

# The **REACT**<sub>er</sub>

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## Welcome to the all-new *REACT*er Magazine!

The *REACT*er has been re-booted!

We aim to make the *REACT*er YOUR source for all things *REACT*! In the all-new *REACT*er, you will find Official News and Info, Team News, and other news and information that is relevant to you and your Team.

**Team News:** In the past, the *REACT*er staff relied on people in the Teams to send in information on events and other Team happenings. No More! The *REACT*er staff will be making contact with the Teams to gather that info now! And we will even include PICTURES!

Look to the all-new *REACT*er for news from the Board of Directors, Board Meeting minutes and more. Things such as "Should we have a new logo?" or convention information (if we plan one), and financial information.

We plan to begin publishing The *REACT*er as a monthly magazine so the information you get is current and up to date. We want all of *YOU* to be a part of the new *REACT*er Magazine!



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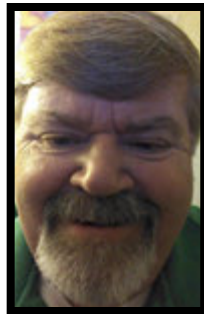
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## A Word from the Editor

Welcome to the very first edition of the All-New *REACTer* Magazine!

My name is Will Stanley and for those of you who are thinking, "Oh great! ANOTHER new non - *REACT* person is going to take a shot at the *REACTer*!" Rest assured, I AM a *REACTer*. My original home Team was Dodge County *REACT* #2750, Fremont Neb. I joined in July or August of 1975 (yes, over 40 years ago), right after the big tornado went through Omaha. I have been active in both my former Team, having held the offices of Vice Chairman of the Board, 2nd VP, and Public Relations officer; also I have been active on the Nebraska *REACT* Council in similar offices and even spent a year as the President of that group.

My background in journalism is brief - high school journalism class in 11th grade. But I have always had a love of writing and actually have had some things published. As Editor of the NE *REACT* Council's newsletter, "The Cornhusker Monitor", I won awards for that publication.

I plan to make the *REACTer* THE go-to source for everything *REACT* (with apologies to the Yahoo Groups page, not everyone knows about you and at times, you tend to be a common chat-room where people come to argue rather than discuss or look for information).

This magazine will cover news of all types from the Teams (get ready I'm going to be calling you!), the Board and other sources within R.I. We will run pictures of your events and meetings and I will make it very easy for you to get them to me and I will do the rest!

Yes, we will run advertising as well, but that's what pays for all of this!

So, sit down, buckle up, hang on and here we go!





## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

John Capodanno  
President  
*REACT* International

*REACT* International is on the move!

During the past few months, we have chartered ten new *REACT* Teams and have prospects for several more. Teams have been busy. We are in the process of renewing Teams and their members for 2017.

We have a new *REACTer* editor. You can read about all this and more in this *REACTer*, which is the first one in too many months.

The new *REACTer* Editor, Will Stanley, is a long-time member (Life Member 273) who has volunteered to get the *REACTer* out on schedule. He'd love to have you submit well-written stories and photos, but if you're not up to a finished product, send him the all of the details (and the photos) and he'll write the story.

The *REACTer* is one of the ways RI can communicate with its Teams and their members, and we plan to use it to inform you about what's happening at RI Headquarters, as well as what's happening in the field. For example, a recent financial report is included in this issue.

At this time, each Team should have received its 2017 RI Renewal Packet. Please make it a priority to renew your Team before the end of the year, as the Board of Directors will meet in January and needs to have a clear picture of

renewals in order to approve the annual budget.

Since the office was moved to Glendale, a number of actions have been taken to reduce expenditures. RI has a full-time volunteer administrator and all of the officers and Directors also volunteer their time and expenses.

Our office space is donated, and many of the necessary services are available to RI at no charge. In short, RI is doing its best to keep your membership dues low while the rebuilding of our organization is taking place.

*John*



Dear *REACT* Member,

In my time as a member, I have heard many people ask, "What does International do for me?"

First off, RI provides world-wide recognition for your efforts. You can't buy better publicity!

Secondly, the insurance that you get with your membership covers surprisingly more than you think it might. There have been stories out there about it not covering what the Teams are doing. Not true! Check into it. You might be surprised.

Thirdly, this magazine that you are reading. The *REACTer* is your best bet for fund-raising, membership drives and so on. And while we have had some, shall we say, sporadic leadership for the *REACTer*, that ends with this issue.

I intend for this magazine to be current, on time and easy to read and use. You can hold me to that!

In short, RI does more for you that you don't



Will Stanley  
Editor



## The "Grand Daddy of them all!"

# REACT was at the Shelby North Carolina Ham Fest



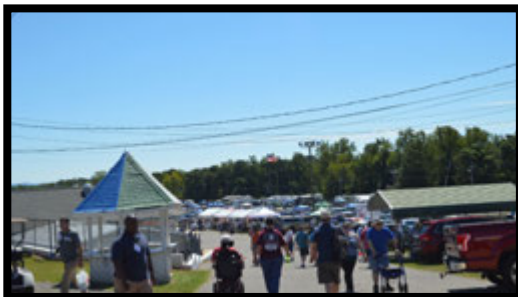
Submitted By  
Region 3 Director  
Joe Zych

Wow! After 6 years and many radio contacts and phone calls, 5 hours and 300 miles later, that handshake really put the true meaning of *REACT* all together. I took some old *REACT*ers. Jay holds a 1978 issue, first printed on newspaper stock, and I hold a 1998 issue printed in the magazine format.



It was a great day, we shared old memories and talked and then all of us went to the big Shelby Ham Fest. Jay Flora (on left), Cleveland County R-1 Shelby, N.C. and Joe Zych, Starr Mountain React R-1 and Region 3 Director. This was a special day and all of our Teams need to reach out and share ideas and goals with each other.

Forty acres  
of parking  
and  
tailgating!



The *REACT*er

The Shelby Ham Fest is the Grand Daddy of them all. It regularly hosts 5,000-7,000 people each year. The bone yard or tailgating area was 40 acres or more. It took more than 2 hours to walk around and see everything.



You buy a ticket to get into the ham fest and you stand a chance to win a door prize. I won a nice Alinco DJ-500 hand held 2 meter/440 HT! Wow, I was surprised!

Five members of the Starr Mountain REACT Team # 6205 (L to R - Chris R-25, Joe R-1, Jay R-1, Tom R-24, Hubert R-48, and Barb R-9. (Wilma, R-24's XYL, was taking the picture) made the 600 mile round trip and we all returned home to share with the rest of the Team the fun we had. The orange shirts our Team wears with the *REACT* logo really raised attention and questions about *REACT*. We were proud to answer all questions on the role we play not just in our community but world wide to help out where communications is needed.

To close, I would like to give thanks to our Team photographer, Tom Blandford R-24, for the great job he does for us!



## **Delaware County REACT #2235**

(Pennsylvania)

Delaware County *REACT* stays fairly busy, assisting local citizen who are in need, whether it be in trouble on the road or at home. They assist with traffic and crowd management at vehicle accidents. They have even helped recover a helicopter for an emergency scene. Now that's a talent!

According to Lisa Zacker of the Team, members make a habit of picking up debris in the roadways wherever they find it to make certain that the streets and roads are safe for other drivers. They work fairs and events, providing assistance with parking and crowd control. David Cassidy also said the Team works with the Lions Club on a Safety Break at different times of the year.

The Team members also help distribute food to and from area food banks and to families in need.

Overall, Delaware County *REACT* stays pretty busy and represents *REACT* very well!

## **Pulaski County REACT #2446**

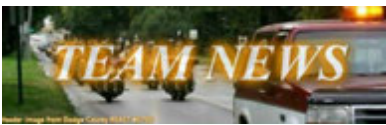
(Indiana)

Summer has been a little slow for Pulaski County *REACT*. There have been no storm spotter activations at all, says Les Barton. The Team helps out with gate control and safety patrols every year for the Power of the Past festival and flea market. The festival has emphasis on the old ways of doing things.

The Team also helps out with safety patrols and assists with traffic management in cooperation with local law enforcement for high school basketball and football games. Les says the Team will be helping with traffic and crowd management for the annual Monterey Days festival this Labor Day weekend. Even though summer has been slow, the Team stays relatively busy with all their other activities.

### **WE HAVE NEW TEAMS!**

See the list of all the *NEW REACT* Teams on **Page 37**. Let's give them all a big *REACT* welcome and shout out!



## Cleveland County *REACT* #4935

(North Carolina)

Cleveland County *REACT* stays busy assisting the Shelby Police Department in all manner of activities. They help with managing traffic and helping at accident scenes.

Jay Flora, Chief of the Team says the Shelby Police appreciate the help they give and say they are always glad of the Team's assistance.

Recently the Team assisted with the annual Merry Go Round festival, providing safety patrols for the event.



In December of 2015, Shelby Police invited the Team members to their Christmas dinner party, where Jay Flora was presented with a plaque for the Team, expressing the police department's appreciation for what the Team does.

The Team also stays busy monitoring CB Channels 9 and 19, giving out directions and motorist assistance. That's what *REACT* is all about!

## Northeastern Trinidad *REACT* #4994

(Trinidad)

Submitted by Oswald Theodore

The Team recently assisted the Community Policing Secretariat at a Community Outreach Program. This outreach was held at the Brian Lara Promenade, Port of Spain, between the hours of 10 am – 5 pm.



At this Outreach, we told the public about *REACT's* involvement with the Disaster Management Unit in the different County Corporations. In case of a disaster in Trinidad and Tobago, *REACT* is responsible for communications.





## **REACT Tobago #6045**

(Tobago)

Submitted by Kurt Jack



*REACT* Team 6045, the Tobago Arm of *REACT* International Inc., and an affiliate of the TRINIDAD and TOBAGO *REACT* COUNCIL, was highly commended for their impressive provision of two way radio communications, with its attendant responsibilities, in the recently completed Sea to Sea Marathon held in Tobago on May 21 and 22, 2016.

The Tobago International Sea to Sea Marathon was held on Saturday May 21, 2016 with 5k and 10k races and Sunday May 22, with a half marathon and a full marathon.

*REACT* Team 6045 Tobago participated both days of the event by providing adequate communications coverage. The project was serviced by eight *REACT* members and one prospective member. Participating in the project were: Allan Stewart R400, Brian Dyer R 401. Dexter Hacket R405, Orville Smith R408, Pete Corbin R414, Patrick Jattan R419, Kurt Jack R425 Bobby Arthur R437 and

The Sea to Sea Marathon race course started in the Main Ridge Forest Reserve near Bloody Bay on the Caribbean Sea, proceeded through the forest to Roxborough, then ran south along Windward Road to Scarborough and on to the 26.2 mile distance finish line in Lambeau Beach, Little Rockly Bay, on the Atlantic Ocean.

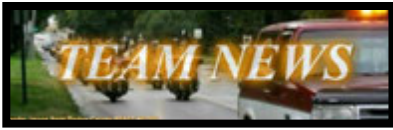
The Half Marathon started at Goodwood on the Windward Main Road. The 10K started on the Claude Noel Highway near Bacolet intersection and the 5K started at Sangsters Hill, also on the same route, and all ended at the same finish line in Lambeau Beach.

The project was a bit challenging but communication was maintained throughout most of the race course. *REACT* Team 6045 TOBAGO is very satisfied with the performance and outcome.



Members of Team 6045, *REACT* Tobago prepare to assist in the Sea to Sea Marathon.

photo courtesy of Allan Stewart



## Dodge County *REACT* #2750

(Nebraska)

Dodge County *REACT* stays very busy these days. In addition to storm spotting, they recently helped with the Fremont Beef Co picnic day, an event for the company's employees. The Team assisted with traffic management plus a head count of attendees for the company so they knew how many were there. The Team helped with the "bounce houses" and other things. DCR also assisted with traffic and crowd management for the Annual John C. Fremont Days parade, which was over 3 hours long!

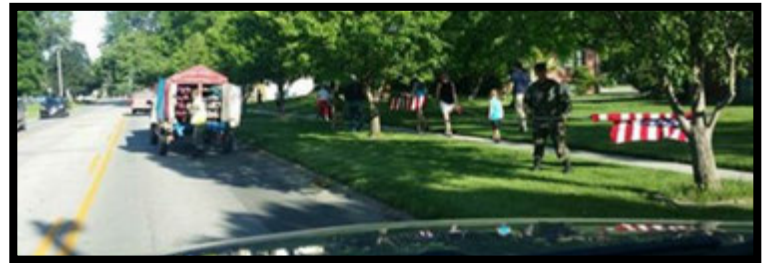
DCR helped with the annual Mayor's Run in Fremont, providing assistance with traffic control and crowd management.



The Team provides personnel and cars for the annual Halloween Patrol, an effort which is aimed at reducing vandalism and bullying on Halloween night. They will provide assistance with traffic and parking for the Wreaths Across America event in December, which is held in Fremont at the same time it is being done at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Other events that the Team helps with include The Woodcliff Fireworks show. (Woodcliff is a resort south of Fremont), Crop Walk and various YMCA runs.

They also assist in transportation and traffic management for the Avenue of Flags, in which American flags are displayed along one of the city's main roads, Military Ave.



Fremont Police Chief Jeff Elliott recently told the Team he is "awfully glad they are available" as their assistance saves the city on average around \$75,000 per year. One event in the past that Team Vice President Dave Proctor told us about was an Anhydrous Ammonia emergency. This gas is very virulent and can cause extreme breathing problems to anyone exposed to it. A tanker truck leaving the anhydrous plant north of Fremont misjudged his turn and sheared off a couple of valves on the tank. DCR assisted with highway closure and traffic management until the tanker could be removed.

Dodge County *REACT* has been around for more than 45 years and lives up to its motto, "We Can – Together – We Will!"



## Oklahoma County *REACT* #2620

(Oklahoma)

Submitted by Harry Goodman

Team #2620 in Oklahoma City is very active supporting Oklahoma City Police and other local events sponsored by different local agencies. We support a number of annually scheduled events with the city such as the Oklahoma City Marathon, a variety of parades, and the county fair.

I've been with the Team about five years and in that time, with some new talented recruits, I see our Team being re-vitalized and modernized. Our website has been updated and we recently performed a number of upgrades to our 70's vintage trailer. The trailer was repainted and new decals were added to reflect the new *REACT* logo and other applicable local information.

Always looking forward to reading *The REACTer*!

*(additional report)*

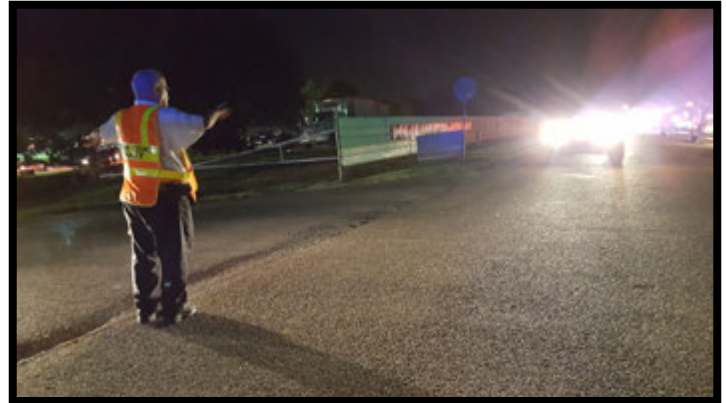
Submitted by Cody McDonell

For months, Oklahoma County *REACT* worked with personnel from Thunder Valley Raceway Park in Noble Oklahoma. The topic: Outlaw Armageddon 2016. The park was expecting a record turnout for this year's race event, so they needed backup. Planning took months and in the end, paid off.

*REACT* units were going to be used in several capacities for this event. We were in charge of providing assistance with traffic management at the main entrance as well as the "sponsor/pit" gate.



Our members worked countless hours on the pavement checking tickets and sending traffic to the appropriate gates.



Once inside, staff from the track parked the vehicles and the spectators made their way to the ticket booths. It was hot, highs in the 90s with little to no cloud cover and this meant water breaks were crucial! Some units were used to control handicap parking areas to make sure these were orderly, while other members provided a uniformed presence within the park.

Our newly redesigned command trailer was used for this event as the central "lost and found" location. Items were brought to our trailer where they were secured until the owners could pick them up.





The trailer also served as a staging area for off-duty officers working inside the park as well as on-duty personnel responding to the park for calls.

On Saturday evening, we assisted the officers with a fight call. The call was in the far back corner of the park.

Because of the remote location of the incident, it was decided to bring all involved parties to the *REACT* trailer. Cleveland County Sheriff's Deputies quickly arrived at the *REACT* trailer and began their investigation.



Also during the event, REACT personnel coordinated first responders for medical emergencies. Several units were used to direct emergency personnel to the patient to provide care.

In all, organizers were very thankful for the support we provided them. This event was also great exposure for the Team to a very large audience. We look forward to working with this park in the future.

Total man-hours the Team put in for this event was 234.

## Blackberry *REACT* #C057 (CA)

(California)

Submitted by Jon Mosby

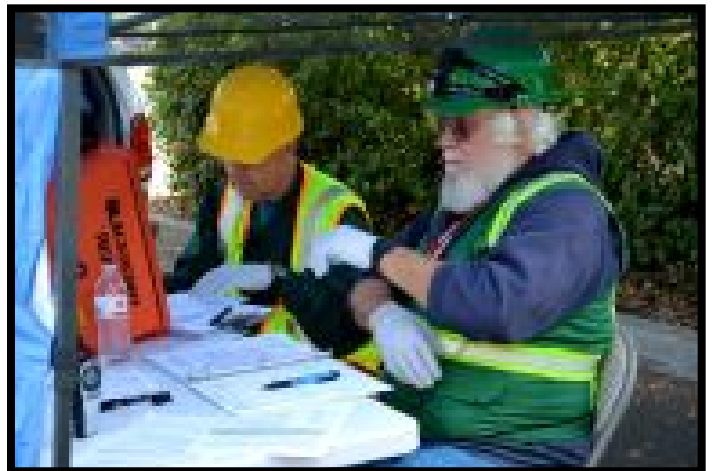
Early morning on Saturday, August 6, 2016, an 8.1 earthquake hit on the San Andreas fault.



That was the three-hour drill scenario for the Town of Atherton located about half way between San Francisco and San Jose.

This drill involved the Town of Atherton, Atherton Police Department, Menlo Park Fire Protection District, local CERT members, Atherton residents (no training), Blackberry *REACT*, and other local officials and agencies.

It is believed to have been the first ever drill of this magnitude for San Mateo County. To the best of anyones knowledge, no other city has conducted a live drill.



Members of Blackberry *REACT* working in the command center for the Atherton area disaster drill

Participants started showing up about 0900 to "see how they could help." Atherton has three disaster trailers and a medical trailer which were at the ready. Part of the drill was to attempt to follow the trailer setup procedures to see how well they are written.



Atherton area disaster drill boss for Blackberry REACT.

Once people were checked in and their skills identified, Blackberry *REACT* had twelve hams available. We use three at Net Control (one for scribe and backup), one for each of the two Field Teams, one was asked by the Drill Commander to be an observer, one was stationed at the medical trailer, one at the Atherton EOC, one ham is a doctor (sent to the medical trailer), one located in a neighborhood for CERT, and one for safety (there was a main street running through our drill area.)

We had ten stations (situations) for Search and Assessment Teams to locate, triage and get the information back to the Command Post. Once that was accomplished, the S & A Teams were turned into Rescue Teams and guided medical personnel for medical triage or treatment and transport back to the medical trailer area.

About three minutes into the drill, we found we needed an additional communication

frequency for Atherton EOC so we switched one Net Control to that and the other stayed on the Tactical frequency.



We had two "surprise" injects, one dispatching police to "suspected looters," the other was an auto vs bicycle with a victim under the car. That was a demo conducted by Menlo Fire for everyone towards the end of the drill. We also lost contact with one of the CERT neighborhoods which had to be checked and reestablished.



Overall, the non-trained residents who showed up to observe were put right into the action. Many will be signing up for some training this Fall. The drill was completed and equipment and supplies returned to the ADAPT trailers. Blackberry *REACT* stowed the amateur radio gear in their Comm Van. The drill was a great success...no one got injured, all seemed to have a good time, and we ALL learned a lot!



## REACT PARTNERS



## Board of Directors Special Meeting

The next meeting of the *REACT* International Board of Directors will be November 10, 2016. All BoD meetings are open to any and all *REACT*ers who want to attend. The meeting will be held by telephone. To call in, dial:

(641) 715-3640, at the tone please enter the passcode 822429#, then announce yourself - name, Team #.

**The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors** will be held January 23rd, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nev., **details on location to be announced in the December issue.**

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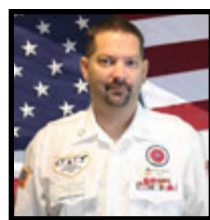
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# **REACT International Organizational Structure**

*REACT* international is governed by a Board of Directors and officers who are comprised of members from Teams that are chartered with *REACT* international. Directors are members from Teams within the region of the world that they represent and are elected by the Teams and their specific regions.

Nine elected Directors comprise of the Board of Directors. Eight are from areas of the United States that are divided into regions, and one is from outside the United States.

The current geographical regions for *REACT* International are as follows:

Region 1 - (Warren Dietz) - Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont

Region 2 - (Thomas Currie) - District of Columbia, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia

Region 3 - (Joe Zych) - Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina

Region 4 - (Matt Vizzuso) - Indiana, Michigan, Ohio

Region 5 - (Jeremy Barrett) - Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Region 6 - (Tom Jenkins) - Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Wyoming

Region 7 - (Gerald W. Jones) - Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas

Region 8 - (John Capodanno) - Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah

Region 9 - (Ravindranath Goswami) - all areas outside of the United States or in its territories

The officers of *REACT* International are responsible for the day to day operation of the organization. The primary officers of the organization are:

President - John Capodanno

Executive Vice President - Florence Conlee

Secretary - Open (Matt Vizzuso - Ass't Secretary)

Treasurer - Russ Dunn (Dennis Luciani - Ass't Treasurer)

Other officers, such as special positions and assistants, may be appointed by the president from time to time as the needs of the organization dictate.

## **What is REACT?**

*REACT* International, Inc., (*REACT*) consists of Teams of skilled communications volunteers. It is a nonprofit IRC Section 501(c)3 organization. *REACT* has been monitoring the airwaves since 1962, and since its inception *REACT* volunteers have provided a wide range of radio-related services to the public.

*REACT* is a network of committed professionals with a desire to assist their communities in times of emergency or disaster. Our members provide their expertise when disasters strike and assist with augmenting local resources with the goal of accelerating relief efforts.

### **What does a REACT Team do?**

It is amazing to see the various programs and relationships that have developed between *REACT* Teams and their local governments and emergency services. Teams may provide communications at a multitude of publicly attended events, directly assist local police services with traffic management, and provide specialized equipment such as scene lighting. The list goes on and on!

The interesting thing is that these initiatives come from local Teams recognizing the needs in their communities which, with planning and creative thinking, their organizations can fulfill.

Although *REACT*'s roots are in communications, most successful Teams have gone way beyond this role in their communities. Given the incredible advances in personal communications, successful Teams have honed in on an expanded role to ensure their long term viability in providing a multitude of services. Keep in mind, communication technology is only one of the tools Teams can utilize to solidify their position within their communities.

### **So what is modern REACT all about?**

Modern *REACT* is about the future. We can only imagine the incredible technologies that will be available for *REACT* Teams to use in the next few years. Are you prepared to recognize new and exciting opportunities as they present themselves? What ideas can you bring to the table to be a modern *REACT* Team?

To recognize modern *REACT* is to recognize that *the future starts today, with you and your Team.*



**The information on the following 7 pages is the  
*REACT* International Financial Statement  
for Fiscal Year 2015 (Jan 1 - Dec 31)**

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of REACT International, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

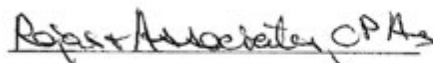
### Accountants' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

### Accountants' Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

ROJAS & ASSOCIATES, CPAs



Los Angeles, California  
January 20, 2016

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
Chicago, Illinois

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 3,163
Prepaid expenses	<u>2,196</u>
Total current assets	<u>5,359</u>
FIXED ASSETS	
At cost	1,000
Accumulated depreciation	( <u>1,000</u> )
Net fixed assets	<u>0</u>
OTHER ASSETS	
Investments	<u>45,614</u>
Total other assets	<u>45,614</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 50,973</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Loan from officer	\$ 1,000
Deferred revenues	<u>2,926</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,926</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>3,926</u>
NET ASSETS	
Temporarily restricted	3,020
Unrestricted	<u>44,027</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>47,047</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 50,973</u>

This statement is to be considered in conjunction with the  
accompanying independent accountants' review report.  
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
Chicago, Illinois

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>Unrestricted</u>
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	
Dues	\$ 21,480
Team Charters	30
Team insurance	6,351
Affiliate	468
Merchandise store revenues	891
Contributions	2,660
Realized loss on sale of securities	( 2,294)
Dividends and interest	<u>4,494</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUES	34,080
EXPENSES	
Program services	5,328
General and administrative	<u>44,222</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	49,550
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	( 15,470)
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>59,497</u>
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 44,027</u>

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REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
Chicago, Illinois

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Change in net assets	(\$ 15,470)
Loss on sale of assets	2,294
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Increase in prepaids	( 20)
Increase in loan to officers	1,000
Increase in deferred revenues	<u>591</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	( <u>11,605</u> )
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of securities	( 4,494)
Sale of securities	15,066
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>10,572</u>
Net decrease in cash	( 1,033)
CASH, BEGINNING	<u>4,196</u>
CASH, ENDING	<u>\$ 3,163</u>

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accompanying independent accountants' review report.  
The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
Chicago, Illinois

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

REACT International, Inc. was founded in 1962 and formed in 1975 pursuant to the Illinois Nonprofit Corporation Law as a public benefit corporation. The Company provides public service and emergency communications activities for emergencies, disasters and other forms of aid to citizens. The Company's office is located in California.

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The Company prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; consequently, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when the obligation is incurred. Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted depending on the nature or existence of any donor restriction.

Basis of Presentation: The Company follows the presentation requirements of Financial Accounting Standards Board Codification of ASC Topic 958 - Not for Profit Entities. Under ASC Topic 958, the Company is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: permanently restricted, temporarily restricted, or unrestricted. The Company currently has no permanently restricted net assets.

Cash and Cash Equivalents: Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and cash in bank accounts.

Receivables: Trade accounts receivable are recorded net of an allowance for expected losses. The allowances are estimated from historical performance and projection of trends. The Company considers the receivable to be fully collectible, and accordingly no allowance for doubtful accounts is considered necessary.

Property and Equipment: Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation and amortization are calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Investments and Related Income, Gains and Losses: Investments in equity and debt securities are reported at fair value. Fair values are primarily determined based on quoted market prices or other market inputs. Interest and dividends on investments are included in nonoperating activities. All other investment income, including realized and unrealized gains and losses on short-term and long-term investments, is reported as nonoperating activities.

The Company records its investments under Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, for fair value measurements of financial assets and financial liabilities and for fair value measurements of nonfinancial items that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. ASC Topic 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC Topic 820 also establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements (Note 4).

See accompanying independent accountants' review report.

REACT INTERNATIONAL, INC.  
Chicago, Illinois

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Income Taxes: REACT International, Inc. is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 805 ILCS 105 of the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986 for revenue generated from its exempt purpose activities.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 3. FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation &amp; Amortization</u>	<u>Book Value</u>
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

The Company provides for depreciation and amortization using the straight-line method over the estimated useful asset lives.

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of a single public, non-traded business development company investment, which is valued at the fund's current offering price. In accordance with its prospectus, the fund must maintain a net asset value of at least 87% and is generally illiquid, with no publically offered shares and a 7.5% discounted share repurchase plan.

Fair value is defined as the price that a party would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market of the investment. A three-tier hierarchy has been established based on the extent of use of observable inputs as compared to unobservable inputs for valuing investments and is summarized as follows:

Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical investments at the measurement date.

Level 2 - Significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar investments, interest rates, repayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs.

See accompanying independent accountants' review report.



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2015

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS - INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

As the fund's valuation is derived from its net asset value which is based upon the fair value of its underlying holdings, but there is no active market for this security, the Company has determined this investment is valued using Level 2 inputs.

The availability of observable market data is monitored to assess the appropriate classification of financial instruments within the fair value hierarchy. Changes in economic conditions or model-based valuation techniques may require the transfer of financial instruments from one fair value level to another. In such instances, the transfer is reported at the beginning of the reporting period. There were no transfers between levels during 2015.

NOTE 5. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has evaluated subsequent events through the date of this report and has determined that there were no material subsequent events that required recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements.

See accompanying independent accountants' review report.

# ECHOLINK AND THE WORLD-WIDE REACT INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO NET

Ravindranath Goswami, 9Z4RG/AK4NB  
Region 9 Director

Echolink is a free Internet-based software application which allows any class of licensed Amateur Radio (HAM) operators to communicate. There are versions for Windows, Android, and Apple iOS. Both voice traffic and text messages can be passed, making it a viable option in the toolbox for emergency communications. The Windows client provides a 'Sysop' mode (optional) that allows interfacing to radio equipment, opening up a range of RF communications possibilities.

The software is relatively easy to setup and use, as the interface (Fig.1) is quite intuitive. Detailed instructions on downloading the Windows client, verifying one's licence (a required process) and installing and configuring the software are available at <http://www.echolink.org/>.

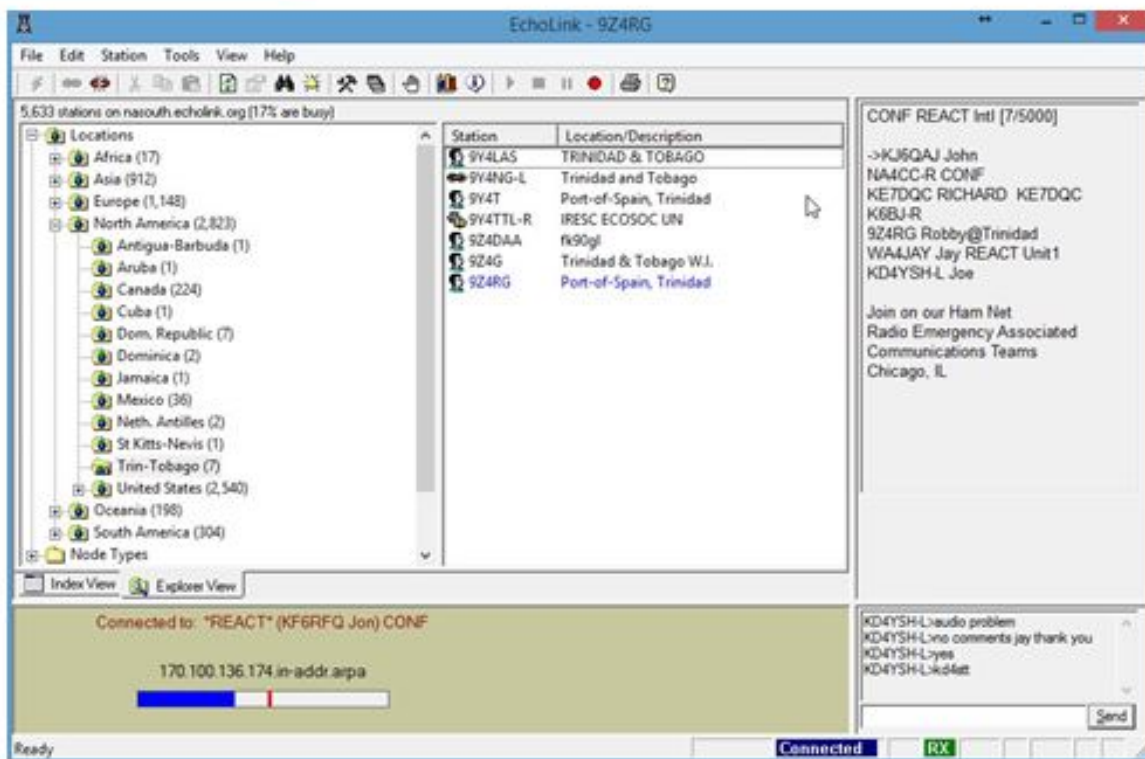


Fig.1 – The Echolink Windows Client Interface.

On mobile devices, such as tablets and phones, the Android client is downloadable from Google's Play Store and the iOS version is available via Apple's App Store.

A linking facility (Fig.2) made possible using the Internet, extends the range of mobile and portable stations to distant systems across the globe. For instance, it is possible for someone with a hand-held radio to connect to a local repeater in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, to speak with a mobile operator on a repeater located in Los Angeles, California.



## Linking Example

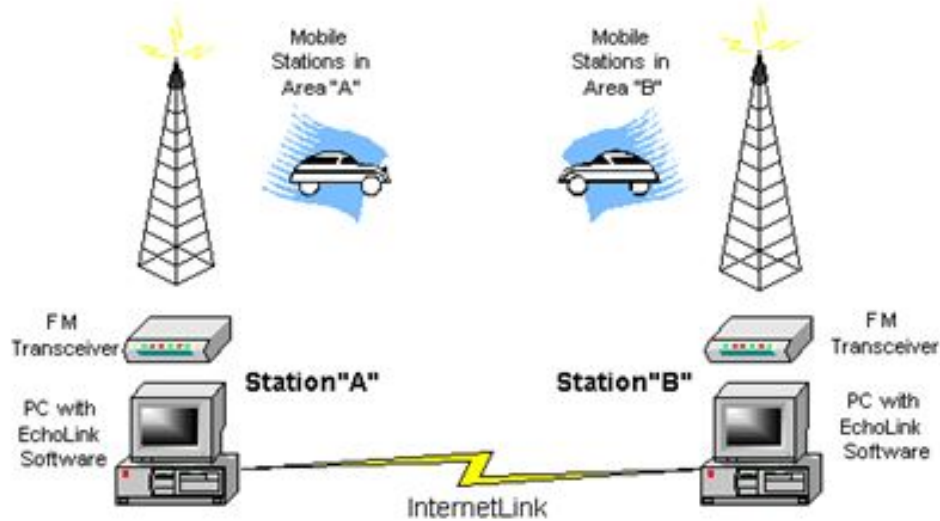


Fig. 2 – Linking Example (from echolink.org)

Someone without a radio can connect to a distant repeater and carry out a QSO (conversation) by using their computer microphone and speaker, a good deal especially for new HAMs that have not yet acquired radio equipment, but have a computer or mobile device with Internet access.

**REACT International, Inc.**, recognizing the possibilities to conduct a “wide area” global network started the World-wide *REACT* International Amateur Radio Net in 2010. President of *REACT* International, Inc. John Capodanno hosts the [Echolink](#) conference server that is used.

The net takes place via the [Echolink](#) \**REACT*\* conference server node 109779 every Tuesday night at 9 p.m. EST, and averages about 1 hour in duration depending on participation. It is a great opportunity to exchange information on *REACT* activities and to hear from different Teams around the world. The net is not limited to [REACT](#) members and is open to all licensed amateurs everywhere.

Our net controls are Jay Flora, WA4JAY from Cleveland County *REACT* in Shelby, North Carolina and by Joe Zych, KD4YSH of Star Mountain *REACT* in Etowah, Tennessee. These dedicated *REACT* members do a great job in conducting the net week after week. Recently, the Net has been expanded to interface with DMR, P25, D-STAR and C4FM via several gateways, including [AllStar](#). These digital modes are brought in courtesy K2HZE’s DX-LINK conference. The platform also presents an opportunity to showcase the work of *REACT* to the amateur community and recruit new membership.

If your [Team](#) has HAMs or know of any friends that are, please spread the word and increase participation. Hope to see you on the next edition of the net!

# **REACT International, Inc.**

## **Minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting**

### **January 25, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time at the ARIA Hotel, Las Vegas, Nev., by Chairman Capodanno. A moment of silence was observed for all members that passed on in the last year.

Roll call was taken by assistant secretary Matthew Vizzuso:

Directors: Officers:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Absent

President – John Capodanno - Present

R2 – Thomas Currie - Present

Executive Vice President – Florence Conlee - Absent

R3 – Roy Drury - Present

Secretary – (Open) - Absent

R4 – Matthew Vizzuso – Present

Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent

R5 – (Open) – Absent

Ass't Secretary – Matthew Vizzuso - Present

R6 – Tom Jenkins - Absent

R7 – Jerry Jones - Present

R8 – John Capodanno - Present

Dawn Drury, Guest - 9:29 a.m. arrived

R9 – Ravindranath Goswami - Present

Kristina Drury, Guest – 9:29 a.m. arrived

Brian Van Meter, Guest - Present

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Agenda (Item 8)

Director Goswami moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Meeting minutes (Item 11)

Director Goswami moved to approve the minutes from July 26, 2015, second by Director Currie.



Officer reports (Item 13)

President's Report given by President Capodanno.

Treasurer's Report presented by President Capodanno.

Director Reports (Item 14)

Director Currie gave his report, Director Drury gave his report, Director Vizzuso gave his report, Director Jones gave his report, Director Capodanno gave his report, and Director Goswami gave his report.

Committee Reports (Item 15 & 16)

No reports given.

Financial Review (Item 17)

Director Jones moved to approve the 2015 CPA review, second by Director Drury.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Lunch Break 10:05 a.m. – 10:58 a.m.

2016 Budget (Item 18)

Director Jones moved to accept the 2016 budget, second by Director Currie.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Strategic Plan (Item 19)

The Board to work with Director Currie.

REACT Patches (Item 21)

Director Drury moved to table to get better price within 2 weeks, second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

REACT Lapel Pins (Item 21a)

Director Goswami moved to get 100 lapel pins, second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Echolink Net (Item 23)

Director Goswami moved to give Jay Flora certificate for doing the REACT Net, second by Director Drury.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Trademarking New Logo (Item 24) Research cost to trademark new logo.

55 Year Logo (Item 25)

No Action – Prepare for 60 yrs logo.

B.F. Jennings Award (Item 26)

No Action – Director Jenkins and Director Jones to report to president

Field Operations Guide (Item 27)

Director moved to adopt the Field Operations Guide, second by Director Goswami.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

REACT Insurance (Item 28)

President Capodanno to write letter to the insurance company explaining what REACT does.

Enter Executive Session at 12:27 p.m.

Director Drury moved to go to executive session, second by Director Jones.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Exit Executive Session at 2:53 p.m.

Director Drury moved go to open session, second by Director Vizzuso.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Policy 5-02 (Item 29a)

Director Currie moved to return Policy 5-02 to previous version with the new timetables, second by Director Drury.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Ethics Policy (Item 29b)

Director Currie moved to modify ethics policy paragraph 3 to say shall, second by Director Drury.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Lunch Break 3:05 p.m. – 4:16 p.m.

Outside Directors (Item 30)

Director Currie moved to have the president appoint Bylaws Committee to review Sections 5 and 6 and be completed within 90 days, second by Director Drury.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

### Junior REACT Program (Item 31)

Director Currie will update and convert to a PDF copy.

### The REACTer (Item 32)

Director Jones moved to suspend the REACTer 8 months and to use e-mail in a timely manner, second by Director Drury.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

### Publishing (Item 33)

No Action

### Election of officers (Item 34)

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for president. Director Drury nominated Mr. Capadonno. There were no further nominations and Mr. Capadonno was re-elected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for Executive Vice President. Director Jones nominated himself, Director Drury nominated Florence Conlee. Ms. Conlee was re-elected.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for secretary. President Capodanno nominated Mr. Cody McDonell of Oklahoma County REACT #2620. There were no further nominations and Mr. McDonell was elected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for treasurer. Director Drury nominated Mr. Dunn. There were no further nominations and Mr. Dunn was re-elected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for assistant secretary. Mr. Capodanno nominated Matthew Vizzuso. There were no further nominations and Mr. Vizzuso was reelected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for assistant treasurer. Director Drury nominated Dennis Luciani of Los Angeles County REACT. There were no further nominations and Mr. Luciani was elected unanimously.

### Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman (Item 35)

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Director Drury nominated Mr. Capodanno. There were no further nominations and Mr. Capodanno was re-elected unanimously.

The Chairman opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman. Director Currie nominated Mr. Jones. There were no further nominations and Mr. Jones was re-elected unanimously.

Further Business (Item 37)

There being no candidates from Region 5, Director Jones nominated Chuck Thompson, Dallas County REACT C-622 who has joined Tri-City REACT Team 4365 in Wisconsin and lives in Dallas Texas, to fill the unexpired term of Region 5, second by Director Goswami.

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Adjournment (Item 38)

Director Drury moved to adjourn, second by Director Vizzuso

R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Vizzuso, Assistant Secretary



# **REACT International, Inc.**

## **Minutes of the Special Board of Directors Meeting, March 1, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time via teleconference by Chairman Capodanno.

Roll call was taken by assistant secretary Matthew Vizzuso:

Directors: Officers:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present  
President – John Capodanno - Present  
R2 – Thomas Currie – Present 6:10 p.m.  
Executive Vice President – Florence Conlee - Present  
R3 – Roy Drury - Present  
Secretary – Cody McDonell - Absent  
R4 – Matthew Vizzuso – Present  
Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent  
R5 – Charles Thompson – Present  
Ass't Secretary – Matthew Vizzuso - Present  
R6 – Tom Jenkins - Present  
R7 – Jerry Jones - Present  
Brian Van Meter, Guest - Present  
R8 – John Capodanno - Present  
Jeremy Barrett – Hartland REACT  
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present 6:05p.m.

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Agenda (Item 4)

Director Vizzuso moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Drury.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion passed.

Meeting minutes (Item 6)

Director Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from January 25, 2016, ABM, second by Director Capodanno. R1-Y R2-Y R3-A R4-A R5-A R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Office Report (Item 7)

Office Report given by President Capodanno.

Director Reports (Item 9)

Director Deitz gave his report, Director Currie gave his report, Director Drury gave his report, Director Vizzuso gave his report, Director Thompson no report given, Director Jenkins gave his report, Director Jones gave his report, Director Capodanno gave his report, and Director Goswami gave his report.

Region 5 Status (Item 13)

It was brought before the Directors that a suitable replacement for region 5 Director has submitted a nomination form and wishes to fill that seat. Director Thompson had previously stated that he would retain his seat until someone stepped forward to fill it. Upon discussion, Director Thompson stated that he felt ambushed and refused to step down and allow the willing candidate from within his own region to be voted upon by the directors.

Adjournment (Item 14)

Director Drury moved to adjourn, second by Director Jenkins  
R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R4-Y R5-Y R6-N R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Vizzuso, Assistant Secretary

# **REACT International, Inc.**

## **Minutes of the Special Board of Directors**

### **Meeting, June 30, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time via teleconference., by Chairman Capodanno.

Roll call was taken by assistant secretary Matthew Vizzuso:

Directors: Officers:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present

President – John Capodanno - Present

R2 – Thomas Currie – Present

Executive Vice President – Florence Conlee - Absent

R3 – Not seated Secretary – Cody McDonell - Absent

R4 – Matthew Vizzuso – Absent

Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent

R5 – Charles Thompson – Present

Ass't Secretary – Matthew Vizzuso - Absent

R6 – Tom Jenkins - Present

R7 – Jerry Jones - Present

R8 – John Capodanno - Present

Jeremy Barrett – Heartland REACT, Guest - Present

R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

It was confirmed that a Quorum has been established.

Agenda (Item 1)

Director Deitz moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Thompson. R2-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Office Report (Item 2)

Election results given by President Capodanno.

Region 5 – Jeremy Barrett

Region 8 – John Capodanno

Vacant seat in region 2 (Item 3)

Director Thompson moved to appoint Thomas Currie to region 2 seat, seconded by Director Jenkins, R1-Y R2-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y. Motion passed.

Seating Directors (Item 4)

Director Thompson moved to seat new region 5 and 8 Directors, seconded by Director Jones R1-Y R2-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-abstain R9-Y Motion passed.

Vacant seat in Region 3 (Item 5)

Director Capodanno moved to appoint Joe Zych to region 3 seat, seconded by Director Goswami

R1-Y R2-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion passed.

Meeting minutes (Item 6)

Director Jenkins moved to approve the minutes from March 1, 2016, second by Director Goswami

R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R6-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y, Motion passed.

REACTer (Item 7)

Director Capodanno advised the REACTer is still on hold till September Strategic plan (Item 8)

Director Currie advised the strategic plan is being worked on

Junior REACT (Item 9)

Director Currie advised Junior REACT is being worked on

Insurance (Item 10)

Director Capodanno advised of the new liability insurance and that info was sent to Directors

Dues (Item 11)

Director Capodanno advised that dues to remain the same as 2016. Moved by Director Jenkins, second by Director Deitz, R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R6-N R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y, Motion passed.

55 year anniversary (Item 12)

Director Capodanno proposed ideas for mini-convention and 55 year patch, ideas were discussed in detail.

Closed session

Director Jenkins motion to go into closed session, second by Director Deitz at 10:10 EST

Director Capodanno motion to go into open session, second by Director Jenkins at 10:37 EST

Director Jenkins moved to adjourn, second by Director Currie

R1-Y R2-Y R3-Y R5-Y R6-N R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y, Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40p.m.





## Silent Mics



*It is with great sadness that we notify the REACT family of the passing of these members.*

### **BOB LEEF (1929-2016)**



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of a great *REACT*er. On July 30, 2016, Bob Leef, *REACT* LIFE MEMBER 453, passed away.

Bob was the founder of several *REACT* Teams including Corona-Norco *REACT* and Santiago *REACT*.

Bob held several high positions in *REACT* International including Region 8 Director and Executive Vice-President, *REACT*'s second highest management position. He was instrumental in developing the "Quick Guide to *REACT* Radio Systems." He was an excellent writer and responsible for many articles in the newspaper. He wrote many articles for *REACT*'s newsletter, *The REACT*er.

For over 25 years, Bob could be counted on to help with every single Team event and rarely missed a monthly meeting.

### **FAROUK KHAN (1954-2016)**



Farouk Khan was someone who filled your day from sunrise to sunset and even past moonrise. He was known to many in all spheres of life especially as pilot, popular parang event host and environmental protector. His recent passing in a fatal motor accident left a void in the lives of many.

Every morning Farouk had a pleasant greeting for you when he phoned. He exuded a positive outlook that great things would be achieved during that day. Farouk was an active member of *REACT* and was the first *REACT*er to volunteer his time, effort and networking skills when the need arose. He represented his Team with a full sense of pride and purpose throughout the years.

Farouk had a passion for protection of the environment, especially the natural environment. In 2003 he joined us in our hike-a-thon across the crest of the northern range and in later years around the northern range and around Trinidad in promotion of preservation and conservation of our natural environment.

## MEL HULL (1930(ish)-2016)



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Mel Hull, Life member 353. Mel was a dedicated *REACT*er and was well-known for his handling of our "Traffic Watch" program. He would monitor various traffic sources, gathering info and repeating it to mobile units for rebroadcast to motorists on their car radios.

Mel and his wife, Connie, were very instrumental in helping with the *REACT* International Convention in Corona. They were our ambassadors to welcome the arrival of the delegates, members, and guests at the hotel entrance.

Mel was a good friend and Team member and he will surely be missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him and by all the phantom freeway commuters who may even owe their jobs to and possibly their lives to his monitoring dedication.

### A LIFE MEMBER *Moment...*

One of our Canadian Life Members, Thomas Milne, reports that although his Team did good work, it still failed for lack of good management.

We did things such as "take people home that were under the weather from tilting their elbow too much at bars while we worked with the police here in our area."

Thomas had an incident that occurred just a little while ago when he was called to take a man to the hospital who was suffering from a heart attack.

"The doctors told me that five minutes more and the man would not have survived ."

The man was then taken to Windsor Ontario Hospital and brought back to life in time and just today arrived home to his wife and dog . "Paul called me this morning to tell me how much he appreciated my help in saving his life." Thomas said. This is one of those times when it proves you don't have to be on a Team to do good. Congratulations, Thomas! You are the kind of member that makes us all proud!

As a postscript, Thomas wanted to add:

**My family and I wish to send all our best to each and every *REACT* Member wherever they may be. May God bless all the work that they do to assist their fellow man.**



**Thomas Milne**  
**REACT Life Member**  
**unattached**



## We have some **NEW Teams!!**



Let's all give these new members of the *REACT* family a great big *REACT* Welcome and Shout Out!

### **Welcome to the Family, folks!!**

6229	Foothill <i>REACT</i>	LaCanada, California
6230	Alaska <i>REACT</i>	Talkeetna, Alaska
6231	Alabama County <i>REACT</i> Team	Vinemont, Alabama
6232	Berks County <i>REACT</i> Team	Douglassville484, Penn
6233	Shoal River <i>REACT</i>	Crestview, Florida
6234	Whiteside County <i>REACT</i>	Rock Falls, Illinois
6235	County Wide <i>REACT</i> Emergency Services	Wayne, New Jersey
6236	Mecklenburg County <i>REACT</i>	Charlotte, North Carolina
6237	Portage County <i>REACT</i>	Ravenna, Ohio
6238	<i>REACT</i> 74	Cherokee, North Carolina

## *REACT* Needs a Logo for FIFTY FIVE YEARS!!!

### ***REACT* turns 55 in 2017!**

Doesn't seem like it's been that long, does it? Fifty-Five years ago, Henry B. (Pete) Kreer came upon that stranded car. I won't go into that story because everybody knows it. But as we approach a half century plus five years, we need a logo for this moment.



Some of you might be old enough to remember the buckle shown here which was our logo for 25 years and the 30 years logo next to it along with the 50 years logo beneath them. I think there was a 35, but I don't seem to have it.

But we need something for 55. Any artists out there? Why not take a shot? Who knows? Yours might be the one chosen!

Get your pencils and paints out and give it a try. All submissions must be to the Board by the November 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Submit to:

***REACT* 55, P.O. Box 21064, Glendale, CA 91221-5164  
or e-mail to [editor@thereacter.com](mailto:editor@thereacter.com) and I will get it to the Board**

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