MARAC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9PM EST November 2, 2026

Call Meeting to order. Time: _X_9PM EST__

Board Members in attendance:

Officers: Pres, Mary AB7NK__X_, VP, Mike W0MU __X__, Secretary, Kerry W4SIG__X__, Treasurer, Bill K0DEQ__X_
Directors: Great Lakes, Darl NA8W__X_ , Northeast, Al N1API__X__, South Central, Barry, N0KV__X_, Southeast, Karl K4YT ___, North Central, Bill NU0Q__X_ , Pacific, Paige W0FLZ__X_, Past President, Ed K8ZZ _____
Guests:

K2MF, KF7ZN

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1.Agenda Changes/Modifications

Old Business:

2. W0MU I move to approve the minutes of the BOD Meeting held in September 2026. (see attachment)

Motion 2nd: _NU0Q__

Discussion:

Aye 8_ Nay __0__ Abstain___0__

New Business:

3. K0DEQ I move that with approval of the President, Vice-President or Secretary, the Treasurer is authorized to pay ordinary business expenses up to $550 for each item.

Motion 2nd: _W4SIG__

Discussion: This allows for normal club expenditures to take place without individual Board motions as long as the dollar amount is minimal. The $550 amount was chosen as this covers most of our regular expenses including the Annual Simply Voting subscription fee.

Aye 8_ Nay _0___ Abstain__0__

4. K0DEQ I move that AB7RW and W4SIG are each authorized to have possession of a debit card associated with MARAC's checking account at Citizens Bank of the Midwest (formerly known as Citizens Bank of Newburg) to be used by them for club expenses.

Motion 2nd: _N1API__

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Discussion: Phil can use the debit card to pay for award processing expenses. Kerry can use the debit card to pay for printing and shipping costs of the USACA certificates. Up til now, they have been paying out of pocket and submitting receipts for reimbursement.

Aye _7 Nay __0__ Abstain__W4SIG__

5. K0DEQ I move that we approve up to $1,500 for the creation of all new MARAC certificates for our 100+ awards.

Motion 2nd :
W0MU

Discussion: For the last 2 years W4SIG has been paying out of pocket for the design services to create, with the assistance of K3IMC, all new certificates for the 150+ MARAC Awards. This amount will allow the club to reimburse for these efforts.

Aye _7 Nay __0__ Abstain__W4SIG__

6. W4SIG I move that we adopt the following policy as it applies to the USA-CA award.

MARAC USA-CA Award Policy Proposal

I propose the following MARAC policies:

When an individual applies for a new MARAC USA-CA award at any level, the applicant may request a specific endorsement such all one band, all one mode, no relays, etc. Any subsequent applications for higher levels of the MARAC USA-CA award, since they are considered to be new awards at these higher levels, can also request a specific endorsement. However, once a specific level of a MARAC USA-CA award is assigned, no subsequent endorsements can be added to that level of the award.

Also, no endorsements can be made for existing USACA awards that were assigned by CQ Magazine since MARAC was never part of that organization and MARAC has created its own USA-CA award.

Any holder of a CQ magazine USA-CA award at any level can apply for the **higher** levels of the MARAC USA-CA award provided that they were not previously assigned those higher levels of the USA-CA award by CQ Magazine.

If an individual requests an extra endorsement of their existing USA-CA award levels, regardless of whether these awards were assigned by CQ Magazine or MARAC, the applicant should be informed that MARAC does not issue extra endorsements to any USA-CA award that was previously assigned. Among its 100+ awards, MARAC offers applications for separate Single Band and Single Mode awards that these individuals should apply for instead.

Motion 2nd :_____

Discussion: The need for this policy motion was to close a gap in our policies that left a gray area for our Awards Secretary. While it has been rare, applications have recently been received to add endorsements to levels of the

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USACA award that an individual had already received. This motion was an effort to give clear policy on how to handle such situations. This motion was tabled for future discussion.

Aye _ Nay ____ Abstain____

6. Motion to adjourn. W0MU

Motion 2nd N0KV

Aye _8__ Nay _0_ Abstain_0__ Time_9:11PM Eastern Time__

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Open discussion with membership

Since Don, K3IMC, has resigned from IT support, we had a lot of discussion on how to move forward:

MARAC Website – Don said he will no longer be supporting work on the club website. We are not sure how this will affect webmaster KA9JAC's efforts and will need to follow up with him.

MARAC Award Certificates – Don was going to create software to automate the filling in of our new 150+ certificates that were just created and was almost completed. We are unsure on how this will now affect our Award Secretary's ability to fill out awards. Phil may have to resort to a manual copy and paste method to fill them out. Will need to follow up with him.

Logger – Don has stated that he will fix any problems that arise, but no new award programming changes. He asked that all Logger usage queries go to AB7NK and she can filter what needs to go to Don for attention.

MARAC Database – Don stated that he will no longer be updating the club database. Updating the database includes updates when awards are earned, updates to membership status, updates for Logger use approvals, and maybe other areas that we are not aware of. It was discussed that a lack of database

updates would be very detrimental to the records of the club and the ability of Logger to work accurately.

It was determined that a follow up call with Don would be helpful to best determine how to continue from here.

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