

MARAC, Inc  
2023 Annual Report

# MARAC President Introductory Comments -

Ed Eklin, K8ZZ

We are pleased to present the 2023 Annual Report for MARAC, the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club.

Previously the Michigan Mini for 2021 was canceled due to COVID-19. The MI Mini for 2023 was a success and planning for a 2024 Michigan Mini is underway. The National Convention was held on October 2-6, 2023 in Bozeman, MT.

Mobile operations have been moderate this past year. I have some health issues that will force me from my usual travel plans which will be limited this year.

The year has also resulted in positives to date including:

A continuity of service with the elected Officers and Directors as well as appointed volunteers in supporting areas of MARAC.

Substantial updates and improvements in all areas with Don, K3IMC, launching Logger II with help and ideas of others. Thank you Don for keeping Logger running for us.

Thanks Dave, KE3VV for stepping up to be our ombudsman in being a middle man for Don, K3IMC in some of our minor issues, and also relay some major issues to be discussed.

Thanks to Mike, K8EMS, for the original idea of Logger II and continuing help.

Directors continue to serve as point of contact for various working areas of the organization such as Historian, Election Coordinator, Awards, IT, Public Information, Digital and Contests and more to facilitate better communication among these important areas and the Board and more.

This Annual Report provides information on most areas of the organization so please take time to read through it. Thank you to all members of MARAC who are the reason this organization exists. A big shout out to the Board members and volunteers past and present for the stellar job again this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Ed Eklin, K8ZZ**  
**MARAC President**



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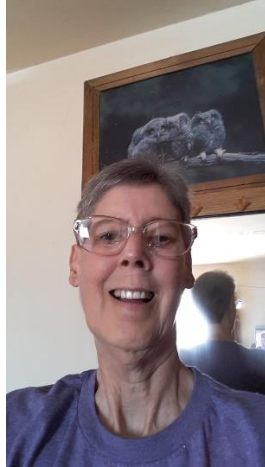
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The MARAC Board works hard to keep the wheels rolling and to make this the best club it can be. In addition to weekly emails, we have monthly conference calls to discuss many topics for consideration and official Board meetings when necessary. Thanks for your support, and please volunteer when able!

# MARAC Annual Secretary Report

Vacant Secretary Position  
Report being compiled by **Kerry W4SIG**  
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

Current Active Members: 299  
New Active Members: 16

Please welcome the following new members to MARAC during the last year:

<b>UW7LL</b>	Yarik Oleynik, Ukraine
<b>N2SQW</b>	Ken Goetz, Greene Cty, NY
<b>KE7RG</b>	Robin Galyan, Hot Springs Cty, WY
<b>KV8Q</b>	Tom Hain, Delaware Cty, OH
<b>KC8LYF</b>	Deb Hain, Delaware Cty, OH
<b>W4WRB</b>	William Bee, Bedford Cty, TN
<b>W8ZO</b>	Paul Kluwe, Henry Cty, TN
<b>NH7C</b>	Sid Ceasar, Montgomery Cty, MD
<b>KG6ITP</b>	Mary Welsh, Montgomery Cty, MD
<b>W4DWS</b>	Dennis Shoaf, Floyd Cty, GA
<b>N3YRZ</b>	Michelle Sack, Charles Cty, MD
<b>W1NEK</b>	Stephen Jeffrey, Cascade Cty, MT
<b>KD7HZV</b>	Tracy Jeffrey, Cascade Cty, MT
<b>KG5U</b>	Dale Martin, Harris Cty, TX
<b>KA4GSR</b>	David Kerr, Newton Cty, GA
<b>OM2VL</b>	Laci Vegh, Slovak Republic

It is with deep regret that we report the following 15 Silent Keys:

<b>KM9X</b>	Dan Mulford
<b>AE7KI</b>	Gene Rosam
<b>K7RQ</b>	Harold Potter
<b>W7SRR</b>	Sherry Robb
<b>W8PN</b>	Hal Broschwitz
<b>WA0SBR</b>	Edward Eastwold
<b>N4CCJ</b>	Donald Conrad
<b>KW8T</b>	Jim Hoffer
<b>KA1NX</b>	Nicholas Rafaelly

**K0PFV** John Lord  
**KD9ZP** Gene Olig  
**WA0QFY** Royal Maxwell  
**W3DYA** Norm Beavers



Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Long, Fill-In Secretary, **W4SIG**



# MARAC Annual Awards Report

## Awards Counts by Award Name

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023

Award Name	Sub- mis- sions	Level
Master's Gold	2	
Mobile Diamond	1	
Worked all Counties - USA-CA	2	
Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 4th Time	3	
Worked all Counties - 5th Time	3	
Worked all Counties - 6thTime	1	
Worked all Counties - 8th Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 9th Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 10th Time	2	
Single Band - 160 Meters	2	1000
Single Band - 80 Meters	1	3000
"	4	2000
"	1	1000
Single Band - 40 Meters	1	3077
"	1	3000
"	1	2000
"	1	1000
Single Band - 30 Meters	1	3000
"	1	2000
Single Band - 20 Meters	1	3077
Single Band - 17 Meters	5	2000
"	1	1000
Single Band - 15 Meters	2	2000

"	2	1000
Single Band - 12 Meters	2	1000
Single Band - 10 Meters	1	1000
USA - SSB	5	
USA - CW	3	
USA - CW II	1	
USA - CW III	2	
BINGO II	1	
BINGO III	5	
BINGO IV	3	
BINGO V	1	
USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x2	2	3000
"	1	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x1	3	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x2	1	3000
"	2	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x3	3	2000
"	1	1000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x3	3	3000
USA-PA - K	1	3077
USA-PA - N	1	3077
Ran All State - 1st Time	32	
Ran All State - 2nd Time	1	
Gemini - Jack Scroggins (W0SJE)	1	150
Five Band Counties Award	1	2000
County Challenge	1	25000
"	2	24000
"	1	23000
"	1	18000
"	1	15000
"	1	12000
"	1	1000
YL Mobile	2	2000
"	1	1000

"	1	500
YL-OM Team	2	2000
"	1	1000
Native American Counties	1	
Last County in State	1808	
Last County for WBOW	50	
Road Runner Award	57	

Many thanks go to the Awards Secretary, Phil AB7RW, for his processing of awards and to Ron, N5MLP, for his work for most of this year as the Awards Manager. Also, thanks to Don, K3IMC, for making sure that the awards submission software is operating smoothly! The Awards Committee also works hard to consider new awards or adjustments to existing awards. A big thank you to them all!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Awards Committee,  
**Kerry Long, MARAC Southeast Division Director**



# MARAC Annual Treasurer's Report

APRIL, 2022 - MARCH, 2023

Item	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>INCOME</b>		
Membership	\$1946.59	\$3659.98
Awards	594.83	266.44
Interest	27.17	22.30
Logger	314.51	333.53
Reimbursement from National Convention		1649.34
MI Mini		324.99
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Total Income	\$2893.10	\$ 6256.58
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Awards	\$ 1422.80	\$ 1520.66
MI Mini		624.97
Corporation Registration F	40.00	40.00
Insurance Premiums	1103.29	1142.28
Computer Hardware/SW		2025.10
DialPad Mtgs (formerly UberConference)	240.00	240.00
Promotional Expenses	379.34	
Simply Voting	434.2	895.91
Refunds		39.00
Postage		27.36
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Total Expenses	\$ 4,230.43	\$ 6555.28
Net Gain (Loss)	(1,337.33)	(298.70)
Checking Account	\$2,585.89	\$ 2264.89
Savings Account	16,036.23	16058.53
Total account balances	\$18,622.12	\$ 18323.42

Total end of year account balances include award fees prepaid by members which should be discounted to determine true (spendable) Cash Balance. At end of the current year the prepaid amount is \$6364, which means that spendable cash balance is \$11,959.42.

Respectfully Submitted

Bill Morgan, **K0DEQ**  
MARAC Treasurer



## MARAC Annual Historian Report

Time period covered: June 2022 to June 2023

I have received from Barry – W9UCW, who sent materials from WB9NUL (SK) and pictures from Jim – W8FNW for inclusion to the records/website. I have been working with Bob – KA9JAC to submit/insert items into the MARAC website. Thank you, Bob for your assistance in updating the website.

During a review of some membership data in the on-line database I discovered a couple errors/omissions in the information posted. When I researched the old paper records (B&B Shop) to find the information I discovered additional omissions in information posted to the on-line database. In my opinion, it's important to recognize all of the members who have joined/supported and contributed to the success of MARAC, by having their information as accurate as possible in the database. I have received data from Barry - K2MF and Don - K3IMC and using that as starting point have constructed a database using their database and verification with the old paper (B&B Shop) data which should more accurately reference membership data. In addition, I have provided database information to

AB7NK – Mary, and helped her tailor the data to assist her in tracking information she uses for the Welcome Questionnaire she sends to new and returning members. All this information changes as we gain or lose (non-renew or Silent Keys) members as well as call sign, address, email and expiration info changes and as such will always be a “work in progress”. Many thanks to all involved in keeping this information current and accurate.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mike Davis, **N8MD**  
MARAC Historian



## MARAC Annual Information Technology Team Report

As your MARAC North Central Director, I also have an added responsibility to oversee the Information Technology Team. This Team is a dedicated volunteer group of MARAC Members who are working together to move the MARAC Awards Programs and Logger 2 Program into the future. Each has a unique skill that may have been learned in the commercial world or on their own, to improve the current Awards processing and Logger 2 programming.

The IT Team works in the background to help with Logger 2 programming, testing and support. Membership updates and corrections are done on a monthly basis. This database is used for member lookups, Logger updates, award information and much more.

Migration to Logger 2 continues with over 100 conversions and new installations.. Added functionality continues and implemented as it completes testing. New functions are easily added with a quick update. A recent major upgrade to Logger 2 is the interface with WSJT-X software to work counties with FT8. Many are using this added function to enhance the County Hunting experience.

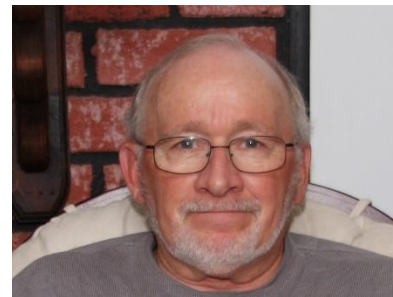
Upgrade to Logger 2 is an easy update. Email K3IMC to get on the installation schedule. If you are already a Logger user, there is no upgrade fee.

I would ask if you have problems with Awards or Logger 2, please use the current method of problem reporting. Instead of posting on the forum, reach out directly to Dave, KE3VV, who will screen your problem for an existing fix and help you with a resolution.

If you have technical skill that can be utilized by the IT Team, please contact me and you will be considered for the Team.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike, **NF0N**  
MARAC North Central Director



# MARAC Annual Election Coordinators Report

## ELECTIONS 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT

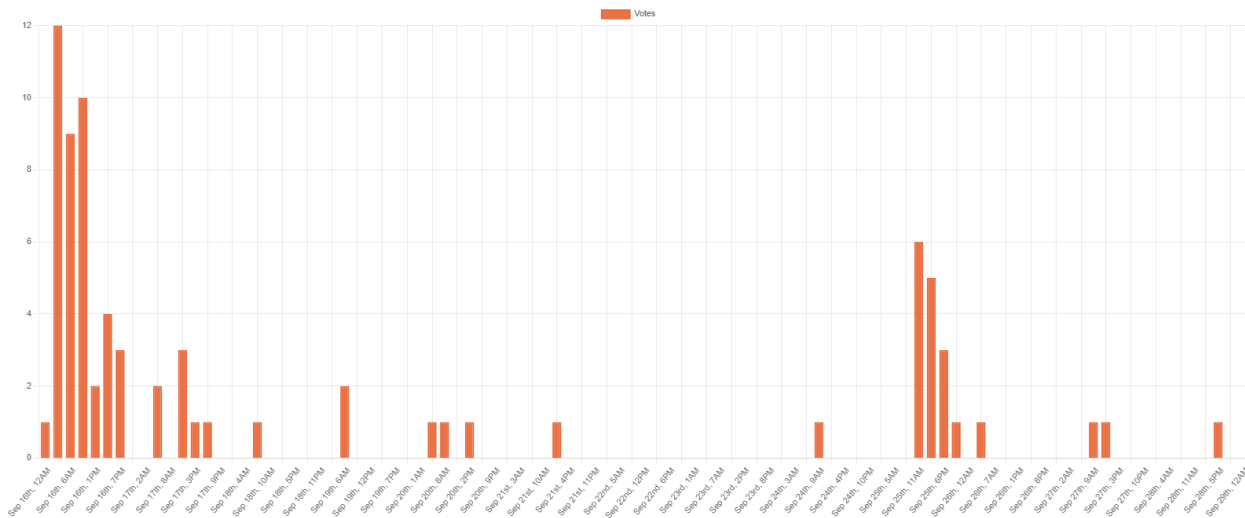
We have successfully completed the 4 Quarters of Elections.

I thought that this year I would show the information in a different, and hopefully interesting format.

I will show the voting pattern by day for each quarter. It may be too small to see the dates, but you can see how the voting goes over the course of the election. Interesting that when I send the reminder email sometimes there is a big spike, showing me the importance of the reminder.

I do not have the fourth quarter as of this writing, but for those who enjoy numbers and details this should be plenty.

This is the first quarter by day.

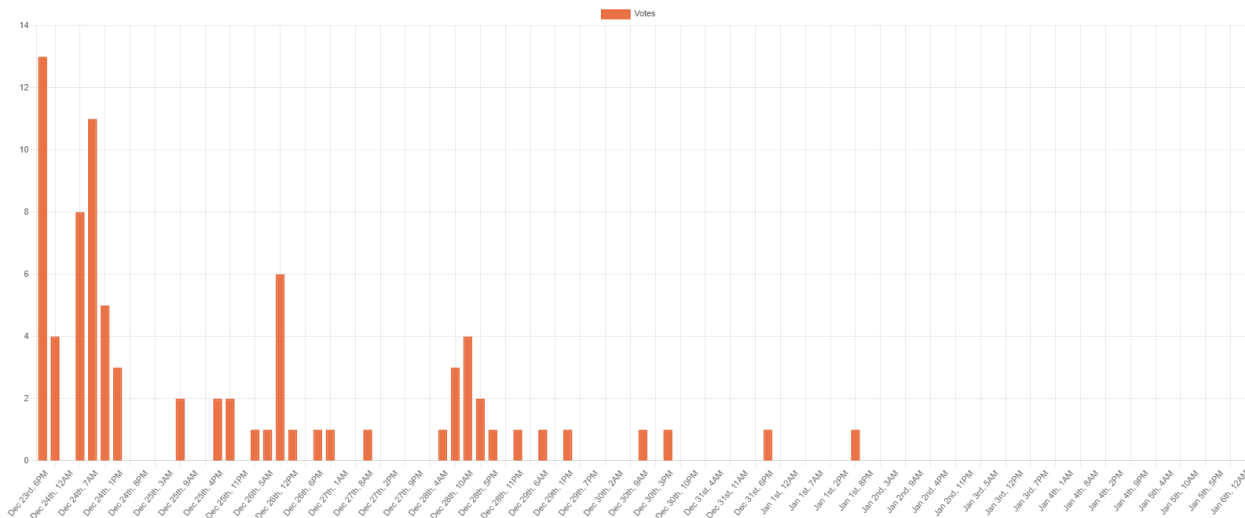


Segment	Electors	Voted	% Voted
GL	47	13	27.7
NC	40	10	25



NE	34	8	23.5
PAC	61	11	18
SC	57	17	29.8
SE	78	16	20.5
TO-TAL	317	75	23.7

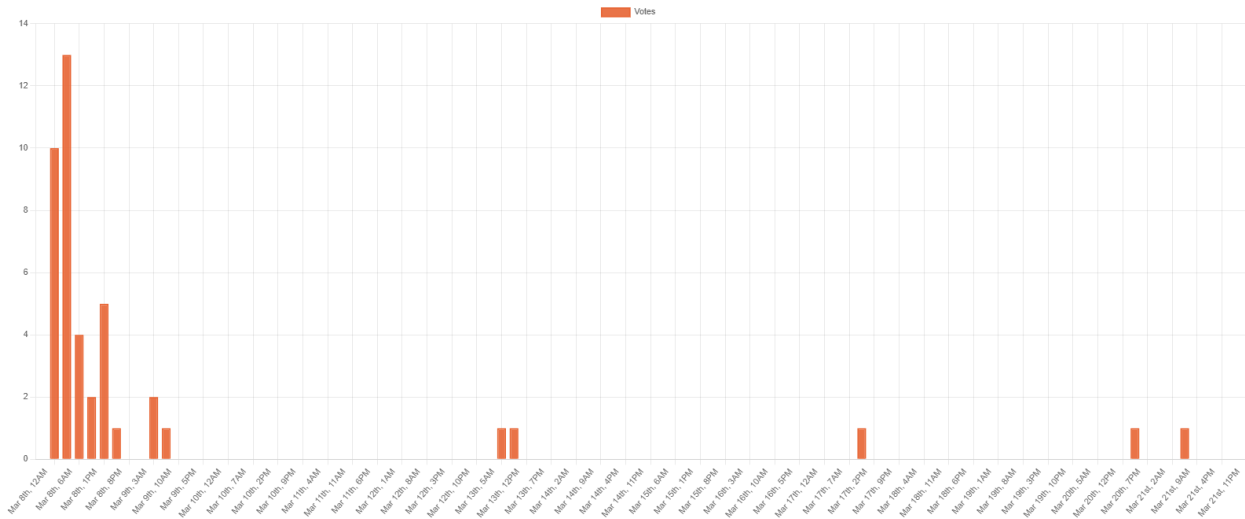
Here is the second quarter:



Segment	Elec-tors	Voted	% Voted
GL	51	11	21.6
NC	41	11	26.8
NE	32	8	25
PAC	59	13	22
SC	51	17	33.3
SE	79	20	25.3
TO-TAL	313	80	25.6

Here is the third quarter:

Interesting that almost all of the voting was at the beginning.



Segment	Electors	Voted	% Voted
GL	48	8	16.7
NC	41	5	12.2
NE	35	6	17.1
PAC	55	7	12.7
SC	52	6	11.5
SE	78	11	14.1
TOTAL	309	43	13.9

Respectively submitted,  
 Ron **KF7ZN**  
 MARAC Elections Coordinator



# MARAC Annual *RoadRunner* Editor Report

The *RoadRunner* is distributed at the beginning of each month to all MARAC members. I enjoy putting together the articles and information for the club monthly. Many thanks go out to those who have contributed articles, pictures, and ideas. I cannot create the newsletter without your input, so I am very appreciative!

Many thanks go out to Barry, K2MF, for his behind-the-scenes work on keeping the distribution list current and up to date. Thanks to Bill, K0DEQ, for reminding folks who are about to have their memberships expire.

I have enjoyed keeping the Final Countdown updated. Many have said they have completed their awards thanks to the advertisement of their needs in the *RoadRunner*. Please make sure that your needs are up to date and let me know if they are not. If you find yourself down to 10 or less for the WBOW for any MARAC award, please feel free to let me know via email so I can add you to the list.

My listings of Silent Keys is solely dependent upon information that I am fed from members. Please continue to keep me informed.

Highlighting members with bios and pictures is a favorite feature of mine. But I need your submissions! Whether you are new to the club or a veteran, we all want to see pics of your station and maybe some background info on you!

Old copies of the *RoadRunner* can be found on the [marac.org](http://marac.org) website.

Keep the info flowing in, and I will be happy to continue to put it together for you each month!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kerry Long **W4SIG**  
MARAC *RoadRunner* Editor

