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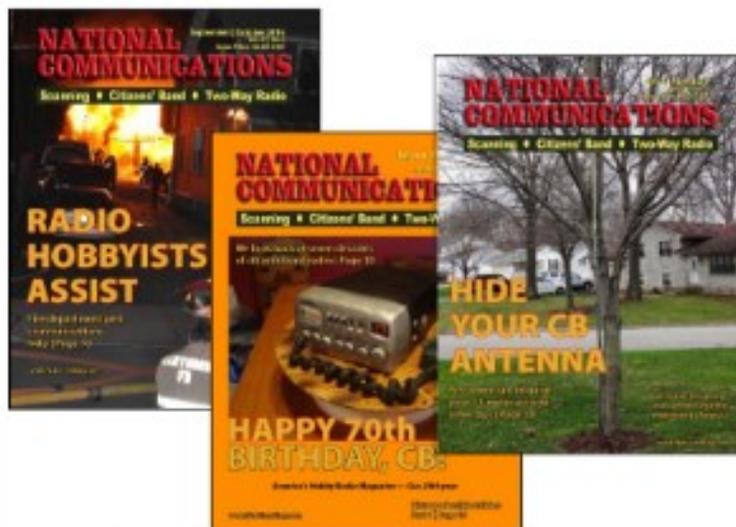
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REACT International is looking for a Editor for The *REACT*er! This position offers a nominal salary, which will be determined at the time of hire. The successful candidate will have excellent writing skills, the ability to collect information and news, particularly Team News, for the magazine, and be able to work either with Adobe InDesign, Adobe Page-maker. The *REACT*er is the primary communications tool between the members and *REACT* International and so plays a very important part in the organization.

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Youngest Junior REACTer

Submitted by: Ravindranath “Robby” Goswami, 9Y4R/NZ4RG, Region 9 Director

Junior REACT refers to the youth arm for persons under the age of 18 years!

We all have a responsibility to society by exercising a positive influence in the various communities we serve. Youth development should, as a matter of course, be incorporated into the strategy of any organization. Doing so can provide an avenue for youth to engage in learning and growth, going beyond traditional activities. Such involvement in voluntary work allows them to contribute in a meaningful way that can add to their character, provide exposure to handling emergencies and challenging situations, as well as the opportunity to have positive interactions with officials and served agencies. All of these activities can act to inspire their future outlook. One such Team that is taking up the challenge to ensure the injection of youth within the organization is *REACT* Team 6007.

REACT Team 6007 was blessed with the youngest *REACTer* in the history of Trinidad and Tobago, and quite possibly around the world. Born to parents Kerron Lee Young and Kamini Mahabir, Kamron Lee Young entered the world on the 20th April 2022. His parents, who are also members of Team 6007, were so elated by this bundle of joy that they took baby Kamron to every project done by the Team since then.



Junior REACTer, Kamron Lee Young, at the Cancer Walk Project

On May 7th 2022, less than one month after his birth, his parents, who carry the *REACT* numbers *REACT 720* and *REACT 723*, respectively, approached Team President Anwar Mondol requesting Junior *REACT* status for their little angel. This request was accepted, and baby Junior *REACT* number 707 was bestowed unto him, upon which he would continue to use this number continuously, even when he graduates as a senior member.



Junior REACTer Kamron Lee Young with REACTer Parents Kerron Lee Young and Kamini Mahabir at the SouthEx Expo Project

REACT Team 6007 is proud to have officially, as at 1st January 2023, Junior *REACT* 707, Kamron Lee Young, as an official member of *REACT* Team 6007 in Trinidad and Tobago.



Junior REACTer Kamron Lee Young with President of Team 6007, Anwar Mondol

The enthusiasm that this little one has brought to the Team, as can be seen from the expressions of his parents and Team members, is indescribable. In a way, coming into the Team, Kamron has literally injected new blood into the organization.

Recruitment of adults is necessary to keep the organization going if we are to carry out our mandate of “*Public Service Through Communications.*” However, it is perhaps just as important, if not more so, to focus on engaging with the youth as a key recruitment avenue. Apart from the previously stated benefits to the youth from the unique mentorship that *REACT* offers, the organization itself can also ensure its long-term growth.

All necessary care and precautions are essential when engaging with the youth to ensure that at no time are they in harm's way or are exposed to any activities that are not in their best interest. However, young people are quite resilient and are likely to be up to any challenge within allowable parameters that will allow them to grow. If their parents are also *REACT*ers, then all the better.

Ways to recruit Junior *REACT*ers include existing members' families, schools, and youth groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

Hopefully every Team either has or is working towards having Junior *REACT*ers on board. If not, now is the time.



Let's Junior REACT!

Tornadoes Bring Damage to Central Alabama

*Submitted by Tracey Corello
Photos by Chris Williamson*

Several tornadoes hit North Central Alabama on the 12th of January 2023, between the hours of 7 am to 11 am. Keim Shirley (R-1), and Chris Whitten (R-5) were watching radars, the Weather National Service (with warnings) and explaining over CB and other Radio resources that were available, for the possibility of tornadoes and when one was spotted.

They also advised of the damage that was being reported back by our new prospective member Chris Williamson (once decided by him will be R-4). I (Tracy Corello {R-2}) was reporting back to the American Red Cross and helping them with their weather reporting to help get more teams deployed from their organization.

These tornadoes hit Lawrence, Winston, Morgan, and Limestone Counties. There was significant damage in some of these tornadoes. These tornadoes even did damage to Railroad crossings.



MINUTES
REACT International Board Meeting
August 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 06:10 PM, PDT via Zoom teleconference. by Vice Chairman Capodanno, Minutes Taken by Secretary Paxson.

Pledge of allegiance – flag salute

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present
R2 – Vacant
R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Matthew Vizzuso - Absent
R5 – Vacant
R6 – Vacant
R7 – Jerry Jones – Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

Officers:

President – John Capodanno - Present
Executive Vice President – Vacant
Secretary – Kirk Paxson
Assistant Secretary – Vacant
Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent
Assistant Treasurer – Vacant

Guests Present:

Tom Hobson, John Mahon, Jay Flora, Brian Van Meter
Mary Hicks, Rodney Youngblood, Tanner Maughn

It was confirmed that a Quorum was established.

Agenda

Director Jones moved to accept the agenda, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion Passed.

Meeting minutes

Director Jones moved to approve the minutes from June 30, 2022, second by Director Zych.
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion Passed.

Committee Report's

John Capodanno reported on 60th celebration went well and picked up the hotel rooms for attendees.
Kirk Paxson presented REACT Training report with detailed stats and reports.
Kirk Paxson presented Traffic system report with detailed stats.
Kirk Paxson talked about Awards and Recognition committee how to submit an award.

USA/Canada Dues

Director Jones moved to increase USA/Canada Affiliate and Business dues by \$5.00 per member and \$12.00 For Liability Insurance per member. \$5.00 Early bird special and \$5.00 REACT Module taken per member if received before December 31, 2022. seconded by Director Capodanno.
R1-N R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y Motion Passed.

International Dues

International dues had no change. \$5.00 Early bird special and \$1.00 REACT Module taken per member if received before December 31, 2022

Director Goswami arrived at 7pm PDT.
Guest Mary Hicks arrived at 7:08pm PDT.

Adjournment

Director Capodanno moved to adjourn at 7:09 PM PDT, second by Director Deitz.
R1-Y R3-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Paxson
Secretary

REACT International Inc.
Board of Directors Special Meeting
December 06, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM, PST via Zoom teleconference.
Roll call was taken by Chairman Capodanno, Minutes Taken via Recording.

Pledge of allegiance – flag salute

ROLL CALL – Secretary (4 Directors for quorum)

Directors:

R1 – Warren Deitz - Present
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R3 – Joe Zych - Present
R4 – Matthew Vizzuso - Present
R5 – Vacant
R6 – Vacant
R7 – Jerry Jones – Present
R8 – John Capodanno - Present
R9 – Ravindranath Goswami – Present

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Secretary – Kirk Paxson – Absent
Assistant Secretary – Vacant
Treasurer – Russ Dunn - Absent
Assistant Treasurer – Vacant

Guests Present:

Jay Flora, William Stanley

ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:08 PM

Moved by Region 8, John Capodanno second by region 3, Joe Zych
to enter executive session.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

No Action Taken in Executive Session

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:26 PM

Moved by Region 7, Jerry Jones second by region 3, Joe Zych
to exit executive session.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Removal of Officer (1)

Moved by Region 7, Jerry Jones second by region 3, Joe Zych
to remove Secretary Kirk Paxson without cause.

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

Moved by Region 4, Matthew Vizzuso second by region 3 Joe Zych to adjourn

R1-Y R3-Y R4-Y R7-Y R8-Y R9-Y Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:31 PM PST

Submitted.

John Capodanno

Annual Board Meeting

JANUARY 23/2023



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SUBMITTING **TEAM NEWS**

Is EASY!

Just follow this guideline...

NAME of Person Reporting— **TEAM NUMBER**— **TEAM LOCATION**

DESCRIPTION of **ACTIVITIES** (Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How)

Provide this info for each event in your report

INCLUDE PICTURES—attach them to your email—don't send .PDFs

(Caption: **WHO**, **WHAT** and **WHERE** each picture shows)

NAME of Photographer

SEND the entire report (with pictures attached) to:

EDITOR@THEREACTER.COM

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So Easy, even a caveman could do it! (sorry, Geico, I couldn't resist)





DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

Use for nominating yourself or another member to run for the Board of Directors. Each director serves a 3 year term and 3 directors are elected per year on a rotating basis.

- 2023 – Regions 3, 6, 9 up for election
- 2024 – Regions 1, 4, 7 up for election
- 2025 – Regions 2, 5, 8 up for election
- 2026 – Regions 3, 6, 9 up for election
- 2027 – Regions 1, 4, 7 up for election

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See nomination form for requirements. Must be 21+ and have been a REACT member for at least 3 years, plus have demonstrated leadership abilities at local / council or other non-profit org levels. Must reside in, and be a member of a team in, the region for which you are applying to run. Need to be able to cover own expenses incurred in the course of your duties as a director, including travel & lodging expense to attend annual board meeting.

E-mail and electronic communications (Zoom) is used heavily by the board, thus a reliable computer and hi-speed Internet connection is a recommendation for all successful candidates. There are no term limits for re-election.



Silent Mics



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



Morris “Ed” Brown **1939—2022**

Maj. MORRIS “Ed” EDGAR BROWN, JR (Age 83) U.S. Army (ret.) passed away at his home on Friday, December 16, 2022 in Upper Marlboro, MD, after a long battle with COPD. He was an officer and a gentleman.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gerdi Erika Brown (Spörl), two children Erika Lillian Marsillac (Sylvain Marsillac) and Thomas Leonard Brown (Emily Brown), three grandsons, Rowan Marsillac, Grant Brown, and Carter Brown, his brother Curtis Brown (Shari Brown), and niece Kelley Brown Knell and nephew Benjamin Brown, as well as numerous friends from Joint Base Andrews Chapel One, Anne Arundel Radio Club, and Radio Emergency Associated Communications Teams (*REACT*). Ed was a loving son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather.

Ed was born on June 4, 1939, to Morris Edgar Brown Sr., and Alma Lillian Brown (Kelley) in Fairmont, WV. Ed met and fell in love with Gerdi in Germany. When they married in 1966, they moved to the U.S. He valiantly served in the Vietnam conflict, twice, and earned multiple awards for valor. When Ed retired from the U. S. Army in 1983, the family settled in Upper Marlboro, MD, while Ed continued working for defense contractors until his ultimate retirement at age 67.

He greatly enjoyed volunteering with the Anne Arundel Radio Club and *REACT*, spending time with his grandsons and his treasured collies, and completing the Washington Post daily crossword puzzles...in pen. Even in retirement, he still kept up his marksman skills to proudly and regularly outshoot all three of his grandsons.

Condolences, photos, and/or memories of Ed can be sent to the family through mdfpe@hotmail.com. Please visit Ed’s Life Memorial Webpage to read his complete obituary and sign his virtual guestbook at <https://www.leefuneralhomes.com/obituaries>.

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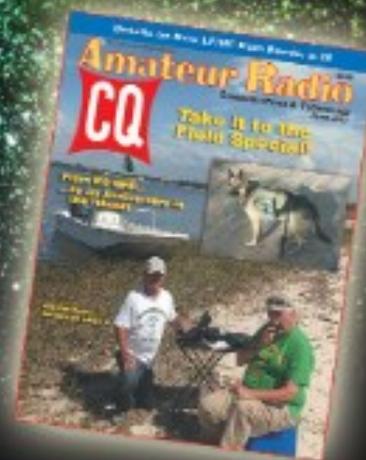


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