

MARAC 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda
July 15, 2024 9:00 pm EDT

Call Meeting to order. Time: 9PM EDT

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, Ed K8ZZ___; Vice President, vacant___ Secretary, Kerry W4SIG___**x**___; Treasurer, Bill K0DEQ___**x**___

Directors: Great Lakes, Darl NA8W___**x**___ Northeast, Al N1API___**x**___ South Central, vacant___, North Central, Mike, NF0N___**x**___ Pacific, Paige, W0FLZ___**x**___ Southeast, Dave, KE3VV___**x**___

Invited guests:

1. Agenda Changes/Modifications

KE3VV noted a typo in the agenda which Kerry has fixed.

Reports:

2. Annual Report is attached for review by members-(Kerry W4SIG)

The annual report was distributed to Board members for review. It was also added to the marac.org website. Thanks were given to those who were responsible for submitting reports for this report for the benefit of all members.

3. Results of Mobile of the Year SSB, CW, Team and Mobile Assists for SSB and CW – (Darl NA8W)

Darl announced the winners of these awards as follows:

Mobile of the Year SSB: 1st KB6UF, 2nd W4SIG, 3rd WY0A

Mobile of the Year CW: 1st KB6UF, 2nd W4SIG, 3rd K8ZZ

Mobile Team of the Year: 1st AB7NK/K7SEN, 2nd KA9JAC/KB9YVT, 3rd AB4WL/NN4JM

Mobile Assist of the Year SSB: 1st K0DEQ, 2nd N0KV, 3rd NF0N

Mobile Assist of the Year CW: 1st K0DEQ, 2nd KC3X, 3rd W4SIG

Congratulations were given to these winners and thanks for all their county hunting efforts that benefit us all!

Kerry will publish these results on the Forum and in the RoadRunner and send these results to be included in the MARAC website.

4. Results of CW and SSB County Hunter of the Year voting- (Darl NA8W)

Darl stated that we only had one submission for each category, both are very deserving of this award.

CHOTY SSB: N8HAM

CHOTY CW: NF0N

Congratulations to our new CHOTY Winners!

Kerry will publish these results on the Forum and in the RoadRunner and send these results to be included in the MARAC website.

5. Opening for Volunteer to assist new members with Logger II installations- (Kerry W4SIG)

Kerry reiterated how important the club needs a volunteer to help new members with Logger II installation. Ron, KF7ZN, will need to know this information as he sends out welcome letters to all members and those that have rejoined after a 2 year absence. They will need to know what to do in regards to Logger II installations.

6. Reminder of the MARAC Contest taking place on July 29-30. See marac.org and the RoadRunner for details.(Kerry W4SIG)

Kerry reminded everyone of the upcoming contest and encouraged everyone to participate and make it a great year for this annual event.

7. Reminder of the MARAC National Convention on October 9-12 in West Virginia. See marac.org for details. (Ed K8ZZ)

Steve, K8II, spoke for the National Convention committee. He says we have 16 registered so far. The prize page has been updated. A full agenda will be announced soon. Everyone should go ahead and register now to assist the organizers in planning.

Old Business:

New Business:

8. Proposal to approve Barry, N0KV, to fulfill the vacancy of the position of South Central Director through the end of the term July 2025. (Ed K8ZZ)

Discussion:

Motion by ___W4SIG___ 2nd ___NF0N___ Aye_7_ Nay_0_ Abstain_0_

9. Proposal to Approve minutes of February 12, 2024 Board Meeting (Kerry W4SIG)

Discussion: Kerry will send the official minutes to KA9JAC for inclusion on website.

Motion by _K0DEQ___ 2nd _N1API___ Aye__8_ Nay_0_ Abstain_0_

10. Announcement of MARAC Officer elections. Ed-K8ZZ President, Kerry-W4SIG Secretary, Bill-K0DEQ Treasurer. There were no additional nominees for these positions, and no nominees for Vice President. (Mike NF0N)

Discussion: KF7ZN had initially volunteered to run for VP, but MARAC bylaws do not allow someone to be Election Coordinator and Officer at the same time. It was discussed and determined Ron's skills can best serve the club in the EC position. Thanks, Ron, for considering the VP position, but we really value and need you as the EC.

11. Announcement of NA8W and KE3VV to renew their positions of Great Lakes and South East MARAC Division Directors for another term. Since there were no opponents, these positions did not appear on the June ballot. (AI N1API)

Discussion: Thanks given to Darl and Dave for serving another term.

12. Proposal to accept the 2023 MARAC Annual Report as attached. (Kerry W4SIG)

Discussion: Thanks were given to those individuals who submitted their reports for this year's annual report.

Motion by _W0FLZ_ 2nd _N1API___ Aye _8__ Nay _0__ Abstain _0__

13. Proposal for MARAC Outstanding Service Award for Janet KC5QCB – (Page W0FLZ)

Janet, KC5QCB, assumed the position of South Central District Director in 2019 and continued serving in that role for almost six years. She represented her district well. Janet was a regular attendee and participant in the MARAC Board's monthly conference calls, providing ideas and insight into issues pertaining to our club and her district's members. Janet was a delight to work with and will be missed in this role.

For her six years of exceptional service to MARAC and its members as the South Central District Director, we propose that Janet Camron, KC5QCB, be given the MARAC Outstanding Service Award.

Discussion: Kerry will send a note to AB7RW to process this award for Janet.

Motion by _NF0N_ 2nd _NA8W___ Aye _8__ Nay _0__ Abstain _0__

Motion to Adjourn

Motion __KE3VV__ 2nd __K0DEQ__ Aye _8_ Nay _0_ Abstain _0_
Time _9:31 PM EDT__

Open discussion with membership

Kerry caught everyone up on the status of MARAC's efforts to begin sponsorship of the USACA Award. We should be ready to begin in a few months.

N1API questioned why the MARAC contest doesn't allow FT8 contacts. KE3VV agreed since FT8 contacts count for every other MARAC award. This should be discussed with WA4JA for next year's contest.

Kerry mentioned that KF7ZN was an excellent presenter at the Rocky Mountain HamCon on Solar and Ionosphere and how it relates to ham radio.

Discussion on how we can resume assisting new club members with Logger II installations. Ron, KF7ZN, volunteered to speak to Don, K3IMC, to see what it would take for him to assume this role and possibly find a way to make the installation process easier.