REACT International, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
February 7-9, 2003
Suitland, Maryland

Directors Present:
Dick Cooper, Region 2, Vice Chairman
L. O. (Larry) Fry, Region 5
Robert Kaster, Region 7
Robert K. Leef, Region 8
Charles A. (Chuck) Thompson, President, ex officio

Officers Present:
Charles A. (Chuck) Thompson, President
Dick Cooper, Executive Vice President
Lee W. Besing, Secretary/Treasurer
Norman L. Kaplan, Asst. Treasurer (02/08)

Others Present:
Fred Lanshe (Pennsylvania)
Dora Wilbanks, Office Manager (02/08)

Directors Absent:
B. Frank Jennings, Region 6, Chairman
John Knott, Region 3
Jack Murrell, Region 4
D. Kenny Jagdeosingh, Region 9

Item #1 Meeting called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Vice Chairman Dick Cooper, the Chairman having had to leave Suitland because of a family emergency.

Item #2 The Secretary advised that there was not a quorum. The meeting was recessed until the arrival of Director Leef, who was delayed because of the snow storm. Mr. Leef arrived at 10:52 a.m., and the Secretary advised that there was a quorum, five of nine Directors now being present.

Item #3 Mr. Cooper welcomed all directors, officers and guests.

Item #4 Mr. Besing reported that the minutes from the July 2003 meeting had been distributed via email following that meeting. Minutes were approved as distributed.

Item #5 Officer Reports:

1. Secretary. Mr. Besing had no report other than distributed minutes.
2. Executive VP: Mr. Cooper stated that some committee chairs are still vacant. Written reports from some committees have been passed out.

3. Treasurer: Mr. Besing reported that the books reflect that the corporation is in the black by approximately $7,000. The accountants’ audited report will be reviewed later in the meeting. See Item #29.

4. President: Mr. Thompson said his reports would be made with respect to each item on the agenda.

Item #6 Reports of the Committees of the Board – None due, none made.

Item #7 Corporate Committee Reports: Several written reports were received from committee chairs and distributed to the Directors:

1. William Riley, Communications. WPRT970 license status. Extensive discussion held on potential need, use or abuse of license by Teams and ability to monitor such use. Subject raised concerning RI’s ability to maintain management, control, and accountability to prevent personal use versus business use violating license restrictions. Discussion held on need to coordinate licensed repeaters, availability of clear frequencies in different areas. IT was the recommendation of the Communications Committee chairman that RI restrict the use of this license to official REACT International, Inc., business and that councils and/or teams apply for their own licenses covering their areas. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster that the use of the WPRT970 license be restricted to authorized use by REACT International, Inc., and that teams and councils be encouraged to apply for their own commercial licenses including the same frequencies (464.500/469.500mhz, 464.550/469.550mhz, 151.625mhz).** Discussion held about including notice in REACTer and on Website, and providing assistance in applying for license being offered by Matt Anderson (Louisiana). **Motion passed. Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Leef, to approve the Communications Committee report. Motion passed.**

2. Christopher Myers, Emergency Response Committee. Written report was presented and read.

3. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, 2nd by Mr. Fry, to accept the report from this committee and request that the committee expand its activities to plan for REACT participation in areas where emergencies are infrequent. Motion passed.**

4. Ed Greany, Membership Development & Retention Committee. A written report was presented and read. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster, to accept the report. Motion passed.**

5. Life member statistics report was reviewed. There 225 Life Members in Teams, 169 members detached (not in Teams), 101 deceased, 62 dropped and 6 removed for cause (no recent actions).

6. Tom Currie, Training & Development Committee. Written report presented and read. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fry to accept the report. Motion passed.** Mr. Thompson asked the Board to support increased publicity to promote the availability and desirability of
members taking the REACT Emergency Communications Course. The Board expressed consensus to support this request.

7. Stuart DeLuca, Publications Review Committee. Written report was presented and read. Mr. Leef showed one of the “new” bumper stickers (new design, new phone # 866-REACT99/866-732-2899) and pointed out the size would not allow mailing in #10 envelope and had not been promoted in the REACTer. Report had statement regarding committee’s assigned duty to review all printed materials and audiovisual materials distributed by RI or designed by RI, with the ability to review other materials if requested by the Board, a Council or Team. Board asked that a fee schedule for advertising rates be published. It was noted that the committee came in under budget for the year 2002 primarily due to reduced copies being printed and mailed. Motion by Mr. Leef, second by Mr. Thompson to accept the report. Motion passed.

8. Paul Oby, Convention Committee. Written report was presented and read. Discussion held on potential bidders for future conventions and on possibly holding conventions on bi-annual basis. Mr. Fry asked if the Board would still have to hold a summer meeting if there was not a convention. Discussion held about need to publicize the conventions and increase attendance. Subject tabled until later in the meeting. Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fry to accept the report. Motion passed.

9. Linda Faulkner, Junior REACT. Written report presented and read. Committee asked about the existence of a patch flash to go under the standard REACT patch. They asked for a report from office regarding number of Junior REACT members registered, number and identity of Teams with one or more Junior REACT members. Request referred to Dora for action and response. Motion by Mr. Fry, second by Mr. Thompson to accept the report. Motion passed.

10. Johnny Stowers, Computer Services Written report presented and read. Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fry to accept the report. Motion passed. Further discussion held later in agenda (Item #19) concerning this committee.


12. Johnny Stowers, Bylaws & Policies. Written report presented and read. Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fry to accept the report. Motion passed.

Item #8 Review Committee Structure and Operation. Review current mission statements of each committee written by Executive Vice President. Status is acceptable to the board at present time.

Item #9 Consider Current Committee Chairmen and Performance

1. Computer Services: Mr. Thompson stated he had received correspondence from some members asking for resignation or removal of this committee chairperson. Discussion held on what events or actions led to these requests and decided the situation did not warrant removal. Mr. Thompson stressed the excellent quality of work in support of the RI office regarding the database, despite the recent (January 28, 2003) mishap with the generation of the Team/Council web pages.

2. Awards & Recognition: Offer was made by Wayne Barringer (California) to serve on this committee as chair or co-chair in effort to revitalize this committee. Motion by Mr.
Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster to accept. Motion passed. Mr. Cooper to contact the parties involved.

3. Convention and Site Selection – It was noted and commended that Paul Oby had been very active in soliciting bids for future conventions by way of a mailing to all Teams and councils and email on the REACT-List server. No change recommended.

4. Training & Development -- Board is happy with performance of committee and has already taken actions to increase promotion of this committee’s efforts.

5. Communications Committee & FCC Liaison: No change recommended.

6. Bylaws & Policies: No proposals requested in past year, other than those generated by board.

7. Membership Development and Retention: Active committee. No change recommended.

8. Public Relations: Still need to identify suitable candidate for this position. Needs work with President and Board to prepare press releases and help Teams/Councils promote their activities, etc.

9. Computer Services: Committee runs as committee with each person having their area of responsibility and/or section of website to maintain. The board, in general, concurred with making no changes to structure or leadership of this important committee. See Item #19 below for further discussion. No change recommended.

10. Voluntary Agencies: No chair, no activity reported other than Mr. Leef’s attempt to establish MOU with Civil Air Patrol and review of other MOUs or SOUs.

11. Ways and Means: No chair, no activity reported.

12. Government Liaison: No occupant, no activity. Should be local (DC) area member. Problem mentioned was that many local members are working as government employee and thus limited to ability to interface with other agencies without conflict of interest.

Item #10 Proposed Bylaw Changes: Mr. Thompson asked the Board to consider several proposed changes to the Bylaws, subject to final approval of exact wording prior to publication in the REACTer. Proposals were as follows:

1. To change term of office for President to two years. Discussion held regarding learning curve of new position. Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster to amend the bylaws to establish a two-year term of office. Motion passed. (Section 6.2)

2. To change title of “Vice President” to “Executive Vice President”. Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fry to amend the bylaws to change the title of “Vice President” to “Executive Vice President” Motion passed. (Sections 6.1, 6.6)

3. To establish the authority of the board to create additional vice president positions for specified purposes (to rank by date of appointment for authority purposes). (Section 6.3)
Minor wording change might be needed to clarify existing intention. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Leef to approve this amendment. Motion passed.**

4. To clarify the establishment of committees, and who appoints committee chairs. Article VII will be divided into two articles, one for committees of the Board and one for corporate committees. It was established that the President appoints corporate committee chairs. Discussion held about Executive Vice President being responsible for supervising the committees and whether he/she should be assigned that responsibility in the Bylaws. Consensus was that the President should appoint committee chairs. Question was raised about who appoints or approves the committee members, the chair of that committee or the President. Past practice has been a mixed combination of members volunteering during annual conventions, the chair recruiting/appointing members, or the RI President appointing / confirming such memberships. Mr. Leef felt the committee chair, once appointed, should be trusted to recruit/appoint their own members. Mr. Cooper suggested that the membership of each committee should be reported to the President or designated officer for review. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Leef, to amend the Bylaws to take these actions. Motion passed.**

Item #11: Review Policies. Deferred until later. (See Item #36).

Item #12: Awards. Discussion held on awards to be presented during the 2003 Convention.

1. Goebel Award. Discussion held on potential candidates. Mr. Thompson asked the Board for recommendations. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Leef, to present this award to long-time outside Director W.R. “Bob” Stone, who also served as Chairman in 1998, if he was not already a recipient of this award. Motion passed. Motion by Mr. Kaster, second by Mr. Thompson, to investigate whether Mr. Stone was ever made an Honorary Member, and if not, to appoint him such status. Motion passed.**

2. President’s Award. Discussion held on potential candidates. Mr. Thompson asked that the board keep this award in mind between now and the convention date. Discussion held on reviewing participation during 9/11/2001 response for potential candidates.

Item #13: Financial Review. Mr. Thompson presented the accountants’ report on their annual audit, completed as of December 31, 2002. He also discussed the “hold harmless” statement stating basically that all pertinent matters have been disclosed everything to them. Question raised about possible posting in error of “Life Member” fees to current income and posting next year’s dues into current year’s dues field in QuickBooks. Mr. Thompson will speak with Ms. Wilbanks on this topic. Report showed about $7500 net gain in assets compared with starting balances at beginning of 2002.

Item #14 Insurance. CIMA’s Commercial Liability Insurance quote is around $22,000, up about 14% over last year’s premium. Coverage and Exclusion summary letter appears to be reprint of previous year’s letter with date and signatures updated. There have been no claims against this policy for at least four years. Mr. Leef was aware of a potential claim being filed by Las Vegas REACT for a stolen repeater. It was noted that covers only liability to third parties, not property insurance for team property. It is a standing office policy that the President is to be informed of any claims filed against the liability insurance. **Motion by Mr. Fry, second by Mr. Thompson, to accept the proposed 2003 liability policy.** Mr. Thompson reported that he still had serious problems with (questions about) the coverage.
afforded with the fidelity bond coverage offered by CIMA, Policy refers to 3000 “employees” while
REACT International, Inc., has only one employee. The individual Teams have more than 3,000
volunteers. The Board asked for clarification from the insurer.

Item #15 Consideration of Website. Wayne Barringer has offered to return to helping with the website if a
segment would be assigned exclusively to him. Discussion held regarding how current committee shares
responsibilities or divides them. Mr. Thompson asked if the Board should appoint Mr. Barringer to the
Computer Services Committee. Mr. Cooper suggested that could be considered as “micromanaging by the
Board” since committee chairs normally appoint or select their own members. Mr. Besing stated that if
the Board was unhappy with the current arrangements, that it was within the Board’s authority to change
the committee and move the website to another web hosting service, although perhaps not for the same
rate as we have now (free). Mr. Thompson then asked Mr. Besing if the committee would accept Mr.
Barringer. Mr. Besing stated he would contact Mr. Barringer to ask what and how he wished to contribute
to the project and discuss it among the existing computer services committee before making a decision.

Meeting recessed at 6:20 p.m., reconvened at 9:20 a.m., on Saturday, February 8.

Quorum present. No changes in directors present.
Norm Kaplan and Dora Wilbanks now present in office

Item #15 Office Procedures Manual. Ms. Wilbanks has continued to update contents as she develops new
procedures. Procedures are up to date in a three-ring binder.

Item #16 Review of progress with WPRT970 license. Covered under Communications Committee report.

Item #17 Five-year planning committee. Committee was established in 2001. Dick Cooper was original
chairperson. Mr. Fry pointed out that two of initial five-year plan period have passed. Mr. Thompson
reported that our overall membership has stabilized and REACT International is solvent. Teams are on the
average larger, as smaller Teams drop out. He stated that this committee has not been active but should be
activated.

Item #18 Proposed PSA. No progress has been accomplished since the initial presentation at the 2002
Convention. Mr. Kaster is following up on this with David Anderson (member of Mr. Kaster’s team), but
it may be necessary to look elsewhere to complete the project. Project was to produce a variety of short
29-second audio-video commercials (Public Service Announcements) for REACT.

Item #19 already handled earlier.

Item #20 Purchase of “Volunteer Communications” flash (patch). Mr. Thompson has quotes from our
current provider on a new flash with two lines of text at $1.43 for 100, $.95 for 200, $.72 for 300, $.61 for
500, and $.54 for 1000. Mr. Leef presented a design proposal based on the oval 40th anniversary logo
without inclusive dates, simply saying “Since 1962”. He suggested it would make a good back patch but
did not request action. Discussion held on possible uses of a new design for jackets or the back of a shirt
to incorporate the wording into a patch. Discussion held on what colors to produce the volunteer flash
patch. Mr. Leef had previously asked for a lime green background instead of white. Mr. Besing and Mr.
Thompson supported the traditional colors, but Mr. Cooper suggested we needed to think outside the box
and think about the visibility factor and attraction to the younger crowd. Suggestion made to order 200 in
lime green with black letters and black border, and 500 with white background, black letters, orange border. **Motion by Mr. Kaster, second by Mr. Fry, to order 200 flashes in lime green and 500 in white. Motion passed.** Discussion held on creating a “Junior” flash. Question raised about current membership levels versus expected growth factors for this area of membership. There are currently about 100 Junior members. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fry to order 200 “Junior” flash patches with traditional background and colors. Motion passed.**

Item #21 Set price for the standard REACT Cap (new caps). RI paid $5.35 for the mesh backs, $5.50 for the solid caps, including shipping costs. **Motion by Mr. Fry, second by Mr. Kaster to sell both styles of cap for $7.00 each, plus shipping. Motion passed.**

Item #22 Civil Air Patrol MOU status. Mr. Leef reported a lack of progress in contacting anyone responsive at the national level. Mr. Kaplan suggested he would look into DC area “Pentagon level” command contacts for the Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Cooper stated he might have a list of contacts at USAF. Mr. Lanshe said he would pass along his list of contacts with whom he had previously communicated. Mr. Besing passed around a used CD used as a signaling mirror for rescue operations which San Antonio CAP had been distributing.

(Previously: **Note: Mr. M.E. Brown (Maryland) arrived during discussion of item #23. Mr. Thompson was absent from discussions while meeting with Mr. Brown.**)

Item #23 Report of AD Hot Committee on Disaster Response procedures. Mr. Kaster reported on status of this committee with a written report. During discussion, Mr. Kaplan reported on his attendance at related meetings in DC area dealing with federal officials and his understanding of how they perceived REACT International’s role in emergency communications in coordinating REACT volunteers. He discussed RI support and agreements with Red Cross, Salvation Army, and ARRL. He said RI will be expected to be involved with these agencies plus perceived communications abilities with CB, GMRS, FRS, etc., and that RI should be ready to respond to any large call for help similar to the World Trade Center disaster. Mr. Kaster stated that Mr. Leef was the only one who responded to his email request for review and thanked Tom Currie (Kentucky) for providing much input to the current version of this document.

Item #24 REACT Store Item. Discussion held about adding any other items to sell. Mr. Kaster showed a modified watch with REACT logo available from a manufacturer in OK City. The proposal was to resell the watch via REACT International for a small commission ($1). **Matter referred to the President for handling.**

Item #25 2003 International Convention. Mr. Besing passed out a copy of the proposed convention agenda. It was the consensus of the Board that the proposed length of the convention was one day too long. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster, to hold a full day of board meetings on Monday, July 21, start the convention with opening session on Tuesday at 1 p.m., and end the convention with the banquet Thursday night. Motion passed.** Mr. Besing presented a list of current ribbons on hand. Discussion held on cost of stocking these ribbons at RI for resale to future convention hosts. Mr. Besing suggested RI also sell ribbons to councils for their conventions. Mr. Thompson displayed a mail order catalog on topic. **Motion by Mr. Leef, second by Mr. Fry to purchase and stock a reasonable amount (1000 ribbons) at an estimated cost of $160 plus freight. Motion passed.**
Item #26 Election of Directors in Region 1, 4 and 7. Region 1 is presently vacant, Region 4 is currently held by Jack Murrell, Region 7 is held by Bob Kaster. Deadline for submission was published in the REACTer as February 15. Ballots must be mailed to Teams and returned by a deadline in July for counting. The January/February issue of REACTer had listing for Regions 2 (error), 4 and 7. Because of the erroneous region listing and lack of publicity, Mr. Thompson had directed the office staff to send a written letter with copy of the nomination form. **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster to change the deadline date for nominations to March 15. Motion passed.** Policy 5.2 specifies publication of upcoming election in January, deadline of March 15 for nominations, ballots to be mailed to Teams by April 15, and voting to be completed prior to the convention. For the past several years, ballots have been counted by RI’s accountants and reported at the convention.

Item #27 Consideration of “Midland 1” proposal by Midland. Midland’s marketing department sent email to Board and office about new program. After much discussion, **motion by Mr. Leef, second by Mr. Fry to send a response letter to Midland thanking the two individuals for having become REACT Affiliates and for sharing the details of their program, and advising them of RI’s opinion about the viability of channel 1 on CB or GMRS and FRS and wish to work together in the future.** The letter should encourage Midland to advertise in the REACTer and to become a corporate supporter as suggested in their initial contact. **Motion passed.** Mr. Leef will draft the response and send to the President for approval and sending.

Item #28 Miscellaneous Items

1. Mr. Leef passed out copy of new advertisement for ProComm magazine focusing on the new Homeland Security issues.

2. Discussion held about a group in Mexico using REACT name and logo. Lengthy contact has been made between Mr. Leef and this group via email, but with a language barrier being a slight issue. So far, he has been unable to persuade them to pay dues to RI and become registered. Mr. Leef asked that the Membership Development and Retention Committee contact Puerto Rico Council to see if they would pick up the attempt to convert the group in Mexico to a registered Team. **[Secretary’s note: 2 days after meeting, email was received by Mr. Leef which could result in resolving this issue in a satisfactory manner – LWB]**

3. Mr. Leef asked about the status of a “Monitoring Report Form” after renewals to see what teams have been monitoring. Mr. Kaplan stated he was currently entering returned forms into a database in the RI office. Mr. Leef said that Teams returned only 4% of those sent out. The form is included when the member cards are mailed back to the Teams.

4. Mr. Besing asked about the REACT display at the Natural History Museum of the Smithsonian. Contact person is Hal Wallace in Room #5128. Mr. Leef will visit there on Monday. Mr. Besing asked for photos of the display if ready and possible.

Item #29. Budget was presented by Assistant Treasurer Kaplan based on 2002 actual expenses and income. Delayed for consideration until closer to end of meeting.
Item #30. Review of MOU’s with American Red Cross and Salvation Army. Mr. Thompson stated that
had waited for ARRL to finish their MOU rewrite with the Red Cross. He said a major topic of discussion
would be the use of uniforms and related issues by REACT Teams. Mr. Besing stated he had been in
contact with Major Pat McPherson of Salvation Army’s SATERN program and that Mr. McPherson had
stated in writing (email) that he would not have problem with REACT members wearing their REACT
uniforms while helping SATERN as long as acceptable Salvation Army ID was added in the form of an
official ID Tag, etc. He said if REACT members who joined SATERN wanted to add SATERN patches
to their uniforms that was okay with him, and if SATERN members who joined REACT wanted to add
REACT patches to their SATERN uniform that would be okay as well. Mr. Besing suggested this would
help our future relations with SATERN and Salvation Army.

Item #31. Election of officers of the Board. **Motion** by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Fry to reelect Frank
Jennings as Chairman of the Board for a 1-year term. **Motion passed.** **Motion by Mr. Thompson,**
second by Mr. Kaster to reelect Dick Cooper as Vice Chairman for a 1-year term. **Motion passed.**

Item #32. Election of president. **Motion by Mr. Fry, second by Mr. Kaster, to reelect Mr. Thompson as President for a 1-year term.** Discussion held about pending Bylaws amendment extending term to
two years. It was Mr. Thompson’s opinion that this did not take affect until the next election. **Motion passed.**

Item #33. Election of officers for next term. Mr. Thompson recommended Mr. Leef as Executive Vice
President, Mr. Besing as Secretary, and Mr. Kaplan as Treasurer. **Motion by Mr. Kaster, second by Mr.
Fry, to accept the President’s recommendation for officers. Motion passed.** Mr. Cooper stated that he
had resigned as Executive Vice President effective with the end of this meeting, but would stay on as
Director for the remainder of his term.

Item #34. Consideration of Director Vacancies. Mr. Lanshe announced that he planned to run for Region 1
in the upcoming election. He asked that he be reappointed to this position for the remainder of the term
(through July convention). **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster, to appoint Mr. Lanshe to the remaining term for the position of Director of Region 1.** Discussion held about Mr. Lanshe’s
physical problems which contributed to his previous absences and removal. Mr. Lanshe said that while he
is still recovering, that his health has recovered enough to resume the duties of Director. It was noted that
despite a search, a replacement Director for Region 1 had not been identified. **Motion passed.** Mr. Lanshe
is now included in all votes from this point on.

Item #35. Mr. Besing asked that the Board consider restructuring the membership dues for the 2004 dues.
He explained that ARRL has a $39 for the first member and $5 per family member. Mr. Thompson asked
that this be placed on the agenda for the summer meeting.

Item #36. Review Policies (former Item #11). Mr. Thompson passed out the final version of reworked
policies for confirmation and approval. Mr. Kaster asked about a policy dealing with the announced
policy of allowing newly chartered teams to receive both the remainder of the current year and following
year for the cost of one year’s fees and membership dues. Mr. Thompson stated that this had been a
temporary policy, but that it should be incorporated into a permanent policy. Mr. Cooper distributed some
new proposed policies, dealing with subject of official spokesperson, duties of committee chairpersons
and liaisons, and duties of Executive Vice President. Discussion held about Directors or officers attending
REACT functions outside their normal region or duties, and the need to advise the President before taking such actions. Final policies will be printed for distribution and included on the website for download at a later date. Moved and seconded that the policies presented be approved. Motion passed.

Item #37 Mr. Thompson announced that the credit card machine lease was expiring in a few days and asked Mr. Besing to forward merchant account info to Mr. Kaplan that involves virtual terminals rather than hardware.

Item #38 Mr. Thompson requested that, for the first time in five years, each Director and officer be allocated $400 for reimbursing authorized expenses. Consensus was that this idea was already covered in the budget included in the proposed 2003 budget and would be voted on later. Previous budgets had included up to $1000 per director but no expenses for officers. While Directors and officers have been covering most of their own expenses for travel, lodging, phone, etc., there were some who felt that the cost of travel and lodging expense for the winter board meeting should be a reimbursed expense for all directors and officers who attend, up to some reasonable amount. Mr. Besing asked Mr. Kaplan to create sub accounts in the accounting program to track expenditures and donations by individual directors or officers under this item.

Item #39 Mr. Leef announced that he was planned to resign as Region 8 Director soon as a replacement Director can be located.

Item #40 Mr. Leef asked what goals or issues the Board wanted the RI officers to focus on. Mr. Kaplan stated that a disaster response plan was a key issue. Growth of REACT especially in states without current presence would be a goal for Directors as well. Mr. Kaster suggested filling all vacant committee chairs. Mr. Fry suggested finding a more affordable insurance policy. Mr. Besing suggested increasing registration of Junior members and restructure dues to attract more family members as registered members.

Item #41 Mr. Jagdeosingh (absent) faxed and FedEx’ed several reports and a letter apologizing for his absence. He stated that he was attempting to contact all the Teams in Region 9 via email but many had bounced. He is working on new teams in the islands north of Trinidad (multiple islands and countries listed as potential).

Item #42 Mr. Jagdeosingh requested that the original charter date for Team 2497 (the original Trinidad Team) be restored to May 8, 1967, upon payment of dues for 1990 which the Team failed to pay. The Team files were examined. A one-year gap (1990) was found, and it was noted that a new charter had been issued in 1974 reflecting a different name. The current “charter date” is in 1992 when the Team paid for that year. Current policy is to allow Teams which have dropped their affiliation to reactive their original charter upon payment of current dues (providing at least three members of former Team are members of reactivated Team). Consensus of the Board to restore 1974 date upon payment of the missing year’s dues, and if proof is provided that the new charter in 1974 was merely a name change, to restore the original 1967 charter date (with the current name).

Item #43 Budget (delayed from Item #29 above) The 2003 budget was distributed at this time for discussion. A question was raised about the budget allowed for the REACTer was lower than what was requested. Mr. Kaplan stated that this amount was actually higher than actual 2002 expenses. The figures
shown reflect last year’s actual income and expenses, adjusted for next year’s expectations. It was pointed out that advertising income could be applied to the REACTer’s budget. Discussion held about how some items were categorized in the budget. **Motion by Mr. Fry, second by Mr. Kaster to approve the budget as presented by Mr. Kaplan. Motion passed.**

Item #44 Mr. Leef submitted a copy of a letter to Mr. Thompson stating that he resumed advertising with the July/August 2002 issue of the REACTer but has not yet received a bill for his advertising. He had planned to submit the ad for 6 issues, but his size ad is not among the standard sizes on the rate card. He asked the President to resolve this issue so that he could pay his bill for advertising in the REACTer.

Item #45 Mr. Besing reminded that signature cards would need to be updated for the current officers.

Item #46 **Motion by Mr. Thompson, second by Mr. Kaster to recess as of 6:30 p.m., and that unless any further business arises, to adjourn the meeting sine die as of 12 noon on Sunday, February 9, 2003. Motion passed.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lee W. Besing
Secretary

This version incorporates suggested revisions by Mr. Thompson, Mr. Leef, and some of the directors as of 03/10/2003. It has not been officially adopted by the board since that action occurs at the next meeting, scheduled to begin on July 21, 2003.

45 agenda items (excluding adjournment) were discussed.

32 motions on issues were passed.