Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting
Jacksonville, Fla.
24 Jan. 2015

Chief Commander Robert A. Baldridge, SN, convened the meeting at 0900.

USPS Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN, led the invocation, which was followed by the presentation of the U.S. and Canadian colors, the Pledge of Allegiance led by N/F/Lt Richard E. Gercak, AP, and the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

C/C Baldridge, SN, announced that the 100th anniversary ensign would be retired during this meeting in recognition of the conclusion of the 100th anniversary celebration.

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN, national secretary, declared a quorum present.

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Robert A. Keller, SN, chairman, Committee on Rules, announced that he had appointed P/C Benjamin Sooy III, AP, as parliamentarian for this meeting and explained the annual meeting voting procedures.

Introduction of Past Chief Commanders

P/C/C Alter introduced the past chief commanders present:

P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, 1996-1997 (Rocky Mount/27)
P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, 2000-2001 (Bellevue Sail/16)
P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, 2008-2009 (Fort Worth Sail/21)
P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, 2010-2011 (Bellevue Sail/16)

C/C Baldridge introduced P/C/C John T. Alter, SN, (Raleigh Sail/27) who served as chief commander from 2012 to 2013.

Approval of the Minutes

C/C Baldridge announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 9 Sept. 2014 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2015-AM-1)

Introduction of Guests

R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN, introduced the following honored guests:

- Rear Adm. Gerd Glang, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Ken Forster, chief, Marine Charts Division, NOAA
- Kyle Ward, navigation manager, Southeast Region, NOAA

Rear Adm. Glang and Ken Forster, NOAA, presented the following 2014 Cooperative Charting Awards:

- Number one squadron: Galveston Bay/21
- Number one district: District 21
- Number one individual: Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN, Sanibel Captiva/22
- NOAA Coast Survey Award: Lt Michael L. Bankester, P, Key West/8, for five years of excellence in the Cooperative Charting Program
R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- Capt. Thomas Allan, sector commander Jacksonville, U.S. Coast Guard
- Jeff Hoedt, chief, Boating Safety Division, USCG

Capt. Allan and Jeff Hoedt presented the following awards:

**USCG Certificate of Distinguished Service**

Lt/C Wesley Heuser, JN, Balboa/28, for performing 800 vessel safety checks

**Partnering with Pride**

Cdr Thomas F. Rossini, SN Crystal River/22, for performing 1,200 vessel safety checks

**Recreational Boating Safety Award of Excellence**

R/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3, for performing 25,000 vessel safety checks

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- Joe Gatfield, chief commander, Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
- Henry Pratt, past national commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Nan Ellen Fuller, chief and liaison to USPS, USCG Auxiliary
- Dave Fuller, chief of staff, District 7 director’s executive assistant, USCG Auxiliary
- Mary Larsen, America’s Waterway Watch, USCG Auxiliary
- Tom Hayward, chief finance officer, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
- Ole Riise, director of financial services, Brunswick Corp.
- Scott Ward, vice president financial services, Brunswick Corp.
**Brunswick Dealer Advantage Awards**

Ole Riise, Brunswick Corp. director of financial services, assisted by Stf/C John Miller, JN, presented awards to the top three squadrons that held the most classes at Brunswick dealerships in 2014.

Silver – Lakeland/22, $500  
Gold – Charlotte/27, $750  
Platinum – Pittsburgh/7, $1,000

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- Ted Sensenbrenner, assistant director of boating safety, BoatUS Foundation  
- Keith Christopher, national events manager, Boy Scouts of America  
- Peter Schmidt, National Sea Scout Boatswain  
- Carolyn Belmore, president, National Boating Federation  
- Ev Tucker, past national commodore, USCG Auxiliary, National Boating Federation treasurer  
- Capt. Tim Barrett, training officer, Sanibel Fire & Rescue District  
- Steve Prime, vice president, Gowrie Group  
- Jake Hill, assistant vice president, McGriff, Siebels & Williams  
- Randy White, president and CEO, SailAngle  
- Gail Kulp, executive director, SeaTow Foundation

Gail Kulp presented the SeaTow Foundation Golden Life Jacket Award to Thurmond Lake Sail/26 for hosting a SeaTow Loaner Life Jacket Stand in McCormick, S.C. These stands are stocked with life jackets in a variety of sizes that are available for boaters to borrow free of charge for a day on the water.

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- Dr. Robbie Smith, CEO, Safe Harbor Maritime Academy  
- Cecilia Duer, executive director, Spirit of America Foundation  
- Jerry Craddock, national coordinator, Spirit of America Foundation  
- Dennis Lewis, American Modern Insurance
- Cheryl Schreiner, Helms Briscoe
- Carleen Lyden-Kluss, co-founder and executive director, North American Marine Environment Protection Association
- Lyn Harris, chief operations officer, North American Marine Environment Protection Association

C/C Baldridge and Carleen Lyden-Kluss signed a memorandum of understanding between United States Power Squadrons and the North American Marine Environment Protection Association. The MOU states that the two organizations have a shared interest in promoting education that supports aquatic and marine environmental stewardship.

C/C Baldridge and V/C Louie Ojeda, SN, national executive officer, presented honorary member awards to the following:

**2015 Honorary Members**

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C/C Baldridge and V/C Louie Ojeda, SN, presented emeritus member awards to the following members:

**2015 Emeritus Members**
P/D/C Edward P. Bialecke, SN, St. Louis Sail/30
P/C Hubert H. Bordeaux, SN, Cape Fear Sail/27
P/C Wilfredo A. Comas, AP, Gainesville Sail/23
Lt Elvin E. Greene III, SN, Palm Beach Sail/8
P/R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN, Staten Island/4
P/C Harley S. Hammond, SN, Richmond Sail/5
Lt/C Frank E. Jannella, P, Moriches Bay/3
Peter N. Jansen, AP, Seattle Sail/16
P/R/C Robert B. Malone, SN, Palm Beach Sail/8
Alvin R. McCurdy, SN, Detroit/9
Lt/C P.J. Stanfield, P, Long Beach/13
Lester S. Ormsby, JN, Phoenix Sail/28
Jack M. West, N, unattached
John W. Yount, AP, Phoenix Sail/28

C/C Baldridge announced an attendance of 598.

Corporate Member Awards

C/C Baldridge presented 2015 Corporate Member Awards to Brunswick Corp. and McGriff, Siebels & Williams.

Cooperative Charting Awards

R/C John J. Rodgers, SN, presented the 2014 Golden Eagle Award to Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN, Sanibel Captiva/21. This award is given to a district chairman of the Cooperative Charting program, who in the opinion of the Cooperative Charting Committee has exhibited excellence in preparing the district for cooperative charting.

Cooperative Charting Honor Roll

25 years    P/C Billie Kearney, N    Galveston Bay Sail/21
20 years    P/C Ray Kearney, SN    Galveston Bay Sail/21
20 years    P/R/C Horst Boettge, SN    Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26

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20 years  P/R/C John Rodgers, SN  Charlotte/27
15 years  P/C Clorinda McVinnie, AP  Fort Worth/21
15 years  P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP  Tar River/27
15 years  Stf/C Jim Strothers, SN  Sanibel Captiva Sail/22

BoatUS/USPS Civic Service Award

Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatUS Foundation, presented the 2014 BoatUS/USPS Civic Service Award to District 8.

Honorable mention squadrons:
Catawba Sail/27
Patchogue Bay/3
Peace River Sail/22
St. Lucie River/8
Thurmond Lake Sail/26

Top five squadrons:
5th place - Ocean City/5
4th place - Fort Macon Sail/27
3rd place - North Strand Sail/26
2nd place – Lake Norman Sail/27
1st place – Sanibel Captiva Sail/22

Meritorious Service Awards

C/C Baldridge, assisted by V/C Ojeda, presented Meritorious Service Awards to national officers completing their tour of duty:

Mary Paige Abbott, SN  Chairman, Membership Committee
Steven R. Abbott, SN  Chairman, Offshore Navigation Committee
Richard L. Carson, JN  Chairman, Basic Public Education Committee
Susan L. Darcy, JN  Chairman, Leadership Development Committee
Donald C. Fiander, SN  Assistant National Educational Officer
Miguel Long, JN  Chairman, Information Technology Committee
John M. Malatak, AP  Chairman, Program Partner Relations Committee
R/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN and D/Lt/C Connie Beckman, SN, announced the awards that were presented during the awards ceremony on Thurs., 22 Jan. 2015.

16th USPS National Boarman Youth Poster Contest Winners

Ages 6-8
3rd place Maddox West Charleston Sail/26
2nd place Olivia Zakauskas Dundalk Sail/5
(tie) Zachary Turpin Des Moines/30
1st place Sarah Hannah Lackawanna Sail/4

Ages 9-11
3rd place Jada Alleyne Sarasota Sail/22
2nd place Megan Bridges New River Sail/27
1st place Tyler Thomas North Olympic Sail/16

Ages 12-14
3rd place Serena Smith Central Wisconsin Sail/23
2nd place Mary Babcock Sarasota/22
1st place Savannah Douce Marion/29

Squadron Membership Growth and Retention Awards

Division 1:
4th place – North Olympic Sail/16
3rd place – Pamlico Sail/27
2nd place – Charleston Sail/26
1st place – Cocoa Beach Sail/23
Division 2:
4th place – Deception Pass Sail/16
3rd place – Central Florida Sail/23
2nd place – Erie/11
1st place – Chicago Sail/20

Division 3:
4th place – Beaverton Sail/32
3rd place – Huntsville/17
2nd place – Bluegrass/24
1st place – South Bend Sail/9

Division 4:
4th place – Kansas City/30
3rd place – Wabash Valley/24
2nd place – North Star/16
1st place – Illinois Valley/20

Districts:
4th place – District 17
3rd place – District 23
2nd place – District 11
1st place – District 12

Operations Training Awards
3rd place – District 28
2nd place – District 26
1st place – District 21

Leadership Development Awards
3rd place – District 7
2nd place – District 21
1st place – District 25
### 2015 Potential Life Members

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**Vessel Safety Check 2014 Awards**
Top Districts in USPS

5th place - District 5
4th place - District 7
3rd place - District 3
2nd place - District 11
1st place - District 28

Top Squadrons in USPS

5th place - Smith Mountain Lake Sail/5
4th place - Jones Beach/3
3rd place – Crystal River/22
2nd place - South Hills/7
1st place - Biscayne Bay/8

Top Vessel Examiner

R/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3
13th year straight, 25,242 total vessel safety checks

Millennium Club Award Winners, 1,000 or more vessel safety checks:

R/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3, 13th year
P/R/C Thomas T. Roscoe, AP, Lakes Region Sail/19, 1st year
Cdr Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22, 4th year
P/C James H. Elwood, AP, Evansville Bend Sail/24, 2nd year
P/C Milton B. Whann, AP, Shallotte River Sail/27, 2nd year
Lt/C Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28, 4th year

Century Club Award Winners, 100 or more vessel safety checks

John R. Robinson (10th year) Saybrook Sail/1 153
Angelo V. Giovanniello (9th year) Great South Bay/3 120
Robert D. Holub (13th year) Jones Beach/3 1,597
Kathy Nash Annapolis Sail/5 145
Frank C. Brown Nansemond River/5 106
Lilly T. Stone (2nd year) Nansemond River/5 105
John L. Paulus (5th year) Ocean City/5 239
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Report of the National Safe Boating Council

P/R/C Joyce F. Shaw, AP, past president, reported that the National Safe Boating Council received four USCG grants in 2015 including the North American Safe Boating Campaign “Wear It!” Grant for $375,000, Saved By the Beacon Grant for $100,000, Instructor Boat Control Grant for $170,000, and IBWSS Summit Grant for $100,000.

P/R/C Shaw reported that the fifth annual Ready, Set, Wear It! Day took place 17 May 2014. There were 175 separate events with a record 6,973 participants. Japan took the honors for the most participants at a single event with 1,041 in attendance.

P/R/C Shaw reported that the 2015 International Boating and Water Safety Summit would be held in Sandestin, Fla., from 29 March to 1 April 2015. She reported the Summit is co-sponsored by NSBC and the National Water Safety Congress. The four-day event features a variety of guest speakers, workshops, on-the-water activities, educational opportunities, and the most up-to-date information related to recreational boating topics.

P/R/C Shaw closed by stating that information on contests and awards offered by NSBC can be found at safeboatingcouncil.org.

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Robert A. Keller, SN, summarized the chief commander’s 2014 activities and recommended awarding C/C Baldridge his 32nd merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2015-AM-2)

R/C Keller announced that with the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the Committee on Rules recommended that the Governing Board approve the following revision to the USPS Bylaws to be effective following the adjournment of the 2015 Governing Board.

Existing bylaw:

Section 10.2.2 Unattached members shall be represented at all Governing Board and special meetings of USPS by delegates appointed by the national secretary. The number of delegates so appointed shall be on the basis of one for each 100 unattached members or fraction thereof as of the first day of the second month before the month of the meeting.
Proposed amendment:

Section 10.2.2. Unattached members shall be represented at all Governing Board and special meetings of USPS by delegates appointed by the national secretary. The number of delegates so appointed shall be on the basis of one for each 100 unattached members or fraction thereof as of 75 days before the meeting. **No member entitled to vote at the meeting in another capacity may be a delegate.**

Rationale: To correct the time for appointing unattached member delegates to conform with the current USPS headquarters practice and to agree with the timing of assigning squadron delegates provided in Section 10.2.2

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the USPS Bylaws. (2015-AM-3)

R/C Keller reported that during 2014 the Committee on Rules reviewed, approved, and certified bylaw revisions for 51 squadrons and 9 districts. He reported that the committee’s oversight assignments and appointments for 2015 remain the same.

**All District Bylaws**

Lt. Harold W. Howard, SN

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**Report of the Headquarters Executive Director**

Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters executive director, introduced Lena Padro, headquarters manager, membership services; Tammy Brown, headquarters marketing director;
Tracy Canup, accounting; Yvonne Hill, publications director; and Amy Townsend, managing editor.

Mrs. Berube thanked all who participated in The Ensign’s Spring 2015 Photo Contest Looking Forward. She stated that the contest honored USPS’ past and future with photos that embodied the spirit of United States Power Squadrons and the new tagline Come for the Boating Education…Stay for the Friends!SM

Berube announced that the winner and recipient of a 7-day cruise, courtesy of Star Clippers’ was Real Happy New Boater, taken by Alan Epstein, Marco Island Sail/22. Finalists will be featured in the Spring 2015 issue of The Ensign magazine.

Berube reported that USPS social media outreach continues to grow exponentially. Daily postings to Facebook and Twitter include organizational news, articles from The Ensign and Compass, and general boating safety articles. She encouraged squadrons and districts to use Facebook and Twitter to engage members and to increase USPS’ presence and brand recognition.

Berube invited Tammy Brown, USPS marketing director, to review 2014 marketing efforts and to look toward the future.

Brown reported that in 2014 USPS participated in several large public relations and outreach opportunities including the Tall Ships Festival Los Angeles 2014 where several squadrons from District 13 provided support. Two Boating Skills Virtual Trainers were displayed during the expo, and USPS led the parade pulling the world’s largest rubber duck in view of 200,000 onlookers. BSVT units was also displayed during the 2014 NASBLA Annual Meeting and the Marine Dealers Conference.

Brown reported that the United States Power Squadrons Brand Standards Manual was introduced in 2014 as a guide on how to properly use the national logo in newsletters, websites, and on apparel. The manual also includes guidelines on how social media should be executed.

Brown reported that in 2015 USPS has plans to hire an advertising agency to conduct a Brand Assessment Study. She noted that previous surveys targeted members. The brand assessment study will provide information on how USPS is viewed by the boating industry and
non-members. Data from this study will help grow membership and increase online and classroom offerings.

Brown invited C/C Baldridge to join her in announcing a Friends of Marketing 2015 campaign with a goal of raising $100,000. Funds will be used to support marketing initiatives, the most significant being a comprehensive brand assessment study. For a gift of $100 or more donors will join the Friends of Marketing group, and their contribution will be recognized in an upcoming issue of The Ensign. Donations can be made at usps.org/donations.

Report of the Finance Committee

Stf/C Ben Coons, JN, assistant chairman, reported on five areas including the USPS Investment and Century Endowment funds, an update on the overall financial status of USPS, a review of grant revenues and expenditures, an update on the 2014 and 2015 fiscal years, and a recommendation for the auditors for 2015.

Stf/C Coons reported that the investments under the oversight of the Finance Committee are managed by Riazi Asset Management and totaled $2,623,414 as of 30 Nov. 2014. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios.

As of 30 Nov. 2014, the total value in the Century Endowment Fund was $1,775,155 compared to $1,550,794 one year ago. Contributions in 2014 totaled $44,843 and investment earnings totaling $179,518. In 2014 no investment earnings were used to fund special projects. Sixty percent of these funds are invested in common stocks, 17 percent in dividend-paying preferred stock equities and the balance in other fixed income securities and money market funds. Total earnings and unrealized gains on these invested funds produced a return of 11.6 percent.

As of 30 Nov. 2014, the total value of the USPS investment account was $848,259, compared to $820,713 one year ago. Sixty-four percent of these funds are invested in common stocks, 14 percent in preferred stock equities, and the balance in other fixed income securities and money market funds. Total earnings and unrealized gains of $68,354 resulted in a return of 8.3 percent.

Stf/C Coons explained that grant monies are tracked separately and are not part of the operating budget. In 2014, USPS had $1,772,361 in open awarded grants, of which $1,255,043
had been collected. Of that amount, $1,167,875 of the grant expenses had been paid as of 30 Nov. 2014, leaving an obligation to pay an additional $604,485. He noted that an additional $384,527 is due in grant receivables and that $262,626 had been set aside in a separate grant reserve money market account to cover the balance of the expenses.

Stf/C Coons reported that the 2014 audit would be posted on the website when available.

Stf/C Coons concluded by stating that the Finance Committee recommended that the Governing Board approve the appointment of Williams, Overman, Pierce, LLP, as independent auditors for the fiscal year ended 30 Nov. 2015.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2015-AM-4)

Report of the Law Officer

R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN, national law officer, reported that the Law Committee had responded to questions from squadrons and members, reviewing memorandums of understanding, explaining copyright and tax issues, and working with the Educational Department on procuring grants.

R/C Allen closed by encouraging districts and squadrons to contact LawCom with questions concerning insurance issues.

Report of the Planning Committee

R/C Kay Simkins, AP, chairman, reported that in Nov. 2014 the Board of Directors approved the 2014 USPS Strategic Plan. She noted that strategic plans are living documents that should be evaluated and updated on a regular basis.

R/C Simkins reported that the Planning Committee will include districts in the study on squadron simplification.
Report of the National Treasurer

V/C Robert C. Miller, SN, reported that 2014 unaudited financials show a deficit of approximately $12,000. He noted that revenue was $87,000 less than budgeted. Expenses were $75,000 less than budgeted due to headquarters and national departments monitoring expenses.

V/C Miller stated that USPS could no longer continue to make expense cuts and sustain the organization at the existing funding level. He noted that in previous year’s educational development and projects were funded on operating funds and are now being funded by grants, which are being reduced or eliminated.

The national treasurer asked members to consider changing the current dues structure. The proposal is that effective 1 Jan. 2016 all new memberships will be the equivalent of today’s family unit membership. A single person joining USPS pay the same rate as a family unit. The change would apply to new members only and not existing members. He noted that this would potentially add more members to the base for squadrons to recruit leadership. The Governing Board will be asked to vote on the proposal at the 2015 Governing Board Meeting in San Diego, Calif.

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN, reported that the Heritage and Protocol Committee approved a District 9 flag and 50-year squadron burgees for Huntsville/17 and Knoxville/17.

V/C reported that the Ship’s Store Committee launched its new online store in 2014 at www.shopusps.org and that sales are going well.

The national secretary reported that the Communications Committee is actively reviewing district and squadron newsletters and websites. He noted that the committee was working with the Marketing Committee on the new branding manual to help increase brand awareness across all newsletters.

The Operations Manual Committee is working with national officers and committees to update the Operations Manual.

V/C Mitchelson announced that the national law officer is actively working on locating the website developer. He noted that the Information Technology Committee assigned a
taskforce to develop the new USPS website, which will be launched by the end of Jan. 2015. He thanked the IT Committee and Marketing Committee for all their efforts and hard work.

**Report of the National Administrative Officer**

V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN, reported that membership at the end of Dec. 2014 was 32,216, down 4.5 percent from one year ago. He noted that the “Each One Reach One” initiative designed to increase membership was implemented in 2014. The list of 100 ideas to attract new members can be found on the Membership Committee website at www.usps.org/national/membership/ under “How To Tools” and “Retention.”

V/C Cheney reported that the revised new member packet is nearing completion, and plans are to begin sending them to new members in spring 2015.

The national administrative officer reported that the winners of the 2014 Membership Involvement Retention Awards were Akron/7, Great Blue Hill Sail/12 and Sarasota/22. He encouraged squadrons to visit the committee’s website to review the activities of the winning squadrons for ideas on how their squadron could benefit.

V/C Cheney reported that the Membership Committee is revising the criteria for the Doing It Right Award.

V/C Cheney reported that the new trial membership program, 18 months for the price of 12, would be activated on 26 Jan. 2015.

The Member Benefits Committee continues to add new partners for a total of 39. A Member Benefits brochure is available at headquarters or can be downloaded at www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/USPSMBTools.htm.

V/C Cheney reported that attendance at leadership seminars was declining, and the Board approved a Century Fund grant to reduce costs. The cost is $99 for seminars taught at national meetings and at regional locations. The Century Fund will contribute $50 per student, lowering the cost to $49.

V/C Cheney reported that a USPS Academy for Emerging Leaders will be held in conjunction with the 20–21 Nov. 2015 Board of Directors meeting in Raleigh, N.C. The plan is
to offer LD101 on the first day and to hold a strategic planning session with board members on the second day. Attendance will be limited to 50.

The Squadron Development Committee reported that discussions are underway to develop four new provisional squadrons.

The Squadron Activities Committee reported that the Port Captain’s Roster has been updated. Squadrons interested in forming a Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT) should contact the committee.

C/C Baldridge; Peter Schmidt, National Sea Scout boatswain, and Keith Christopher, national director, Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, presented the 2015 Finley Sea Scout Service Awards to Lewis McBride, P, St. Petersburg/22 and Michael McBride, AP, St. Petersburg/22. The USPS Finley Sea Scout Service Award recognizes those members and honorees of United States Power Squadrons who are also youth or adult Sea Scout leaders and have provided outstanding civic, educational and fraternal leadership to both the Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons through civic involvement, educational achievement and active participation in both programs.

**Report of the National Educational Officer**

V/C Brandenstein, SN, announced the winners of the 2015 Teaching Aids Competition.

3rd place - District 3
2nd place - District 9
1st place - District 29

V/C Brandenstein called on C/C Joe Gatfield, CPS-ECP, P/R/C Bob Palmer, SN, and P/C Lisa Herndon, AP, to present an award from the Canadian Safe Boating Council for developing the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer and modifying it for multilingual training.

V/C Brandenstein explained that the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes five members who have demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and motivating their students. They represent the best of USPS instructors. V/C Brandenstein, assisted by C/C Alter, presented the 2014 Chapman Awards to
Lt Ronald J. Davidson, SN Poverty Bay Sail/16
Cdr William C. Eldridge, SN Palm Beach Sail/8
Lt/C Wilbur G. Hugli, SN Fort Walton Sail/15
Lt/C Gary E. Magnuson, JN Mid Illini/20
Lt David P. Whiting, SN Wawenock Sail/19

V/C Brandenstein recognized P/C Jane Brandenstein, SN, for her work on the Brunswick Dealer Advantage Program on behalf of Pittsburgh/7.

C/C Baldridge presented V/C Brandenstein with his 50-year membership plaque.

Report of the National Executive Officer

V/C Louie Ojeda, SN, reported that 24,253 vessel safety checks were performed by USPS members in 2014. The Safety Committee reported that 86 members qualified for the Recreational Boating Safety Partner Visitation Program and encouraged members to become involved.

The Government and Partner Relations Committee continues to work with the experimental Operation Onboard Observer program between USPS members in District 3 and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. The committee is continuing its efforts to find a safe, legal and affordable solution to the disposal of expired marine safety flares.

The Cooperative Charting Committee reported that 609 members participated in Cooperative Charting events from April through Dec. 2014 compared to 609 for the entire previous year. V/C Ojeda reported that NOAA has asked USPS members to help verify the magenta line.

V/C Ojeda reported that the Marketing Committee is developing the United States Power Squadrons Brand Standards Manual. The committee is working on a new brochure to replace the Learn from the Best brochure.

V/C Ojeda reported on two district resolutions.

From District 5:
Whereas, among the functions of the Board of Directors of USPS is to review and direct its officers in the management of the affairs of the organization; it is prudent and customary for organizations to have members of their boards of directors who are not current or past officers whose conduct is the subject of oversight by the board of directors; the current provision for members of the Board of Directors of USPS only are for current and immediately past officers of USPS;

That Section 5.3 of the Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons be amended by adding the following language indicated in bold:

Section 5.3 There shall be a Board of Directors comprised of the National Bridge, (and) the most recent past commander willing and able to serve, and three members at large who are not current or past members of the National Bridge, such directors to be elected by the Governing Board at its annual meetings. Initially members at large shall be elected as provided in subsection 5.3.1;

V/C Ojeda announced that the resolution from District 5 would be assigned to an ad hoc committee composed of the Chief Commander’s Advisors.

From District 20:

There has been a high failure rate in the grading of the exams of the Instructor Development Classes;

District 20 requests that USPS revise the testing process of the Instructor Development Course to remove the emphasis on creating and preparing lesson plans.

V/C Ojeda announced that the resolution from District 20 would be assigned to the Educational Department.

The national executive officer reported on a proposal from the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Fla., to host the 2019 Annual Meeting from 10 to 17 Feb. 2019 at a room rate of $159 per night, and he offered the following motion:
To hold the 2019 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., from 10 to 17 Feb. 2019 and to subsequently approve Mary Catherine Berube signing the hotel contract. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2015-AM-5)

V/C Ojeda reported that in Sept. 2014 the four squadrons in District 18 were transferred to either District 12 or District 19. He reported that District 18 had completed the necessary steps to dissolve the district. V/C Ojeda recommended that the Governing Board dissolve District 18, and the Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2015-AM-6)

V/C Ojeda explained that there were contract issues with the hotel for the 2015 Governing Board Meeting in San Diego, Calif. He stated that although it is believed that USPS would prevail in a contract dispute, the amount of money involved is $158,000, and there is no guarantee that USPS would prevail. He reported that all contract details had been verified and would remain the same with a few additional concessions if the Governing Board agreed to move the meeting back one week to 23–30 Aug. 2015. V/C Ojeda recommended moving the date of the 2015 Governing Board at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego, Calif. from 30 Aug - 6 Sept. 2015 to 23 -30 Aug. 2015 and to authorize Mary Catherine Berube to sign the revised contract. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2015-AM-7)

**Report of the Chief Commander**

C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reported actions of the Board of Directors at its 20 and 21 Jan. 2015 meeting.

1) To dissolve Norman Sail & Power Squadron/31.

2) To approve a memorandum of understanding with North American Marine Environment Protection Association.

3) To approve the following USCG grant applications for 2015:

   a) Engaging Hispanics in Recreational Boating Education
   b) USPS Boating Skills Virtual Trainer III
   b) Recreational Boating Media Library
   c) Partnering
4) To approve the 2015 Membership Plan for USPS.

5) To recommend that the Governing Board approve moving the dates of the 2015 Governing Board at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego, Calif. from 30 Aug. to 6 Sept. 2015 to 23-30 Aug. 2015 and to authorize Mary Catherine Berube signing the revised contract.

6) To recommend that the Governing Board approve holding the 2019 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla., from 10–17 Feb. 2019 and to subsequently approve Mary Catherine Berube signing the hotel contract.

C/C Baldridge presented the Chief Commander’s Award to P/R/C John Bradley, AP. He explained that this is a new award that may be presented annually to a member who in the chief’s opinion best represents a lifetime of service and accomplishment for the United States Power Squadrons. It may be given to an individual whose single accomplishment or body of work has greatly impacted USPS and helped accomplish its mission.

C/C Baldridge announced that $2,330 had been donated to the Friends of Marketing Fund during the Governing Board Meeting.

C/C Baldridge discharged all national officers and cleared the bridge with the exception of the assistant national secretary.

C/C Baldridge turned the chair over to P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, to conduct the elections. The assistant national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

**Report of the Committee Nominations**

R/C William I. Neef, SN, stated, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, section 11.6, each annual meeting of the Governing Board shall Elect (a) the Chief Commander, the National Executive Officer, the National Educational Officer, the National Administrative Officer, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer and a Past Chief Commander, all of whom shall serve as officers and directors of USPS.” The Committee on Nominations unanimously recommends the election of the following members to serve:

For National Bridge Officers
Chief Commander
   C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN (Baton Rouge Sail/15)
National Executive Officer
   V/C Louie Ojeda, SN (Ponce/33)
National Educational Officer
   V/C Robert Brandenstein, SN (Pittsburgh/7)
National Administrative Officer
   V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN (Erie/11)
National Secretary
   V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
National Treasurer
   V/C Robert C. Miller, SN (Poverty Bay/16)
Past Chief Commander
   P/C/C John T. Alter, SN (Raleigh Sail/27)

GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE 2015 GOVERNING BOARD

Debra K. Allen, AP, Lake Murray/26
Gene R. Alligood, AP, Pamlico Sail/27
Vincene A. Aquilato, S, City Island Sail/4
William Arcediano, SN, Baton Rouge/15
David A. Atwood, JN, Cape Cod Sail/14
Michael J. Babiarz, AP, Grosse Pointe/9
Ann T. Bailey, AP, Raleigh Sail/27
Robert D. Barber, SN, Sarasota/22
Jane S. Brandenstein, SN, Pittsburgh/7
Jeffrey R. Davis, AP, St Paul Sail/10
Patricia A. Diehl, Balboa Sail/28
Robert DuBray, AP, Sandusky/29
Barbara Erickson, JN, Bellevue Sail/16
William J. Fehr, N, Banana River Sail/23
Norman Franck Jr., SN, Miles River Sail/5
Ann E. Frenz, SN, Patchogue Bay/3
Michael D. Friedman, N, New York Sail/4
Allen B. Furtado, SN, Pompano Beach/8
Howard Gasaway Sr., P, Potomac River/5
Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP, Darien Sail/2
Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, N, Arecibo/33
Nigel Hargreaves, SN, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8
James L. Jefferis, JN, Golden Isles Sail/26
Mary Lou Johnson, Diablo Sail/25
James A. Jones, SN, North Olympic Sail/16
Diane M. Julum, JN, Portland/32
Janet Marie Klumpp, AP, Mount Clemens/9
Kathleen G. Lambert, AP, Charles River/12
Janet U. Lane, SN, Naples Sail/22
Anthony C. Lewandowski, AP, Birmingham/9
W. Richard Littrell, JN, Lakeland Sail/22
William Lucas, SN, Sanibel Captiva Sail/22
Michael B. Ludtke, SN, Waukegan Sail/20
Veronica A. Mann, JN, Arrowhead Sail/13
Charles C. Marino, P, Waterbury/1
Claire M. McDonald, SN, Houston Sail/21
Liana F. Mihalca, SN, Akron/7
Lois M. Nehmer-Schiff, SN, Dundalk Sail/5
Joyce Ann Newman, S, Palm Beach Sail/8
Donald A. Parrish, SN, Venice Sail/22
Linda D. Parsons, Goldsboro Sail/27
Wayne F. Partie, SN, Boca Ciega Sail/22
Neil F. Phillips, JN, Hempstead Bay/3
Mary J. Pierpont, SN, Austin/21
Larry G. Samuels, SN, Louisville Sail/24
Kent L. Simpson, AP, Four Rivers Sail/30
Howard A. Sklar, AP, Westchester Sail/2
Everett Stebbins, AP, Winooski Valley/19
Carole G. Tulip, JN, Annapolis Sail/5
Joanna K. Webster, AP, Poverty Bay Sail/16
Harvey R. Young, SN, Illinois Valley/20

FOR REAR COMMANDERS

GENERAL COMMITTEES
Committee on Rules........................................R/C Robert A. Keller, SN (Boca Ciega Sail/22)
Committee on Nominations .......................R/C Ellen Barbour, SN (New London/1)

STANDING COMMITTEES
Finance .....................................................R/C Ben Coons, JN (Hiawatha Valley Sail/10)
Law Officer ..............................................R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN (Lake Murray/26)
Planning ..................................................R/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP (Patuxent River Sail/5)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES
Cooperative Charting ..................................R/C Diane M. Julum, JN (Portland/32)
Environmental ........................................R/C Thomas D. Myers, JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Government & Partner Relations .................R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing Sail/9)
Marketing ...............................................R/C Mary P. Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
National Meetings .....................................R/C Robert D. Holub, SN (Jones Beach/3)
Public Relations .......................................R/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN (Peace River Sail/22)
Safety ....................................................R/C Michael S. Wiedel, JN (Milwaukee Sail/10)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer ..............R/C Steven R. Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer ..............R/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN (Arrowhead Sail/13)
Basic Public Education .............................R/C Craig Fraser, SN (Akron Sail/7)
Boat Handling .........................................R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN (Lackawanna Sail/4)
Boat Operator Certification .......................R/C Scott D. McDonald, SN (Houston Sail/21)
Educational Outreach ...............................R/C William McManimen III, SN (Main Line Sail/5)
Electro-Mechanical Systems ......................R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP (Stamford Sail/2)
Inland & Coastal Navigation .......................R/C John P. Cook, SN (Chattanooga Sail/17)
Instructor Development ..........................R/C Tom Shuell, SN (Swiftwater Sail/6)
Marine Environment .................................R/C Robert F. Anderson, AP (Bremerton Sail/16)
Offshore Navigation .................................R/C Victor B. Schwartz, SN (Charleston Sail/26)
Program Partner Relations .......................R/C John D. Miller Jr., JN (Hilton Head Sail/26)
Publishing ..............................................R/C Priscilla B. Clarke, AP (Swiftwater Sail/6)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
Leadership Development ..........................R/C Anita F. Walker, JN (Pompano Beach/8)
Member Benefits .....................................R/C Kristi W. Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Membership Committee ...........................R/C James L. Pahl-Washa, JN (Madison Sail/10)
Squadron Activities.................................R/C Paula F. Mizell, JN (Raleigh Sail/27)
Squadron Development.............................R/C Richard O. Manter, AP (Ft. Wayne Sail/29)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT
Assistant Secretary.................................R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN (Austin/21)
Communications .....................................R/C Guy J. Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)
Heritage & Protocol .................................R/C Donald Schult Sr., AP (Central Wisconsin/10)
Information Technology .........................R/C Donald P. Osmond, N (Charlotte/27)
Operations Manual .................................R/C Tracy L. Simpson, AP (Four Rivers Sail/30)
Ship’s Store ...........................................R/C John A. Belkengren, AP (Key West Sail/8)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Budget Director ....................................R/C Kenneth Wilkinson, AP (Lake Charles Sail/21)
Budget Officers
   Exec. & Secretary’s Dept.......................R/C Michael M. Neal, P (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
   Educ./Admin. Dept ...............................R/C William R. Gillette, AP (Key West Sail/8)
Cost Management ..................................R/C Gardham Comb, SN (Port Washington Sail/3)

FOR STAFF COMMANDERS

STANDING COMMITTEES
Asst/Ch Finance .....................................Stf/C David McMahon, AP (Raleigh Sail/27)
Asst Law Officer .................................Stf/C Michael D. Friedman, N (New York Sail/4)
Asst/Ch Planning .................................Stf/C William A. Johnson, SN (Phoenix Sail/28)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting ..................Stf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN (Rocky Mount/27)
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting ..................Stf/C Thomas Peltier, N (Oyster Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Environmental ..............................Stf/C Samuel Woodruff Jr., AP (Columbus Sail/29)
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations....Stf/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations....Stf/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations....Stf/C Peter TenBrink, SN (Jones Beach/3)
Asst/Ch Marketing .................................Stf/C Glen Sherman, P (Peconic Bay/3)
Asst/Ch National Meetings .......................Stf/C Arlene Anderson, AP (Hampton Roads/5)

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Asst/Ch National Meetings ......................Stf/C Mark B. Gathings, JN (Sacramento/25)
Asst/Ch National Meetings ......................Stf/C John Sanfilippo, AP (Peconic Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Public Relations .........................Stf/C Delmar K. Henry, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
Asst/Ch Public Relations .........................Stf/C L. Margaret Barber, SN (Sarasota/22)
Asst/Ch Safety ......................................Stf/C Alan Karpas, JN (Rockville Sail/5)
Asst/Ch Safety ......................................Stf/C Amelia C. Seeley, P (Milwaukee Sail/10)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education .....................Stf/C Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay Sail/15)
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education .....................Stf/C Luis Molero, JN (San Juan/33)
Asst/Ch Boat Handling ................................Stf/C William P. O’Neill, SN (Thurmond Lake/26)
Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification ..................Stf/C William F. Bloxham, SN (North River Sail/4)
Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification ..................Stf/C Janet U. Lane, SN (Naples Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Educational Outreach .......................Stf/C Andrew Sumberg, SN (Charles River Sail/12)
Asst/Ch Educational Outreach .......................Stf/C Kenneth T. Leque Jr., SN (Stark County/7)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Systems ...............Stf/C Gene A. Danko, SN (Rockville Sail/5)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Systems ...............Stf/C Walter K. Neese, SN (Dundalk Sail/5)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav .......................Stf/C Anthony R. DeNoto, JN (Door County/10)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav .......................Stf/C Eric Pearson, SN (Lake Murray/26)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development .....................Stf/C Robert Rayburn, SN (Columbus Sail/29)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment .........................Stf/C John R. Gill, AP (Delaware River Sail/5)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment .........................Stf/C Ronald H. Kessel, SN (Cape Cod Sail/14)
Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation .........................Stf/C Pat Antoni, SN (Skokie Valley Sail/20)
Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation .........................Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN (Middletown/1)
Asst/Ch Program Partner Relations .................Stf/C Shirley D. Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)
Asst/Ch Publishing ..................................Stf/C Thomas J. Brincka, SN (Barnegat Bay Sail/4)
Asst/Ch Publishing ..................................Stf/C Al C. Bruhin, SN (Port St. Lucie/8)
Asst/Ch Publishing ..................................Stf/C Vincent Praino, JN (Poverty Bay/16)
Asst/Ch Publishing ..................................Stf/C Robert Potter, SN (Kankakee Valley Sail/20)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Leadership Development ...................Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN (Palm Beach Sail/8)
Asst/Ch Leadership Development ...................Stf/C Harold W. O’Briant, JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Leadership Development ...................Stf/C Miguel Lugo, JN (Carolina Sail/33)
Asst/Ch Member Benefits .............................Stf/C John R. Rowland, SN (Fox Valley/20)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee .....................Stf/C Linda LaLonde, P (Dearbon Sail/9)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee..................Stf/C Wayne Lambert, AP (Charles River Sail/12)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee..................Stf/C Robert F. Howd, JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities......................Stf/C Jerry W. Madden, AP (Shreveport Sail/21)
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities......................Stf/C James Strothers, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Squadron Development...................Stf/C Deborah Rothermel, AP (Dallas Sail/21)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Communications .......................Stf/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP (New Orleans/15)
Asst/Ch Communications .......................Stf/C Kathleen Lambert, AP (Charles River Sail/12)
Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol .....................Stf/C Margaret Miller, S (Grand Lake Sail/31)
Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol .....................Stf/C Kenneth Perigo, SN (Patuxent River Sail/5)
Asst Ch Information Technology..............Stf/C Carl Filios, JN (Berkshire Sail/2)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual.....................Stf/C Micky McNelis, P (Dundalk Sail/5)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store ..............................Stf/C Susan Albertson, S (Oklahoma City Sail/31)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store ..............................Stf/C Nancy Hamilton, S (Minnetonka/10)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT
Asst/Budget Off/Exec/Secretary’s Dept ........Stf/C Diana G. Jackson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Asst/Budget Off/Educ/Admin Dept ..........Stf/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN (Great South Bay/3)

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COMMITTEE ON RULES
Members of the Committee ......................Stf/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP (Absecon Island/5)
.........................................................P/R/C John Bradley, SN (Great South Bay/3)
.........................................................Lt Harold W. Howard, SN (Peace River Sail/22)
.........................................................P/D/C W. Lyle Rea, SN (Peace River Sail/22)
.........................................................P/D/C John Sherrick, JN (Spokane Sail/16)
.........................................................P/D/C Howard A. Sklar, AP (Westchester Sail/2)
.........................................................P/R/C Wayne G. Spraggins, SN (Berea/7)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
Members of the Committee .....................P/R/C Donald Clark, SN (Jacksonville Sail/23)
.........................................................P/R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (Berkshire Sail/2)
.........................................................P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN (Bellevue Sail/16)
STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .............................P/C Fay S. Baynard, AP (St. Petersburg Sail/22)
.............................................................................D/C Larry D. Cole, SN (Toledo/29)
.............................................................................P/D/C Raymond Nylander, JN (Lackawanna Sail/4)

LAW COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .............................P/D/C Horacio A. Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)
.....................................................................Bruce Gardiner, AP (Bellevue Sail/16)
.....................................................................Stf/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)
.....................................................................Lt Noel K. McKeown, SN (Dayton Sail/24)
.....................................................................P/D/C Natalie E. Witty, JN (Skokie Valley Sail/20)
.....................................................................Ruth Witztum, JN (New York Sail/4)

PLANNING COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .............................P/N/F/Lt Frank Dougherty Jr, AP (Sebastian Inlet/8)
.....................................................................P/D/C Jerry Hall, SN (Cape Fear Sail/27)
.....................................................................Doreen S. Hinksman (Tar River/27)
.....................................................................P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN (Diablo Sail/25)
.....................................................................Lt/C Allan W. Lakin, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
.....................................................................P/R/C James McCurry, AP (Shallotte River Sail/27)
.....................................................................P/D/C Michael J. Skelley, AP (Minnetonka/10)
.....................................................................Lt/C Elaine Williams, AP (Saybrook Sail/1)

R/C Neef stated that the Committee on Nominations recommended the election of the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, and General Members of the Governing Board. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2015-AM-8)
R/C Neef stated that the Committee on Nominations recommended the appointment of members of the General and Standing committees. The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect the members of the General and Standing committees. (2015-AM-9)

USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND

Under the terms of the USPS Educational Trust Agreement, on behalf of the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund and with their full endorsement, the Committee on Nominations presents the following persons to serve as trustees of the USPS Educational Fund.

Trustees – recommended for election by the Governing Board for a three-year term:

.........................................................Thomas J. Brincka (Barnegat Bay Sail/4) 1st year, second 3-year term
.........................................................Alan F. Wentworth (Door County/10) 1st year, first 3-year term

Trustees – Previously elected and year to office (not to be voted on):

.........................................................David Drummond (Raritan Bay/4) 3rd year, second 3-year term
.........................................................Kenneth L. Griffing (Arrowhead Sail/13) 3rd year, second 3-year term
.........................................................Fred Mangelsdorf (Mid-Hudson/2) 2nd year, second 3-year term
.........................................................Joanna Webster (Poverty Bay Sail/16) 3rd year, first 3-year term

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect Thomas J. Brincka and Alan F. Wentworth to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2015-AM-10)

R/C Neef announced that the Committee on Nominations selected P/D/C William D. Selden V, SN, Richmond Sail/5, as the assistant chairman for 2015.

P/C/C Jensen asked N/F/Lt Richard E. Gercak, SN, to escort C/C Baldridge and Nancy Baldridge to the stage. P/C/C Jensen then administered the oath of office to C/C Baldridge.

C/C Baldridge administered the oath of office to the 2015 Board of Directors and to newly elected officers.

Report of the USPS Educational Fund

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Fred Mangelsdorf, chairman, explained that there are six trustees who serve three-year terms and for no more than two consecutive terms.

The chairman reported that the Educational Fund was financially healthy with assets totaling more than 3.5 million as of 31 Dec. 2014. He reported that the Fund had a gain in investments of more than $300,000 for the same time period.

Mr. Mangelsdorf reported that approximately 270 squadrons earned Honor Roll status in 2014 by each member contributing $1 to the Fund. He encouraged all members, squadrons and districts to participate in the Honor Roll program.

He reported receiving 200 donations totaling approximately $60,000 in 2014. He noted that donating to the Educational Fund helps support the educational programs of USPS.

USPS Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN delivered the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 1615.

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN
National Secretary
ADOPTED

1) A motion to accept the minutes of the 9 Sept. 2014 Governing Board Meeting. (2015-AM-1)

2) A motion to award a merit mark to C/C Baldridge. (2015-AM-2)

3) A motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws*, Section 10.2.2. (2015-AM-3)

4) A motion to approve the appointment of Williams, Overman, Pierce, LLP as independent auditors for fiscal year ending 30 Nov. 2015. (2015-AM-4)

5) A motion to hold the 2019 AM in Orlando, Fla., from 10 to 17 Feb. 2019 and to subsequently approve Mary Catherine Berube signing the hotel contract. (2015-AM-5)

6) A motion to dissolve District 18. (2015-AM-6)

7) A motion to move the dates of the 2015 Governing Board at the Manchester Hyatt in San Diego, Calif., from 30 Aug. to 6 Sept. 2015 to 23 to 30 Aug. 2015 and to authorize Mary Catherine Berube to sign the revised contract. (2015-AM-7)

8) A motion to elect the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, and General Members of the Governing Board. (2015-AM-8)

9) A motion to elect the members of the General and Standing committees. (2015-AM-9)

10) A motion to elect Thomas J. Brincka and Alan F. Wentworth to the Trustees of the Educational Fund. (2015-AM-10)
2015 Chief Commander’s Appointed Officers and Aides

National Flag Lieutenant
N/F/Lt Richard E. Gercak, AP

Aides to the Vice Commanders

Aide assigned to the Executive Officer
R/C Mike S. Wiedel, JN

Aide assigned to the Educational Officer
P/D/C Donald Stark, JN

Aide assigned to the Administrative Officer
R/C Kay Simkins, AP

Aide assigned to the Secretary
P/R/C Nigel Hargreaves, SN

Aide assigned to the Treasurer
P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP

National Chaplains
Chaplain Rodney Landsman, AP
Chaplain Lois M. Nehmer-Schiff, SN

National Photographer
Steve Erickson, AP

Parliamentary Advisor
P/Lt/C Benjamin Sooy, AP

National Medical Officer
R/C Alan Wentworth, SN
Chairman of Area Monitors  
P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN  

Chief Commander’s Aides  

R/C Mary Paige Abbott,  
P/D/C Vincenue Aquilato, S  
P/R/C Ann Bailey, AP  
D/Lt/C Connie Beckman, SN  
Nance Bernard  
P/D/C Ralph Bernard, AP  
P/R/C John Bradley, SN  
P/R/C Chuck Davenport, SN  
Peggy Davenport, SN  
R/C Craig Fraser, SN  
P/D/C Karen Gercak, AP  
P/R/C Angelo Giovanniello, SN  
P/R/C Bill Husted, SN  
P/D/C Robbie Jarrell, AP  
Stf/Ceryl Jarrell, AP  
P/R/C Sandy Johnson, AP  
D/Lt Lynda Leque, SN  
P/R/C Ken Link, SN  
D/Lt Sami Lucas, JN  
P/R/C Jamie McCurry Jr, AP  
Cdr Sarah McCurry, AP  
Liana Mihalca, SN  
Mary Pierpont, SN  
Joseph Glenn Roy  
Peggy Roy  
P/D/C Gloria Schulke, JN  
P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN  
Lt/C Shirley Van Rhee, SN  
R/C Howard Yoas, SN
Protocol Advisors
Judy Alter, P
Vivien Dvorak, P
Mary Lou Johnson
Lt Dianne Marshburn, AP
Glenda Maynard

USPS Representatives

Liaison to NASBLA
V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN

Liaison to Florida Boating Advisory Council
P/V/C Spencer Anderson, SN

Liaison to U.S. Coast Guard and Boy Scouts of America
P/C/C Ernest Marshburn, SN

Liaison to U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
P/R/C Kenneth Link, SN

Liaison to Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
P/N/F/Lt Dick Jarmon, SN

Liaison to National Boating Federation
P/V/C Robert David, SN

Liaison to United Safe Boating Institute
P/C/C Creighton Maynard, SN
P/C/C Theodore Smith, SN

Liaison to National Safe Boating Council
P/R/C Joyce Shaw, AP
Liaison to Boat U.S. & Advisory Board Member
P/C/C John T. Alter, SN

Chief Commander’s Advisory Council

P/C/C John T. Alter, SN
P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, JN
P/C/C Frank Dvorak, SN
P/C/C Gillette Gordon III, SN
P/C/C Lance Jensen, SN
P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN
P/C/C Ernest Marshburn, SN
P/C/C Creighton Maynard, SN
P/C/C Richard Miner, SN
P/C/C Theodore Smith, SN
P/C/C James Stewart, SN
P/C/C Robert Woods, SN