

MARAC 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023 9:00 pm EDT

Call Meeting to order.

Time: **9PM EST**

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, Ed K8ZZ__ ; Vice President, Bill K1YAG__ ; Treasurer, Bill K0DEQ__ **X**
Directors: Great Lakes, Darl NA8W__ **X** Northeast, Al N1API__ **X** South Central, Janet,
KC5QCB__ **X**, North Central, Mike, NF0N__ **X** Pacific, Paige, W0FLZ__ **X** Southeast, Kerry,
W4SIG__ **X**
Invited guests: **W8OP**

1. Agenda Changes/Modifications - none

Reports:

2. Announcement: As approved by Don, K3IMC, the new focal point for ALL questions regarding Logger II is now Dave, KE3VV. Dave will now screen all issues, resolve anything that he can, and then forward to Don problems that need to be resolved. This announcement will be placed on the club website, in the monthly RoadRunner, and regularly on the Forum. **W4SIG will do the regular monthly announcements.**

3. Annual Report is attached for review by members-**W4SIG announced**

4. Results of Mobile of the Year SSB (**WY0A**) CW (**W4SIG**), Team (**AB7NK/K7SEN**) and Mobile Assists for SSB (**K0DEQ**) and CW (**K0DEQ**). **All announced by Janet KC5QCB. Notification to be sent to webmaster announced in Forum and on RoadRunner.**

5. Results of CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year voting-NA8W. **CW CHOTY is W4SIG, SSB CHOTY is W4SIG. All announced by NA8W. Notification to be sent to webmaster announced in Forum and on RoadRunner.**

6. Openings for MARAC General Counsel, -W4SIG **W4SIG restated need for General Counsel for the club. Notification to be continued in RoadRunner.**

7. Reminder of the MARAC Contest taking place on July 29-30. See marac.org for details. **W4SIG reminded members of the upcoming contest. Rules are on marac.org and were posted on all contest publications and in Roadrunner for several months now.**

Old Business:

none

New Business:

8. Announcement of KC5QCB and NF0N to renew their positions of South Central and North Central MARAC Division Directors for another term. Since there were no opponents, these positions did not appear on the June ballot.

Discussion: Thanks were given to Janet and Mike for renewing their volunteer positions with MARAC and for the service to members. Kerry to request webpage be updated with these results and to announce in RoadRunner and on Forum.

Motion by __K0DEQ__ 2nd __W0FLZ__ Aye __5__ Nay __0__ Abstain NF0N, KC5QCB__

9. Proposal to Approve minutes of January 23, 2023 Board Meeting

Discussion: All looks good. Copy will be sent to webmaster for inclusion on webpage.

Motion by __KC5QCB__ 2nd __W0FLZ__ Aye __7__ Nay __0__ Abstain __0__

10. Proposal to accept the 2023 MARAC Annual Report as attached.

Discussion: Thanks were given to the individuals who submitted their reports for the Annual Report. All looks good. A copy will be put on the webpage and in the RoadRunner. W0FLZ will work with ARRL to update our club affiliation with them.

Motion by __N1API__ 2nd __NA8W__ Aye __7__ Nay __0__ Abstain __0__

11. Proposal to approve Bridgeport, WV or Clarksburg WV as site for and W8OP/WB8III/N8OYY as hosts for 2024 National Convention on Oct 9-12.

Discussion: W8OP reports that they are deciding between 3 host hotels. All are within a short drive of each other. A contract will be signed in October with the finalist. Seed money for the convention will be discussed after October. Announcement will be in RoadRunner and on website and Forum.

Motion by __NF0N__ 2nd __KC5QCB__ Aye __7__ Nay __0__ Abstain __0__

12. Proposal to accept resignation of Ron Clift N5MLP as MARAC Awards Manager

Discussion: Thanks were given to Ron for his many years of service to MARAC in this position. Kerry will post the opening in the next RoadRunner.

Motion by KC5QCB 2nd NA8W Aye 6 Nay NF0N Abstain 0

13. Proposal for MARAC Outstanding Service Award for Ron Clift N5MLP- W4SIG

Ron Clift, N5MLP, resumed the position of Awards Manager in September 2016 and continued serving in that role for almost seven years. He oversaw the Awards Committee and worked closely with them to adjust existing awards and create new ones for the benefit of all MARAC members. Wording of the Awards Rules was continually updated to reflect better clarification and accuracy. Ron worked with the Awards Secretary to ensure that all ran smoothly. He also provided a monthly article to the RoadRunner with reports on the latest awards earned by members and a yearly report for the Annual Report.

For his seven years of exceptional service to MARAC and its members as the Awards Manager, we propose that Ron Clift, N5MLP, be given the MARAC Outstanding Service Award.

Discussion: All agreed that Ron had done a great job in this position and is deserving of the Outstanding Service Award. Kerry to forward this to AB7RW for award processing.

Motion by W4SIG 2nd W0FLZ Aye 7 Nay 0 Abstain 0

14. Proposal to accept resignation of Kerry Long W4SIG as MARAC Southeast Director

Discussion: Kerry has moved out of the Southeast Division and thusly, after 10 years, can no longer serve in this position. He will announce opening in the next RoadRunner and get the webpage updated.

Motion by KODEQ 2nd W0FLZ Aye 6 Nay 0 Abstain W4SIG

15. Proposal to accept appointment of Kerry Long W4SIG as MARAC Secretary for the remainder of the existing term ending July 2024.

Discussion: No longer serving as Southeast Division Director, Kerry volunteered to assume the Secretary opening for the remainder of the existing term, ending July 2024.

Motion by KC5QCB 2nd N1API Aye 6 Nay 0 Abstain 0

16. Proposal to change wording on MARAC Contest section of Award Rules to line up with new contest format. Current wording on page 28 of Award Rules defines too precisely the award certificates that MARAC will give out. Rewording is needed to align the Rules with the new contest format.

Proposed re-wording for the “Award Levels” of section to be:

Contest award categories will be defined in the contest rules. Certificates and plaques to be awarded to be determined by the Contest Manager for each year’s contest.

Discussion. **Change needs to be made before this year’s contest. Kerry will get the official Awards document updated and forwarded to the webmaster for marac.org.**

Motion by **__W4SIG__** 2nd **__NF0N__** Aye **_7_** Nay **_0_** Abstain **_0_**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion **__NA8W_** 2nd **__N1API__** Aye **_7_** Nay **_0_** Abstain **_0_** Time **9:40pm EST**

Open discussion with membership

There are now 4 open MARAC positions: SE Director, Awards Manager, NE Division Awards Committee, General Counsel. Volunteers are scarce.