



MARAC, Inc.
2020 Annual Report
and
Annual Meeting Agenda

MARAC President Introductory Comments - Ed Eklin, K8ZZ

We are pleased to present the 2020 Annual Report for MARAC, the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club. The past year has presented a major challenge to mobile operations by way of the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously the Michigan Mini for 2020 was cancelled due to COVID-19 and just recently the difficult decision was made to cancel the national convention in October issues as well. Planning for a 2021 Michigan Mini is underway. Mobile operations have picked up slightly in various areas of the country but many are still hesitant to take the health risks involved.

We have also lost several members of the organization to COVID and other health issues in the past year. The Board has held moments of silence during meeting in memory of those whose keys and mics are now silent.

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 our IT areas
- 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.

73,
Ed, K8ZZ

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MARAC 2020 Annual Secretary Report

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Current Active Members: 319

New Active Members: 15

Recent Silent Keys: 17

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

Recent Silent Keys

Silent Key Date	Current Call
07-Sep-19	KU4YM
18-Sep-19	K9FZ
07-Nov-19	K0LG
28-Nov-19	K5YAA
05-Dec-19	KA3MMM
05-Jan-20	K4EXT
10-Feb-20	WG6X
18-Mar-20	W8ILC
09-Apr-20	AA4GT
04-Jun-20	KN4Y
20-Jun-20	N4ANV

Respectfully,
Brent Schaefer, K9MIX Secretary

MARAC 2020 Annual Report

Awards Section

Time Period Covered: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The following summary table lists the awards which operators submitted applications for during the year specified above. Details of these awards have been published in the monthly Awards articles in the Roadrunner. Other awards activity is summarized below this table.

Awards Counts by Award Name

Award Name	Submissions	Level
Master's Gold	2	
Worked all Counties - USA-CA	1	
Worked all Counties - 2nd Time	2	
Worked all Counties - 3rd Time	1	
Worked all Counties - 5th Time	2	
Worked all Counties - 9th Time	2	
Single Band-80 Meters	1	1000
Single Band-40 Meters	2	
Single Band-30 Meters	2	
Single Band-20 Meters	1	
USA - CW II	1	
USA-Digital	3	1000
BINGO	2	
BINGO II	4	
BINGO III	1	
BINGO VII	1	
USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x2	1	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x1	1	1000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x2	1	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 2x3	1	2000
USA - Call Sign Combo - 1x3	1	2000
USA-PA – N	2	
Ran All State - 1st Time	25	
Ran All State - 2nd Time	3	
Ran All State - 3rd Time	2	
Polaris - Cliff Corne Jr. (K9EAB)	1	
Five Band Counties Award	1	2000

County Challenge	1	11000
"	1	8000
"	1	4000
YL Mobile	1	1000
YL-OM Team	1	1000

Other Awards Activity

2020 County Hunter of the Year – SSB determined	
2020 County Hunter of the Year – CW determined	
2020 Mobile of the Year – SSB – 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place determined	
2020 Mobile of the Year – CW - 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place determined	
2020 Mobile Team of the Year – 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place determined	
2020 Mobile Assist of the Year – SSB – 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place determined	
2020 Mobile Assist of the Year – CW - 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd place determined	
Total Last County in a State (LC1) Awards Processed	750
Total Last County in the USA (LC2) Awards Processed	14
Total Roadrunner Awards Generated	24
Service Awards Issued	1
Custodian's Awards Issued	2

Note: Financial information concerning the Awards payments by members and the Awards function expenditures incurred during the club's fiscal year ending March 31, 2020 is included in the Treasurer's Report section.

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB
2020 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
 APRIL 1, 2019 - MARCH 31, 2020

Item	Prior Year	Current Year
INC OME		
Membership	\$2582.98	\$2491.48
Awards	380.54	514.79
Interest	24.00	76.13
Logger	268.98	217.96
Misc.	0	1367.80 NOTE 1
Reimbursement from Annual Convention	2618.23	
Total Income	\$5874.73	\$4668.16
EXPENSES		
Awards	\$2029.31	\$1418.35
Bank Charges	9.25	0
Convention	600.00	4640.00 Note 2
Corporation Registration Fee	40.00	40.00
Postage/Office	278.09	46.00
Sunshine Expenses	47.19	0
Insurance Premiums	1095.00	1069.32 Note 3
Computer Hardware/SW	0	0
Uber Conference	265.71	240.00
Spotting Site Recurring Expenses	14.99	
MARAC Booth at Dayton Hamvention	309.51	225.59
Simply Voting	434.20	434.20
Refunds	0	15.00
Websserver contract		251.64
Miscellaneous	0	0
Total Expenses	\$ 5,123.25	\$ 8,380.10
Net Gain (Loss)	751.48	(\$3711.94)
Checking Account	\$8532.94	\$4,244.87
Savings Account	16,371.17	16,947.30
Total account balances	\$24,904.11	\$21,192.17 – NOTE 4

- Note 1 – \$76 insurance premium refund; \$1251 funds previously held by Awards Secretary; \$40 rcvd from MARAC member to be transferred to K8ZZ for MI Mini.
- Note 2 - \$40 transferred to K8ZZ for MI Mini as directed; \$600 seed money for 2021 MI Mini; \$4000 seed money for 2020 National Convention
- Note 3– Total premiums for liability insurance policy & Errors & Omissions policy
- Note 4 – 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 \$6084.00, which means that spendable cash balance is \$15,108.17

Respectfully Submitted
 Bill Morgan, K0DEQ
 MARAC Treasurer

ELECTIONS 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

First Quarter – Activity for months of July, August & September

Ballots Sent – 332

Ballots Received – 74

Second Quarter – Activity for months of October, November & December

Ballots Sent – 327

Ballots Received – 84

Third Quarter – Activity for months of January, February & March

Ballots Sent – 323

Ballots Received – 77

Fourth Quarter – Activity for months of April & May

Ballots Sent – 324

Ballots Received – 99

- Voting was for 11 months of mobile activity in order to get the Mobile and Mobile Assist awards in line with Elections and County Hunter of the Year Awards.
- No District Election - both parties ran unopposed.
- No voting for County Hunter of the Year (CW & SSB) - only one nomination per mode received

Respectfully submitted,
Mary – AB7NK
MARAC Elections Coordinator

Historian 2020 Annual Report

Donna-AG6V

Board Point of Contact for Historian

Bill Moore K7IOO - new MARAC HISTORIAN / KEEPER OF THE DOCUMENTS

Since the passing of MARAC's last Historian, Gary Beam K4EXT, the documents and memorabilia from our club's long past have been in limbo.

Now, however, Bill Moore K7IOO has stepped forward to be Historian and the keeper of the physical items. THANK YOU, BILL!

The electronic items in the historical treasure trove will be moved to the MARAC database and website. This is in the planning stages, and will be led by Mike-NF0N and Bob-KA9JAC. Thank you all for stepping up to keep MARAC's history available.

MARAC 2020 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 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 programming.

Awards processing has been completely re-written by the IT Team and has streamlined the processes significantly.

Logger 2 programming is continuing and functions are being tested with excellent progress. A number of selected users are currently testing the new Logger 2. It is considerably faster and will be available for usage the 4th quarter of 2020. Upgrade to Logger 2 will be an easy update.

I would ask if you have problems with Awards or Logger, please use the current method of problem reporting. Instead of posting on the forum, reach out directly to me and things will move much more quickly. My email is on the MARAC website with the following steps **MARAC.org>About>Directors**. We want to help correct the problem as quickly as it can be done. Some problems do take time to correct.

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

Mike, NF0N
MARAC North Central Director

MARAC 2020 Annual Meeting

Agenda

July 13, 2020 9:00 pm EDT

1. **Call meeting to order**

Time:

Members in attendance:

Ed-K8ZZ: Kraig-KA2LHO: Brent-K9MIX: Bill-K0DEQ:
Al-N1API: Kerry-W4SIG: Donna-AG6V: Mike-NF0N:
Darl-NA8W: Janet-KC5QCB

2. **Agenda Changes/Modifications**

3. **Motion** to accept the Annual Financial Report included in the 2020 Annual Report.

4. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of June 8, 2020 (Attachment 1)

Reports

5. **Membership Committee Report**

6. **MARAC Annual Convention 2020 Cancellation:**

7. **Award Announcements**

8. **MARAC Historian Update**

9. **Other Reports:** Included in the 2020 Annual Report

Old Business-None

New Business

10. **Motion** that Ed Eklin, K8ZZ and Kerry Long, W4SIG be designated as signatories on the MARAC financial accounts in addition to the Treasurer.

11. **Motion** that the Board authorizes the Treasurer to use Citizens Bank of Newburg, an FDIC insured Missouri banking corporation, as depository for Corporation funds under the treasurer's control.

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12. **Motion** that the following are appointed to the listed positions within the MARAC organization for the 2020-2021 year.

- **Election Coordinator:** Mary Vince-AB7NK
- **IT Team:** Don Flynn-K3IMC, Bob Gedemer-KA9JAC, Barry Siegfried-K2MF
- **Historian:** Bill Moore-K7IOO
- **Road Runner Editor:** Kerry Long-W4SIG
- **Awards Manager:** Ron Clift-N5MLP
- **Awards Secretary:** Phil Yasson-AB7RW

13. **Motion** to accept the resignation of Kraig-KA2LHO as MARAC Vice President due to increased time requirements of his position as Coordinator for Children & Youth Ministry at his church in Ocala, FL effective at the end of the July 13, 2020 Annual Meeting.

14. **Motion** to Adjourn the annual meeting.

Time:

Open Discussion with membership.

Attachment 1

MARAC Board of Directors Meeting

June 8, 2020 9:00 pm EDT

Unofficial Minutes Pending Approval by Board of Directors

1. **Meeting called to order by KA2LHO in the absence of K8ZZ at 9:00 pm EDT**

Board of Directors Members in attendance: KA2LHO, K9MIX, N1API, W4SIG, AG6V, NF0N, KC5QCB

Others in attendance: N5MLP, AB7NK

KA2LHO requested a Moment of Silence for KN4Y and other Silent Keys.

15. **Agenda Changes/Modifications** KA2LHO shared a clerical change noted by AG6V as shown below.

One clerical correction in the Award Changes as noted by AG6V

Attachment 3, Item 3 "Mobile of the Year Award - CW", under OBJECTIVE, there is a blue highlighted phrase **members of MARAC** followed by a replacement word in red highlighted in yellow **operators**. The blue highlighted phrase should have a redlined strikethrough, to indicate it's deletion, but there is no strikethrough.

16. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 11, 2020 (Attachment 1). Moved by NF0N, 2nd by N1API, Vote: Unanimous

17. **Discussion Items:**

October National Convention: AG6V provided an update on the National Convention with 31 paid registrations to date.

New Business

18. **Motion** to approve the proposed modifications to the By-Laws (Attachment 2) and submit the proposed changes to the membership for ratification. If ratified by the membership these changes will be effective July 1, 2020

Discussion: W4SIG gave a brief background on the process.

Moved by KC5QCB, 2nd: K9MIX. VOTE: Unanimous

19. **Motion** to approve the proposed modifications to the Award Rules (Attachment 3) as presented by N5MLP, MARAC Awards Chair to be effective July 1, 2020.

Discussion: KC5QCB and N5MLP gave a brief background on the process.

Moved by AG6V, 2nd: KC5QCB VOTE: Unanimous

20. **Motion** to Adjourn the meeting.

Moved by N1API, 2nd: W4SIG. Vote: Unanimous

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm EDT.

Open Discussion with membership-W4SIG

- W4SIG thanked the by-laws and award rules change committee members.
- AB7NK asked when award winners would be announced: Announced in July at the Annual meeting and present plaques at the Annual Convention. If the recipients are not at the convention, the awards will be mailed.