

III. Staff Election Updates

US NATIONAL STORYTELLER:
David Bounds is the new US NST. Congrats!

SC ARBITRATION BOARD:
Benjamin Craft-Rendon is the new SC Arbitrator Congrats!

NW ARBITRATION BOARD:
Matthew Jackson is the new NW Arbitrator, Congrats!

NW REGIONAL COORDINATOR:
Tony Mungo has been elected NW Regional Coordinator Congrats!

EC REGIONAL COORDINATOR:
Applications being screened.

IV. Questions & Answers

Be sure to check out the online FAQ database at:

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

THIS MONTH'S QUESTIONS:

Q: Can our domain charge a mandatory site fee?

A: <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=122>

Q: Can a member of the arbitration board hold local offices?

A: The Membership Handbook is quite clear that a member of the arbitration board is not allowed to hold any other offices at all. However, after seeing this rule in practice for a while, it has

been modified slightly by the Camarilla Council.

Members of the arbitration board are now allowed to hold assistant positions on a local level only. That is, AVST, ADST, ACC or ADC. They are still not allowed to hold elected positions of any kind, and they are still not allowed to hold regional or national positions of any kind (even assistant positions).

<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=123>

Q: Is there a grace period for expired members?

A: Members cease to have any benefits of membership at the end of the month in which their membership expires. That is to say that if your expiration date is any time in January, you cease to receive any benefits of membership at the end of January. This includes any right to attend games, participate in mailing lists, IRC, to have a sanctioned PC, any benefits of member class, and so forth. As soon as the member renews, they regain these benefits, keeping their same characters, member class, etc. just as if they had never expired.

With this in mind, coordinators are encouraged to remind members to renew well in advance of their expiration date. This is why expiration dates are listed in each chapter report as well - to serve as a reminder so that members do not lose the benefits of membership simply due to forgetting. If there is a breakdown in communication, it is acceptable to give the member a few days from the time they were informed of the issue to take care of their renewal before enforcement begins. This "grace period" for simply failing to renew should never exceed one week, though.

<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=124>

Q: I renewed, but the iCamarilla system says that I have expired. What do I do?

A: On occasion, errors do happen. Please contact the National Services Administrator (Jana Wright; memberservices@white-wolf.com) to resolve the error. While the error is being investigated and resolved, you are able to participate fully in the Camarilla, though your coordinator may want to see copies of the emails you have exchanged with the NSA to make sure that there are no difficulties.

<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=125>

Q: Are former members able to participate at all without renewing?

A: The Membership Handbook sets very strict limits on what activities a non-member is able to participate in. This also applied to non-members who used to be part of the Camarilla. Keep in mind also that while coordinators are encouraged to use non-member participation as a recruiting tool, this should not be used as a way for former members to avoid paying membership dues.

Remember that among other limitations, non-members are not able to use any benefits of MC, even MC earned during their previous participation in the club, or to earn XP. This should rule out former members playing any of their old PCs until they renew.

<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=126>

Q: If I upgrade from a free trial membership to a full membership, do I earn early renewal prestige?

A: No.

<http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=127>

Q: Do I get prestige for donating snacks at a game?

A: <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=128>

Q: How much prestige are pop can tabs worth?

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

LAST MONTH'S QUESTIONS:

Q: Is there a timetable for when ST Recognition Awards will be updated? I have several members in the Region who are (or have been previously) eligible for this award, yet we haven't seen awards for this. What can I do to help this along?

A: I anticipate one batch of awards becoming available in the next couple weeks. Once that is done, we'll look at what it will take to expand it.

Q: When are the dates available for NERE?

A: Bids are being accepted for June or July. Contact the National Conventions Administrator, Angela Rexwinkle, at queenzul@gmail.com for more details.

Q: If an officer has not renewed on time, does he immediately lose his position? If not, how long until he does? If he renews before an election can be started for the position, can he retain it?

A: Members have until the end of the month in which they expire

to renew before being ineligible to participate in games, hold office and so forth. Of course, they must still renew prior to the actual day of their expiration to earn early renewal prestige.

Q: When will the ANC: Prestige site be updated with new awards?

A: A new prestige database has been released to replace this site. See it at:

http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/prestige_light/

Q: Where do I find prestige for ICC 2004?

A: http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/prestige_light/document.php?id=484

Q: If a person signs up for a free trial, then converts to a paid membership before the trial expires, are they eligible for early renewal prestige?

A: No. Early renewal is for renewing a paid membership, not purchasing your first one. Someone may be eligible for a prestige award for recruiting the new member, however.

V. Projects

(Project status is listed as of the time of this report, not necessarily the first of the month.)

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK:

The time has come to begin working on a new draft of the Membership Handbook. It will not be published until we run out of copies of the existing Handbook, but in order to make sure that we have a high quality project, editing work has already begun. If you have comments on changes to wording, readability, presentation and so forth, feel free to send them directly to cam.usnc@gmail.com with a subject line that clearly indicates that it is a Handbook suggestion. If you have comments about policy or content, send them up the coordinator chain or bring up the topic on the coordinators mailing list (or both).

Project lead is Wes Contreras, NC.

COMMUNITIES REFORM:

We are compiling a charter for each community with basic information. When complete, these will be posted to the web site and we will then begin a campaign to ensure the membership knows of the communities and can take advantage of what they offer. Project leads are Niki Chase, ANC: Communities and Wes Contreras, NC.

NATIONAL DATABASE:

A revised interface for the national database is in beta testing. When this goes live, a massive data entry effort will begin to make the database more useful. Project lead is Brent Cerrato, NTA in cooperation with the White Wolf IT department.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

This project is on hold pending more information from Charles Bailey about what White Wolf wants to see in an education department. Project lead is Jana Wright, NSA.

UNIFIED EMAIL ADDRESSES:

Due to heavy focus on the national database, this project is on hold indefinitely. Someday it will happen.

OPEN PRESTIGE REVIEWS:

This project is moving along nicely. We expect to begin accepting logs with prestige awards dating back to 1998 or before (not counting any that have already been locked at national) any time now. Look for an announcement soon. Project lead is Pearce Dreadin, ANC: Prestige.

DOMAIN LISTS:

Each domain without a mailing list on the Camarilla server is being contacted to try and set one up. At this time the move is optional. Once we have three months of solid uptime on the Cam server, the move will become mandatory. Project lead is Christy Wellens, ANC: Projects.

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 and SC regions are complete. NE, NW are incomplete, with no word from SW and SE. Project lead is Bill Malvasi, ANC: Admin.

REGIONAL COORDINATOR REPORT TEMPLATE:

A reporting template for the Regional Coordinators is currently being created. A draft is nearly ready to be torn apart by the RCs before going through more revisions and a live release. The project leads for this are Bill Malvasi, ANC: Admin and Jed Stancato, ANC: Chapters.

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. <http://camarilla.white-wolf.com/usnc/faq.php?id=87>

Project lead is Jana Wright, NSA.

VI. Upcoming Regional Events

SCaRE - March 3-6, 2005 - New Orleans, LA

<http://scare.camscr.org/>

NEGLECT - June 2-5, 2005 - Chicago, IL

(more info coming)

ICC 2005 - Oct 20-23, 2005 - Phoenix, AZ

<http://icc.camarilla.us>

VII. Prestige Awards

The following awards are for various staff members and are all in the Admin category, except where Exceptional Service is indicated.

Corrections are marked with a * and REPLACE any previous awards for the given month.

CAMARILLA COUNCIL:

(As delegated by Charles Bailey, Club Director)

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Wes Contreras	US2002022038	50n (NC)
David Bounds	US2002021593	40n (NST)
Angela Rexwinkle	US2002021160	40n (NCA)
Sarah Heffron	US2002022568	40n (NFA)
Jana Wright	US2002021053	50n (NSA)
Brent Cerrato	US2002022439	40n (NTA)

ASSOCIATE NATIONAL COORDINATORS:

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Bill Malvasi	US2002021749	40n (ANC: Admin - Jan)
Christy Wellens	US2002034016	40n (ANC: Special Projects - Jan)
Jed Stancato	US2002021727	40n (ANC: Chapters - Jan)
Jesse Daniel	US2002022102	40n (ANC: Arbitration - Jan)

Niki Chase US2002022069 30n (ANC: Communities - Jan)
Pearce Dreadin US2002021645 40n (ANC: Prestige - Jan)

OTHER NATIONAL COORDINATOR STAFF:

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Laura Simpson	US2002022887	7n 8g (Prestige Review Team - Jan)
Sarah Phillips	US2002034642	15n (Data Transfer Assistance - Jan)
Eli Warren	US2002022199	1n 2g (Communities liaison - Jan)
James McFarland	US2002023049	2n 6g (Communities liaison - Jan)
Randy MacKay	US2002021554	3n 3g (Communities liaison - Jan)
Valerie Miller	US2002021746	2n 3g (Communities liaison - Jan)
Bryan Gilligan	US2004041400	7n 7g (Communities liaison - Jan)
Wade Cutrell	US2002021945	3n 3g (Communities liaison - Jan)
Sharon Johnson	US2002034814	2n 2g (Communities liaison - Jan)

REGIONAL COORDINATORS:

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Ricky Kramer	US2002034170	50r (SC RC - Jan)
Ricky Kramer	US2002034170	10n (Exceptional Service - Jan)
David (MT) Williams	US2002034655	30r (EC ARC: Chief of Staff - Jan)
Mario DiGirolamo	US2002021355	40r (GL RC - Jan)
Pat Thorp	US2002021722	50r (NW RC - Jan)
Scott Brown	US2002021082	50r (SE RC - Jan)
Tara Crawford	US2002022873	50r (NE RC - Jan)
Courtney Shook	US2002021811	50r (NC RC - Jan)
Courtney Shook	US2002021811	10n (Exceptional Service - Jan)
Chris Williams	US2002021540	35r (SW RC - Jan)

ARBITRATION BOARD:

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Frann Ramales	US2002034879	10n (NC Rep - Jan)
Adam Phelps	US2002021040	10n (SW Rep - Jan)
Jennifer DiGirolamo	US2002021357	10n (GL Rep - Jan)
Kevin Garrett	US2002022287	10n (EC Rep - Jan)
George Chance	US2002021169	10n (SE Rep - Jan)
Benjamin Craft-Rendon	US2002023767	0n (SC Rep - Jan)
Matthew Jackson	US2002022691	0n (NW Rep - Jan)

COORD & ST RECOGNITION AWARDS

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
Kay Staviv	US2002021633 12N	(GA-011-D - Jan-05)
Jared Royka	US2002096663 12N	(AZ-009-I - Jan-05)
Doug Clark	US2002023877 12N	(AR-006-C - Jan-05)
Loren Gale	US2003071848 12N	(CA-024-C - Jan-05)
Jason Hamon	US2003051623 12N	(CA-065-C - Jan-05)
Brandi Anthony	US2002023471 12N	(CO-006-C - Jan-05)
Tony Zinni	US2002022070 12N	(FL-005-D - Jan-05)
Kelly Wilson	US2002021502 12N	(KS-014-C - Jan-05)
Sally McCampbell	US2002035101 12N	(KS-016-C - Jan-05)
Derrick Burbee	US2002022150 12N	(ME-008-D - Jan-05)
Rebecca Stoner	US2003071903 12N	(MI-015-D - Jan-05)
Stephen Brown	US2002021646 12N	(TX-068-I - Jan-05)
George Lemke	US2002021447 12N	(WA-067-C - Jan-05)
Jesse Sherman	US2002023519 12N	(WA-079-D - Jan-05)
Chris McCarley	US2003061709 12N	(WA-065-D - Jan-05)

OTHER AWARDS:

Name:	Cam#:	Prestige:
(none)		

 VIII. Regional Chapter/Domain Status

EAST CENTRAL
 Indy chapters: 8
 Chapters: 12
 Domains: 15

GREAT LAKES
 Indy chapters: 7
 Chapters: 4
 Domains: 12

NORTH CENTRAL
 Indy chapters: 2
 Chapters: 12
 Domains: 9

NORTHEAST
 Indy chapters: 2

Chapters: 6
Domains: 8

NORTHWEST
Indy chapters: 3
Chapters: 28
Domains: 13

SOUTH CENTRAL
Indy chapters: 2
Chapters: 17
Domains: 20

SOUTHEAST
Indy chapters: 5
Chapters: 8
Domains: 26

SOUTHWEST
Indy chapters: 6
Chapters: 28
Domains: 18

TOTAL

Indy chapters: 36
Chapters: 114
Domains: 121

IX. Problems & Issues
