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## District 28 2008 Spring Conference

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Thunderbird School of Global Management

Peoria, AZ

0915 The meeting was called to Order by D/C Chuck Peterson, SN

The invocation was given by P/C Bob Hubbard, AP

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Lt/C Art Ashton, AP

Without objection, the chair may vary the order of business to expedite the proceedings. Motion carried.

D/C Peterson acknowledged members of the District Bridge; D/XO Katie Law, SN; D/EO Bill Bridge, SN; D/AO Van Diehl, SN; D/Sec Doug Frazier, JN; D/Treasurer Connie Johnson, JN.

D/C Peterson also recognized his Staff: Flag Lieutenant Bob Schloeman, Parliamentarian Frank Fitzgerald, Chaplain J. Brockway Clark, Merit Mark Chairman Mark Keltner, and Aides: Adriaan Veldhuisen, Chester White, Lou Loth, and Pat Bramble.

D/C Peterson thanked the organizers of the conference.

D/C Peterson introduced the Chief's representative, Past Chief Commander Ernie Marshburn and his wife Dianne

D/C Peterson then recognized the Past District Commanders who were present including: P/D/C's Bill Bridge, SN; Ernie Dooley, SN; Bill Johnson, JN; Lou Loth, AP; Bob Schloeman, JN; Ken Smith, AP; Adriaan Veldhuisen, SN; Chester White, JN; Elaine Keller, AP; Duane Leathers, AP; Robert Newsom, P; Paul Schoonover, SN; E. Brian Smith, SN; and Lee Whitehead, SN.

Meeting room and general announcements were made.

D/C Peterson requested that all motions for consideration be submitted in writing. Mailbox procedures are in effect and your mail should be picked up prior to the end of the meeting.

0920 Morning program with P/C/C Marshburn and D/Lt/C Cida Diehl

1015 Breakout meetings

1145 Lunch

1305 D/C Peterson reconvened the meeting. There is a message from the Nominating Committee that there are three openings to fill: Assistant Treasurer, Assistant Secretary and Audit.

The Secretary, D/Lt/C Frazier announced that a quorum was present. Voting criteria were reviewed for the meeting. The minutes from the 2007 Winter Council were approved with one correction for spelling, as published.

D/C Peterson introduced the Chief Commander's Representative P/C/C Ernie Marshburn.

P/C/C Marshburn recognized the members serving on a National position: David George, Dave Uggen, Elaine Keller, Lou Cook, Lou Loth, Bruce Cuciti, Chuck Peterson, Connie Johnson, Bob Schloeman, Bill Johnson, Chester White, Ed Mraz, Katie Law, Cida Diehl and Van Diehl.

P/C/C Marshburn presented the Chief Commander's message and then answered questions from the members.

## **1350 REPORTS OF THE BRIDGE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

**Treasurer:** D/Lt/C Connie Johnson – spoke about the new IRS reporting requirements for non-profits. The full report is in the mailbox. The balances for Checking, Money Market and Certificate of Deposit were given. The Cash to Budget ratio is 4.7:1. D/Lt/C Johnson was considering sending funds from the money market account to the National Treasurer for investing. The 2008 budget was reviewed.

**Motion:** D/Lt/C Connie Johnson moved to adopt the 2008 budget as proposed by the Winter Council. A second was not required.

**Motion carried.**

**Secretary:** D/Lt/C Doug Frazier called upon his staff for reports after requesting that everyone needs to be sign the attendance sheet.

The ENSIGN Correspondent – P/D/C Lee Whitehead – No report.

The Lead Line – P/D/C Lee Whitehead's deadline for articles will be 1 August for the 1 September distribution was reported by the Secretary. Send articles and photos to: [bosnpipe@aol.com](mailto:bosnpipe@aol.com).

Internet - R/C Bob Schloeman - report is in the mailbox. Website continues to be updated. There is a new version of DB2000 that was released on 06 February 2008 (Version 8.04). The new installation process is a two-step process now. Members taking seminars will show up on the DB2000 database after their information has been submitted to National.

**Administrative:** D/Lt/C Van Diehl thanked his staff for all of their hard work and then called upon his staff for their reports:

Membership/Member Involvement – D/Lt Cida Diehl – Since the Winter Council, San Diego has added 32 new members. The district has 655 members. MIRA awards for membership retention can be done online and are due by 15 May. We want more participation for the youth poster contest. Full report is in the mailbox.

Boating Activities – D/Lt Marie Baer – no report

Operations Training – D/Lt Elaine Keller – District 28 won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Operations Training. However, not every bridge member has taken OT. Not every squadron presented the OT program.

The Leadership Development Committee has 2 new CDs available. Each squadron and District Bridge officers will receive the CDs.

The Operation Training modules 1, 2 and 4 are being revised. Module 4 is online.

Spring Conference – Lt/C Art Ashton – no report

**Education:** D/Lt/C Bill Bridge - The full report is in the mailbox. There were only 2 SEO's at the meeting today. The commander must be aware and active with the SEO for all of the new educational changes. All changes are located on the internet plus there is a publication from the Educational Department called "Currents". Sign up for it. There is a lot of new information coming out and you need to be aware of it. It will take more than one person to stay on top of the changes.

Tim Harrington (SEO Phoenix) was recognized for initiating the Boat Operator's Certification class scheduled for Sunday morning.

**Executive:** D/Lt/C Katie Law thanked D/Lt/C Van Diehl for standing in for her at the Winter Council during her absence. Law then called on her staff for reports.

Cooperative Charting – D/Lt Rose Werner (absent). Comments were given by D/Lt/C Law. There is no longer a program for submitting geodetic marks. Balboa Squadron was the only squadron to submit coastal nautical chart reports. Thanks to Wolfgang Cutter.

Public Relations – D/Lt Bob Gibbs – report given by D/Lt Lee Whitehead. There were no submissions for co-operative advertising. The form is available from the national website.

Safety Officer – D/Lt John Lusson. He has requested that the squadron Safety Officers write articles for their squadron's newsletters and to provide him a report on what the squadron is or was doing for National Safe Boating Week.

One of the items for the Safety Reporting is to obtain a proclamation signed by the governor of the state. Phoenix and Lake Mohave Squadrons have participated for the last several years. We need a proclamation from the California squadrons.

Reminder for the class scheduled for Sunday morning on the Boat Operator Certification. After the testing is complete, the training company that has been hired will present proof of the successful completion and students will receive an OSHA certificate for fire extinguishers.

D/Lt/C Law reminded everyone that National Safe Boating Week is 17-23 May. She urged all squadrons to be active in this event.

16-19 April is the International Boating and Water Safety Summit to be held at the Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel and Marina in San Diego. There will be numerous important people in attendance, including your National Bridge Officers.

Radio/Technical – R/C Bob Schloeman. The report presented was written by P/D/C John Stark from the South Hills Squadron in District 7. The report is in the mailbox. Highlights from the report discuss Digital Selective Calling (DSC). Your VHF radio must be DSC ready and you must have a MMSI number registered with the FCC and programmed into the radio in order for the system to function properly. There are currently about 22,000 Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) numbers issued and the USPS has 5,000 MMSI numbers to issue. Previously, the operator needed a station license from the FCC. However, if you are sailing in the US coastal waters, then you do not need to have a station license.

Rescue 21 was a part of the Global Maritime Distress Safety System (GMDSS). The DSC call would be routed to the Coast Guard. However, not all Coast Guard stations are equipped to receive the call. Most of the Coast Guard stations equipped are located in Florida, Chesapeake Bay and New York. There are not yet any USCG stations on the west coast with the proper equipment to receive the DSC call signal.

The FCC is considering requiring all handheld marine radios to have DSC with built-in GPS.

The Coast Guard has discontinued the \* (star) CG for cell phones. Do not use your cell phone as a primary distress call device.

The website to request the MMSI numbers through USPS is:  
[www.usps.org/php/mmsi/home.php](http://www.usps.org/php/mmsi/home.php)

Arizona Legislative - R/C Bob Schloeman. The Arizona State Legislature has two bills in committee. The first item is Boating Under the Influence or Operating Under the Influence. The other bill concerns Boat Operators Certification.

California Legislative – D/Lt/C Law reported that there are 34 states that have legislative requirements as far as certification for recreational boaters. For the last several years, bills has been submitted requiring certification, but have not passed. Now there is a bill that has a graduated scale by age groups. By the year 2012, everyone in California that operates a pleasure boat must have a certificate or proof of taking a boating education class.

Nevada, as of October 2007, requires that person on a boat on the water must have an accessible and wearable life preserver for each passenger. Anyone 12 years old or young must be wearing a PFD while on the water.

Fishing in Mexican waters – recent legislation has enacted that one does not need a boat license but anyone in the boat that is fishing must have a license. For additional information call: 619-233-4324.

There is a bill currently in the California legislature to exempt recreational boaters from Environmental Protection Agency) EPA permits.

Vessel Safety Checks – D/Lt Ron Werner (absent). However, D/Lt conveyed his report to Lt/C David Allocco to present. The district VSCs stands at 126 inspections completed by 16 examiners.

D/Lt/C Law continued the report with information from the mid-year Bow Sprit award indicating the D/28 is currently tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place. The majority of success for this placing is due to the VSC and to Balboa Squadron for their cooperative charting on the water.

1507

Squadron Commander Reports – All reports had been submitted in writing and placed into the mailbox for distribution. Abbreviated reports were given by the squadron commanders.

Cdr Wes Heusser (absent) – Balboa – The Balboa Squadron report was given by Lou Loth. Currently there is an open position for A/O. They currently do not have a cruise calendar. Of the 126 VSC for the district, Wes Heusser has completed 89. JN class is underway. The By-Laws are being reviewed which includes a name change. Planning is underway for the 2009 D/28 Spring Conference to be hosted by Balboa. The conference dates are 6-8 March 2009. The chairman for this event will be Lou Loth.

D/Lt Dick Tripp – Lake Mohave – Mohave will host the D/28 Winter Council to be held on 6 December, 2008. They hosted a block party at the marina for a pot luck. 4-5 April will be the Catherine Landing joint rendezvous. There will be a breakfast on the lake for 24 April. Several members have rented a houseboat on Lake Powell to coincide with the Phoenix Squadron's outing.

Cdr Bill Johnson – Phoenix – Cdr Bill Johnson expressed his thanks to Art and Diane Ashton and Jeannine Quagliara for putting together a great conference. Cdr Johnson also recognized SEO Tim Harrington for success in the education department: Currently have a Piloting class underway; had 10 out of 10 pass JN with thanks to Chuck Peterson and Lee Whitehead leading the JN class. Additional classes are scheduled and underway. 4-6 April will be Katherine Landing with Lake Mohave Squadron. Thanked Ed Mraz for teaching the new Leadership Development Workshop. Phoenix has started a new committee named "Green Team" to replace the geodetic marks.

Cdr Larry Nelson – San Luis Rey – Education is being led by Cida Diehl. JN class is running now. Educational schedule is on the website. Bridge will be working on recruitment and retention this year. The By-Laws are being reviewed and updated.

Cdr Miguel Ramirez-Williams – South Bay - Cdr. Ramirez-Williams was absent and the squadron report was given by D/Lt/C Law. The proposed burgee for the South Bay Squadron will be presented during the new business section of the district meeting. The District Summer Council will be hosted by South Bay on 7 June at the Chula Vista Yacht Club.

Cdr Ed Mraz – San Diego – Just completed a public boating class with 17 students and 13 joined. Cruise Planning just completed with 18 students where 2 new members were obtained. A JN class is underway with 10 students. Seamanship has started. The boat show turnout was low due to weather. There was a Bridge orientation meeting, orientation and Operations Training. GMM are held every other month and Cdr Mraz has started a "Commander's Round Table" for the open months. Sail Fleet has started. VSC has 28 completed. Seminar sessions have started with West Marine and had 10 people show up. The squadron has added 27 new members since the first of the year. The squadron is reviewing participation in a Sea Scout program; starting a "Green Team"; and an out reach program. Need to position the squadrons for the changing demographics to attract members. Looking into grant monies to fund out reach programs. After the business session of the Executive Committee meeting, they take time to brainstorm a particular issue.

D/Lt/C Katie Law then thanked all of the people that served under her for a great job and effort.

D/C Peterson recognized D/Lt/C Van Diehl for additional information related to the A/O report. The Maptech CD can be used to update charts and download

charts to plan cruises. You can download the charts and view them with the Maptech CD.

D/C Peterson recognized DEO Bridge for additional information relating to the DEO report. Instructor certification is good for only 4 years. Make sure to have your instructors are recertified. No one submitted for the Chapman Award this past year.

1548 - D/C Peterson then called for the Committee Reports to be given.

**Rules Committee** – R/C Bob Schloeman – No report. Waiting on an update from national.

**Audit Committee** – R/C Chester White – The audit committee met. An audit of the District books and records of the District 28 Treasurer was done today. All records and accounts are in order. A property report was received from D/Lt Pat Diehl and reviewed. D/Lt/C Connie Johnson, JN is to be commended for her professionalism.

**Motion:** R/C White moved to adopt the committee's recommendation that the conference approve this report. A second is not required. Motion carried.

**Planning Committee** – P/D/C Bill Johnson – The Planning Committee had to address the calendar and the hosting of district conferences and councils due to the switch with Balboa and San Luis Rey and with change of meeting location for San Diego.

**Motion:** On behalf of the Planning Committee, Cdr Bill Johnson moved to adopt the following changes in the Policy and Procedures, Section 3 Paragraph 2, by striking the wording in the paragraph as it stands now and inserting the following in its place: The proposed areas for meetings through 2012 are:

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>March</u></b>	<b><u>June</u></b>	<b><u>October</u></b>	<b><u>December</u></b>
2007	San Diego	San Diego	San Luis Rey	San Diego
2008	Phoenix	South Bay	Balboa**	Lake Mohave
2009	Balboa	South Bay	San Diego	San Diego
2010	Phoenix	San Diego	D/28**	San Diego
2011	San Luis Rey	San Diego	Balboa	San Diego
2012	Lake Mohave	San Diego	San Diego*	San Diego

\*Joint Conference hosted by D/28

\*\* Joint conference hosted by D/13 and D/25

Discussion. Motion carried.

**Motion:** On behalf of the Planning Committee, Cdr Bill Johnson moved to change the wording in the Deed of Gift for District 28 Star Program, Item 2, after the words “shall be provided” strike the words “at no cost to the District by Flo-Joe’s Engraving.” and Insert “by District 28.”

Discussion. Motion carried.

**Motion:** On behalf of the Planning Committee, Cdr Bill Johnson moved to add the following in the Policies and Procedures, Section 2, Paragraph 9, on to the end of the paragraph “Statement to detail final quantities and pricing of the room nights, luncheon and/or dinners, and other events held at the conference to provide future reference.”

Discussion. Motion carried.

**Motion:** On behalf of the Planning Committee, Cdr Bill Johnson moved that this conference ratify the Policies and Procedures as posted on the District 28 website, and include the changes as approved at the Winter Council and this meeting. (Note: Section 2, Paragraph 13 as added at Winter Council)

Discussion. Motion carried.

1610 D/C Peterson called on the floor for any information on the Education Fund. A report from Cheryl Uggen indicated that only two squadrons contributed to this fund. We should make sure that each squadron participates in this.

1611 D/C Peterson called upon P/D/C Duane Leathers to report on the educational cruise. The Commander asked for P/D/C Leathers to investigate the possibility of using the tall ship “*Californian*” from the San Diego Maritime Museum for an educational cruise. The cost for a 4-hour cruise (including crew and insurance) is \$2,500. The capacity is 50.

Further discussion involved D/Lt Marie Baer and the ship “*Lynx*”. D/C Peterson asked D/Lt Baer to investigate for more information on costs for an educational cruise on the “*Lynx*”.

1615 - **Unfinished Business**. -None

**New Business** – D/Lt/C Law, representing the Commander for South Bay.

**Motion:** D/Lt/C Law moved to approve the South Bay burgee as presented. Second. Discussion. Motion carried.

1617 Nominating Committee – D/Lt Ron Weiner reporting. The Nominating Committee consisted of Ron Weiner, Nancy Frazier, Richard Tripp, Wes Heusser and Adriaan Veldhuisen. The following is the slate of officers for the 2008-2009 Bridge year:

Commander -	Katharine Law
Executive Officer –	Van Diehl
Administrative Officer -	Connie Johnson
Education Officer -	William Bridge
Assistant Education Officer -	Cida Diehl
Secretary -	Doug Frazier
Treasurer -	Richard Tripp

Committees:

Nominating Committee -	William Johnson (new)
Continuing NomCom Members -	Adriaan Veldhuisen
	Wes Heusser
	Richard Tripp

Rules Committee -	1 year -	Frank Fitzgerald
	2 year -	Robert Schloeman
	3 year -	Tom Swift

Audit Committee -	1 year -	Dan Rancourt
	2 year -	Shaun McArdle

Vacant Offices –	Assistant Secretary
	Assistant Treasurer
	Nominating Committee member San Diego
	3 year term member – Audit Committee

D/Lt Weiner then called for nominations from the floor.

Shaun McArdle was nominated for the San Diego member of the Nominating Committee.

Question from the floor in regards to Richard Tripp serving on the Nominating Committee and as Treasurer. Referred to the Rules Committee for the next Council meeting for the language.

Chester White was nominated for the 3 year Audit Committee position.

1625 – C/C Representative P/C/C Marshburn inquired of Secretary Frazier if the Nomination Committee Report had been filed with the secretary. Secretary Frazier answered in the affirmative.

C/C Representative P/C/C Marshburn inquired if the slate of nominated officers has been published in accordance the District's By-Laws. Secretary Frazier answers in the affirmative.

C/C Representative P/C/C Marshburn inquired of Secretary Frazier if any other nominations filed with the secretary. Secretary Frazier answers in the negative.

**Motion:** C/C Representative P/C/C Marshburn entertained a motion that the District Secretary cast one vote for the slate of officers presented by the District Nominating Committee and circulated through the District in accordance with the By-Laws of District 28.

Second. Discussion. Motion Carried.

### 1630 **Good of the Order -**

Hospitality Suite is open at 1730  
Dinner starts at 1830

1635 – D/C Peterson recessed the 2008 Spring Conference to reconvene at 2000

2000 - D/C Peterson reconvened the meeting

D/C Peterson recognized and thanked Diane Ashton and Jeannine Quagliara for all of their work in organizing the conference and activities. Ashton and Quagliara then recognized and thanked everyone that participated in putting on the conference.

2005 – Evening program - P/D/C Paul Schoonover presented a history of D/28 and of the Phoenix Sail & Power Squadron

2025 – P/C/C Marshburn delivered additional comments and thank yous to District 28

2028 – D/C Peterson started the awards program

Attendance – Phoenix

Star Awards -           1 Star – Lake Mohave  
                                  3 Star – Balboa  
                                  3 Star – San Diego  
                                  3 Star – San Luis Rey  
                                  3 Star – Phoenix



2102 – P/C/C Marshburn administered the oath of office to D/C Katherine Law

D/C Law then called for her Bridge Officers elect to come forward.

P/C/C Marshburn administered the oath of office to the Bridge Officers

2107 - D/C Law presented P/D/C Peterson with his burgee, shoulder boards, pin and plaque

D/C Law addressed the district and then called for any New Business.

Bob Hubbard gave the benediction

D/C Law announced her appointments. There are 3 openings on the Planning Committee with the resignation of Dick Tripp since he is now on the Bridge as Treasurer. The 3 members chosen to serve on the Planning Committee are: Robert Newsom, Ken Smith and Elaine Keller.

Chaplain – Bob Hubbard

Flag Lieutenant – Bob Schloeman

Aides – Lee Whitehead  
Duane Leathers  
Adriaan Veldhuisen  
Lou Loth

Parliamentarian - Frank Fitzgerald

2121 - D/C Law adjourned the conference

## 2008 District 28 Spring Conference Attendees

	Name	Rank	Squadron
1	Elaine Keller	P/D/C	Balboa
2	Kenneth Smith	P/D/C	Balboa
3	Lou Cook	P/D/Lt/C	Balboa
4	Lou Loth	P/D/C	Balboa
5	Patricia Diehl	D/Lt	Balboa
6	Andy Pensavalle	Lt/C	Lake Mohave
7	Dick Tripp	Lt/C	Lake Mohave
8	Linda Pensavalle	Lt/C	Lake Mohave
9	Art Ashton	Lt/C	Phoenix
10	Bill Johnson	Cdr	Phoenix
11	Chuck Peterson	D/C	Phoenix
12	Connie Johnson	D/Lt/C	Phoenix
13	David Allocco	Lt/C	Phoenix
14	Don Hora		Phoenix
15	Doug Frazier	D/Lt/C	Phoenix
16	Jane Peterson	P/C	Phoenix
17	Janice Park	Lt	Phoenix
18	John Lusson	P/C	Phoenix
19	Lee Whitehead	P/D/C	Phoenix
20	Mary Hora		Phoenix
21	Paul Schoonover	P/D/C	Phoenix
22	Robert Schloeman	P/D/C	Phoenix
23	Allan Bombard	Lt/C	San Diego
24	Bob Hubbard	P/C	San Diego
25	Chester White	R/C	San Diego
26	David Baer	P/C	San Diego
27	Duane Leathers	P/D/C	San Diego
28	Ed Mraz	Cdr	San Diego
29	Katherine Law	D/Lt/C	San Diego
30	Marie Baer	P/C	San Diego
31	Ron Weiner	P/C	San Diego
32	William Bridge	D/Lt/C	San Diego
33	Adriaan Veldhuisen	P/D/C	San Luis Rey
34	Cheryl Veldhuisen		San Luis Rey
35	Cida Diehl	D/Lt	San Luis Rey
36	E. Brian Smith	P/D/C	San Luis Rey
37	Larry Nelson	Cdr	San Luis Rey
38	Robert N. Newton	P/D/C	San Luis Rey
39	Van Diehl	D/Lt/C	San Luis Rey
40	Dianne Marshburn	P/C	Tar River
41	Ernie Marshburn	P/C/C	Tar River