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National Multiple Sclerosis Society



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We will strive to establish a monitoring network of trained volunteer citizen based communicators using any and all available means to deliver the message.

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## EDITOR's Corner

Don Tarbet, KD1XU  
Editor *The REACTer*

We are still looking for reports on the SET (Simulated Emergency Test), on Preparedness Month Activities and of course Team Reports.

On Page 7 we have a detailed report from a relatively new team in Maine that went deeply into the SET they established links with the rest of the preparedness Community and used the opportunity to practice and improve on their own skills and they noted problems that had occurred.

HR 2160, aimed at removing unreasonable restrictions from emergency communications volunteers is gaining support. The ARRL now reports that there are now 34 co-sponsors. Perhaps those of us who are interested should contact your own representatives if they are not already on the sponsor list.

The earthquake in Haiti has claimed an undetermined number of lives. It has also knocked out the limited infrastructure of the country so that there are starving people and little to no medical attention.

Of course communications were drastically affected. Local hams have leapt into the breach and are still operating. Several frequencies were reserved for emergency communications by the ITU. These restrictions have now been lifted but communication difficulties still exist.

The U.S. has sent radio help as well. It is reported that a few people showed up unofficially. This does not work out very well as every emergency communication course outlines. Without reporting through official channels, these volunteers are often only in the way. Remember the stories about unprepared hams showing up after 9-11 with no supplies and radios with dead batteries.

We all want to help: that is what we are about, but we need to go through official channels—otherwise we are part of the problem, not the solution.

Send us information on your Team as well as including recent activities. The rest of us will be glad to know what is happening in your team. Photos are welcome just remember to please resize them or zip them as larger photos take longer to download.

Please read President Don Manlove's article on his travels to Texas. We hope to see more articles like this in the future from our President and any other officers of REACT International. Take note that the second part of his article as he asks us for information and provides information on GMRS and other useful information pertaining to. Some hams feel that the only necessary equipment is amateur, but the ARES SECof Maine states that he also carries GMRS, FRS, MURS and other means. Anything to get the job done!

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Ron McCracken who recently had triple bypass surgery.

Don Tarbet  
*The REACTer*



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In the case of Paper Submissions, a stamped, self addressed return envelope must be provided at the time of submission.

If you are in need of a status on a story, please contact us by e-mail at Editor1@REACTIntl.org.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Don Manlove, KJ4OUV  
President & Region 2 Director



### My fellow *REACT*ers

I hope that the New Year finds you all well! The past few weeks have flown by for myself and for my TEAM. I have just returned home from a trip over Christmas to Texas that lasted seven days and I feel like I will need two weeks just to get caught up! During my travels in Texas, I had all the radios in my truck on and scanning, and let me tell you that things sure do hop along I-40 and I-30. Now, when I travel the highways of this great country, I always have my *REACT* logo magnets on my vehicle. You would be surprised at how many people out there do/did not know that *REACT* is still around. When I got home, I called my favorite sign shop and explained to them what kind of sign I needed to get the word out. I will let you know how that turns out in the next issue of *The REACTer*.

While I was in Dallas, I had the opportunity to meet with a few fellow *REACT*ers. I had a great lunch meeting with Dallas County *REACT*'s newly elected President Jerry Jones, Past-President Terry Allen and Team Member Bob Hitch. During the lunch, we touched every subject known to man, from radio systems to a Team's lightning rod! It does not matter what size a Team is, whether it is three (3) or 100+ Members, we all have experienced the same issues, problems, joys, concerns and gratitude of our fellow Team Members.

During my trip, I also had the opportunity to venture down to Austin and San Antonio for visits and tours of the EOC's of each city. Roger Wine of Travis County *REACT*, along with his volunteer duties with *REACT* and *CERT*, had permission and full access to give me the grand tour. I want to thank Roger for the tour of the Austin EOC.

Next on my agenda was San Antonio, where I met with Charlie Land (Region 7 Director) and Lee Besing. This was the first time that I had the opportunity to meet Charlie in person. Between the two of them, I was treated to a history of their EOC and was given full access and the grand tour. Don't ask me to compare the Austin and San Antonio EOC's as they both are outstanding facilities.

After the tour the three of us went to lunch at one of Lee's favorite spots. Great food, good company and if you are ever in that part of Texas, call Lee and ask for directions.

Enough about my trip, please remember to get your Team and Council Renewals in to Headquarters for 2010.

The annual Winter Board Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held this year in Dallas, Texas on March 12–14th. If you are in the area or could come out to the meeting, please let us know and come on down. The meeting will be held at the Drury Inn and Suites, located at 4210 W. Airport Freeway, Irving TX 75062, phone is (972) 986-1200.

We have established a Group Rate for booking Rooms prior to February 25, 2010 of \$74 per night. There are 2 different room configurations available, 1 King Bed and 2 Doubles. Rate is subject to the prevailing city and state taxes. Currently, taxes total 15% and are subject to change without notice.

To reserve, go online at [www.druryhotels.com](http://www.druryhotels.com), click on Book it Fast, then enter the group number 2082490 or call (800) 325-0720, please specify the Hotel Location and the Group Name (*REACT* International, Inc).

Check-in is after 3 PM on the day of arrival, Check-out is before 11 AM on the day of departure.

Have you ever gotten a product or item that you use during your *REACT* activities? Do you like them or not? Let your fellow *REACT*ers know your likes and dislikes. Write a review and get it to our editor for inclusion in an upcoming issue of *The REACTer*, I would like to see some sort of products review page, written by you, the user of the product.

I have been sent a few internet web site tips that I want to share with you. The first one is GMRS Outlet [www.gmroutlet.com](http://www.gmroutlet.com). This is a great site and just about every kind of radio to fit your budget is sold there. The second one I would like to share is [www.mygmrs.com](http://www.mygmrs.com), this is the reincarnated version of "The Repeater Resource", an internet project with the intent of listing GMRS repeaters in the United States.

As more and more GMRS licensee's are using the site, more features are coming online and it is one of the better full-featured websites to list your site, frequency and tone. You can also show the range of your Equipment by using the tools when listing your repeater.

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## From The Desk Of The President

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The next site that I would like to share is <http://www.reactintl.org>. Please go and check out all the new pages that our Computer Services Committee has been hard at work on. It has been one of my missions, with the help of many fellow *REACTers*, to bring *REACT* into the 21st century from the tube age. Stay tuned for more exciting items to come!

The final site that I would like to share is <http://maps.live.com>, a great site to check out your area, town, county or state. The bird's eye feature is outstanding.

Is your Team looking for a *REACT* flag? The Headquarters has some of the *REACT* Flags, so call Dora or e-mail her at [Dora@REACTIntl.org](mailto:Dora@REACTIntl.org) for pricing information so that you can get your very own.

The Headquarters is open Monday through Friday 10AM–2PM. The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday. If you call the office at (301) 316-2900 after hours, please be sure to leave a message with your full name, Team Number and a phone number that the office staff can reach you by. Ensure that you repeat your contact information clearly, as this will help us in returning your call quickly.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, concerns or just want to talk, drop me a line, call me or text me at the following:

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Address: 4019 Dogwood Ave, Chester, VA 23831

Please keep your Team happenings, photos and other news coming as we pass them along via the internet and to *The REACTer* editor. Please let me know if you have any upcoming functions this year as your Team might just get a visit from your *REACT* International President, as I do travel to various areas of the country.

Thank you all for your continued service.

Don



Those who are responsible for community preparedness presentations or for preparedness activities may find the following information useful. This may also be of interest to Public Information Officers, Emergency Management personnel and the Public Education community.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has made files for the *READY* Campaign's publications available to the public for download at no cost. As a result, organizations can reproduce these materials and help expand the reach of this critical information.

There are three areas the preparedness focus on:

- Individual & Family Publications
- Business Publications
- Ready Kids Publications

Information concerning this material can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.ready.gov/america/index.html>  
<http://www.ready.gov/america/publications/allpubs.html>

Ordering Publications:

Individuals or organizations who would like to order printed copies of *READY* publications can do so by calling (800) BE-READY. Multiple copies can also be requested by calling the FEMA Warehouse at (800) 480-2520.





# Silent Mics

Compiled By  
Dora Wilbanks, REACT Headquarters

Have you had a member pass that you would like to have included in an issue of *The REACTer*? Please send all submissions to the Headquarters for compilation at REACTHQ1@REACTIntl.org.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our fellow *REACTers*.

Angela Rose Lail  
Tri-County *REACT*, Inc. (C633)

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Angela Rose Lail a beloved member of Tri-County *REACT*, Inc. (C633) was killed in an accident on July 19, 2009. She was the youngest member of the Team, at only 18 years young. She had been a member for only one year, but did volunteer work with the Team long before she joined.

Tri-County *REACT*, Inc. (C633) considers all its members family, so it was like losing one of their own. Rose is sorely missed by her Teammates and her family. Rest in piece, Rose, we love you.

Submitted by  
Ruthie Dunn  
Tri-County *REACT*, Inc. (C633)

John Swanson, Jr.  
Bay County *REACT*, Inc. (3301)

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Bay County *REACT*, Inc. (3301) sadly reports the death of one of its long time members John Swanson, Jr (1163) of Bay Michigan. John had been a member of the Team since August 17, 1978. John passed away on January 5, 2010 after several months in the hospital. He was 60 years young at his passing. He was Past-President of the Team and went on to become President of the Michigan *REACT* Council. John will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Submitted by  
Jack L Oslund  
Bay County *REACT*, Inc. (3301)

James Loisetette (J.L.) Riley, Jr.  
Dallas County *REACT*(C622)

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Dallas County *REACT* announces with deep regret the death of James Loisetette (J.L.) Riley, Jr., Dallas County *REACT* Unit 42, *REACT* International Life Member 180, at 11 p.m. on Thursday, 19 November 2009. He died peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

J.L. was born 27 December 1918 and would have been 91 in December 2009. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Frances Howard Riley.

He had served as a very active member of Dallas County *REACT* since he joined on 8 June 1977, held the position of Sergeant-at-Arms for about 20 years before stepping down during the summer. He also served as a Director for more than 25 years.

J.L. was president of the Texas State *REACT* Council in the early 1990s, serving for four years. He was an amateur radio operator KB5KVB and was licensed in the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) KAD3826.

He was very active in the Team. During the days of Channel 9 Monitoring, he was on the regular schedule to monitor at DCR's *REACT* Central in downtown Dallas. He participated in almost all of the Team's special events until about a year ago and assisted in the fundraising activities of the Team. He worked regularly at the Team's Texas Stadium concession booth until it was discontinued in 1991 and was active in the Team's conduct of charitable bingo from 1989 until recently.

J.L. joined the Dalcliff-Wynnewood Lions Club in 1990, and served in several capacities, including as Treasurer for more than 15 years.

He is survived by his son, John H. Riley, and daughter-in-law Vicki Riley, his brother George, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. His oldest son, James L. Riley III also preceded him in death. Services and burial were held at Restland Memorial Park on 29 November 2009.

Submitted by  
Charles Thompson  
Dallas County *REACT*(C622)



## FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Ed Greany, KB6DOL  
Executive Vice-President



Now that most of you have sent your team renewal packages into *REACT* International headquarters, we look forward to some additional responsibilities - TAXES. Most of our teams will not find it necessary to pay any taxes as a 501(c)(3) IRS recognized non-profit organization however, depending on your team income and manner of spending, it may be that you find a tax liability this year. Of course, every *REACT* Team must at least file a return.

Tax returns and filings can be intimidating and you are not alone. See our Members Only website page. Still struggling with the 990N filing? Here is the place to go:

[www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html).

You will find the filing requirements and the link to get you started. In particular, see the list of things you will need BEFORE you start. As General Counsel Thompson has advised, you must have a Team EIN number; you cannot use *REACT* International's.

This page contains a link for getting an EIN number online:

[www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=156360,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=156360,00.html).

The 990N is required of all small non-profits whose gross income is less than \$25,000. Many teams fall into this category. Only a few have to file the longer 990EZ or the full 990 form. Teams will need to file beginning with the 2007 tax year and you have 3 years to file. Your 2009 tax year filing is due by May 15, 2010. There are penalties assessed for late filings so don't be late.

With the new year also comes anticipation of growth and prosperity with regard to *REACT* membership. We are receiving inquiries on a regular basis for information on starting new *REACT* teams. While a few Teams have found difficulty in maintaining their numbers, they find hope in merging with an adjoining team to become even stronger.



*REACT* headquarters has done its job in helping by maintaining the dues structure and in some places even lowering it for another year for family and additional family members. While expenses have risen, your officers and directors have worked very hard to maintain a viable financial picture. It is anticipated with continued growth also comes additional and continued benefits.

With membership growth I feel certain we can continue with the dues structure in place. There is strength in numbers and that true is with our finances. Have you signed up a new member lately? Please do your part by increasing your membership by a mere 10% in the year of 2010. I like to think of 2010 as 20/10 which means your goal is either 20 members or 10% growth for this year. Now let's go DO IT!

Ed



Preparedness Month is September, but preparedness is an ongoing issue. Each issue of the *REACTer* contains reports of a series of emergencies that Teams have had to face. The key to handling these emergencies and disasters is preparedness.

- What does your Team do to prepare for what you may be called on to face?
- Maybe an SOS drill?
- Maybe FEMA compliance?
- An information booth?
- A disaster drill?
- An informational session for volunteers?
- SKYWARN training?
- The SET?

Plan and prepare. Let us know how you plan to meet your preparedness needs for 2010 and the years to come.

Don't forget to let us know what your Team is doing.

Send us your information at:  
[Editor1@REACTIntl.org](mailto:Editor1@REACTIntl.org) or [REACTHQ1@REACTIntl.org](mailto:REACTHQ1@REACTIntl.org)



**REACT** of South Central  
Maine 6139  
SET Post Exercise Report

By Lee Trask, W1LWT

As indicated in the last issue, the SET scenario for Maine was an earthquake that knocked down bridges, derailed trains, knocked out communications, and caused hazardous materials spills. Lee Trask, REACT of South Central Maine 6139, reports on the activities of his Team. This detailed account brings us a close-up view of the SET scenario. This is a relatively new Team. They've accomplished a great deal.

I activated the Team at our location to find out what the status was. We needed to start with setting up HF and VHF/UHF capabilities and other requirements for a REACT mission. The following list details the events that took place.

1. Get on the mobiles on all frequency's we use and train on.
  - A. Identify and record key players.
  - B. Send several members in groups of two to local fire department and police department, looking for any damages or dangers to life on the way. Each REACT member carries or has on hand; Amateur Equipment or FRS, MURS, and Citizen Band and a scanner with REACT/CERT Team equipment and Frequencies we use and monitor.
  - C. If possible check on each family mem-bers of the Team. Assign each member to area clos-est to home if possible.
  - D. Any member that needs to leave the Team to take care of the family does so immedi-ately. Then later when conditions are improved for them that Team member calls to Base for assign-ment to needed ar-eas.
  - E. Each Team checks in with that location as REACT/ CERT and after that IC gives them the assignment and relocation. All information must re-ported back to base for the tracking board.



2. At base established contacts to EC and keep complete records of actions/events.

- A. Note frequencies used and tactical call signs.
- B. Check all alternate frequencies—Listen for, take and pass traffic as required.
- C. Set p digital ECOMM (PSK31, SSTV)
- D. Secure all antennas and grounding
- E. Setup tables and water supply for first part.
- F. Pull first aid kits and setup in marked areas according to plan.
- G. Base Camp also has and been designated as alternate helo pad pick up point.



3. Check phones, base phone patch on 2 meters and TV channels, local radio stations.

- A. Setup generators. Five total, run only as needed for power.
- B. Setup batteries for radios. Record time equipment is connected. Check voltages as to plan. Record times and readings.
- C. No shift change except after power checks, antenna and equipment checks. Hand over all notes and check the plan. Refuel generators.

( NOTE: We do it when a new person takes over each shift.)

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# SET Post Exercise Report

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4. Use all forms to track messages /notes and happenings and equipment and Team's location.



With the plan in place, the scenario continues. We at this location got the ECHOLINK online. ECHOLINK at this location covers over 30 miles. We had a phone patch and we had satellite communications and Internet. We as a *REACT* Team used the training that we've been doing and had several scanners available and Channel 9 and FRS channel 1. The added feature also needed was a low power simplex repeater to locate Team members with HTs if the repeaters were off the air.

At 1035 we finally connected with someone "live" in the Brunswick area using our ECHOLINK frequency. That was the first incoming message. Message was passed to base camp using FRS frequency so we would not disrupt longer range communications.

Other messages were handled using HF and VHF. We were able to keep in contact with key locations including the Red Cross. By 1400 hrs we had 24 messages received and passed to the proper destination. We made sure that each person used the equipment and was trained in the mission and got to be a part of A *REACT* Team on the go. Each of us learned so much today. We can work together as a Team or apart while accomplishing the mission.

Thanks to visitors who helped, to Team members, and to other hams that provided realistic message handling from the affected areas.

After many years of being a radio operator and many years of military I can say that this exercise was professionally done and set up so that everyone got to act out the scenario freely to meet training needs as well as providing preparedness. This exercise was the best researched and written situation I've ever seen since 1972. Great job to those who put it together.



We did identify two problem areas to be worked on.

1. The frequency that had assignments didn't have a back up close to it for HF. Maybe posting three alternate frequencies per band of 40 meters and 80 meters would solve that difficulty in a way similar to the VHF simplex frequency set up per county. It could speed up traffic passing.
2. One time a message handler had to wait with a message for longer than 20 minutes because the other station was on the incorrect frequency and had internal problems at their station.



Did your Team participate in SET? We would like to hear from you. Send your submissions to [Editor1@REACTIntl.org](mailto:Editor1@REACTIntl.org)

We can never be too prepared. But we can be underprepared. That is far too common. The articles in this issue and most other issues stress preparedness. Are You READY?



There are a wide variety of online FEMA courses available to assist with preparing you for disasters and emergencies. Many *REACTer's* have taken one or more of these very important training courses. To find out more, please visit their website at:

[training.fema.gov/is](http://training.fema.gov/is)



## Tri-County REACT C633

By Ruthie Dunn

Tri-County REACT, Inc. C633 is a small Team made up of 6 women. We are blessed to have some non-members that help us with our details. We would like to honor Dwayne Cutshaw, a non-member that helps us with every detail, (waiting for him to fill out app). We would also like to honor some children that work hard. They do what they can to help. Geoffrey Pace stands with his mother and parks handicap and helps collect for Christmas. James Dillingham helps him, the closer it gets to time to collect the more excited they get. These two boys collect a good amount for our families. They both are 8 years of age. Kelly Price, 10 and Medy Brooks, 6 also helps by standing on the side of the road and holding one of our signs, they are never in the road. We hold signs that say " HELP REACT HELP NEEDY FAMILIES FOR CHRISTMAS, THANK YOU.' We don't go up to cars and beg for money, if they have it to give they will. We were able to help 20 families for 2009. Our yearly activities which we have been doing for the last 8 years are as follows:

1. **January** C-4 Rodeo
2. **February** Rodeo and Monster Truck Show
3. **March** A Home Show
4. **June** Bluff Mountain Festival
5. **July** Rib Fest
6. **October** Log Home Show, start Collecting for Christmas, and walk the streets on Halloween for Weaverville PD
7. **November** Rodeo and collect
8. **December** Parade and collect then give to families that have contacted us for help.

## Calendar

March 12 – 14 REACT Winter Board Meeting in Dallas  
April 3 Easter  
May REACT Month



## Pulaski County REACT 2446

By Mavis Juniper

In May our Team sponsored a “Landing Zone Safety” seminar presented by a representative of Memorial Medflight Inservice from South Bend, Indiana. May also found us working with District 2 and the Pulaski County Health Department in conducting a Point of Distribution Drill preparing for the possible flu epidemic.

The rest of 2009 was pretty much routine with the parades, Power From the Past, and other activities that we help with from year to year.

After 24 hours of hands-on training and several table top scenarios, six members of Pulaski County REACT Team 2446 of Winamac, Indiana, were ready to tackle the final test. The instructors did an excellent job of fabricating two separate simulated disasters, an earthquake and a tornado, to test our newly learned skills. It was a very cold, dark, December night in 2009. Both disasters involved power outages, gas valves to be located and shut off, light fixtures dangling from the ceiling, debris everywhere, fallen walls, and so much dust and dirt in the air (fog machine) that you had to feel your way around. There were real live “victims” to be rescued, entrapment, broken bones to splint, bleeding to control, and finding the means to move the victims to safety. At this time, we are the only CERT team in Pulaski County and surrounding area. With the New Year, we hope to continue growing and especially want to get more CERT teams trained in and around Pulaski County.

January and February of 2009 found our Team members helping EMA with flooding issues along the Tippecanoe River. In February we also had nine members take the weather spotter class. It wasn't but a few weeks after completing the class that we put our training to use due to a tornado warning.

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## Antelope Valley REACT C040

By Mary Cooper, Secretary

Antelope Valley REACT was very busy in 2009 with 9 events, from setting different things up for radio communications to having a booth with CERT:

1. High Desert Australian Shepard Dog Show May 16-18
2. Thunder On The Lot June 13-14
3. 4th of July Parade, won 2nd place
4. Bark At The Park Oct 3
5. Pearblossom Duck Races Oct 4
6. The Fall Century Bike Ride Oct 17
7. Wings and Wheels Chili Cook Off Oct 31
8. CERT Refresh Sandbagging and traffic control Nov 15
9. Palmdale Chamber of Commerce William J. Pete Knight Palmdale Christmas Parade December 12  
Won Theme Award Trophy. The other is last year's Chamber of Commerce Award.



We decorated our float, a 1925 Moreland Truck with rain coming down and everything all wet. The parade goes on regardless of rain, snow or shine. There were three REACT members decorating for a couple of hours. Others arrived to help out and everyone pitched in to get it done before 9 am so we could be judged.

There were 8 members of Antelope Valley CERT walking with us in their gear; celebrating and honoring our HOME-TOWN HEROS. Together REACT and CERT members walked handing out candy and holding REACT's sponsor banners. It was truly fun and exciting. As we started down the road in the parade two girls ran past and asked if we were number 72, we were and they handed us the THEME AWARD. We were surprised and happy to have received a top winner award two years in a row.



Saturday, December 12, 2009 Antelope Valley REACT entered the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce William J. Pete Knight Palmdale Christmas Parade that is held every year. This year we asked Antelope Valley CERT to help us and participate, they said "yes". The President and I were able to get Robertson's Palmdale Honda and Palmdale Pit stop as our sponsors.

This year's THEME was HOME TOWN HEROS and Antelope Valley REACT voted for our home town hero's Arnaldo "Arnie" Quinones and Ted Hall the two firefighters that lost their lives in the Station Fire.



January 9, 2009, REACT did their first Radio PowerPoint Presentation with CERT for 55 CERT members. This was held in a building next to Antelope Valley Hospital from 9 am to noon and featured hands on radio practice and participation for the audience. The presentation consisted of all types of radio communication, along with

basic knowledge of two-way radio procedures, pro-words, and standard transmission language.

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## MARS Unifies Operation in Support of Haiti Relief Effort

To assist the MARS communications support effort in Haiti, the heads of the Army, Air Force, and Navy-Marine Corps MARS programs have agreed to divvy up responsibilities among the three Service MARS programs. According to Air Force MARS Public Information Officer David Trachtenberg, N4WWL/AFA3TR, this delegation of responsibility will facilitate more efficient utilization of MARS communications assets in the overall relief operation. On January 12, a 7.0 earthquake struck Haiti, killing thousands and wiped out the island nation's communication infrastructure.

Trachtenberg told the ARRL that Air Force MARS will have primary responsibility for coordinating and releasing public affairs information on the activities of MARS radio operators assisting with the Haiti relief operation. Navy-Marine Corps MARS will be responsible for recruiting volunteers, who will travel to Florida at their own expense --to serve in Haiti as part of the essential communication link. Army MARS will coordinate frequency authorizations and use of digital communications for MARS operations on the island, including the transmission of e-mail via radio links; this capability is especially useful in the absence of Internet connectivity.

"The delegation of responsibilities among the three MARS services not only makes practical sense, but is an excellent example of interoperability in action," said Air Force MARS Chief Allen Eiermann. "This represents true unity of effort," added Army MARS Chief. Navy-Marine Corps MARS Chief Bo Lindfors noted that the success of the MARS operation so far "demonstrates the value of this contingency communications capability in a real-world emergency."

According to Trachtenberg, volunteer MARS radio operators representing all three Service MARS programs have been on the ground in Haiti, working with military and medical teams to provide valuable communications support.

### Equipment Donations

Even though the communications infrastructure in earthquake ravaged Haiti is being rebuilt, there is still need for Amateur Radio communications. To assist in this effort, the ARRL's Ham-Aid program is providing equipment for local amateurs to use.

On Friday, January 22, the League sent a programmed Yaesu VHF repeater with a microphone, as well as ICOM handheld transceivers, Yaesu mobile 2 meter rigs with power supplies and Kenwood mobile 2 meter rigs. Comet antennas, Larsen mobile antennas with magnet mounts, coax and batteries were also included in the package that was shipped to the home of the President of the Radio Club Dominicano (RCD) for distribution. Most items were donated by their manufacturers; the repeater and power supplies were purchased several years ago using post-Hurricane Katrina grant funds. "In the horror of this tragedy, there still are stars and the cooperation between the ARRL, IARU Region 2 and the Radio Club Dominicano and has been bright," said ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP. "It was donations from our members and friends that began the Ham Aid program in Katrina's aftermath. Now once again, that sharing between hams will provide help in another worst case incident. ARRL members and donors need to know that their gifts will be used very well indeed."

### How You Can Help in Haiti

The ARRL Ham Aid Fund welcomes your contribution! In 2005, the ARRL established the Ham Aid Fund to accept contributions in support of Amateur Radio's response to Hurricane Katrina and hams responded generously to help ARRL send equipment to the affected area. "Now we are facing another devastating event in Haiti and Amateur Radio is ready to respond," said ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH. "With equipment contributed by our generous industry partners, the ARRL invites contributions to the Ham Aid Fund from hams who wish to help ARRL deploy equipment where it is needed most. Contributions from Amateur Radio clubs and individuals in any amount will go directly to supporting Amateur Radio's response efforts in Haiti."

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## News from the ARRL

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Hobart explained that the easiest way to get your donation to work is to give via credit card on the ARRL's secure Web site. Checks may be made payable to ARRL Ham Aid and sent to 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111. For more information, contact ARRL Chief Development Officer Mary Hobart, K1MMH, via e-mail or by telephone at (860)594-0307.

*Note: There were reports of Americans just deploying to Haiti without authorization. This should not be done as seen below.*

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate advised that US assets should not self-deploy to affected areas. "Initial reports from Haiti in the wake of yesterday's earthquake are concerning and troubling," he said. "During times like these, the emergency response community always stands ready to assist those in need. The United States Department of State has the lead for foreign disaster assistance, and US assets should deploy *only if tasked to do so by the State Department*. The most urgent need that the response community can fulfill at this time is supporting ongoing disaster relief fund-raising efforts."

## HR 2160

Purpose:

*To promote and encourage the valuable public service, disaster relief, and emergency communications provided on a volunteer basis by licensees of the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service, by undertaking a study of the uses of amateur radio for emergency and disaster relief communications, by identifying unnecessary or unreasonable impediments to the deployment of Amateur Radio emergency and disaster relief communications, and by making recommendations for relief of such unreasonable restrictions so as to expand the uses of amateur radio communications in Homeland Security planning and response.*

ARRL reports: Earlier this week, another Congressional Representative Jo Bonner (R-AL-1) pledged his support for HR 2160, *The Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Enhancement Act of 2009*, bringing the total number of cosponsors to 34, including original sponsor Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX-18). HR 2160 is also sponsored by W. Todd Akin (R-MO-2), Michael Arcuri (D-NY-24), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD-6), John Boozman (R-AR-3), Madeleine Bordallo (D-Guam), André Carson (D-IN-7), Geoff Davis (R-KY-4), Bob Filner (D-CA-51), Scott Garrett (R-NJ-5), Bart Gordon (D-TN-6), Brett Guthrie (R-KY-02), Maurice Hinchey (D-NY-22), Michael Honda (D-CA-15), Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH-15), Tom Latham (R-IA-4), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-16), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO-9), Thad-deus McCotter (R-MI-11), Charlie Melancon (D-LA-3), Candice Miller (R-MI-10), Dennis Moore (D-KS-3), John Olver (D-MA-1), Bill Posey (R-FL-15), Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA-46), Bennie Thompson (D-MS-2), Michael Turner (R-OH-3), Peter Welch (D-VT), David Wu (D-OR-1), C.W. Bill Young (R-FL-10) and Don Young (R-AK).



In order to encourage Americans to prepare themselves, their families and their communities, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in partnership with the Ad Council, has created a set of instructional videos. This set is designed to prepare, educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to all kinds of emergencies.

The first set of instructional videos, released in English and Spanish is designed to detail how American families get an emergency plan and be informed about the different types of emergencies in their communities.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Ad Council have also created additional instructional videos with specific information for pet owners, older Americans and individuals with disabilities and other special needs.

To view all the READY Campaign's Instructional Videos go to:

<http://www.ready.gov/america/about/instructional.html>





## Internet Radio

By Patrick O'Brian

I and another affiliate communicate over distance here in Indiana via CQ100, which is VOIP over the Internet for all licensed amateurs. Here is a short description of this system which can be found at [www.QSONET.COM/](http://www.QSONET.COM/) if you are in the search mode.

CQ100 is as follows:

QSONET uses the Internet to receive audio signals from a ham radio transmitting station, then instantly reflects the audio back to all stations listening on that frequency. There is no RF. Everything is done over the Internet. The result is a simulated ionosphere for worldwide amateur radio communication. Stations can use voice, Morse code, PSK and FSK modulation.

Perhaps *REACT* fellow amateurs would make it a point to communicate with each other on a frequency suited for all members, in the near future. Communication as pointed out is vital to all our members, whether a licensed individual, GMRS licensed individual or just an operator. Another VOIP communication is HAMSPHERE, which is for licensed or non-licensed individuals with communications worldwide. Remember I have said non-licensed individuals. Assigned call letters are provided by the owner of this transceiver, and there is a fee for both this and CQ100.

Again communicating with each other and getting to know each other is a vital form of communications and this would fit the plate of communications.

There is another form of communications in which all may participate in communication with Team members and affiliate members.

I am sure most of us have access to a computer today and are willing to communicate with other members of *REACT* or are interested in a communication link to a centralized radio emergency traffic server.

To adhere to such a wonderful device we will again use VOIP communications.

The name of this communications device is FRN (FREE RADIO NETWORK).

It can be found at [WWW.FREERADIONERTWORK.EU](http://WWW.FREERADIONERTWORK.EU) for a free download and set up instructions. The set up is fairly easy and if one desires one can set up for PC use only or connect a radio to the system via your home PC .

Also one can initiate a 24/7 port for usage of members worldwide...remember train and communicate and be prepared.

In case of a centralized emergency the port 10027 is open after registration of course for an emergency traffic radio server. This can be found at [WWW.RESCUE-TEAM.WEBS.COM](http://WWW.RESCUE-TEAM.WEBS.COM).

### Links Mentioned in this article

QSO Net – CQ100

[www.qsonet.com](http://www.qsonet.com)

HAMSPHERE

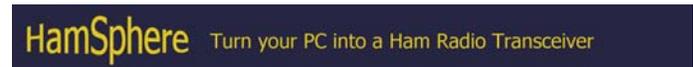
[www.hamsphere.com/](http://www.hamsphere.com/)

Free Radio Network

[www.freeradionetwork.eu/](http://www.freeradionetwork.eu/)

C.E.R.T.S. Centralized Emergency Radio Traffic Server

[www.rescue-team.webs.com/](http://www.rescue-team.webs.com/)





## Emergency Communications Training

The Level I *REACT* Emergency Communications Training manual is available online for members to download free of charge. This program is similar to that offered by the ARRL to its members, but has been expanded to include additional materials regarding other radio services (including GMRS, CB, FRS and MURS in addition to Amateur Radio) due to the wide variety of radio services often utilized by *REACT* Teams.

The *REACT* EComm program is available only to *REACT* members. See our EComm Flyer at:

[www.reactintl.org/pubs/EComm/EComm\\_Flyer.pdf](http://www.reactintl.org/pubs/EComm/EComm_Flyer.pdf)

For more information about the Emergency Communications Training and Certification Program, *REACT* Members should send an e-mail to:

[IWantEComm@REACTIntl.org](mailto:IWantEComm@REACTIntl.org)

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### IDEAS WANTED

If you have more training ideas and want to volunteer to assist the Training and Development Committee, contact Tom Currie, committee chairman at:

[Training1@REACTIntl.org](mailto:Training1@REACTIntl.org)



REACT International, Inc.  
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
September 13, 2009, 9PM ET  
Electronic Meeting held via Skype

Meeting recessed until September 27, 2009

Meeting recessed until October 18, 2009

Meeting finally adjourned October 18, 2009

#### Directors / Officers Present:

- John Knott (FL), Region 3, Chairman
- Larry Fry (WI), Region 5, Vice Chairman
- Stan Walters (PA), Region 1
- Don Manlove (VA), Region 2, President
- Ed Kerby, Jr. (OH), Region 4
- B.F. Jennings (WA), Region 6
- Bob Kaster (OK), Region 7 - Old (See Agenda Item #6)
- Charlie Land (TX), Region 7 - New (See Agenda Item #6)
- Joseph Toth (CA), Region 8
- Kenny Jagdeosingh (TT), Region 9

#### Officers:

- Ed Greany (CA), Exec. VP
- Charles A Thompson (TX), VP / General Counsel
- Lee Besing (TX), Secretary
- Norman Kaplan (MD), Treasurer - (audio problems on September 13, connected via phone to another director.)

#### Visitors:

- Roy Drury (FL), Computer Services Chair
- Michael Cauley (FL), Awards Chair
- Charles Hardy (WV)

1. Call to Order at 09:25pm ET on September 13, 2009 by Chairman Knott via Skype.
2. Roll Call was conducted by Secretary Besing.
3. Quorum - A quorum was established with 9 of 9 possible votes. 4 non-voting officers present. (Mr. Land was visitor until seated as Region 7 Director. Mr. Kaster became a visitor after that action. See agenda item #6 below.)
4. Prior Meeting Minutes - Minutes from June 14, 2009, were distributed to all directors electronically following that meeting. Copy was re-sent to all members electronically during this meeting upon request of Chair. Action deferred until recessed meeting was reconvened on September 27, 2009.

5. Treasurer Report - Electronic copy of treasurer report sent to board. No action taken.
6. Director Election Results - Motion by Region 2, second by Region 4, that the Board accepts the results of the 2009 elections for Region 1, 4, 7. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed.

Mr. Land was seated as Region 7 Director at this time.

7. Dues Proposal - Mr. Kaplan - Discussion held regarding last year's motion to reduce dues structure for 2<sup>nd</sup> Family or Junior member in the USA from \$18 to \$15, as a one year trial. Mr. Kaplan proposed to end that trial and return to original rate for 2010, saying trial did not result in significant new members. Concern expressed regarding potential loss of members if rates were restored to original levels, due to current economic conditions.

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 9, that the membership dues structure be unchanged for FY2010. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed.

8. Awards - Radio Hero Award Nomination - Mr. Cauley discussed nomination submitted from Oklahoma City REACT for the incident: On Thursday, August 28, 2009, Air Force Staff Sergeant Daniel Gordon used a police radio to request help for 3 people that had been injured in a head-on collision.

Motion by Region 6, second by Region 2, that the Board awards the Radio Hero Award to Staff Sgt Daniel Gordon. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion passed.

9. Insurance - Directors & Officers Liability Coverage. Mr. Greany discussed the types of coverage we currently have and recommended that D&O Liability Coverage be obtained. D & O coverage would cost an additional \$710/yr in premium if added to the present General Liability policy. Discussion held regarding potential liability vs. current budget shortfalls.

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 6, that the Board directs the Treasurer to collect more information and obtain quotes from both our current insurance company and other companies, and bring that information to the next meeting. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion passed.

## 10. Committee Reports Submitted

Awards Committee - See previous Agenda Item #8 above.

Computer Services - written report submitted by Mr. Drury. Discussion held with additional explanation provided verbally by Mr. Drury and Mr. Besing.

11. Corporate Committee Reports Submitted  
Membership - Mr. Greany requested executive session for presentation of final report of the RI Membership Committee re Ohio Special Investigation. All visitors except Mr. Kaster were dropped from call at this time. Mr. Greany read the report and committee's recommendations to the board.

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 4, that the board send letters of admonition to be sent to both affected teams. R1Y, R2A, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion passed.

{Mr. Kaplan left the meeting at this point (12am ET)}

Executive Session Entered

Discussion continued on the remaining points of recommendation.

Motion by Region 9, second by Region 4, that the Board defers further action until another meeting in 2 weeks (Sept 27) to take action on the committee's recommendations. R1Y, R2A, R3N, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8N, R9Y. Motion Passed.

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 5, that the Chairman recess this meeting until 9pm ET on September 27, 2009. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed.

*Meeting recessed at 12:23am ET, September 14, 2009, until 9pm ET on September 27, 2009.*

*Meeting reconvened at 09:03pm, September 27, 2009 by Chairman Knott.*

No changes in quorum for September 27, 2009 session, still in executive session.

Directors / Officers Present:

- John Knott (FL), Region 3, Chairman
- Larry Fry (WI), Region 5, Vice Chairman
- Stan Walters (PA), Region 1
- Don Manlove (VA), Region 2, President
- Ed Kerby, Jr. (OH), Region 4
- B.F. Jennings (WA), Region 6
- Charlie Land (TX), Region 7
- Joseph Toth (CA), Region 8
- Kenny Jagdeosingh (TT), Region 9

Officers:

- Ed Greany (CA), Exec. VP
- Charles A Thompson (TX), VP / General Counsel
- Lee Besing (TX), Secretary

Officers Not Present:

- Norman Kaplan (MD), Treasurer

Visitors:

- Bob Kaster (OK), Chairman of RI Membership Committee

Meeting reconvened in closed Executive Session with 9 possible votes. 3 non-voting officers present. No visitors other than Mr. Kaster included at this point. Discussion continued regarding status of special investigation committee report and membership committee.

Motion by Region 7, second by Region 6, that the Board directs the Special Investigative Committee, as originally composed or with additional members appointed by the chairman, to review and re-write its report to include a more detailed report, documenting the evidence used to support their conclusions, and for the report be submitted to the full board. Discussion held. The 3 members of SI committee stated they all felt same results would be reached even with a more in-depth review. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed.

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 2, that the Board leaves executive session mode; returning to open board session. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed.

*Board left Executive Session at 10:46pm ET, resumed open session. No additional persons were added.*

12. Agenda Item #4 deferred from first session - Chairman Knott confirmed that everyone had received the June 14, 2009 minutes that were re-sent electronically during the September 13, 2009 session of this meeting.

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 5, that the Board approves the special board meeting minutes of June 14, 2009. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7A, R8Y, R9Y. Motion passed.

13. Date of Annual Board Meeting - Discussion held regarding Annual Board Meeting location and date. Mr. Jagdeosingh stated 2nd weekend of March 2010 was better than the 1st weekend. Discussion held regarding advantages of holding at RI Office in Suitland, MD, vs. another location. Mr. Thompson read from the bylaws which stated the Board could set an alternate meeting location other than the REACT International office. Mr. Toth suggested holding the Annual Board Meeting in coordination with the timing of the IWCE Expo in Las Vegas (March 9-11, 2010). Mr. Greany and Mr. Besing suggested we look into contacting the local Las Vegas United REACT Team to assist in obtain suitable meeting space. Suggestion was made that perhaps Kenwood or another major radio exhibitor might be convinced to help with cost of meeting space for the Board meeting.

Motion by Region 4, second by Region 2, that the Board sets the Annual Board Meeting date to be on March 12 -13, 2010, exact location to be determined later. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion passed.

14. Other Items - Mr. Jennings recommended we consider holding a summer in person board meeting in the central US to allow attendance by teams as a sort of mini-convention.

*Meeting recessed at 11:18pm ET, September 27, 2009, until 9pm ET on October 18, 2009.*

Meeting reconvened at 09:32pm ET, October 18, 2009  
by Chairman Knott.

Directors Present:

- John Knott (FL), Region 3, Chairman
- Larry Fry (WI), Region 5, Vice Chairman
- Stan Walters (PA) , Region 1
- Don Manlove (VA), Region 2, President
- Ed Kerby, Jr. (OH), Region 4
- B.F. Jennings (WA), Region 6
- Charlie Land (TX), Region 7
- Joseph Toth (CA), Region 8

Directors Not Present:

- Kenny Jagdeogsingh (TT), Region 9

Officers:

- Lee Besing (TX), Secretary
- Charles A Thompson (TX), VP / General Counsel

Officers Not Present:

- Ed Greany (CA), Exec. VP
- Norman Kaplan (MD), Treasurer

15. Continued - Report by Special Investigation Committee & Membership Committee -

Motion by Region 1, second by Region 6, that the Board moves back into Executive Session. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5A, R6Y, R7, R8Y. Motion passed.

Motion by Region 7, second by Region 4, that the Board accepts the report from the Special Investigation Committee. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y. Motion passed.

Chairman Knott will write the recommended letters in accordance with the recommendations in the Special Investigation Committee report. Chairman Knott stated he would request the assistance of General Counsel Thompson in reviewing / writing these letters.

Executive Session ended at 10:50pm ET.

16. Continued - Other Items - Location of Annual Board Meeting

Chairman Knott suggested we consider Las Vegas to be our primary preferred site, with Suitland, MD or Atlanta, GA as a backup plan. Director Toth said he would seek to obtain free exhibit hall passes for the Directors and Officers, and would contact a vendor to see if interested in helping with cost of meeting space. No final decision made.

17. Continued - Other items - report from Computer Services Committee

Secretary Besing reported that the Computer Services Committee has activated PayPal on the RI website and can be used now for payment of dues, team renewals, purchase of supplies from RI, etc. The Computer Services Committee has already activated a web store on the RI website.

18. ADJOURN - Motion made by Region 2, second by Region 1 to adjourn. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02pm ET on October 18, 2009, sine die.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lee Besing, Secretary



REACT International, Inc.  
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
November 29, 2009, 9PM ET  
Electronic Meeting held via Skype

Directors / Officers Present:

- John Knott (FL), Region 3, Chairman
- Larry Fry (WI), Region 5, Vice Chairman
- Stan Walters (PA), Region 1
- Don Manlove (VA), Region 2, President
- Ed Kerby, Jr. (OH), Region 4
- B.F. Jennings (WA), Region 6
- Charlie Land (TX), Region 7
- Joseph Toth (CA), Region 8
- Kenny Jagdeosingh (TT), Region 9

Officers:

- Ed Greany (CA), Exec. VP
- Charles A Thompson (TX), VP / General Counsel
- Lee Besing (TX), Secretary
- Norman Kaplan (MD), Treasurer

Visitors:

None present

1. Call to Order at 09:00 pm ET on November 29, 2009 by Chairman Knott via Skype.
2. Roll Call was conducted by Secretary Besing.
3. Quorum - A quorum was established with 9 of 9 possible votes. 4 non-voting officers present.
4. Prior Meeting Minutes - Minutes from September 13, 2009, were distributed to all directors electronically following that meeting. Motion by Region 5, second by Region 2 to approve the minutes from September 13, 2009. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed.
5. Treasurer Report - No report.
6. Annual Board Meeting: President Manlove contacted Las Vegas Convention Bureau for info, and with the Drury Inn at the DFW Airport (Dallas / Ft. Worth, TX) where they quoted \$69/night room rate, 5 room minimum will get us free board meeting room. He also spoke with Drury Inn in Atlanta, same rates offered. Rates at the Suitland Holiday Inn Express were running around \$100/night per room. Director Jennings said he received info from "Circus Circus Hotel" in Las Vegas, rates Monday - Wednesday \$30, but weekend rates \$100-150/night, meeting room \$400/day.

Director Jennings stated his preference was to go to Suitland for the Annual Board Meeting, and consider DFW for a summer meeting. Director Fry said he could drive to DFW, but would have to fly to all other locations being proposed.

Motion by Region 2, second by Region 7, to set the location of the Annual Board Meeting to be at the Drury Inn at the DFW Airport location. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed. Note: Meeting date was previously set to be March 12th-13th, 2010.

7. Discussion Regarding Minutes - Motion by Region 7, second Region 1, to approve the release of the full approved minutes from September 13, 2009, plus the Special Investigative Committee Report, to any team or member who requests a copy. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y, R9Y. Motion Passed.
8. Relocation Committee Report - Report by Director Jennings. Director Walters reported a possible location at 433-C South Main Street, 17361, running \$500/month (including water and sewer, not including electricity or internet access). President Manlove reported on a office building at 12008 Boyden Plank Rd, in Dinwiddie, VA, near Richmond, VA, for \$600/month (with guarantee of no increase while occupied) Photo of 12008 Boyden Plank Rd was emailed to the board during this discussion. Note: Director Jagdeosingh withdrew from the meeting at 10:30pm ET during discussion of Item 8 above.

Motion by Region 7, second by Region 6, that the Board authorizes Treasurer Kaplan to write a letter to our current landlord indicating our intent to sign a "month-to-month" lease, instead of an annual lease for 2010. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y. Motion Passed.

9. **Affiliate Member Policy:** Discussion held by Mr. Kaplan regarding enforcement of an office policy regarding minimum age limits for Affiliate members, i.e. 18 years or older. We currently have about 55 Affiliate Members. Further discussion regarding lack of insurance coverage for Affiliate Members since they are not covered under a team. Mr. Jennings suggested we establish / amend our policy to set the minimum age for membership, to specify the types of activities they are allowed to engage in, and find a way to get them covered under our liability insurance policy (where available). One option would be to increase the cost of membership fees for an Affiliate to cover the added cost of insurance (where available). Chairman Knott asked VP/General Counsel Thompson to develop a suitable policy for this and report back to the Board.

10. **ADJOURN** - Motion made by Region 2, second by Region 4 to adjourn. R1Y, R2Y, R3Y, R4Y, R5Y, R6Y, R7Y, R8Y. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 pm ET on November 29, 2009, sine die.  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Lee Besing, Secretary



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