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A Word from the Editor

Will Stanley, Editor, The *REACTer*

So, National *REACT* Month is upon us again.

What are you and your Team and/or Council going to do? Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a pre-written form that you can use to give to your local Mayor or your state's Governor asking for a Proclamation that May be declared National *REACT* Month in your area.

I have already requested one from Roy Cooper, Governor of North Carolina and (drum roll.....) from President Trump! (Ed. note - doesn't look like the President will get to us in time for publication. We'll start earlier next year!)

This would be a good month for you to go out to meetings and events and talk up *REACT*, pass out information, do a fund raiser or a membership drive. As I told my original Team in Nebraska - *if you don't toot your own horn, nobody is going to do it for you!*

REACT is 56 years old and has been providing help to our local communities and saving lives and money for that entire time. Not many organizations can make that claim!

Get out there and CROW! Toot that horn! You are part of a national organization that does a lot of good things in a lot of places.

So many times I hear... 'gee, I didn't know *REACT* was still around!' or variations on that thought. If our Teams only sit on their haunches and live on their past accomplishments, we will continue to hear stuff like that!

**LET'S TELL THE WORLD WE ARE HERE - WE ARE VITAL - AND WE ARE
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!!!**

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NEWS

FROM THE

FRONT LINES

Los Angeles County REACT

(California)

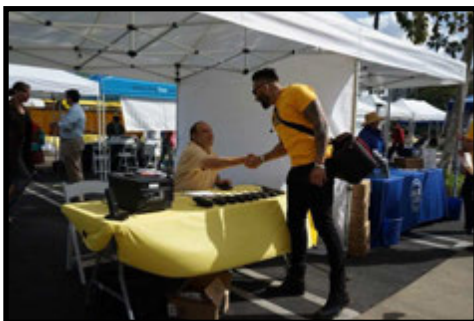
Submitted by John Capodanno

Members of Los Angeles *REACT* took part in the Fourth Annual East Hollywood Community Market and Preparedness Fair in Hollywood on March 18th.



John Capodanno giving a presentation at the 4th Annual East Hollywood Community Fair

The Fair was started in 2015 by community members and volunteers as a way to not only bring the neighborhood together in a friendly, family oriented event, but also to promote civic activism to better LA's emergency preparedness,



John Capodanno greeting a visitor to the LaCO booth

handling homelessness, community involvement, etc.

Seeing the ever increasing problem of homelessness across LA, in 2016, concerned volunteers reached out to one of the most successful homeless organizations in LA, Family Promise. They wanted to do something effective to help families who are on the street, or are in danger of being on the street, get back on their feet.



John Capodanno and Brian Van Meter at the LaCO booth at the East Hollywood Fair

Members of LaCO were present to hand out information about the Team and it's activities and also to answer questions about preparedness in the Los Angeles basin.

John Capodanno also made a presentation about *REACT* and how they help the local community and indeed how Teams around the nation do the same every day of the year.



Caldwell County *REACT*

(North Carolina)

Submitted by Shirley Kanode

CERT -Trained Volunteers Assist in Active Shooter Drill

On the evening of March 26 our members served as victims of violence in a training drill for North Catawba Fire/Rescue at the Baton Elementary School. Also participating were deputies from the Caldwell County Sheriff's office.



We were fortunate to have trained moulage (special effects) make-up artists in our group who made our injuries appear realistic. We learned much about disaster scene-management and emergency trauma care, but with the hope that it will never be needed here.

Caldwell Senior Center CERT Programs

Members of the Caldwell County *REACT* held 2 classes in April for members of the Caldwell Senior Center. We talk about general emergency preparedness and distribute emergency-related door prizes thanks to a Blue Ridge Energy Foundation grant.

On April 20, 2:00-3:00, topics were • Emergency food storage and preparation • Water storage and treatment • Maintaining hygiene and sanitation April 24, 2:00-3:00 • Emergency home supplies for light, warmth, medical/first aid needs • Emergency kits—evacuation, stay in place, vehicle get-home kits, first aid, children,

elderly, pets • Communication/radios

On April 30, 3:30-5:00, we participated in the Senior Center's Volunteer Fair distributing information about CERT volunteer opportunities. North Carolina State CERT Conference Speaker Shirley Kanode was asked to speak at the state CERT conference in Raleigh on May 19 to report on our Caldwell County activities during the past year. She will include the important partnership between our LARC and CERT volunteers.

Greensboro *REACT*

(North Carolina)

Submitted by Will Stanley

After a slow start, Greensboro *REACT* is once again searching for new members. The Team is planning several membership drives in coordination with National *REACT* Month. We are hoping to gain new members and eventually create a Team of around 20-25 members.

Speaking of National *REACT* Month, the Team was notified on April 30th, by Governor Roy Cooper's office that he had signed a proclamation making May 2018 National *REACT* Month in North Carolina.

To the best of our knowledge, that makes Greensboro *REACT* the first Team in the nation to have that honor!



Trinidad & Tobago *REACT* *REACT* Morvant/SantaCruz/SanJuan

Trinidad/Tobago
Submitted by Robbie Goswami

On Sunday 1st April 2018, members of *REACT* Team 2496 and 6007 provided communications assistance to the Mudfools 4x4 Offroad competition. The event was held in the southern part of Trinidad at Kato's Ranch, Barrackpore.



As the event was held on April Fool's day, the event was aptly named Mudfools to inject an element of humor to the otherwise very serious competition.

There were various events and multiple classes of races on the day, including Motorcross, ATVs, Tractors and other 4x4 vehicles.



The event was well attended by thousands of spectators and *REACT* played a critical role in keeping the communications flowing between officials and key points at the event, such as control, entrance, announcers, car-park and markers.

It was a bright and sunny day in the Caribbean island of Trinidad, making for a fun day. Also assisting were Junior *REACT*ers who demonstrated good radio operating skills.



REACT members were on site from 8 am, although the event got rolling after 10 am as the competitors arrived along with

spectators in abundance causing heavy traffic into the area. It was a long day as things started to wind up after 6 pm.



Positive comments were received from the organizers indicating that *REACT* provided much valuable communications assistance on the day. Congratulations to all *REACT*ers on a job well done!

SUBMITTING **TEAM NEWS**

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guideline...

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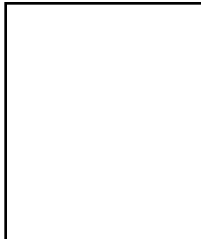
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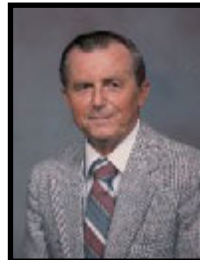
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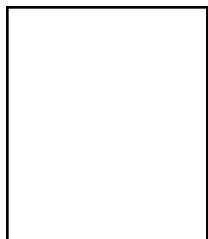
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get on the net.



Mid-April to Late August is Tornado Season in much of the Country.

Here is some information from the National Weather Service

What

A tornado is a violently rotating column of air that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground and is often—although not always—visible as a funnel cloud. Lightning and hail are common in thunderstorms that produce tornadoes. Tornadoes cause extensive damage to structures and disrupt transportation, power, water, gas, communications, and other services in its direct path and in neighboring areas. Related thunderstorms can cause heavy rains, flash flooding, and hail

Where



About 1,200 tornadoes hit the United States every year and every state is at risk. Most tornadoes in the United States occur east of the Rocky Mountains with concentrations in the central and southern plains, the Gulf Coast and Florida.

When

Tornadoes can strike in any season, but occur most often in the spring and summer months. They can occur at all hours of the day and night, but are most likely to occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Before a Tornado

- Identify safe rooms built to FEMA criteria or

ICC500 storm shelters or other potential protective locations in sturdy buildings near your home, work, and other locations you frequent so you have a plan for where you will go quickly for safety when there is a Warning or an approaching tornado.

- For schools, malls, and other buildings with long-span roofs or open space plans, or many occupants, ask the building manager to identify the best available refuge.
- Build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information. In any emergency, always listen to the instructions given by local emergency management officials.
- Be alert to changing weather conditions. Look for approaching storms.

Look for the following danger signs:

Dark, often greenish sky

Large hail

A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)

Loud roar, similar to a freight train.

**If you see approaching storms or any of the danger signs,
be prepared to take shelter immediately.**

Know the Terms

Familiarize yourself with these terms to help identify a tornado hazard:

Tornado Watch - Tornadoes are possible. When there is a Watch, move to be near enough to a shelter or sturdy building to be able to get there quickly in a few minutes if there is a Warning or if you see signs of a tornado approaching. Remain alert for approaching storms. Watch the sky and stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, commercial radio or television for information.

Tornado Warning - A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

During a Tornado

If you are under a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately! Most injuries associated with high winds are from flying debris, so remember to protect your head.

If you are in school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building pre-identified best available refuge then:

Go to a pre-designated area such as a safe room built to FEMA criteria, or a small interior windowless room



on the lowest level, below ground in a basement, or storm cellar, is best. (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors, and outside walls. Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside. Get under a sturdy table and cover your head and neck with your arms and cover your body as best you can e.g., with a heavy coat or blankets, pillows. .

- In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
- Do not open windows.
- A sturdy structure (e.g. residence, small building) , school, nursing home, hospital, factory, shopping center, high-rise building)

A manufactured home or office then:

Get out immediately and go to a pre-identified location such as the lowest floor of a sturdy, nearby building or a storm shelter. Mobile homes, even if tied down, do not offer protection from tornadoes.

The outside with no shelter then:

If you are not in a sturdy building, there is no single research-based recommendation for what last-resort action to take because many factors can affect your decision. Possible actions include:

- Immediately get into a vehicle, buckle your seat belt and try to drive to the closest sturdy shelter. If your vehicle is hit by flying debris while you are driving, pull over and park.
- Take cover in a stationary vehicle. Put the seat belt on and cover your head with your arms and a blanket, coat or other cushion if possible.
- In all situations:
- Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.
- Never try to outrun a tornado in urban or congested areas in a car or truck. Instead, leave the vehicle immediately for protection in a sturdy building. .
- Outdoor areas are not protected from flying debris. Flying debris from tornadoes causes most fatalities and injuries.



NATIONAL *REACT* MONTH PROCLAMATION

Use this wording or something similar to submit a proclamation request to your state's Governor or your City's Mayor

Whereas Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams was founded in 1962, and;

Whereas *REACT* continues to serve and assist in their local communities and nationwide during emergencies, disasters and other local incidents and events, and;

Whereas *REACT* members give willingly and voluntarily of their time, and effort, often using their own equipment and money to accomplish their goals, and;

Whereas There are nine *REACT* Teams in North Carolina; (Substitute your State Name and number of Teams or City Name for this line)

Therefore It is hereby proclaimed that the month of May in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen shall be declared to be National *REACT* Month in order to recognize, celebrate and honor *REACT* members nationwide.

Also - see if a local business in your town might consider throwing a little event celebrating your team - Can't hurt to ask!



Guest Editorial

Chuck Gysi
Editor in Chief
National Communications Magazine

For the past year or so, we've noticed an uptick in activity by the Federal Communications Commission going after illegal operators, especially those causing interference.

The thing that strikes us odd the most is the FCC isn't tiptoeing around the illegal operations, no matter who is causing them. We've seen notices issued to states and even towns for illegal operations. Nobody is spared by the FCC's enforcement arm.

From what we're seeing, if you're operating illegally on a frequency without a license or causing interference on any frequency, the FCC will hunt you down, cite you and carry out a large fine as the penalty, too. You might even go to jail.

We've especially seen an increase in the number of FM pirates who have been cited by the FCC in communities across the country. There seems to be a hotbed of pirates in southern Florida and the Boston area who have incurred the FCC's wrath. Some of those who have been cited by the FCC have had devices on the air that have knocked out legal users, such as cellular systems. There is no spectrum unnoticed by FCC agents across the country.

Even with fewer agents than ever before, the FCC seems to be knocking on more doors now and shutting down illicit operations. Today, there is a plethora of equipment available for purchase, especially as imports, that transmit almost anywhere you might want on the radio spectrum. Want to set up your own pirate FM station? You can do it for under \$100 with a signal that can cover a small town.

Want to interfere with public safety channels on VHF or UHF? Go buy a \$25 import handheld radio and program it and cause a ruckus that surely will land you behind the gray bars. It makes no sense whatsoever. Some of the highest fines ever have been levied by the FCC against those

causing harm to radio systems that possibly could injure or cause death to those unable to use their radios in the course of their duties.

The FCC is evolving. The new FCC is making inroads to changing and removing many archaic rules to alleviate the burden on licensees and users. Last year's rewrite of Part 95 as it pertains primarily to CB, GMRS and FRS operations is a shining example. CBers now can shoot skip (hey, it's there, why fight it!) and FRS now has access to

GMRS channels without the need for a license, with an increase in power, too. We'll be seeing many more changes from this new FCC.

The thing to keep in mind is not to be stupid and ignore FCC rules. All it takes is one complaint and if it

falls on not-so-deaf ears at the FCC, you can expect agents and their direction-finding gear will be cruising your neighborhood to find you, shut you down and eventually fine you.

With that said, the FCC specifically said in their Part 95 rewrite that digital mode operations on FRS and GMRS channels is forbidden. Some have ignored this. But those high-power DMR repeaters on GMRS channels now may come to and end as the new rules explicitly forbid such operation. All we're saying, is be careful out there!



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From The Corner of the Room

Joe Zych, *REACT* WW Net Coordinator
Region 3 Director

Greetings all!

Well, it's May and it's still cold and rainy. Lots of rain but rain can be a good thing.

In our weekly *REACT* team practice nets we simplex between each station with our trusty copper J-Pole antennas and we have kept records over the years on weather. When it has rained and the ground is wet it greatly increases our signals and the quality of the audio increases as well. The fall and winter is also great for communications when the trees are bare; the leaves on the trees act as a blocker for radio signals.

Pine trees are the worst; the resin in the needles acts like a lead wall, so when you set up your base antennas, stay away from the pine trees. That resin is also why lightning strikes pine trees more than others because of the ground potential to the root system with the resin.



Remember the old CB trick you would let your garden hose run by the base of your

antenna for an hour and you had a better ground and when the skip was rolling you were in the game. The big misconception is people think "more power, more power", but the antenna and proper positioning is a primary factor.

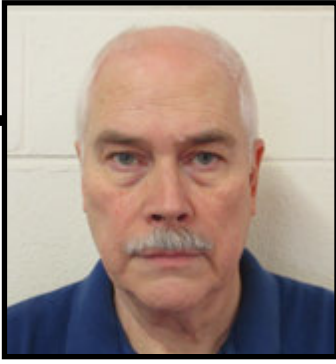
If you have a sorry antenna you can run power and still talk a few miles but with a good antenna and with the proper SWR at the lowest setting possible and of course good low loss coax you would be surprised.

Power is a last resort. Remember stay in the FCC guidelines on the frequency that you are qualified to use. I heard that the Technicians (class) might get to be on more HF bands 80 and 40 and 20 meters. There is a request signed and being put before the FCC to give Techs a little more usable frequencies. I can't wait! Ten meter HF is great when the band is open but 20 and 40 meters always rock.

Keep sending in those pics to the *REACT*er so your team can be featured in the monthly publication! And if you have not been to a storm spotter class yet, shame on you! It's easy and it's fun! Contact your closest national Weather Service office.

Until next month when we will all be back mowing the lawn in 95 degrees, have a cool *REACT*iful day!

And call and thank Will for a great monthly *REACT*er!



Training for the Future

Walter Green, Lt. Col., USAF, Retired
Chairman, *REACT* Training Committee

RESOURCE TYPING UPDATE:

Two members have completed four positional qualifications for Type IV:

Stan Latta (6247) – Message Team Operator IV
Stan Latta (6247) – Message Team Boss IV
Walter Green (6247) – Message Team Operator IV
Walter Green (6247) – Message Team Boss IV

TRAINING COMPLETIONS: Since August 2017 there have been 47 successful completions of *REACT* courses by 12 members from 6 Teams for 115 hours of training. Congratulations to:

James Bois (9701) – Introduction to Land Search and Rescue
Walter Green (6247) – Alerting
Stan Latta (6247) – Using the Zello Voice Traffic Net
Stan Latta (6247) - Alerting

SUCCESSFUL MESSAGE RUNS: The following members submitted 100% good copy for the April Message Run:

Keith McDonald (6247) – 10 words per minute
Rusty Hemenway (6247) – 15 words per minute

The Message Run is an excellent way to validate your ability to copy the types of formal messages that you will encounter in disasters. We conduct runs immediately following the first *REACT*/Traffic System net (Wednesday at approximately 2130 EDT) of the month and during the second Saturday Zello Worldwide *REACT* Net after 2100 EDT. May's run will be a high speed run at reading speed, approximately 100 words per minute – you are allowed to record the run and listen to it once to fill in anything you missed on the on-air transmission.

IN WORK *REACT* COURSES: Two new *REACT* courses are in draft form, expected to be published in May:

Citizens Band Radio Service – covers basic theory of radio as it applies to the CBRS, the new regulations, and ways in which CB can be a part of an effective Team emergency communications program. This course supports Type IV positional qualification.

Introduction to Net Control – a detailed coverage of the mechanics of running a net, whether a formal traffic net or a disaster tactical net. This course supports Type III positional qualification.

ALERTEX 2018-B: The training package is out for ALERTEX 2018-B, a hurricane exercise. The dates are 23-24 May for basic scenario buildup, 25 May (Friday) evening for impact, and 26 May (Saturday) for the response phase. If your team has not yet accessed the training package at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yd4olxhk>

please do so today and make sure that your members have had an opportunity to review the contents. The packet includes information on hurricanes and on the format for a Team emergency operations plan. This exercise is designed to test elements of Team emergency plans. The scenario will include East Coast, Gulf Coast, Caribbean, and West Coast hurricanes. We are planning for significant reporting play from Teams to Radio Relay International for simulated forwarding to federal authorities. Expect the detailed exercise instructions the first week in May.

COORDINATION WITH RADIO RELAY INTERNATIONAL – In April your team received an e-mail from Radio Relay International, an international amateur radio traffic system, asking for local contacts. If your Team has not responded please do so now. RRI is working with *REACT* to expand our ability to communicate in disasters and to coordinate response activity. They provide us a reliable and fast way to pass

emergency messages and reports out of and into your local area in the case of major communications outages. *REACT* TRAFFIC SYSTEM – To support our own message traffic system we need two types of people: (1) members who are interested in working with formal emergency messages in a highly disciplined net environment and (2) members who are interested in staffing an incident management team to gather information and reports and provide

those to *REACT*'s leadership to help us work with the national organizations with which we have memorandums of agreement. And we need members to work in these roles this coming hurricane season. Prior experience is not required, but a willingness to train and work hard at a high standard when bad things happen is. If you are interested contact Training@REACTintl.org as soon as possible

Why Can't I Copy and Paste from The *REACT*er??

The simple answer is that the way the *REACT*er is posted for reading, in order to conserve server space, it has to be posted as an image rather than as a text file. The image file is around 4 megs in size whereas a text (or magazine) file would come in at around 200-300 megs.

It is unfortunately a fact of life that server space is expensive so we must conserve where we can. I am currently researching methods of posting to see if there is a way to at least post the current issue as a text file and then convert it to an image when it goes to Past Issues.

I will keep you posted.

On a different but somewhat related topic, for a while there, the 'l' and 'I' letters, plus '1's were coming out looking like they were in bold when the rest of the word or number was not. I honestly do not know what was causing that so I came up with a work around. All type in The *REACT*er is now a 'serif' type (like New Times Roman). This eliminates the problem with the inadvertent bolding of straight line letters and numbers.



Minutes from
REACT International
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m. Pacific Time at the ARIA Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., by Chairman Capodanno. A moment of silence was observed for all members that passed on in the last year. Roll call was taken by Chairman Capodanno, Minutes Taken via Recording Secretary Misetich.

Directors:

R1 - Warren Deitz - absent
R2 – Thomas Currie – Present
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Daniel Davidson - Present
R5 – Larry Fry - Present
R6 – Russ Dunn - Present
R7 – Jerry Jones - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Jerry Jones - Present
Secretary – Matthew Misetich - Absent
Treasurer – William Richards - Present

Guests Present:

Matthew Boudreaux, Matthew Broomfield, Dave Coleman, Walter Green, John Mahon, Ryan Reid, Jennifer Reid, Ray Lum, Brian Van Meter, Jean Fry.

It was confirmed that a Quorum was established.

Agenda (Item 1)

Director Jones moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Goswami. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Announcements (Item 2)

None

Meeting minutes (Item 3)

Director Zych moved to approve the minutes from November 29, 2017, second by Director Fry. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Rojas CPA Engagement Letter (Item 4)

Director Capodanno moved to accept Rojas CPA to do 2017 review not to exceed \$4,500.00, second by Director Jones. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-A R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Training Presentation (Item 5)

Development of new *REACT* courses continues - we now offer 9 communications courses, with 4 more offering scheduled to be complete by the end of April. Members from 5 teams have completed 29 courses for a total of 76 training hours. Our quarterly exercise schedule is in place for 2018, with ALERTEX 2018-A, a tornado scenario, scheduled for 22-23 February. Subsequent exercises are scheduled for May, August, and November. Our focus this year is on Training Type IV deployable Communications Teams, Base Station Teams, and Message Teams to provide a range of capabilities in major emergencies and disasters. Training requirements have been established for individual members of Type IV Teams, and our objective is to start credentialing individuals and Teams at the end of April. To improve message

handling skills we now have an active weekly Traffic Net on Zello and are working to develop a core of operators experienced in traffic net operations. We have introduced a monthly qualifying run for formal messages that operates much as does the ARRL's code runs, and we have qualified operators at both 10 and 15 word per minute 100% good copy. Finally, we continue to support The *REACT*er with current information in a monthly training column.

Director Reports (Item 6)

Director Currie, Director Zych, Director Davidson, Director Fry, Director Dunn, Director Jones, Director Capodanno, Director Goswami gave reports on their region.

Break 9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

FCC Itinerant Use (Item 7)

Communications Committee Chair Mr. Mahon reported: Mr. Mahon spoke about the draft submitted for use of the WQUS415 Corporate Interoperability Channels by chartered Teams in good standing. The Memorandum of Understanding under the REACT International license two-way radio frequencies are intended by the FCC to be temporary means of communications with US Government stations “in connection with mutual activities.” The DHS developed Post 911 interoperability channels to allow coordination of different jurisdictions, agencies, and disciplines to communicate with one another directly in the response phase of a large-scale incident. The interoperability plan also authorizes stations licensed under Part 90 to communicate with US Government stations “in connection with mutual activities” without further licensing considerations. The Draft MOU highlights limitations of the FCC authorization as noted in Part 90 rules and regulations. Fixed base repeater operations will be limited to the recovery phase of a major incident with an anticipated operational period of 30 to 120 days, by the approval of the *REACT* International President and/or the Communications Coordinator. The agreement allows coordinated use of mobile repeater pairs and low power portable simplex frequencies in the VHF and UHF authorizations in either analog or digital modes. The agreement calls for the formation of a Communications Committee whose members are made up from teams with an active MOU. Mr. Mahon, is President of Southeastern Massachusetts *REACT* Team 6240 and a member of the Training & Development Committee.

Online Renewal System (Item 8)

The ITC Committee Chair Richards stated the online system should be up between April – June 2018.

Electronic Voting (Item 9)

Referred to Bylaws Committee; no action taken.

Region Reassignment (Item 10)

Referred to committee for review

Break 10:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

Policy Review (Item 11)

Policy 3.01 Director Jones moved to strike out Monitor CB from Policy 3.01, seconded by Director Dunn. Applications for new Team charters must include the provision that a monitoring program on CB Channel 9 or other radio service will be implemented. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-A R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed. Director Jones moved to rescind the strikeout of Monitor CB from Policy 3.01, seconded by Director Capodanno. Applications for new Team charters must include the provision that a monitoring program on CB Channel 9 or other radio service will be implemented. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed

Break for Lunch 12:30p.m. – 2:00pm

Policy 4.01

Director Jones moved to change language in policy 4.01, seconded by Director Capodanno.

(OLD) A *REACT* Team or Council wishing to submit a bid to host a *REACT* International, Inc., annual

convention may do so by contacting the Convention Site Selection Committee.

Bids will be solicited and accepted on a rotating basis with an US east, US central, US west, international rotation basis. In the event that no bids are received from the next area in the rotation, that area will be skipped.

(NEW) A *REACT* Team or Council wishing to submit a bid to host a *REACT* International, Inc. annual convention may do so by contacting the Convention Site Selection Committee, if it exists, or the *REACT* International Board of Directors.

Bids will be solicited and accepted on a rotating basis with an US east, US central, US west, international rotation basis. In the event that no bids are received from the next area in the rotation, that area may be skipped.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Policy 5.02

Director Jones moved to update election years in policy 5.02, seconded by Director Dunn.

(OLD)

Regions 1, 4, 7 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012

Regions 2, 5, 8 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013

Regions 3, 6, 9 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014

(NEW)

Regions 1, 4, 7 2018, 2021, 2024

Regions 2, 5, 8 2019, 2022, 2025

Regions 3, 6, 9 2020, 2023, 2026

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Policy 6.01

Director Jones moved to change language in policy 6.01, Seconded by Director Goswami.

(OLD)

While persons with complaints about *REACT* matters are free to make whatever announcements they choose, it is usually the case that resolving problem is unnecessarily complicated by overexposure, and it is recommended that complaints be handled privately until the complaint procedure has been completed.

(NEW)

While persons with complaints about *REACT* matters are free to make whatever announcements they choose, it is usually the case that resolving a problem can be unnecessarily complicated by overexposure, and it is recommended that complaints be allowed time until the complaint procedure has been completed.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Policy 6.02

Director Jones moved to update the address, seconded by Director Capodanno.

(OLD)

REACT International, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation, with Councils and affiliated Teams which serve the public. Documents pertaining to individual member(s), *REACT* Teams, and *REACT* Councils are maintained by a paid staff at its office in Suitland, Maryland.

(NEW)

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R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Policy 7.02

Director Jones moved to change the language, seconded by Director Goswami.

(OLD) It is the responsibility of each corporate committee chairperson and liaison to function within guidelines posted on the *REACT* International (RI) Internet web site (www.reactintl.org) and other sources.

(NEW) It is the responsibility of each corporate committee chairperson and liaison to function within guidelines prescribed by the President or the Board of Directors.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Policy 9.01 (was mis-typed in the original minutes as 9.04, correction made by editor)

Director Jones moved to change language in policy 9.01, seconded by Director Goswami.

(OLD)

When funds are available, and when approved by the Board of Directors, certain expenses incurred by Officers, Directors, and staff may be reimbursed. Reimbursable travel expenses incurred in the conduct of official *REACT* duties include air fare (coach or economy), mileage (not to exceed the cost of a coach round trip airline ticket), lodging, and meals. Telephone, photocopying, and postage expenses incurred for *REACT* business may also be reimbursed as requested

(NEW) If funds are available, and when approved by the Board of Directors, certain expenses incurred by Officers, Directors, and staff may be reimbursed. Reimbursable travel expenses incurred in the conduct of official *REACT* duties include air fare (coach or economy), mileage (not to exceed the cost of a coach round trip airline ticket), reasonable lodging, and reasonable meals. Charged long distance calls or faxes, photocopying, and postage expenses incurred for *REACT* business may also be reimbursed as requested.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed

Policy 9.04

Director Jones moved to change language in policy 9.04, seconded by Director Goswami.

(OLD)

Upon request, a *REACT* Team shall be furnished a list or address labels of the *REACT* Teams in any area, up to a state in size, for non-commercial *REACT* purposes. If the use is in conjunction with a *REACT* sanctioned activity, there is no charge. For non-sanctioned events, there will be a nominal charge. Upon request, a mailing list (or labels) of the Teams and/or individuals in the Council's jurisdiction will be furnished to a Council. In the event *REACT* lists or labels are to be used in mailings, two copies of the material to be mailed must be sent to *REACT* International, Inc., headquarters via first class mail, at the time of the first mailing. Mailing lists or labels will not be furnished for commercial solicitation or advertising purposes to any *REACT* Team, Team member, officer, or Director. *REACT* International, Inc., mailing lists or labels may be sold to an organization or business only after being approved by a vote of the Board of Directors of *REACT* International, Inc.

(NEW)

Upon request, a *REACT* team shall be furnished a mailing or email list or address labels of the *REACT* teams in any area, up to a state in size, for non-commercial *REACT* purposes. If the use is in conjunction with a *REACT* sanctioned activity, there is no charge. For non-sanctioned events, there will be a nominal charge. Upon request, a mailing or email list (or labels) of the Teams and/or individuals in the Council's jurisdiction will be furnished to a Council. In the event *REACT* lists or labels are to be used in mailings or emails, a copy or CC included in email of the material to be mailed or emailed must be sent to *REACT* International, Inc., headquarters via first class mail, at the time of the first mailing. Mailing lists or labels will not be furnished for commercial solicitation or advertising purposes to any *REACT* Team, Team member, officer, or Director. *REACT* International, Inc., Mailing lists or labels may be sold to an organization or business only after being approved by a vote of the Board of Directors of *REACT* International, Inc.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

2018 Budget (Item 12)

Director Capodanno moved to accept 2018 budget, seconded by Director Currie. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

2017 Rojas CPA Engagement letter (Item 13)

Director Goswami moved to accept the 2017 review, seconded by Director Jones. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

60-Year Logo Contest (Item 14)

Director Jones moved to award \$50.00 to best 60-year logo, seconded by Director Capodanno. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Ohio Status Report (Item 15)

The office has been working with the attorney general of Ohio helping teams become compliant.

Election of officers (Item 16)

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for President. Director Dunn nominated Mr. Capodanno. There were no further nominations and Mr. Capodanno was reelected unanimously. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed. The Chairman opened the floor for Executive Vice President. Mr. Jones, Mr. Zych, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Barrett were nominated. Ballot Vote was taken Mr. Jones was elected. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Director Capodanno nominated Mr. Missetich. There were no further nominations and Mr. Missetich was reelected unanimously. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Director Capodanno nominated Mr. Richards. There were no further nominations and Mr. Richards was reelected unanimously. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman (Item 17)

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Director Goswami nominated Mr. Capodanno. There were no further nominations and Mr. Capodanno was reelected unanimously. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed. The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. Director Jones nominated Mr. Goswami. There were no further nominations and Mr. Goswami was reelected unanimously R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Assistant Secretary (Item 18)

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Assistant Secretary. Director Zych nominated Ms. Chalfant. There were no further nominations and Ms. Chalfant was elected unanimously. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Assistant Treasurer (Item 19)

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for Assistant Treasurer. Director Capodanno nominated Mr. Dunn, There were no further nominations and Mr. Dunn was elected unanimously. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Selection of Standing Committees (Item 20)

The Board Finance Committee was recreated with Mr. Richards Chairman and Mr. Dunn Assistant Chairman with Committee member Mr. Jones. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed. The Office Review Committee was recreated with Mr. Goswami Chairman and Committee members Mr. Zych, Mr. Jenkins. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed. The membership committee was recreated with Mr. Thompson Chairman and committee members Mr. Capodanno, Mr. Zych, Mr. Jones, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Jenkins. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed

Resignation of director (Item 21) The Chairman reminded the Board that any Director who misses three consecutive meetings of the Board is, by operation of Article V, Section 5.5(b), deemed to have resigned at the conclusion of the third consecutive meeting. He stated that when the meeting concluded, Director Dietz will have missed three consecutive meetings and will be deemed to have resigned by operation of Bylaws Article V, Section 5.5(b). The Board is given the option in the Bylaw to decline the impending deemed resignation, but once the meeting is concluded, the deemed resignation is final -- the Board does not have the power to override the Bylaws. There was no motion to decline the deemed resignation.

Next Meeting (Item 22)

March 01, 2018. 9:00 p.m. EST. via teleconference. Adjournment (Item 23) Director Fry moved to adjourn at 4:15 p.m. PST, second by Director Zych. R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

*Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Missetich
Secretary*



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Woodrow "Woody" Mason 1945-2018



Woodrow "Woody" Mason was born March 5, 1945 in Omaha, Nebraska, to Vern Woodrow and Rose Ann (Sulc) Mason. He passed away March 23, 2018, at Wisner Care Center in Wisner, Nebraska, where he spent his final days dealing with Leukemia, at the age of 73 years. Woody joined the Army in January 1964. He was discharged in 1967. Woody was married and had 2 sons and 2 daughters.

He was a die-hard Nebraska Cornhuskers football fan, Kansas City Chiefs fan, NASCAR fan and loved gardening. He enjoyed watching westerns on TV for hours on end. Most of all, his love for family and friends was overflowing and no one was a stranger.

He was active for 21 years in Dodge County **REACT**, and was a member of Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion and FEMA. Woody's final wish was to have his casket adorned with bumper stickers.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Mason; children, Robert Allen Mason and Fiancé Joni Woodruff of Omaha, NE, Patricia Lynn (Steve) Halsey of Florida, Paul Allen (Chanda) Mason of Salina, KS, Dawn (Matt) Schneider of Lyons; an abundance of grandchildren.

All that knew Woody are poorer for his passing but so much richer for having known him.

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MAY 2018

1.....REACTer Published
1REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
5.....CINCO DE MAYO
5ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
8REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
12ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....MOTHER'S DAY
15.....Deadline for June REACTer
15REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
19.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
22REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m.ET)
23-26Alertex 2018-B
26ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
28.....MEMORIAL DAY
29.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m.ET)

JUNE 2018

1..... REACTer Published
2.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
5.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
9.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
12.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....FLAG DAY
15.....Deadline for July REACTer
16.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
18.....FATHER'S DAY
19.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
23.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
26.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
30.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)

JULY 2018

1..... REACTer Published
3.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
4.....INDEPENDENCE DAY
7.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
10.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for August REACTer
17.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
21.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
24.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
28.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
31.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)

AUGUST 2018

1..... REACTer Published
4.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
7.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
11.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
14.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for September REACTer
18.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
21.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
25.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
28.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)

SEPTEMBER 2018

1.....REACTer Published
1.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
3.....LABOR DAY
4.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
8.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
11.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for October REACTer
18.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
22.....ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
25.....REACT Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
29ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. (ET)

OCTOBER 2018

1REACTer Published
1.....New Year's Day
2REACT World Wide Net (9 p.m. ET)
6ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
9REACT World Wide Net (9 p.m. ET)
13ZELLO Worldwide Net (p.m. ET)
15.....Deadline for November REACTer
16REACT World Wide Net (9 p.m. ET)
20ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
23REACT World Wide Net 9 p.m. ET)
27ZELLO Worldwide Net (9 p.m. ET)
30REACT World Wide Net (9 p.m. ET)
31Halloween

Most National Holidays are now in the calendar.
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