Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
20 Feb. 2016

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.

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 Dvorak 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 Theodore H. Smith, SN, 2002-2003 (Grosse Pointe/9)
• P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, 2004-2005 (Diablo Sail/25)
• P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, 2006-2007 (Tar River/27)
• P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, 2008-2009 (Fort Worth Sail/21)

C/C Baldridge introduced P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN,(Bellevue Sail/16) who served as chief commander from 2010 to 2011.

Approval of the Minutes

C/C Baldridge announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 29 Aug. 2015 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2016-AM-1)

Introduction of Guests

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

• Rear Adm. Scott Buschman, commander, United States Coast Guard, 7th District
• Jeff Hoedt, chief, Boating Safety Division, USCG

Rear Adm. Buschman and Jeff Hoedt presented the United States Coast Guard Recreational Boating Safety Partnering with Pride Award to V/C Robert E. Brandenstein, SN, in recognition of his exceptional performance of duty in the field of recreational boating safety.

Mr. Hoedt stated that V/C Brandenstein had an instrumental role in developing the Boating Skills Virtual Trainers, online seminars, educational materials in Spanish, and enhancing USPS partnerships with numerous boating organizations. He commended V/C Brandenstein for his dedication and commitment to improving boating safety.

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

• Capt. F Thomas Boross, chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, USCG
Capt. Eric Berkowitz, Office of Coast Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Sam DeBow, manager, Coast Survey Product, NOAA
Ken Forster, chief, Marine Chart Division, NOAA

Capt. Eric Berkowitz and Ken Forster, NOAA, presented the following 2015 Cooperative Charting Awards:

- Number one squadron: Charlotte/27
- Number one district: District 26
- Number one individual: Charles Roland Ibach III, SN (Charlotte/27)
- NOAA Coast Survey Award: Clint H. O’Connor (Austin/21) for five years of excellence in the Cooperative Charting Program

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- Martin Nelson, lead forecaster, National Hurricane Center
- Robert Pepin, chief commander, Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons
- Joe Gatfield, past chief commander, Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons

C/C Pepin and P/C/C Joe Gatfield presented CPS merit marks to Mary Pierpont, SN and R/C Howard Yoas, SN, for their service as aides to the CPS chief commander.

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- Mark Simoni, national commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Nan Ellen Fuller, RBS Outreach Branch chief & liaison to USCG Auxiliary
- Tom Hayward, chief financial officer, National Association State Boating Law Administrators
- Fred Messman, deputy director, National Safe Boating Council
- Kirsten Schuchardt, marketing and program manager, Brunswick Corp.
Brunswick Dealer Advantage Awards

Ms. Schuchardt, assisted by R/C Shirley Heald, AP, presented the Brunswick Boater Education Award winners. This award recognizes the three local squadrons who conducted the most boater education courses with Brunswick Dealers in 2015.

Silver – Rockville Sail/5, $500
Gold – Birmingham/9, $750
Platinum – Dallas Sail/21, $1,000

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- Ted Sensenbrenner, assistant director boating safety, BoatUS Foundation
- Chris Edmonston, president, BoatUS Foundation

C/C Baldridge presented a plaque to Mr. Edmonston congratulating BoatUS for 50 years of service to recreational boaters.

R/C Jensen continued introducing honored guests:

- William Griswold, president, United Safe Boating Institute
- Keith Christopher, national events manager, Boy Scouts of America
- Steve Prime, vice president, Gowrie Group
- Jim Park, yacht underwriter/marketing, McGriff, Seibels & Williams
- Karen Terrell, assistant vice president, McGriff, Seibels & Williams
- Randy White, co-founder, SailAngle.com
- Michael Wesolowski, executive director, SeaTow Foundation

Mark Wesolowski presented the SeaTow Foundation Golden Life Jacket Award to Mid-Illini/20 for hosting a SeaTow Loaner Life Jacket Stand. 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:

- Beverly Murray, founder and CEO, R+M Agency

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- Peter Trogdon, president, Weems and Plath
- Bert Rogers, executive director, Tall Ships America
- Cheryl Schreiner, associate regional vice president, Helms Briscoe

**Corporate Member Awards**

C/C Baldridge presented 2016 Corporate Member Awards to BoatUS Foundation, McGriff, Siebels & Williams, and Brunswick Corp.

C/C Baldridge announced an attendance of 624.

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

**2016 Honorary Members**

Carolyn Belmore          Nan Ellen Fuller
Capt. F. Thomas Boross    William Griswold
Larry Bowling             Tom Hayward
Rear Adm. Scott Buschman  Jake Hill
Keith Christopher         Jeff Hoedt
Brett Conley              Rachel Johnson
Sam Debow                 Mary Larsen
Cecilia Duer              Dennis Lewis
Chris Edmonston           Carleen Lyden-Kluss
Ken Forster               Lee McGriff
Fred Messman              Daren Rider
Jim Muldoon               Bert Rogers
Beverly Murray            Mark Simoni
Jim Park                  Scott Ward
Robert Pepin              Michael Wesolowski
2015 Cooperative Charting Awards

R/C Diane M. Julum, JN, presented the 2015 Golden Eagle Award to D/Lt Charles Ibach III, SN, Charlotte/27. 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.

BoatUS/USPS Civic Service Award

Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatUS Foundation, presented the 2015 BoatUS/USPS Civic Service Award to District 27 and Annapolis/5.

Honorable mention squadrons:

Great South Bay/3
Miles River Sail/5
Homestead/8
St. Lucie River Sail/8
Peace River Sail/22
Sanibel Captiva Sail/22
Cape Fear Sail/27
Fort Macon Sail/27
Lake Norman Sail/27

D/C Connie Beckman, SN, announced the awards that were presented during the awards ceremony on Thursday, 18 February 2016.

2016 Potential Life Members

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Thomas P. Fasini, P 3/Jones Beach
Ivan R. Ferriby Jr., P 9/Port Huron Sail
Shirley Fort, SN 7/Mansfield
Wilma P. Fowler, AP 22 St. Petersburg Sail
Marvin E. Frank, AP 21/Galveston Bay Sail
Joseph Frey Sr., P 3/Oyster Bay
John E. Gaggini, AP 20/Chicago Sail
William K. Galle, AP 21/Fort Worth
John S. Gedaminski, SN 12/Great Blue Hill Sail
Barbara A. Gehm, P 17/Huntsville Sail
Mary Glassco, AP 7/Rocky River Sail
Mack L. Gordy Jr., AP 27/Greensboro
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Carol A. Grodoski, S 3/Neptune Sail
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Gary D. Hardiman, AP 32/Ft. Vancouver Sail
Patricia A. Harding, P 8/Ft. Lauderdale
Nolan F. Haro Sr., SN 15/New Orleans
Robert M. Hoffman, AP 22/Venice Sail
Richard A. Holden, JN 25/Diablo Sail
Carol Huebner, S 3/Great South Bay
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Jeff Stevens, JN 5/Kingsway
John E. Stiles, AP 6/Red Jacket
Joyce Anne Strey 9/Detroit
David Swolgaard, AP 16/Agate Pass Sail
John M. Sydloski, JN 10/Hiawatha Valley Sail
Sidney E. Thrash, JN 27/Fayetteville Sail
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Marshall V. Weber Jr., P 10/Minnetonka
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Aida M. Wetzel, P 3/Moriches Bay
Robert M. Williams, P 24/Wabash Valley
George E. Winn, JN 9/Tip of the Mitt
Theresa A. Winters, AP 3/Patchogue Bay
Rita H. Wise, P 23/Daytona Beach Sail
Shirley Y. Zawodni, AP 29/Toledo
Joel D. Ziev, S 3/Port Washington Sail
John W. Zilg, JN 8/Vero Beach
Beatrice M. Zuppardo, AP 29/Lima

Educational Fund District Honor Roll

| District 2 | District 22 |
| District 7 | District 23 |
| District 8 | District 26 |
| District 13 | District 27 |
| District 15 | District 29 |

Doing It Right Awards

The Doing It Right Awards are presented to squadrons and districts that achieve success in one or more areas that promote membership growth and member involvement.

Squadron: Shallotte River Sail/27  
Districts: 3 and 27  

**Squadron Membership Growth and Retention Awards**

These awards are presented to squadrons and districts with a retention rate of 87% and an increase in membership. Squadrons are categorized into four divisions based upon size at year-end.

Division 1 (more than 113 members)  
Duluth Sail/10  
Santa Barbara Sail/13  
North Strand Sail/26  
Balboa Sail/28  

Division 2 (between 75 and 113 members)  
Waterbury/1  
Lake Candlewood Sail/2  
Westchester Sail/2  
Pittsburgh/7  

Division 3 (between 45- and 74 members)  
Mid-Illini/20  
Michigan City/20  
Durham Sail/27  
Tar River/27  

Division 4 (less than 44 members)  
Port St. Lucie/8  
Mobile Sail/15  
Coos Bay/32  
Portland/32  

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District winners:
  - District 28 with 6 percent growth
  - District 10 with 2 percent growth
  - District 33 with 2 percent growth
  - District 15 with 1 percent growth

**Cooperative Charting Awards**

The number one individual:  Ilya M. Sarasohn
The number one squadron:  Stark County/7
The number one district:  District 27

Individual Honor Roll members:
Stephen R. Schmidt  Austin/21
Charles S. Gautier  Galveston Bay Sail/21
Paul D. Long  Greensboro/27

Squadron Honor Roll:
- **15 years**-
  - Oyster Bay/3
  - Thurmond Lake Sail/26
- **25 years**-
  - Venice Sail/22
- **30 years**-
  - Raleigh Sail/27
- **35 years**-
  - Lake Charles Sail/21

**Vessel Safety Check Awards**

**Top Districts**
- District 29
- District 11
- District 5
- District 3
District 10

Top Squadrons

Smith Mountain Lake Sail /5
South Hill/7
Oshkosh/10
Crystal River Sail/22
Balboa Sail/28

Top Vessel Examiner

Cdr Thomas F. Rossini, SN

Millennium Club Award Winners – (those performing 1,000 or more vessel safety checks)

Cdr Thomas R. Rossini, SN (5th year) Crystal River/22
Lt/C Wesley S. Heusser, JN Balboa Sail/28
R/C Robert D. Holub, SN (14th year) Jones Beach/3
V.E. David Brown Smith Mountain Lake Sail/5
John L. Paulus Ocean City/5
P/Lt/C Kevin G. Parks, AP Rochester/6
Cdr Vicki L. Sharp, S Olympia Sail/16

Century Club Award Winners – (those performing a total of 100 vessel safety checks in 2015)

D/Lt Angelo V. Giovanniello, SN Great South Bay/3
R/C Robert D. Holub, SN Jones Beach/3
P/C Kathy Nash, AP Annapolis Sail/5
P/C Lilly T. Stone, JN Nansemond River/5
D/1st/Lt Frank C. Brown, AP Nansemond River/5
John L. Paulus Ocean City/5
Lt/C V.E. David Brown, AP Smith Mountain Lake Sail .5
Lt/C Arthur Cournoyer, P Smith Mountain Lake Sail/5
P/C Edward P. Furst Jr., S York Sail/5
P/Lt/C Kevin G. Parks, AP Rochester/6
Lt Morry Miller, P South Hill/7
D/Lt Marjorie Baraff, AP Pompano Beach/8
Lt/C Mitchell Gawrysiak, JN  
Terry Donald Grotemat, P  
Lt/C Thomas J. Fisher, N  
P/C John T. Paprocki, SN  
Lt Louis P. Pasquesi, S  
Lt Tish J. Cullen, P  
Donna-Marie Cahill  
Cdr Vicki L. Sharp, S  
D/Lt Thomas R. Gastio, S  
P/C James S. Hotop, JN  
Cdr Thomas R. Rossini, SN  
Lt James W. Cooke Jr., P  
Cdr Clifford L. Schmidt, AP  
Lt Thomas F. Krupa, AP  
1st/Lt Bobby J. Bray, AP  
P/C James Howard Elwood, AP  
Lt Jeffrey P. Oxnard, S  
Kenneth C. Badoian, S  
P/C Owen R. Smith, AP  
Lt/C Arthur W. Beers, AP  
P/C Milton B. Whann, AP  
P/C Wesley S. Heusser, JN  
1st/Lt James R. Michael, JN  
P/D/C Dennis D. Ladd, SN  
P/C Juan E. Rivera, AP  
D/Lt Valentin Diaz, AP  

Report of the Headquarters Executive Director

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

Mrs. Berube reported that in June 2015 USPS partnered with R+M Agency on a comprehensive brand assessment study. She stated that R+M is a brand experience agency that
works with organizations positively impacting the way we live through innovation in health, well-being and social responsibility. She introduced Beverly Murray, CEO & founder, who has worked for 25 years in the marketing industry, including 20 years as a senior executive. Mrs. Murray is recognized for her brand management, sales and marketing alignment, lead generation and communications planning expertise.

Mrs. Murray stated that USPS is an organization that delivers beyond boating with members who believe in environmental conservation, are optimistic and fun, and enjoy the outdoors, spending time with family and friends, and “me” time.

She reported that R+M has been working with the USPS team to determine the brand and marketplace assessment brand definition, positioning, messaging and brand promise.

She closed by sharing the USPS Brand Promise:

We are more than your connection to the water. We are your source for unsurpassed education, community service and your access to a membership built by boaters, for boaters. For more than a century we’ve been steadfast in the belief that an educated boater is a better boater, a safer boater. We’ve kept our promise to continue learning, teaching, laughing and helping our fellow members enjoy boating. We look forward to helping you build a lifetime of memories and welcome you to a membership that delivers beyond boating.

C/C Baldridge then administered the USPS pledge to Mrs. Murray.

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

2016 Emeritus Members

P/R/C Richard E. Ashley, SN, Syracuse Sail/6
Gerald R. Brings, SN, St. Paul Sail/10
P/C Wilfredo A. Comas, AP, Gainesville Sail/23
P/R/C William C. Eldridge, AP, Palm Beach Sail/8
P/D/C W. Norman Franck Jr., SN, Miles River Sail/5
P/C Alan R. Hart, AP, northern Virginia Sail/5
P/R/C Dick Jarmon, SN, Birmingham/9
P/D/C Dennis D. Ladd, SN, Port Clinton/29
Lt Joseph A. Lau, JN, Sewanhaka Sail/3
Charles J. Newfield, JN, New Haven/1
P/R/C John J. Rodgers, SN, Charlotte/27
Lt/C Hubert J. Sebastian, SN, Saugatuck River Sail/2
Jack M. West, N, Unattached

2016 Meritorious Service

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

C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN Chief Commander
V/C Louie Ojeda, SN National Executive Officer
V/C Robert Brandenstein, SN National Educational Officer
V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN National Administrative Officer
R/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN Marketing Committee
R/C Guy J. Anastasio, SN Communications Committee
R/C Kristi Watson Anderson, P Member Benefits Committee
R/C M. Ellen Barbour, SN Committee on Nominations
R/C John P. Cook, SN Inland/Coastal Navigation Committee
R/C Craig D. Fraser, SN Basic Public Education Committee
R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP Electro-Mechanical Systems Committee
R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN Government & Partners Relations Committee
R/C William R. Gillette, AP Budget Officer – Educ/Admin Department
R/C Richard O. Manter, AP Squadron Development Committee
R/C Paula F. Mizell, JN Squadron Activities Committee
R/C Thomas D. Myers, JN Environmental Committee
R/C Michael M. Neal, P Budget Officer – Executive & Secretary’s Department
R/C Donald C. Schult Sr., AP Heritage & Protocol Committee
R/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP Planning Committee
R/C Tracy L. Simpson, AP Operations Manual Committee
R/C Susan Albertson, S Ship’s Store Committee
Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Robert A. Keller, SN, summarized the chief commander’s 2015 activities and recommended awarding C/C Baldridge his 33rd merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2016-AM-2)

R/C Keller announced that with the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the Committee on Rules recommends the following revisions to the USPS Bylaws to be effective as of the adjournment of the 2016 Governing Board.

Existing bylaw:

Article 5, Section 5.2 (Under Governing Board) The Governing Board shall consist of the chief commander; the vice commanders; the rear commanders; the district commanders; the district educational officers; members of the general committees; the squadron commanders; past chief commanders; past vice commanders who have served a minimum of two full elected terms as such; Governing Board members emeriti; squadron delegates as provided in Section 10.2 and elected general members at the rate of one such member for each 600 active members of USPS in good standing as of the first day of March. The number of general members shall not be exceeded by the total number of rear commanders.

Revised amendment:

Article 5, Section 5.2 (Under Governing Board) The Governing Board shall consist of the chief commander, the vice commanders; the rear commanders; the district commanders; the district educational officers; members of the general committees; the squadron commanders; past chief commanders; past vice commanders who have served a minimum of two full elected terms as such; Governing Board members emeriti; squadron delegates as provided in Section 10.2 and elected general members at the rate of one such member for each 600 active members of USPS in good standing as of the first day of October. The number of general members shall not be exceeded by the total number of rear commanders.
commanders.

Rationale: With this revision the number of Governing Board members would need to be determined only once per year.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 5, Section 5.2. (2016-AM-3)

Existing bylaw:

Article 8, Section 8.2 New members joining as a result of the efforts of a provisional squadron may be admitted as unattached members assigned to the provisional squadron until the provisional squadron is chartered.

Revised amendment:

Article, Section 8.2 New members and members transferring to a provisional squadron may be admitted as members assigned to the provisional squadron and to the sponsoring district it is assigned to before and until the provisional squadron is officially chartered.

Rationale: To clarify that provisional squadrons are part of a sponsoring district to which they are assigned and to give the assigned district access to member information.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 8, Section 8.2. (2016-AM-4)

Add New:

Article 8, Section 8.4 Members of a provisional squadron that is for any reason dissolved or fails to meet the requirements to charter shall be transferred to the closest squadron of their choosing, their original squadron or to the Internet Membership squadron.

Rationale: To clarify what actions shall take place should a provisional squadron be dissolved.
The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws*, Article 8, Section 8.4. (2016-AM-5)

Existing bylaw:

*Article 11, Section 11.2* No member shall be eligible for election to office at an **Annual Meeting** unless nominated (1) by the Committee on Nominations or (2) by a petition (a) signed by at least 10 active members from each of at least six squadrons, such squadrons being components of not fewer than three districts and (b) filed with the national secretary not less than 30 days prior to the **Annual Meeting** at which such election is to take place. Below each signature on such petition shall appear the hand-lettered or typed name, address, certificate number and squadron affiliation of the signer.

Revised amendment:

*Article 11, Section 11.2* No member shall be eligible for election to office by the **Governing Board** unless nominated (1) by the Committee on Nominations or (2) by a petition (a) signed by at least 10 active members from each of at least six squadrons, such squadrons being components of not fewer than three districts and (b) filed with the national secretary not less than 15 days prior to the governing board at which such election is to take place. Below each signature on such petition shall appear the hand-lettered or typed name, address, certificate number and squadron affiliation of the signer.

**Rationale:** USPS now only conducts Governing Board Meetings (with one meeting referred to as the **Annual Meeting** of the Governing Board). The amendment revises the time limit for filing petitions to give members time to receive the notice to the meeting prior to filing a petition.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, Section 11.2. (2016-AM-6)

Existing bylaw:

Article 11, section 11.3 No member shall be eligible for election to office by the Governing Board unless nominated (1) by the committee on Nominations or (2) by petition signed by at least 25 members of the Governing Board and filed with the national secretary at least 20 days prior to the meeting of the Governing Board at which such election is to take place.

Revised amendment:
Article 11, Section 11.3 Delete in its entirety and mark to Reserved.

Rationale: With revision of Section 11.2 the requirements specified in 11.3 are now moot.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 11, Section 11.3. (2016-AM-7)

R/C Keller reported, during 2015, the committee reviewed, approved and certified bylaws for 26 squadrons, 11 districts and one provisional squadron. The Committee on Rules oversight assignments and appointments for 2016 are as follows:

All District Bylaws
Lt Harold W. Howard, SN

Squadrons in Districts 1-5
P/D/C W. Lyle Rea, SN

Squadrons in Districts 6-10
P/D/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

Squadrons in Districts 11-17
Stf/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP

Squadrons in Districts 19-24
P/R/C Wayne G. Spraggins, SN

Squadrons in Districts 25-33
P/D/C Richard Zucchi, SN

Provisional Squadrons & Divisions
R/C Robert A. Keller, SN

Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Ben Coons, SN, reported on 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 2015 and 2016 fiscal years, and a recommendation for the auditors for 2016.
R/C Coons reported that investments under the oversight of the Finance Committee are managed by Riazzi Asset Management and totaled $2,552,357 as of 30 Nov. 2015. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios.

As of 30 Nov. 2015, the total value of the Endowment Fund was $1,760,750 compared to $1,778,440 one year ago. Contributions in 2015 totaled $34,392 with $2,440 in investment returns. In 2015, $45,000 in Endowment Fund earnings were allocated for special projects approved by the Board of Directors.

As of 30 Nov. 2015, the total value of the USPS investment account was $791,607 compared to $849,186 one year ago. Total income and unrealized losses of $13,819 during the year resulted in a -1.72 percent year-over-year total return.

R/C Coons noted that grant funds are tracked separately and are not a part of the operating budget. During 2015, open awarded grants totaled $1,732,791, of which $1,200,812 had been collected. He reported that $1,127,909 of grant expenses had been paid at 30 Nov. 2015 leaving an obligation to pay out another $604,882. He noted that an additional $553,644 is due in grant receivables.

R/C Coons reported that with recent stock market activity, the Finance Committee cannot be certain that our investment returns would cover any shortfalls in budgeted revenues from dues and fees.

R/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 ending 30 Nov. 2016.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2016-AM-8)

Report of the Law Committee

R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN, reported that the Law Committee had responded to questions from squadrons, districts and committees and assisted in reviewing contracts, renewed the trademark for Partner-In-Command and responded to questions about on-the-water training coverages and procedures.
R/C Allen reported that LawCom is assisting the Board of Directors on determining the requirements to set up a trust agreement to solicit and receive funds.

**Report of the Planning Committee**

R/C Kay Simkins, AP, reported that some of the problems that the Planning Committee faces today are the same ones that were faced years ago.

R/C Simkins reported that the USPS Strategic Plan is a living document that constantly needs revision. She stated that the Planning Committee will work with the Board and rear commanders to keep the document updated and relevant.

**Report of the National Treasurer**

V/C Robert C. Miller, SN, reported that unaudited results showed an approximately $49,000 loss in 2015, or 2.5 percent of the total budget.

V/C Miller reported that net operating income was $82,000 less than budgeted. Total operating expenses were $33,000 under the budget. He noted that even though the budget is being controlled, the revenue side is not keeping up. He noted that the largest underrun was travel, rooms and lodging due to restricting reimbursements and not sending C/C representatives to the 2015 fall district conferences.

R/C Miller concluded by stating that expenses have been cut to the point where functionality has been affected during the past several years and that continued reductions are much less feasible. He stated that USPS would be better served by finding additional ways to generate revenue. He noted that the future of USPS is dependent on finding real and permanent solutions to this dilemma.”

**Report of the National Secretary**

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN, reported that there were 146 squadron delegates, 225 Governing Board members and 137 alternate voters registered for the 2016 Annual Meeting.
V/C Mitchelson reported that the PRO-Log is now included in the download of the USPS Operations Manual.

The Information Technology Committee has released the boilerplate for squadron websites. The committee worked with the Communications Committee to ensure that the template is in compliance with the requirements for the Distinctive Communicator Award.

V/C Mitchelson stated that the passing of P/R/C John Bradley, SN, left a tremendous void on the IT Committee.

V/C Mitchelson thanked everyone for their patience and support as the Ship’s Store Committee transitions to a new inventory and credit card processing system. He also noted the passing of R/C John A. Belkengren, AP, in December 2015.

V/C Mitchelson proposed creating the Membership Services Committee to assist squadrons in member processing procedures, assist with contacting Internet and Unattached members, monitor address unknown records, monitor the status of emeritus and life members, assist members transferring from dissolved squadrons, assist with OD1 and OD2 forms, and manage the USPS website help desk and FAQ section.

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to create the Membership Services Committee to be assigned to the Secretary’s Department. (2016-AM-9)

Report of the Administrative Officer

V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN, reported that the Membership and IT Committees have created a tool for squadrons to follow up on the status of cyber members, which can be found at www.usps.org/php/DHinders/membership/clStats.php. He also reported that headquarters is no longer mailing new member and reinstatement lists to squadrons. This information can be found at www.usps.org/dues/reports.

V/C Cheney reported that the Member Benefits Committee developed a new PowerPoint for the squadrons and other activities available for download at www.usps.org/index.php/departments/14000/14900/tools. A new Member Benefits brochure is available at headquarters, free of charge, plus shipping.
The Leadership Development Committee reported teaching leadership development
courses to 213 students at six locations in 2015. The committee is beta testing the OTP 3 course.

V/C Cheney reported that the Board of Directors dissolved three provisional squadrons in
2015, leaving no active provisional squadrons. He noted that a potential new provisional
squadron is being developed in District 26.

V/C Cheney called on R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN, to present the 2016 Boarman Youth
Poster Contest Awards.

18th Annual USPS National Boarman Youth Poster Contest Winners

Ages 6-8
1st place  Carson Smith   Shallotte River Sail/27
2nd place  Caden Gueci    Barnegat Bay Sail/4
3rd place  Christopher Bennett  Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26

Ages 9-11
1st place  Faith Mulder   New River Sail/27
2nd place  Kesslor Bradley Charleston Sail/26
3rd place  Brooke Andrews  Peace River Sail/22

Ages 12-14
1st place  Ella Cummings  Des Moines Sail/30
2nd place  Abby Hifko    New River Sail/27
3rd place  Jack Pollock   Venice Sail/22

C/C Baldridge; Edward Campbell, National Sea Scout boatswain; and Keith Christopher,
national director, Sea Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, presented the 2016 Finley Sea Scout
Service Awards to Christopher J. Leavitt, JN, Houston/21 and Neal D. Smith II, SN, Fort
Vancouver/32. 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
who 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 Bob Brandenstein, SN, announced the winners of the 2016 Teaching Aids Competition.

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

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 presented the 2015 Chapman Awards to:

Lt/C John Locke, SN Kent Narrows Sail/5
P/D/C Brian M. Logan, SN Akron Sail/7
P/R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN Door County/10
Lt/C Nathan L. Hazen, SN Portsmouth Sail/19
1st/Lt Ken Scherz, SN Jacksonville Sail/23

Report of the National Executive Officer

V/C Louie Ojeda, SN, reported that the Cooperative Charting Committee had revamped the Geodetic Mark Program in 2015 with 392 marks being recovered in seven months by 52 members from 26 different squadrons.

The Cooperative Charting Committee reported an increase in squadrons participating in the Adopt-A-Chart Program in 2015. 75 squadrons and 404 individuals participated in Cooperative Charting events in 2015.

The Safety Committee reported that 26,834 vessel safety check decals were awarded in 2015, an eight percent increase over 2014. There were 272 members qualified in the Program Visitor Program, with 3,571 visits reported. The committee continues to assist squadrons and districts that are interested in setting up their own FAST programs.

The National Government and Partner Relations Committee continues developing and vetting legislation that could affect USPS and boaters everywhere. Operation Onboard Observer
(OOO) was expanded to one division in the Seventh Coast Guard District. The committee is working on a revision to the memorandum of understanding with the National Safe Boating Council.

The Marketing Committee continues to monitor incorrect use of USPS trademarks. They reported working with the Educational Department to create a strategic plan for marketing ABC3 and increasing Search Engine Optimization.

The National Meetings Committee continues to visit hotels for potential Governing Board Meeting sites. V/C Ojeda reported that the new Governing Board meeting would be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at the Pittsburgh Sheraton from 21-28 August 2016 at a room rate of $129. He noted that a $35 registration fee per attendee will be charged to offset expenses. The 2017 Governing Board Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas at the Dallas Lincoln Centre from 10-17 Sept. 2017 at a room rate of $145.

The Environmental Committee continues to explore ways of dealing with the flare disposal issue. The committee reported that 13 squadrons has received literature to distribute on marine and environmental issues as a result of the MOU with NAMEPA.

**Report of the Chief Commander**

C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reviewed several initiatives during his tenure as chief commander including the R+M brand assessment study, new partnerships, new educational offerings, enhancements to the USPS website, implementing a new accounting system at headquarters, and developing a chief’s message webinar for district conference town halls.

C/C Baldridge stated that the costs of national meetings continue to rise even with continued efforts to reduce expenses. He reported that audio-visual, shipping and facility charges cost USPS approximately $20,000 to $30,000 per national meeting. He noted that member dues cannot cover the costs of a national meeting and cover the other expenses of running the organization. He said that ultimately the Board agreed to charge a $35 activity registration fee for the Pittsburgh Governing Board Meeting noting that attendees will not be required to pay a fee to attend the business meeting held on Saturday.

C/C Baldridge then presented the Chief Commander’s Award to P/R/C Robert A. Green, SN, which was accepted by Linda Sue Green on behalf of her late husband. He stated that this
award 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 discharged all national officers and cleared the bridge with the exception of the national secretary.

C/C Baldridge turned the chair over to P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, to conduct the elections. The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

**Report of the Committee Nominations**

R/C Ellen Barbour, 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 Louie Ojeda, SN (Ponce/33)

National Executive Officer

V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN (Erie/11)

National Educational Officer

V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN (Akron Sail/7)

National Administrative Officer

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)

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 Robert A. Baldridge, SN (Baton Rouge Sail/15)
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Fort Vancouver Sail/32
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Four Rivers Sail/30
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Westchester Sail/2
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Peconic Bay/3
Everett W. Stebbins, AP
Portland Head Sail/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 William D. Selden V, AP (Richmond Sail/5)

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 William A. Johnson, SN (Phoenix Sail/28)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES
Cooperative Charting ....................... R/C Diane M. Julum, JN (Portland/32)
Environmental ............................. R/C Richard D. Daybell, SN (Alamitos/13)
Government & Partner Relations ....... R/C Peter TenBrink, SN (Jones Beach/3)
Marketing ................................. R/C Paul D. Mermelstein, SN (Rockville Sail/5)

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 Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay/15)
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 Wm. J. McManimen III, SN (Main Line Sail/5)
Electro-Mechanical Systems .........................R/C Richard K. Edel, SN (Poverty Bay Sail/16)
Inland & Coastal Navigation ............................R/C Eric Pearson, SN (Lake Murray/26)
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 Shirley D. Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)
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 John R. Rowland, SN (Peace River Sail/22)
Membership Committee .................................R/C James L. Pahl-Washa, JN (Madison Sail/10)
Squadron Activities .........................................R/C Jerry W. Madden, AP (Shreveport Sail/21)
Squadron Development .....................................R/C Margaret Barber, SN (Sarasota/22)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT
Assistant Secretary ...........................................R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN (Austin/21)
Communications ............................................R/C Kathleen Lambert, AP (Charles River Sail/12)
Heritage & Protocol .........................................R/C Kenneth Perigo, SN (Patuxent River Sail/5)
Information Technology .................................R/C Donald P. Osmond, N (Charlotte/27)
Membership Services .................................R/C Connie Beckman, SN (St. Petersburg Sail/22)
Operations Manual .........................................R/C Micky McNelis, P (Dundalk Sail/5)
Ship’s Store ..................................................R/C William R. Gillette, 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 Diana G. Jackson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
   Educ/Admin Dept ......................... R/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN (Great South Bay/3)

Cost Management ....................................... R/C Gardham Comb, SN (Port Washington Sail/3)

FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

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 Michael J. Skelley, AP (Minnetonka/10)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting ............... Stf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN (Rocky Mount/27)
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting ............... Stf/C Thomas Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Environmental .......................... Stf/C L. Douglas Jones, JN (Southport Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations ... Stf/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations ... Stf/C Daniel L. Flinn, SN (Jones Beach/3)
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations ... Stf/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)
Asst/Ch Marketing ............................... Stf/C Glen Sherman, P (Peconic Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Marketing ............................... Stf/C Kenneth D. Link, SN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Asst/Ch National Meetings ..................... Stf/C Arlene Anderson, AP (Hampton Roads/5)
Asst/Ch National Meetings ..................... Stf/C Mark B. Gathings, JN (Sacramento/25)
Asst/Ch National Meetings ..................... Stf/C Sarah McCurry, AP (Shallotte River Sail/27)
Asst/Ch National Meetings ..................... Stf/C John Sanfilippo, AP (Peconic Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Public Relations ....................... Stf/C Delmer K. Henry, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
Asst/Ch Public Relations ....................... Stf/C Joanna K. Webster, AP (Poverty Bay Sail/16)
Asst/Ch Safety ...................................... Stf/C Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, SN (Arecibo/33)
Asst/Ch Safety ...................................... Stf/C Amelia C. Seeley, P (Milwaukee Sail/10)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education .............. Stf/C Luis Molero, N (San Juan/33)
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education .............. Stf/C Jack Purse, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Boat Handling ........................................Stf/C William O’Neill, SN (Thurmond Lake /26)
Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification ..........Stf/C Janet U. Lane, SN (Naples Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Educational Outreach ....................Stf/C Kenneth T. Leque Jr., SN (Stark County/7)
Asst/Ch Educational Outreach ....................Stf/C Andrew Sumberg, SN (Charles River Sail/12)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Systems ..........Stf/C Barry M. Williams, AP (Bremerton Sail/16)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav .....................Stf/C Burt Pearson III, SN (Raleigh Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav .....................Stf/C Ken Scherz, SN (Jacksonville Sail/23)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development .................Stf/C Robert Rayburn, SN (Columbus Sail/29)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment ......................Stf/C Ronald H. Kessel, SN (Cape Cod Sail/14)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment ......................Stf/C Charles J. Wells, SN (Rockville Sail/5)
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 John D. Miller Jr., JN (Hilton Head Sail/26)
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 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 Miguel Lugo, JN (Carolina Sail/33)
Asst/Ch Leadership Development ..............Stf/C Harold O’Briant Jr., JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Member Benefits .........................Stf/C Barbara Erickson, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee .................Stf/C Linda Lalonde, P (Dearborn 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 Myles Gee, SN (Manatee Sail/22)
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 Barbara M. Pearson, AP (Lake Murray/26)
Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol .....................Stf/C Kent L. Simpson, AP (Four Rivers Sail/30)
Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol .....................Stf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP (Westchester Sail/2)
Asst/Ch Information Technology ...............Stf/C Carl Filios, SN (Berkshire Sail/2)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual .....................Stf/C Anna Morris, JN (Tampa/22)

R/C Barbour 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. (2016-AM-10)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee ..........................................................P/C Fay S. Baynard, AP (St. Petersburg Sail/22)
........................................................................................................P/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)
........................................................................................................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/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)
........................................................................................................P/R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
........................................................................................................P/N/F/LT James McCurry, AP (Shallotte River/27)

R/C Barbour 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. (2016-AM-11)

R/C Barbour announced that the Committee on Nominations selected Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, as assistant chairman for the coming year.

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 presented 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:

..........................................................David L. Hinders (Internet Membership) 1st year, first 3-year term
..........................................................Joseph R. Mesenburg (Columbus Sail/29) 1st year, first 3-year term
..........................................................Joanna Webster (Poverty Bay Sail/16) 1st year, second 3-year term

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

..................................Thomas J. Brincka (Barnegat Bay Sail/4) 2nd year, second 3 year term
..................................Fred Mangelsdorf (Mid-Hudson/2) 2nd year, second 3 year term
..................................Alan F. Wentworth (Door County/10) 2nd year, first 3 year term

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect David L. Hinders, Joseph R. Mesenburg and Joanna Webster to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2016-AM-12)

P/C/C Johnson asked N/F/Lt Michael S. Wiedel, SN, to escort C/C elect Louie Ojeda, SN and Dot Ojeda to the stage. P/C/C Johnson then administered the oath of office to C/C Ojeda.

C/C Ojeda administered the oath of office to the 2016 Board of Directors and to the newly elected officers.

**Report of the USPS Educational Fund**

Fred Mangelsdorf, chairman, reported that the Educational Fund was financially healthy with assets totaling $3.5 million dollars.

He reported that 260 squadrons and 10 districts earned Honor Roll status in 2015. He reported receiving 160 donations totaling approximately $50,000 in 2015. He noted that donating to the Educational Fund helps support the educational programs of USPS.

He reported that the Educational Fund supported several USPS projects in 2015 including a squadron grant to support a young person participating in a training cruise ship, a squadron grant to help offset the costs of integrating a boating safety virtual trainer with an ABC class, and a grant supporting the costs of awards presented to the squadrons winning the annual Chapman Awards for two years.

D/C Teresita Colon presented congratulatory letters from the U.S. Virgin Islands Government House and Municipal Assembly of the Government of Ponce to C/C Ojeda.

USPS Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN, delivered the benediction.
Adjourned 1722.

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN
National Secretary

Action Summary
Annual Meeting
20 February 2016

ADOPTED

1) A motion to approve the minutes of the 29 August 2015 Governing Board Meeting. (2016-AM-01)

2) A motion to award a merit mark to C/C Baldridge. (2016-AM-2)

3) A motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 5, Section 5.2. (2016-AM-3)

4) A motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 8, Section 8.2. (2016-AM-4)

5) A motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 8, Section 8.4. (2016-AM-5)

6) A motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 11, Section 11.2. (2016-AM-6)

7) A motion to amend the USPS Bylaws, Article 11, Section 11.3. (2016-AM-7)

8) A motion to approve the appointment of Williams, Overman, Pierce, LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending 30 November 2016. (2016-AM-8)

9) A motion to create the Membership Service Committee. (2016-AM-9)
10) A motion to elect 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. (2016-AM-10)

11) A motion to elect the members of the General and Standing committees. (2016-AM-11)

12) A motion to elect David L. Hinders, Joseph R. Mesenburg and Joanna Webster to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2016-AM-12)