Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting

Orlando, Florida

24 Feb. 2018

 Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, 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 Mike Wiedel, JN, and the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

V/C Howard A. Yoas, SN, national secretary, declared a quorum present.

**Report of the Committee on Rules**

 R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, 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.

 R/C Bernard summarized the chief commander’s 2017 activities and recommended awarding C/C Ojeda his 28th merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2018-AM-1)

**Introduction of Past Chief Commanders**

 P/C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, introduced the past chief commanders present:

* P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, 2000–2001 (Bellevue Sail/16)
* 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., 2008–2009 (Fort Worth/21)
* P/C/C John T. Alter, SN, 2012–2013 (Raleigh Sail/27)

 C/C Ojeda introduced P/C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, (Baton Rouge Sail/15) who served as chief commander from 2014 to 2015.

**Approval of the Minutes**

 C/C Ojeda announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 16 Sept. 2017 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2018-AM-2)

**Introduction of Guests**

 R/C Peter TenBrink, SN, introduced the following honored guests:

* Rear Adm. Peter Brown, commander, United States Coast Guard, District 7
* Gary Barth, chief of staff, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 7
* Terry Barth, national commodore executive assistant, USCGAux
* Charles Beall, chief commander, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
* Cecelia Duer, executive director, Spirt of America
* Dave Fuller, branch chief, RBS Outreach Operations Partners, USCGAux
* Nan Ellen Fuller, division chief, RBS Safety Outreach, USCGAux
* Verne Gifford, chief, Boating Safety Division, USCG
* Gail Kulp, executive director, Sea Tow
* Lyn Harris, chief operating officer, North American Marine Environment Protection Association
* Tom Hayward, chief finance officer, NASBLA
* Judith Hudson, commodore, USCGAux, District 7
* Robert Kolb, National Sea Scout Director, Boy Scouts of America
* Mary Larsen, USCGAux America’s Waterway Watch
* Craig MacKinder, SailAngle
* Charles Perry, acting director, USCGAux, District 7
* Steve Prime, vice president, Gowrie Group
* Kirsten Schuchardt, marketing and program manager, Brunswick Corp.
* Rick Washburn, national commodore, USCGAux
* Michael Wesolowski, director of external affairs, Sea Tow Foundation
* Randy White, co-founder, SailAngle
* Capt. Jennifer Williams, director of inspections and compliance, USCG
* Vice Adm. Charles D. Wurster, USCG (ret.), National Sea Scout Commodore, Boy Scouts of America

**Brunswick Dealer Advantage Awards**

Kristen Schuchardt, assisted by Stf/C Shirley Heald, AP, presented the Brunswick Boater Education Awards. This award recognizes the squadrons who conducted the most boater education courses with Brunswick dealers in 2017.

Silver $500 Fox Valley/20

 Dallas Sail/21

 San Antonio Sail/21

Gold $750 Pittsburgh/7

Platinum $1,000 Houston Sail/21

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 C/C Ojeda announced an attendance of 542.

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

**2018 Honorary Members**

 Charles Beall

 Huw Bower

 Larry Bowling

 Brett Conley

 James Crocker

 Sam Debow

 Pam Dillon

 Chris Edmonston

 David Fuller

 Nan Ellen Fuller

 William Griswold

 Tom Guess

 Tom Hayward

Jake Hill

Rob Kolb

Matt Kroll

Kirk La

Mary Larsen

Steve Prime

Bert Rogers

Kristen Schuchardt

Christopher Stec

Michael Wesolowski

Charles Wurster

**Corporate Member Awards**

C/C Ojeda presented 2018 Corporate Member Awards to BoatUS Foundation, McGriff, Seibels & Williams, and Brunswick Corporation.

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 R/C Connie Beckman, SN, announced awards presented during the awards ceremony on Thursday, 22 Feb. 2018.

**2018 Potential Life Members**

| Name | District/Squadron Name |
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| Robert F. Anderson, AP | 16/Bremerton Sail  |
| Doris R. Arthur, P | 14/Greenwich Bay Sail  |
| Dean Babcock, P | 9/Dearborn Sail  |
| Donald W. Bacik, P | 6/Syracuse Sail  |
| Duane L. Balkema, AP | 23/Cocoa Beach Sail  |
| Meridith S. Barrett, AP | 5/Main Line Sail  |
| Kenneth N. Beckman, SN | 22/St. Petersburg Sail  |
| Sue A. Bell, P | 7/Akron Sail  |
| Viggo Bertelsen Jr., SN | 16/Bellevue Sail  |
| Julie R. Bleisch, AP | 21/Houston Sail  |
| Richard S. Blosz, AP | 12/Old Colony |
| Trisha K. Bolt, AP | 4/Staten Island Sail  |
| Kathleen M. Bouch  | 17/Johnson City |
| James S. Boyd, P | 27/Cape Fear Sail  |
| Detlef Breymann, AP | 13/Alamitos Sail  |
| Lynn Brockman, P | 7/Ten Mile |
| Robert M. Brown, P | 7/North Coast Ohio Sail  |
| Richard G. Burd, AP | 20/Land of Lincoln |
| Caren B. Canfield, JN | 20/Rockford |
| Mary Dupere Chaney, JN | 27/Charlotte |
| Charles B. Chapman Jr., SN | 15/New Orleans |
| Michael S. Claar, SN | 29/Sandusky |
| Robert O. Dohm, P | 16/Tacoma |
| Francis Donohue, AP | 3/Jones Beach |
| William Driscoll, JN | 19/Amoskeag |
| William J. Eibach, SN | 22/St. Petersburg Sail  |
| David Essrow, SN | 6/Buffalo |
| Steve Farrell, AP | 10/Duluth Sail  |
| George A. Friend, P | 2/Greenwich Sail  |
| John E. Gaggini, AP | 20/Chicago Sail  |
| Dawn A. Gaskill, AP | 27/Winston Salem Sail  |
| Andrew J. Gero, AP | 13/Tres Rios |
| Diane D. Goldman, S | 10/Minnetonka |
| Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN | 8/Sebastian Inlet Sail  |
| Twila R. Hauck, SN | 7/North Coast Ohio Sail  |
| Stephen D. Heffron, SN | 6/Rochester |
| H. Clay Helm, JN | 27/Rocky Mount |
| Richard E. Hibbs, SN | 6/Rochester |
| Robert E. Hintze, JN | 22/Manatee Sail  |
| Louis Hirshberg, AP | 3/Jones Beach |
| John C. Huber, P | 10/Minnetonka |
| Raymond W. Huggins, SN | 16/Bellevue Sail  |
| Eileen Huggins, SN | 16/Seattle Sail  |
| John E. Hugus III, P | 23/Jacksonville Sail  |
| H. Dexter Hyland III, SN | 19/Wawenock Sail  |
| David O. Jones, SN | 12/Nobscot Sail  |
| Jay G. Kaiser, JN | 9/Grosse Pointe |
| Bernard. S. Karpers Jr., SN | 5/Dundalk Sail  |
| Kevin P. Kennedy, SN | 16/Tacoma |
| M. Susan Kneller, SN | 15/Fort Walton Sail  |
| Rick Eric Kogge, JN | 29/Lima |
| George Kravis, AP | 3/Great South Bay |
| Fernando Kuan, JN | 33/Humacao Sail  |
| Edward M. Kydd, SN | 23/Cocoa Beach Sail  |
| Elaine A. Kyle, S | 1/Saybrook Sail  |
| James M. Lazor, SN | 11/Mosquito Lake |
| Arline Leggett, P | 5/Potomac River |
| Joan Lowenthal, AP | 3/Neptune Sail  |
| Gary P. Mandarano, SN | 4/City Island Sail  |
| Barbara Mandarano, SN | 4/City Island Sail  |
| Maureen E. Maresca, AP | 4/Liberty Harbor |
| Carolyn C. Markham, P | 4/Lackawanna Sail  |
| Jesse J. A. Marsano, AP | 22/St. Petersburg Sail  |
| Bernard Martin, SN | 17/Johnson City |
| Norma Martin, P | 17/Johnson City |
| Maureen A. Mathewson, JN | 8/Vero Beach |
| Marilyn McCormick, P | 22/Sanibel Captiva Sail  |
| Timothy E. McGarr, P | 22/Venice Sail  |
| David A. Michael Jr., AP | 5/Nansemond River |
| Timothy J. Miller, AP | 5/Hampton Roads |
| Peter W. Mitchelson, SN | 8/Sebastian Inlet Sail  |
| Nell D. Moore, JN | 21/San Antonio Sail  |
| Veronica S. Morgan, S | 15/Fort Walton Sail  |
| William O. Muff, SN | 13/Hawaii Sail  |
| Michael Murphy, AP | 28/Balboa Sail  |
| John A. Nelson, P | 27/Charlotte |
| Philip R. Osborne, JN | 29/Columbus Sail  |
| Jeanette Paolillo, AP | 3/Hempstead Bay |
| Daniel A. Parker  | 5/Potomac River |
| Elizabeth J. Parks  | 5/Patapsco River |
| Paul A. Petrowski, P | 12/Broad Sound |
| Galen R. Price, SN | 22/Peace River Sail  |
| Herbert F. Rambow, AP | 5/Colonial Sail  |
| Louise Rea, SN | 22/Peace River Sail  |
| Jose A. Rivera, AP | 33/San Juan |
| Steve Robinson, P | 5/Nanticoke River Sail  |
| Barbara Roemmele, JN | 8/Palm Beach Sail  |
| Lawrence O. Ross, AP | 3/Captree |
| Ruth Rubenfeld, JN | 3/Oyster Bay |
| Robert E. Runner, SN | 29/Sandusky |
| Lana G. Sands, P | 14/Cape Cod Sail  |
| Sharon L. Sarle, AP | 4/Barnegat Bay Sail  |
| Joseph A. Sausser, AP | 29/Sandusky |
| John Scavotto, AP | 14/Buzzards Bay Sail  |
| William G. Schultz, S | 24/Cincinnati Sail  |
| Albert W. Schwaller, JN | 9/Detroit |
| Oscar E. Shinlever Jr., P | 27/Winston Salem Sail  |
| Patricia F. Sinker, AP | 21/Fort Worth |
| Lon Skoglund, SN | 9/Port Huron Sail  |
| Donna Skoglund, P | 9/Port Huron Sail  |
| Thaddeus Smyczek, SN | 10/Milwaukee Sail  |
| Peter E. Stevenson, AP | 26/Lake Hartwell Sail  |
| Judith A. Stewart, S | 9/Dearborn Sail  |
| Joan Stoll  | 9/Detroit |
| George J. Straschnov, P | 22/Sarasota |
| Mary E. Strohmeier, S | 29/Toledo |
| Daniel Y. Strohmeier, S | 29/Toledo |
| Charles V. Strong, JN | 21/Austin |
| Ginny Strong, AP | 21/Austin |
| Wilfred Swalling, S | 13/Santa Barbara Sail  |
| David M. Teiss, JN | 23/Gainesville Sail  |
| Richard Todd, JN | 27/Lake Norman Sail  |
| Dennis M. Wallace, P | 5/Wilmington |
| Patricia A. Weber, P | 9/Anchor Bay |
| Leigh F. West, JN | 27/Kinston |
| David T. White, AP | 19/Wawenock Sail  |
| Chester G. White Jr., JN | 28/San Diego Sail  |
| Ruth Ann Wilcox, S | 29/Columbus Sail  |
| John B. Wilkes, AP | 15/Mississippi Gulf Coast |
| Elaine Williams, AP | 1/Saybrook Sail  |
| Don E. Williams, SN | 17/Atlanta Sail  |
| Jose B. Zayas, SN | 33/Ponce |

The following awards were presented for 2017:

**Leadership Development Awards**

**Top Three Districts**

 1st Place District 19

 2nd Place District 3

 3rd Place District 2

**Operations Training Awards**

**Top Three Districts**

 1st Place District 21

 2nd Place District 28

 3rd Place District 26

**BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards**

 The 2017 BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards were presented to District 27 and Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron/27.

**Top Ten Finalists**

 Atlanta Sail D/17 Beaufort Sail D/26

 Cape Fear Sail D/27 Everett Sail D/16

 Fort Macon Sail D/27 Grand Lake Sail D/30

 Peace River Sail D/22 Raleigh Sail D/27

 Sanibel Captiva Sail D/22 Vero Beach D/8

 **Honorable Mention**

Fort Lauderdale, D/8 Golden Corner Lakes Sail, D/26

 Miles River Sail, D/5 North Strand Sail, D/26

 St. Lucie River, D/8 Staten Island Sail, D/4

**Cooperative Charting Awards**

**Individual Participation Award**

Lt George Schiller II, AP, Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26

D/Lt/C Mahmoud M. Abel-Monem SN, Deception Pass Sail/16

**Squadron Participation Award:** Lake Hartwell Sail/26

**District Participation Award:**  District 26

**Geodetic Mark Program**

**Individual Participation Award**

 1st Place P/C Wilson Mewborn, SN, Goldsboro Sail/27

 2nd Place D/Lt/C Greg D. Shay, JN, Raleigh Sail/27

 3rd Place D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN, Stark County/7

 3rd Place D/Lt/C Tom Hancock, P, Stark County/7

**Squadron Participation Award**

 1st Place Goldsboro Sail/27

 2nd Place Raleigh Sail/27

 3rd Place Stark County/7

**District Participation Award**

 1st Place District 27

 2nd Place District 7

 3rd Place District 21

 A Cooperative Charting special award was presented to P/R/C Horst Boettge, SN, in recognition of 20 years of outstanding service and dedication to USPS and to the Cooperative Charting Program.

**Squadron Membership Growth and Retention Awards**

**Division 1 Winners: 114+ Members**

 Everett Sail/16 20.20%

 Friday Harbor/16 18.92%

 San Luis Rey/18 18.69%

 Ventura/13 16.04%

**Division 2 Winners: 75-113 Members**

 Huntsville/17 40.32%

 Portsmouth Sail/19 23.53%

 Captree/3 22.22%

 Fort Macon Sail/27 21.74%

**Division 3 Winners: 45-74 Members**

 Miami Sail/8 36.36%

 Catawba Sail/27 29.82%

 Beaverton Sail/32 16.67%

 Erie/11 15.00%

**Division 4 Winners: < 45 Members**

 Dreher Shoals Sail/26 72.00%

 Hollywood/8 11.11%

 Des Moines/30 11.11%

 Santa Clara Sail/11 10.81%

**District Winners**

 District 11 Growth - 2.33%, Retention - 90.70%

 District 28

 District 17

 District 26

**Vessel Safety Check Awards**

**Top Districts**

1st Place District 28

 2nd Place District 3

 3rd Place District 11

 4th Place District 10

 5th Place District 33

**Top Squadrons**

1st Place Crystal River/22

 2nd Place Jones Beach/3

 3rd Place Balboa/28

 4th Place Las Vegas Sail/13

 5th Place Harris Chain Sail/23

**Top Individuals**

 1st Place Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3

 2nd Place Cdr. Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28

 3rd Place Lt. Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22

 4th Place Lt. Edward P. Furst Jr., S, York Sail/5

 5th Place Stf/C Robert L. Bales, AP, Harris Chain Sail/23

**Millennium Club Award Winners –** (those performing a 1,000 or more vessel safety checks in 2017)

 Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3 (16th year)

 Cdr. Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28 (6th year)

 D/Lt Thomas F. Krupa, AP, St Petersburg Sail/22

 Lt. Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22 (6th year)

**Century Club Award Winners** – (those performing a total of 100 vessel safety checks in 2017)

Angelo V. Giovanniello Great South Bay/3

 Robert D. Holub Jones Beach/3

 Frank C. Brown Nansemond River/5

 John L. Paulus Ocean City/5

 James A. Brown Rockville Sail/5

 Lilly T. Stone Nansemond River/5

 Edward P. Furst Jr. York Sail/5

 Robert E. Mosey Akron Sail/7

 Marjorie Baraff Pompano Beach Sail/8

 William C. Eldridge Palm Beach Sail/8

 Norma Gail Graham Detroit/9

 Terry Donald Grotemat Grand Rapids Sail/9

 John T. Paprocki Central Wisconsin Sail/10

 Louis P. Pasquesi Door County Sail/10

 Tish J. Cullen Las Vegas Sail/13

 David D. Smith Las Vegas Sail/13

 Viki L. Sharp Tacoma/16

 Thomas R. Gastio Atlanta Sail/17

 Thomas F. Rossini Crystal River/22

 Clifford L. Schmidt Manatee Sail/22

 Robert L. Bales Cape Coral/22

 James H. Elwood Evansville Bend Sail/24

 Andy C. Hyman III Dreher Shoals Sail/26

 Jeffrey P. Oxnard North Strand Sail/26

 Arthur W. Beers Catawba Sail/27

 William J. Gewain Cape Lookout Sail/27

 Richard Pagan Cape Fear Sail/27

 Owen R. Smith Cape Lookout Sail/27

 Milton B. Whann Shallotte River Sail/27

 Wesley S. Heusser Balboa/28

 James R. Michael Lima/29

 Dennis D. Ladd Port Clinton/29

 Carlos A. Aguirrechu Salom San Juan/33

 Rafael Angel Tirado San Juan/33

**Educational Fund District Honor Roll**

 The Educational Fund District Honor Roll is presented to districts with every squadron donating $1 annually for all active members to the Educational Fund. In 2017, District 8 achieved this goal.

**2018 Emeritus Members**

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

P/C Ralph E. Albright, SN, Lima/29

D/Lt H. E. Greenbacker, SN, Meriden/1

D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN, Hollywood/8

D/Lt William L. Schwartz, SN, Rockford/20

**2018 Meritorious Service Awards**

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

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| Louie Ojeda, SN | Chief Commander |
| Gary P. Cheney, SN | National Executive Officer |
| Mary Paige Abbott, SN | National Administrative Officer |
| Steven R. Abbott, SN | Asst. National Educational Officer |
| Robert F. Anderson, AP | Chairman, Marine Environment Committee |
| Ben Coons, JN | Chairman, Finance Committee |
| Susan L. Darcy, JN | Chairman, Committee on Nominations |
| William R. Gillette, AP | Chairman, Ship’s Store Committee |
| Scott D. McDonald, SN | Chairman, Boat Operator Certification Committee |
| Donald P. Osmond, N | Chairman, Information Technology Committee |
| James L. Pahl-Washa, JN | Chairman, Membership Committee |
| Robert Rayburn, SN | Chairman, Instructor Development Committee |

**Report of the Committee on Rules**

 R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, announced that with the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the Committee on Rules recommended the following revisions to the United States Power Squadrons Bylaws to be effective as of the adjournment of the 2018 Governing Board.

*Section 7.3.3 A squadron may apply to its District Commander and with the approval of the National Executive Officer for a waiver to conduct its affairs under such organization and operational structure as deemed appropriate by said District Commander. The District Commander will monitor said squadron and its activities and report to the National Executive Officer. The waiver may be withdrawn at any time by the District Commander with the approval of the National Executive Officer.*

 Rationale: This change gives the district commander in conjunction with the national executive officer the authority to alter the operational structure of struggling squadrons to prevent and help them from dissolving. It also gives those squadrons the opportunity to grow within the limitations of the national bylaws.

 The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws,* Article 7, Section 7.3.3*.* (2018-AM-3)

**Report of the Headquarters Executive Director**

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

 Mrs. Berube reported that during the past year the number of headquarters staff was reduced from 15 full-time and three part-time employees to 13 full-time and 3 part-time employees due to attrition and budget cuts. She noted that headquarters staff had faced some challenges, and she thanked the headquarters staff for stepping up and taking on additional responsibilities.

 Mrs. Berube noted that in addition to maintaining the membership database, fulfilling educational material and Ship’s Store orders, producing four issues of The Ensign magazine, launching a new public website, supporting the transition to America’s Boating Club, supporting communications and outreach marketing initiatives and more, headquarters staff managed over $1.8 million dollars in grants during 2017.

 She thanked the U.S. Coast Guard and the USPS Educational Fund for providing funds to develop Spanish boating courses both online and in printed format, BoatLive 365, the America’s Boating Club Digital Media Library, on-the-water learning centers and boating skills virtual trainers.

 Mrs. Berube announced that The Ensignmagazine is holding its spring 2019 photo contest where you can submit your favorite boating photos for possible publication in the magazine. Check the next issue for more information, or go to theensign.org/submit/photocontest to submit photos between now and the end of the year. Winners will be announced at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

 Mrs. Berube reported that the USPS public website URL was changed from *https//beyondboating.org* to *https://americasboatingclub.org* and reminded members to update their links in print and online.

**Report of the Finance Committee**

R/C Ben Coons, JN, reported on the USPS investment and endowment funds, the overall financial status of United States Power Squadrons, grant revenues and expenditures, the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years, and recommendations for auditors for 2018.

 R/C Coons reported that the investments under the oversight of the Finance Committee are managed by Riazzi Asset Management, and totaled $2,698,652 as of 30 November 2017. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios:

 The first portfolio is the Endowment Fund. The total value as of 30 November 2017 was $1,908,324 compared to $1,819,822 one year ago. He noted that $79,965 was paid from Endowment Fund earnings to support special projects and grants approved by the USPS Board of Directors. R/C Coons noted that at the September 2017 Governing Board Meeting in Dallas the Governing Board approved establishing a nonprofit corporation, the United States Power Squadrons Endowment Fund Inc., to solicit, manage, and protect funds donated for the chartered purpose of the organization.

 The second portfolio is the USPS Investment Portfolio. The total value as of 30 November 2017, was $790,328 compared to $756,683 one year ago.

 R/C Coons reported that during 2017 USPS managed 31 grants and designated funding awards totaling $2,308,426.

 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. 2018. The Governing BoardADOPTED the motion. (2018-AM-4)

**Report of the Law Committee**

R/C Michael D. Friedman, N, national law officer, stated the mission of the Law Committee is to support and assist the Board of Directors and USPS departments in carrying out policies and decisions.

 R/C Friedman reported that the Law Committee supports the America’s Boating Club initiative. He asked squadrons and members to vigorously use the America’s Boating Club trademarks and logos, alone or joined together with some of the traditional USPS trademarks, in the uniform manner prescribed by the USPS Marketing Committee. He stated that districts and squadrons should not make changes to trademarks, noting they are licensed to use USPS trademarks as prescribed by the Board of Directors and the Marketing Committee.

 The national law officer reported that the Law Committee has provided advice and assistance to the Board of Directors and several departments on matters including contracts, trademarks, insurance, and government relations.

 R/C Friedman reminded districts and squadrons to file their IRS Form 990 reports in a timely manner. He noted that the consequences for repeated failure to file can be the loss of tax-exempt status. He also encouraged districts and squadrons to contact their law officers for assistance with local matters.

**Report of the Planning Committee**

R/C Michael J. Skelley, JN, reported that since the Dallas 2017 Governing Board Meeting, the Planning Committee continued to work on squadron simplification, succession planning, and a new direction for a strategic plan.

 R/C Skelley stated that the Planning Committee worked with the Committee on Rules to implement the Notwithstanding Declaration. He noted that the committee would work with the national executive officer on guidelines for district commanders to assess the health of a squadron.

 The Planning Committee will also develop a plan for national committees for integrating America’s Boating Club into the organizational structure.

**Report of the National Treasurer**

 V/C Lee Popham, JN, reviewed the November 30, 2017 financial reports. He noted that due to the effects of hurricanes in 2017, boating course sales were adversely affected, and educational sales were less than anticipated. He noted that the operating surplus exceeded expenses by $65,427 and that every department and headquarters contributed to the reductions in expenditures that resulted in the operating surplus.

 V/C Popham stated that despite the declining economics of the marine industry USPS was in a very strong financial position with more than $5 million of assets and zero debt.

 The national treasurer reported that the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. was funded as of 30 September 2017, by transferring approximately $1.9 million of endowment contributions and accumulated earnings. Additional contributions and earnings grew the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. to a total of $1,932,000 at 30 November 2017. He reported that $80,000 was paid out of the USPS Endowment Fund in 2017.

**Report of the National Secretary**

V/C Howard E. Yoas, SN, reported that the USPS Operations Manual had been updated to Release 2018.

 V/C Yoas stated that the Historian’s Committee approved 75th anniversary squadron burgees for Absecon Island/5 and Susquehannock Sail/5 and new squadron burgees for North Star/16 and Dreher Shoals Sail/26.

 The national secretary reported that the Information Technology Committee continues to support national committees and e-books, ED-80 online submissions, DB2000, merit mark software and standard squadron sites.

 The Ship’s Store Committee is working on adding new items with the America’s Boating Club logo. They are also exploring the possibilities of drop shipment items and a virtual district conference Ship’s Store.

 The Membership Services Committee continues to support the help desk. The committee is revising Memcomments to help provide information on how to accomplish squadron jobs.

**Report of the National Administrative Officer**

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN, reported 26,515 active members as of 12/31/17 versus 28,245 one year ago with a retention rate of 85.25 percent. She noted there were 350 squadrons compared to 364 one year ago.

 V/C Abbott reported that a new version of the new member booklet featuring America’s Boating Club will be introduced following the 2018 Annual Meeting. The booklet will be available in print and online.

 The national administrative officer reported that several squadrons participated in the Each One, Reach One summer campaign to promote recruiting during summer events. The six winning squadrons received Welcome to the Neighborhood banners.

 V/C Abbott reported that the 2017 National Scout Jamboree was a big success. She noted that the Membership Committee provided support and posted a daily blog and photos.

 V/C Abbott reported that the schedule for the Youth Poster Contest will be changed to coincide with the school year. Beginning in 2019, posters will be judged and winners will be announced during the Governing Board Meeting.

 The national administrative officer reported that the Board approved an Active Duty Military Test Program to provide 1,000 America’s Boating Course materials at no cost to squadrons to encourage expansion of basic boating course marketing in communities with a military presence. The national educational officer is pursuing an Educational Fund grant to fund the 1,000 course books and related materials.

 V/C Abbott called on Gail Kulp and Michael Wesolowski to present the Sea Tow Foundation Golden Life Jacket Award to Stanford Sail/2 for hosting multiple Sea Tow Loaner Life Jacket Stands. These stands are stocked with life jackets in various sizes available for boaters to borrow free of charge for a day on the water.

 Stf/C Bruce Rodgers, SN, presented the 2018 Finley Sea Scout Award to Stf/C Arthur W. Beers, JN, Catawba/27; Lt/C Barbara Beers, P, Catawba/27; Ruth Owens, Storm King/2; Lt/C Noel Guzman, AP, Hempstead Bay/3; and Vice Adm. Charles Wurster, National Sea Scout Commodore.

 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.

 C/C Ojeda and Vice Adm. Charles Wurster, National Sea Scout Commodore, signed a memorandum of understanding.

 C/C Ojeda joined V/C Abbott to present the USPS Flame Award to P/C Bruce Rodgers, SN, in recognition of his tireless efforts in support of the 2017 National Scout Jamboree.

 V/C Abbott presented the 2017 Youth Poster Contest awards.

**20th Annual USPS National Boarman Youth Poster Contest Winners**

**Ages 6-8 Name Squadron/District**

1st place Emma Great South Bay/3

2nd place Jose Vero Beach/8

3rd place Peyton Shallotte River Sail/27

**Ages 9-11 Name Squadron/District**

1st place Kylee Shallotte River Sail/27

2n place Emily Dayton Sail/24

3rd place Anna Northern Neck Sail/5

**Ages 12-14 Name Squadron/District**

1st place Kaitlyn Patchogue Bay/3

2nd place Sydney Peace River Sail/22

3rd place Anna Charleston Sail/26

**Report of the National Educational Officer**

 V/C Craig Fraser, SN, reported that the names of advanced grade courses will be updated in 2018 to be more descriptive of course content as follows:

 **Current Name New Name**

 Seamanship Boat Handling

 Piloting Marine Navigation

 Advanced Piloting Advanced Marine Navigation

 Junior Navigation Offshore Navigation

 Navigation Celestial Navigation

 V/C Fraser reported that Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, and Advanced Marine Navigation will adopt a seminar series format. They will be offered as a seminar series and also as a complete course. Details are available in the Winter 2018 issue of The Ensign at *www.theensign.org/imags/winter2018*.

 The Basic Public Education Committee reported that the Spanish language translation of the classroom and online versions of America’s Boating Course was complete. The committee is also working on translating the PowerPoint slides into Spanish, which is being funded by a $50,000 grant from the USPS Educational Fund.

 V/C Fraser announced that Seamanship 2016 is now available in e-book format. The e-book pdf version of Seamanship 2016 contains the same content as the print version.

 V/C Fraser called on P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN, to join him and C/C Ojeda in a special presentation of a $42,000 check from Patapsco River Power Squadron/5 to the USPS Educational Fund.

 V/C Fraser announced the winners of the 2017 Teaching Aids Competition.

 3rd place - District 24

 2nd place – District 3

 1st place – District 5

 V/C Fraser explained that the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes members who have demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and motivating their students. They represent the best of United States Power Squadrons instructors. V/C Fraser presented the 2017 Chapman Awards to:

 Lt Frank B. Kemp, JN, Darien Sail/2

 P/C N. Victor Stewart, SN, Fort Myers/22

 P/C Larry D. Byrd, SN, Long Bay/26

**Report of the National Executive Officer**

 V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN, reported that headquarters received 45,000 vessel safety check decals for 2018 that were distributed to squadrons. In 2017, 1,522 vessel examiners completed 27,418 VSC inspections, with 25,135 passing.

The Safety Committee distributed 50,000 business cards to vessel examiners to promote safety inspections. The committee reported that an agreement with West Marine was renewed offering 10 percent discount coupons to boat owners whose boats fail inspection. The committee also assisted five squadrons with developing F.A.S.T. teams.

 The Cooperative Charting Committee is working with NOAA and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers on a new memorandum of understanding. The committee is also working on simplifying the current manual system of reporting for both geodetic and nautical marks. In 2017, 606 geodetic reports with 1,794 items and 69 nautical reports with 110 items were completed.

 V/C Cheney reported that the Marketing Committee completed the America’s Boating Club Guidebook, which contains instructions, advice and support information for promoting the new brand. The committee is also working the Educational Department to develop a strategy for promoting educational courses, seminars, the Spanish ABC course, and virtual trainers.

 The Environmental Committee is working with the Educational Department to include appropriate environmental education in USPS courses.

 V/C Cheney announced the national meetings schedule for 2018 to 2022:

* Governing Board - Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, MN, 12-19 August 2018
* Annual Meeting - The Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL, 17-24 February 2019
* Governing Board - The Galt House, Louisville, KY, 8-15 September 2019
* Annual Meeting – Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 9-16 February, 2020
* Annual Meeting - Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 7-14 February 2021
* Annual Meeting – Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 6-13 February 2022

 V/C Cheney reported that 11 squadrons dissolved in 2017: Rappahannock/5, Hamburg/6, South Hills/7, Bald Eagle/11, Kankakee/20, Sabine/21, Boca Ciega/22, Albemarle/27, Lake Mohave/28, Marion/29 and St. Helens/32. He noted that 10 squadrons are in the process of dissolution or merger.

 V/C Cheney called on P/C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, to report on the District 2 Resolution. P/C/C Baldridge reported that the District 2 Resolution calls for members who hold a full certificate, have 40 merit marks, and who have served as either a squadron or district commander to be general members of the Governing Board.

 P/C/C Baldridge offered the following amendment to the District 2 Resolution:

*Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider suitable recognition of members who have earned the Educational Achievement Award, at least 40 merit marks and are past district or squadron commanders and that, after consultation with the Heritage and Protocol Committee, the member be given an appropriate designation, such as “Distinguished Past Commander” or “Distinguished Past District Commander.”*

 There was an amendment offered to require only 30 merit marks, which was DEFEATED by the Governing Board. (2018-AM-1)

 The Governing Board ADOPTED the amendment to the District 2 Resolution. (2018-AM-5)

 The Governing Board ADOPTED the District 2 Resolution as amended. (2018-AM-6)

 For saving the life of a fellow crewmember in Long Island Sound, C/C Ojeda and V/C Cheney presented Anthony Pozun, AP, Neptune Sail/3, the Life Saving Award, which was accepted by D/C Ann Frenz, SN.

 R/C Paul Mermelstein, SN, chairman, Marketing Committee, updated members on marketing efforts. R/C Mermelstein stated that since the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Marketing Committee introduced America’s Boating Club, created a marketing task force, developed a new logo and tagline, created and distributed the America’s Boating Club Marketing Guidebook, and developed a national advertising campaign. He stated that the theme for America’s Boating Club is “Learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating community.”

 Tammy Brown, headquarters marketing director, reported on the advertising campaign. She reported that print ads introducing America’s Boating Club to the public would be published in winter and spring 2018 issues of several magazines including Sail, BoatUS, Marina Life, Saltwater Sportsman, Soundings, Boating World and others. These ads would target salt and freshwater power cruising, sailing and angling and be inclusive of age and ethnic diversity. The next series of ads would focus on educational programs, activities and events and would appear in digital ads and social media.

**Report of the Chief Commander**

C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, called on P/C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, to report on the actions of the Board of Directors.

 P/C/C Baldridge reported on the Board’s actions at its 20 and 21 February 2018 meetings.

1. To dissolve South Hills/7 and Boca Ciega/22.
2. To present a Life Saving Award to Anthony Pozun, AP, Neptune Sail/3.
3. To adopt the America’s Boating Club Licensing resolution.

 C/C Ojeda presented the Chief Commander’s Award to P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP. C/C Ojeda stated that this award may be presented annually to a member who in the chief commander’s opinion best represents a lifetime of service and accomplishments for United States Power Squadrons. It may be given to an individual whose single accomplishment or body of work has greatly impacted United States Power Squadrons and helped carry out its mission.

 C/C Ojeda stated that he was fortunate and blessed to have worked with a talented Board of Directors during his two years as chief commander. He thanked his spouse, Dot Ojeda, for her love and support.

 C/C Ojeda stated that USPS has existed for 104 years with well over 60,000 members and that in 2003 membership began to decline, due partially to a decline in the economy. He noted that during the past two years, headquarters, along with the Marketing Committee, Educational Department, Planning Committee, Membership Committee, Information Technology Committee, and others have all pitched in to move forward. He noted that several firms were hired and considerable grant money was spent to ensure that the best information was available to make the appropriate decisions.

 He noted that while tradition is important, due to the fact that membership continued to decline, the Board of Directors chose a different path to break the trend. He stated that America’s Boating Club is the new path that will better describe and define USPS. He said that although USPS has great educators, it is time to market the organization to show the public how much fun members have and how much they contribute to their communities to make the water a safer place.

C/C Ojeda stated that it was necessary to achieve financial stability by living within our means, increasing our revenues and working smarter. He noted that members, the Board of Directors along with headquarters personnel helped achieve a $150,000 surplus over the last two years, a remarkable achievement.

 C/C Ojeda stated that he would continue to work for USPS/America’s Boating Club and “Grip and Grin.” He closed by urging all members to be personal, to bring friends and family to meetings, and to minimize the impersonal use of the internet when contacting members.

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

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

 P/C/C Marshburn asked N/F/Lt Kay Simpkins, AP, to escort Chief Commander-elect Gary P. Cheney, SN, Ann Bailey, and his daughter Allison Cullison, to the podium.

**Report of the Committee on Nominations**

 R/C Susan Darcy, JN, stated, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws,* Article 11, Section 11.6, each annual meeting of the Governing Board shall elect 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 who shall serve as officers and directors of USPS”. The Committee on Nominations unanimously recommended the election of the following members to serve:

**For National Bridge Officers**

*Chief Commander*

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

*National Executive Officer*

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

*National Educational Officer*

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

*National Administrative Officer*

 V/C Ben Coons, JN (Hiawatha Valley Sail/10)

*National Secretary*

 V/C Howard E. Yoas, SN (Austin/21)

*National Treasurer*

 V/C Lee Popham, JN (Miami Sail/8)

**For Members of USPS Board of Directors:**

The above Bridge Officers and P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN (Ponce/33)

 In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.6 and 11.7, it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the chairmen and assistant chairmen of standing and departmental committees. Where appropriate, the following have the approval of the chief commander and recommendation of the vice commanders in charge of the department to which they are assigned. Accordingly, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommends their election.

**FOR REAR COMMANDERS**

**(EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE 2018 GOVERNING BOARD)**

**GENERAL COMMITTEES**

Committee on Rules R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP (Absecon Island/5)

Committee on Nominations R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Finance R/C David McMahon, AP (Raleigh Sail/27)

Law Officer R/C Michael D. Friedman, N (New York Sail/4)

Planning R/C Michael J. Skelley, JN (Minnetonka/10)

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES**

Cooperative Charting R/C Thomas J. Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)

Environmental R/C Richard D. Daybell, SN (Peace River Sail/22)

Marketing R/C Paul D. Mermelstein, SN (Rockville Sail/5)

National Meetings R/C Vincene A. Aquilato, S (City Island Sail/4)

Public Affairs R/C Peter TenBrink, SN, (Pompano Beach/8)

Safety R/C Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, SN (Arecibo/33)

**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer R/C William J. McManimen III, SN (Main Line Sail/5)

Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer R/C Robert Rayburn, SN (Columbus Sail/29)

Basic Public Education R/C Jack Purse, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)

Boat Handling R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN (Lackawanna Sail/22)

Boat Operator Certification R/C Robert F. Anderson, AP, (Bremerton Sail/16)

Educational Outreach R/C Andrew Sumberg, SN (Charles River Sail/12)

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 Charles J. Wells, SN (Rockville Sail/5)

Marine Environment R/C Judith D. Swanson, SN (Syracuse Sail/6)

Offshore Navigation R/C Victor B. Schwartz, SN (Charleston Sail/26)

Publishing R/C V. Jan Wright, SN (Tybee Light Sail/26)

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

Membership Committee R/C Robert F. Howd, JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)

Squadron Development R/C Myles Gee, SN (Manatee Sail/22)

**SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Secretary R/C Harry Hebb, SN (Pensacola Sail/15)

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 Carl E. Filios, SN (Berkshire Sail/2)

Membership Services R/C Constance H. Beckman, SN (St. Petersburg Sail/22)

Operations Manual R/C Micky McNelis, P (Dundalk Sail/5)

Ship’s Store R/C Claire M. McDonald, SN (Houston Sail/21)

**TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT**

Asst Nt’l Treasurer/Budget Director R/C Gardham W. Comb, SN (Port Washington Sail/3)

Budget Office R/C Diana G. Jackson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)

**STANDING COMMITTEES**

Asst/Ch Finance Stf/C Joseph Gatfield, JN (Detroit/9)

Asst/Ch Finance Stf/C Gary Louis Baker, P (Everett Sail/16)

Asst Law Officer Stf/C Horacio A. Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)

Asst/Ch Planning Stf/C James R. McCurry, N (Shallotte River Sail /27)

**NOMINEES FOR GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE 2018 GOVERNING BOARD**

Mahmoud M. Abdel-Monem, SN Deception Pass Sail/16

 Arthur Andrea, AP New Haven/1

 Vincene A. Aquilatio, S City Island Sail/4

 David A. Atwood, JN Cape Cod Sail/14

 Michael J. Babiarz, AP Grosse Pointe/9

 Ann T. Bailey, AP Raleigh Sail/27

 Donald K. Cook, SN Manatee Sail/22

 Annette Ferguson, AP Everett Sail/16

 Michael D. Friedman, N New York Sail/4

 Howard Gasaway Sr., P Potomac River/5

 Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP Darien Sail/2

 Patricia W. Hakanson, SN Charlotte/27

 Edwin A. Hoover, AP Palm Beach Sail/8

 Michael N. Jackson, SN Sebastian Inlet Sail/8

 Cheryl Jarrell, AP New Orleans/15

 Connie J. Johnson, SN Phoenix Sail/28

 Mary Lou Johnson Diablo Sail/25

 Albert W. Keim, SN Seattle Sail/16

 Wayne J. Lambert, AP Charles River Sail/12

 Janet U. Lane, SN Naples Sail/22

 Sami Lucas, JN Sanibel Captiva Sail/22

 Elizabeth Mandara, JN Jones Beach/3

 Veronica A. Mann, JN Arrowhead Sail/13

 Mary Merrell, SN Fox Valley/20

 Liana F. Mihalca, SN Akron Sail/7

 Alta M. Mullins, SN Tampa/22

 Lois M. Nehmer-Schiff, SN Dundalk Sail/5

 Wayne F. Partie, SN Naples Sail/22

 Mary J. Pierpont, SN Austin/21

 Thomas J. Pilek, AP Great South Bay/3

 Eladio Reyes, JN Carolina Sail/33

 David N. Rickard, AP Berea Sail/7

 Larry G. Samuels, SN Louisville Sail/24

 Robert J. Saunders, S Lakes Region Sail/19

 Raymond M. Schiff, P Dundalk Sail/5

 Tracy L. Simpson, AP Four Rivers Sail/30

 Phyllis C. Sines, JN Fort Vancouver Sail/32

 Howard A. Sklar, AP Westchester Sail/2

 Kathryn J. Stevens, SN Beaufort Sail/26

 David Stewart, AP Charlotte/27

 Jim Suber, AP Jacksonville Sail/23

 Carole G. Tulip, JN Annapolis Sail/5

 Kevin Wehrmann, S Minnetonka/10

 Walter E. Whitacre, AP Huntsville Sail/17

 James R. Wilkins, AP Lake Hartwell Sail/26

 Pamela Yarletts, AP Port Clinton/29

 Gerald L. Zambroski, P Rochester/6

 Ralph Ziegler, JN Lansing/9

 In accordance with *USPS* Bylaws, Section 11.7, and upon recommendation of the respective chairman, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to recommend the following members for appointment in 2018 by this Governing Board:

**FOR STAFF COMMANDERS**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting Stf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN (Rocky Mount/27)

Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting Stf/C Charles Roland Ibach III, SN (Charlotte/27)

Asst/Ch Environmental Stf/C Nina P. Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)

Asst/Ch Marketing Stf/C Glen Sherman, P (Peconic Bay/3)

Asst/Ch Marketing Stf/C Shirley D. Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)

Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Arlene Anderson, AP (Hampton Roads/5)

Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP (Storm King Sail/2)

Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Ann E. Frenz, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)

Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Mark B. Gathings, SN (Sacramento/25)

Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Liz Glassell, AP (North Coast Ohio Sail/7)

Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Angelo V. Giovanniello, SN (Great South Bay/3)

Asst/Ch Public Affairs Stf/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)

Asst/Ch Public Affairs Stf/C Daniel L. Flinn, SN (San Carlos Bay Sail/22)

Asst/Ch Public Relations Stf/C Ralph Ziegler, JN (Lansing Sail/9)

Asst/Ch Safety Stf/C Robert L. Bales, AP (Cape Coral/22)

Asst/Ch Safety Stf/C Allan B. Furtado, SN (Pompano Beach/8)

Asst/Ch Safety Stf/C Joseph J. McKinney, JN (Rockville Sail/5)

**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Ch Basic Public Education Stf/C Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay/15)

Asst/Ch Basic Public Education ***Vacant***

Asst/Ch Boat Handling Stf/C Janet Lane, SN (Naples Sail/22)

Asst/Ch Boat Handling Stf/C James R. West, AP (Bellingham Sail/16)

Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN (Jones Beach/3)

Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification Stf/C Theodore E. Shanks, SN (North Olympic Sail/16)

Asst/Ch Educational Outreach Stf/C Barbara Herrmann, SN (Charles River Sail/12)

Asst/Ch Educational Outreach Stf/C H. Eileen Rickard, SN (Berea Sail/7)

Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Systems ***Vacant***

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 Jeffrey F. Lagrew, SN (Bluegrass/24)

Asst/Ch Marine Environment Stf/C Gordon L. Bloom Jr., SN (Venice Sail/22)

Asst/Ch Marine Environment ***Vacant***

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 Publishing Stf/C Arthur W. Beers, JN (Catawba Sail/27)

Asst/Ch Publishing Stf/C Tom Dalgliesh, SN (Bellingham Sail/16)

Asst/Ch Publishing Stf/C Robert L. Potter, SN (Mid Illini/20)

Asst/Ch Publishing ***Vacant***

Asst/Ch Publishing ***Vacant***

**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Ch Membership Committee Stf/C Linda LaLonde, AP (Dearborn Sail/9)

Asst/Ch Membership Committee Stf/C Wayne Lambert, AP (Charles River Sail/12)

Asst/Ch Membership Committee Stf/C Kathryn J. Stevens, SN (Beaufort Sail/26)

Asst/Ch Membership Committee Stf/C Andy Hyman III, SN (Dreher Shoals Sail/26)

Asst/Ch Membership Committee ***Vacant***

Asst/Ch Membership Committee ***Vacant***

Asst/Ch Squadron Development Stf/C Edwin G. Kridler, SN (Charleston Sail/26)

Asst/Ch Squadron Development Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN (Palm Beach Sail/8)

**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 Guy Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)

Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol Stf/C Gerald L. Zambroski, P (Rochester/6)

Asst/Ch Information Technology Stf/C H. Jay Stevens, SN (South Bend Sail/9)

Asst/Ch Membership Services Stf/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP (Absecon Island/5)

Asst/Ch Membership Services Stf/C Wayne F. Partie, SN (Naples Sail/22)

Asst/Ch Membership Services Stf/C Ann Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)

Asst/Ch Operations Manual Stf/C Anna Morris, SN (Tampa/22)

Asst/Ch Ship’s Store Stf/C Nancee Anne Adams, AP (Birmingham/9)

Asst/Ch Ship’s Store Stf/C Jan Furtado, AP (Pompano Beach/8)

**TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT**

Asst/Budget Off. Stf/C James V. Harden Jr., JN (Tacoma/16)

Asst/Budget Off. Stf/C Larry D. Cole, SN (Toledo/29)

**GENERAL COMMITTEES MEMBERS**

In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.7, and upon recommendation of the respective chairmen, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to recommend the following members for appointment in 2018 by this Governing Board:

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Members of the Committee Lt Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)

 D/C Richard V. Fiorentini, SN (Raritan Bay/4)

 Lt Harold W. Howard, SN (Peace River Sail/22)

 D/Lt H. Jay Stevens, SN (South Bend Sail/9)

 P/D/C Randolph W. Stow, AP (Smith Mountain Lake Sail/5)

 Stf/C Richard Zucchi, SN (Barnegat Bay Sail/4)

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

Members of the Committee P/C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN (Baton Rouge Sail/15)

 P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP (Swiftwater Sail/6)

 Stf/C Barbara Erickson, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)

 P/R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN (Shrewsbury/4)

 Cdr Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing Sail/9)

 Lt/C Allan W. Lakin, SN (The Valley Sail/13)

 P/R/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN (Great South Bay/3)

**STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

 In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.7, and upon recommendation of the respective chairman, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to recommend the following members for appointment in 2018 by this Governing Board:

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee PVD/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN (Columbus Sail/29)

 D/Lt/C Greg D. Shay, JN (Raleigh/27)

**LAW COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee P/R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN (Lake Murray/26)

 Lt Bruce Gardiner, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)

 D/Lt Max J. Werkenthin III, AP (Austin/21)

 D/Lt Natalie E. Witty, JN (Skokie Valley Sail/20)

 Ruth Witztum, JN (New York Sail/4)

**PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee Stf/C Kristi W. Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8) D/Lt George M. Gilbert, JN (Middletown/1)

 Doreen S. Hinksman (Tar River/27)

 P/Stf/C Jerry Hall, SN (Cape Fear Sail/27)

 D/LT Kenneth E. Smith, AP (Balboa Sail/27)

 ***Vacant***

 ***Vacant***

 R/C Darcy 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. (2018-AM-7)

**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:

 Susan L. Darcy (Berkshire Sail/2) 1st year, first 3-year term

 G. Leslie Johnson (Diablo Sail/25) 1st year, first 3-year term

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

 David L. Hinders (Internet membership/99) 2nd year, first 3-year term

 Lucille R. Horowitz (Shrewsbury/4) 2nd year, first 3 year-term

 Joseph R. Mesenburg (Columbus Sail/29) 2nd year, first 3-year term

 Alan F. Wentworth (Door County/10) 3rd year, first 3-year term

 The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect Susan L. Darcy, Berkshire Sail/2 and G. Leslie Johnson, Diablo Sail/25 to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2018-AM-8)

**USPS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.**

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

 Frank Dvorak (Bellevue Sail/16) 1st year, first 3-year term

 Warren Stevens (Kingsway/5) 1st year, first 3-year term

 The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect Frank Dvorak and Warren Stevens to the Trustees of the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. (2018-AM-9)

**REPORT OF THE USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND**

 P/R/C Thomas J. Brincka, SN, chairman, reported that the assets of the Educational Fund totaled $4.1 million compared to $3.8 million one year ago.

 P/R/C Brincka noted that the number of squadrons recognized for Honor Roll status continues to drop with only 50 percent of squadrons attaining Honor Roll status in 2017. He stated that he believed that the drop in participation was due to the confusion regarding squadron donations to the Educational Fund. He stated the trustees are looking for ways to make the donation process simpler.

 P/R/C Brincka reported that the USPS Educational Fund had awarded more than 225 grants from a few hundred dollars to almost $200,000 for a total of $2.7 million.

 In 2017 the Educational Fund awarded a grant to Door County/10 to purchase a Boating Skills Virtual Trainer for the Door County Maritime Museum. In addition, USPS was awarded a $5,000 grant to sponsor the Chapman Awards Program and a $50,000 grant to translate ABC 2015 PowerPoint materials into Spanish.

 The Color Guard retired the Colors, and USPS Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN, delivered the benediction.

 Adjourned at 1605.

V/C Howard Yoas, SN

National Secretary

Action Summary

Annual Meeting

24 Feb. 2018

ADOPTED

1. To award C/C Ojeda his 28th merit mark. (2018-AM-1)

2) To approve the 16 Sept. 2017 Governing Board Meeting minutes as distributed.

 (2018-AM-2)

3) To amend *USPS Bylaws,* Article 7, Section 7.3.3*.* (2018-AM-3)

4) To approve the appointment of Williams, Overman, Pierce, LLP, as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending 30 Nov. 2018. (2018-AM-4)

5) To approve the amendment to the District 2 Resolution. (2018-AM-5)

6) To approve the District 2 Resolution as amended. (2018-AM-6)

7) To elect the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, and General Members of the Governing Board.

 (2018-AM-7)

8) To elect Susan L. Darcy, Berkshire Sail/2 and G. Leslie Johnson, Diablo Sail/25 to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2018-AM-8)

9) To elect Frank Dvorak and Warren Stevens to the Trustees of the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. (2018-AM-9)

DEFEATED

1) An amendment to the District 2 Resolution to require only 30 merit marks. (2018-AM-1)