Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
23 Feb. 2019

Chief Commander Gary Cheney, 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 Kay Simkins, AP, 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, chair, Committee on Rules, announced that he had appointed Stf/C Bob Canfield, JN, as parliamentarian for this meeting and explained the annual meeting voting procedures.

Introduction of Past Chief Commanders

P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, introduced the past chief commanders present:

- P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., 2008–2009, (Fort Worth/21)
- P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN 2010-2011, (Bellevue/16)
- P/C/C John T. Alter, SN, 2012–2013, (Raleigh Sail/27)
- P/C/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, 2014-2015, (Baton Rouge Sail/15)
C/C Cheney introduced P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, who served as chief commander from 2016 to 2017.

Approval of the Minutes

C/C Cheney announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 18 August 2018 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2019-AM-1)

Introduction of Guests

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

- Capt. Scott Johnson, U. S. Coast Guard, Chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety

  Capt. Johnson presented challenge coins to Stf/C Bob Holub, SN, for performing 2,000 vessel safety checks during the past 17 years and to P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, for serving as chairman of the National Boating Safety Advisory Council for the past two years.

  Capt. Johnson presented the USCG Boating Safety Division Recreational Boating Safety Award of Excellence to V/C Craig Fraser, SN, for his leadership in recreational boating safety.

R/C TenBrink continued introductions:

- Cdr Harry Haute, USCG, District 7 Director of Auxiliary
- Pavlo Oborski, USCG, Chief Grants Manager Branch
- Tom Hayward, NASBLA, chief financial officer
- Rick Washburn, U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Immediate Past National Commodore
- Gary Barth, USCGAux., District 7 Commodore
- Terry Barth, USCGAux., Executive Assistant to National Commodore, District 7
- Nan Ellen Fuller, USCGAux., Chief Recreational Boating Safety Outreach Division
- Dave Fuller, USCGAux., Chief RBS Outreach Operations Partners Branch - Liaison to USPS
- Peter Bolton, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, National Executive Officer
- Kirsten Schuchardt, Brunswick Corp. marketing and program manager
Brunswick Boater Education Awards

Kirsten Schuchardt, assisted by R/C Shirley Heald, AP, presented the Brunswick Boater Education Awards. This award recognizes the squadrons that conducted the most boater education courses with Brunswick dealers in 2018.

- Silver – $500 - Wawenock Sail/19
- Gold – $750 - Fox Valley/20
- Platinum –$1,000 - Houston Sail/21

Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatUS Foundation Director of Development

BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards

Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatUS Foundation Director of Development, presented the 2018 BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Award to District 10 and Atlanta Sail and Power Squadron/17, which received a check for $1,000.

Finalists for BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards

- Atlanta Sail/17
- Everett Sail/16
- Fort Macon Sail/27
- Houston Sail/21
- Lake Norman Sail/27
- Main Line Sail/5
- Minnetonka Sail/10
- Pompano Beach Sail/8
- Sanibel Captiva Sail/22

Michael Wesolowski, Sea Tow Foundation director of external affairs

Michael Wesolowski, Sea Tow Foundation director of external affairs, presented the Sea Tow Foundation Golden Life Jacket Awards to Manatee Sail/15, Peace River/22, and San Carlos Bay/22, 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.

Keith Christopher, National Boating Federation immediate past president
• Steve Schram, Gowrie Group vice president
• Louis Licate, NOAA navigation manager

C/C Cheney, assisted by V/C Ben Coons, SN, and headquarters marketing director Tammy Brown, presented a 2018 Corporate Sponsor Award to Sea Tow Services, Sea Tow International and Sea Tow Foundation, which was accepted by Michael Wesolowski.

C/C Cheney presented lifesaving awards to Cdr Jack L. Draper, S, Grand Rapids/9, Lt/C James Milton, JN, Great South Bay/3 and Lt Alexandra Vanderlofske, S, Great South Bay/3.

C/C Cheney announced an attendance of 478.

C/C Cheney and V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN, national executive officer, presented honorary member awards to the following:

2019 Honorary Members

Charles Beall
Chris Edmonston
Tom Hayward
Kirsten Schuchardt
Michael Wesolowski

R/C Connie Beckman, SN, announced awards presented during the awards ceremony on Thursday, 21 Feb. 2019.

2019 Life Members

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Robert E. Hammerton, AP  5/Cambridge Sail
Carol Hanson, P  5/Wilmington
Lee H. Harkness, AP  22/Marco Island Sail
Arnie Harris, P  3/Jones Beach
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James J. Hock, JN  22/Sanibel Captiva Sail
Clifford G. Horn, JN  15/Perdido Bay
Robert B. Hubbard, AP  28/San Diego Sail
Joseph Hultman, AP  5/Patuxent River Sail
Pamela B. Jacobs, SN  11/Mosquito Lake
William D. Jefferson, AP  22/Cape Coral
Irving Jenkins, JN  3/South Shore
Donald S. Johnstone, AP  12/Great Blue Hill Sail
John W. Kendrick, AP  9/Port Huron Sail
Michael D. Kirk, AP  26/Lake Murray
Mary Koentje  3/Hempstead Bay
Ruth A. Kohl, SN  16/North Olympic Sail
Janet U. Lane, SN  22/Naples Sail
Richard Lanni, P  3/Moriches Bay
Linda L. Lewis, AP  1/Norwich
Jerry C. Lighthouse, P  6/Rochester
Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN  2/Mid-Hudson
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Rafael Marti, AP  33/Humacao Sail
Dennis McHugh, SN  9/Wyandotte
Robert C. Miller, SN  16/Poverty Bay Sail
John R. Morawski, JN  21/Galveston Bay Sail
Susan S. Morawski, SN  21/Galveston Bay Sail
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Leigh L. Van Blarcom, S 27/ Catawba Sail
Glenn Vitaglione, JN 4/ City Island Sail
Barbara J. Walter, AP 5/ Patuxent River Sail
Robert Webster, AP 24/ Cincinnati Sail
Michael R. Zavasnik, AP 7/ North Coast Ohio Sail
Lindy Zink, AP 25/ Santa Clara

**Cooperative Charting – Geodetic Marks Recovery Program**

1st Place Individual – P/C Ronald J. Spitz, SN, Santa Clara/25
1st Place Squadron – Stark County/7
1st Place District – District 7

**Cooperative Charting – Nautical Program**

1st Place Individual - Lt/C S. Thomas Hancock, P, Stark County/7
D/Lt/C Joanne Hancock, SN, Stark County/7
1st Place Squadron – Stark County/7
1st Place District – District 7

**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 2018, District 8 and District 10 achieved this goal.

**Membership Growth Awards**

**Squadron Awards**

**Division 4 – 44 members or less**

1. Mosquito Lake/11 – 37.5%
2. North Star Sail/16 – 27.27%
3. Las Vegas Sail/13 – 19.35%
4. Wabash Valley/24 – 18.75%
5. Blue Ridge Sail/17 – 15.79%
6. Marinette Menominee Sail/10 – 12%
7. St. Clair Shores Sail/9 – 11.43%
8. Winston Salem Sail/27 – 6.9%
9. DuPage Sail/20 – 6.6%
10. Greenwich Bay Sail/14 – 5%
11. Port Clinton/29 – 2.7%

Division 3 – 45-74 members
1. Dallas Sail/21 – 32.56%
2. Northern Neck Sail/5 – 22.22%
3. Vulcan/17 – 20.45%
4. Chattanooga Sail/17 – 20%
5. Virginia Beach Sail/5 – 19.6%
6. Cambridge Sail/5 – 18.7%
7. Iroquois Sail/6 – 15.9%
8. Music City Sail/17 – 12.5%
9. Swiftwater Sail/6 – 7.25%
10. Clearwater Sail/22 – 6.56%
11. Michigan City/20 – 5.77%
12. Skagit Bay Sail/16 – 4.17%
13. Bluegrass/24 – 3.57%

Division 2 – 75-113 members
1. Pensacola Sail/15 – 79.7%
2. Door County Sail/10 – 36.36%
3. Fort Macon Sail/27 – 32.14%
4. Neptune Sail/3 – 25%
5. Lansing Sail/9 – 22.99%
6. Long Bay/26 – 22.6%
7. Main Line/5 – 11.11%
8. Norwalk/2 – 11.11%
9. Balboa Sail/28 – 10.98%
10. Land of Lincoln/20 – 9.68%
11. Waukegan Sail/20 – 8.24%
12. Lake Pontchartrain Sail/15 – 8.05%
13. Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26 – 8.61%
14. Boulder Valley Sail/30 – 5.75%
15. Wawenock Sail/19 – 5.66%
16. North Coast Ohio Sail/7 – 5.26%
17. Naples Sail/22 – 4.17%
18. Oyster Bay/3 – 2.94%
19. Mid Illini/20 – 1.33%
20. Ocean City/5 – 1.15%

Division 1 - 114 members and more
1. Santa Barbara Sail/13 – 27.36%
2. Friday Harbor/16 – 17.42%
3. Duluth Sail/10 – 14.22%
4. Rockville Sail/5 – 11.32%
5. New Orleans/15 – 9.52%
6. Galveston Bay Sail/21 – 8.67%
7. Pompano Beach/8 – 7.91%
8. Bayside/3 – 7.81%
9. Cocoa Beach Sail/23 – 6.7%
10. Marco Island Sail/22 – 5.63%
11. Lake Murray/26 – 4.57%
12. Toledo/29 – 4%
13. Greenwich Sail/2 – 2.78%
14. Grand Lake Sail/30 – 2.7%
15. San Carlos Bay Sail/22 – 2.54%
16. Palm Beach Sail/8 – 0.49%

District Awards
1. District 15 – 3.54% growth, 93.58% retention
2. District 10 – 2.91% growth, 91.51% retention
3. District 30 – 1.17% growth, 92.67% retention
4. District 29 – 1.52% growth, 92 % retention
5. 
Operations Training Awards

Top Districts

3rd place – District 23
2nd place – District 26
1st place – District 28

Vessel Safety Check 2018 Awards

Top Districts

1st Place District 28
2nd Place District 3
3rd Place District 11
4th Place District 10
5th Place District 7

Top Squadrons

1st Place Crystal River/22
2nd Place Balboa/28
3rd Place Jones Beach/3
4th Place York/5
5th Place Oshkosh/10

Top Producers in USPS

1st Place Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3
2nd Place Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28
3rd Place Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22
4th Place Edward P. Furst Jr., York/5
5th Place Marjorie Baraff, AP, Pompano Beach/8

Millennium Club Award Winners (those performing 1,000 or more vessel safety checks in 2018)

Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3 (17th year)
Terry Donald Grotemat, P, Grand Rapids/9
John T. Paprocki, SN, Central Wisconsin/10
Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22 (7th year)
Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28 (7th year)
Century Club Award Winners (those performing a total of 100 vessel safety checks in 2018)

Brian G. Barnier, Lake Candlewood/2
Angelo V. Giovannielo, SN, Great South Bay/3
Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3
Frank C. Brown, AP, Nansemond River/5
John L. Paulus, Ocean City/5
James A. Brown, JN, Rockville/5
Richard Faga, P, Smith Mountain Lake/5
Edward P. Furst Jr., S, York/5
Robert E. Mosey, S, Akron/7
David A. Bialorucki, SN, Vermilion/7
William C. Eldridge, SN, Palm Beach/8
Marjorie Baraff, AP, Pompano Beach/8
Nigel Hargreaves, SN, Sebastian Inlet/8
Terry Donald Grotemat, P, Grand Rapids/9
John T. Paprocki, SN, Central Wisconsin/10
Louis P. Pasquesi, S, Door County/10
Donald A. Duncan, JN, Minnetonka/10
Richard H. Hascall, P, Minnetonka/10
Tish J. Cullen, P, Las Vegas/13
James V. Harden Jr., JN, Tacoma/16
Viki L. Sharp, S, Tacoma/16
S. Dennis Fegan, AP, Houston/21
Robert L. Bales, AP, Cape Coral/22
Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22
Clifford L. Schmidt, JN, Manatee/22
Ronald Terciak, JN, San Carlos Bay/22
Jim Suber, AP, Jacksonville/23
James H. Elwood, AP, Evansville Bend/24
Larry B. Lovvorn, AP, Cape Lookout/27
Owen R. Smith, AP, Cape Lookout/27
Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28
James R. Michael, SN, Lima/29
Dennis D. Ladd, SN, Port Clinton/29
Rafael Angel Tirado, AP, San Juan/33
2019 Emeritus Members

C/C Cheney and V/C Abbott presented Emeritus Member awards to the following members:

Robert E. Becker Jr., SN  
George O. Clarke Jr., SN  
Ronald C. LaPlante, SN  
LeRoy S. Strey, P  
George L. Tyler Jr., JN

David L. Brinks, AP  
Laddie L. Hudson Jr., SN  
Douglas W. Nemschick, SN  
Charles G. Troike, SN

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

V/C Howard E. Yoas, SN  
R/C Constance H. Beckman, SN  
R/C Gardham W. Comb, SN  
R/C Richard D. Daybell, SN  
R/C Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, SN  
R/C Harry Hebb, SN  
R/C Diana G. Jackson, SN  
R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP  
R/C Kathleen G. Lambert, AP  
R/C Paul D. Mermelstein, SN  
R/C David C. McMahon, AP  
R/C Micky McNelis, P  
R/C Kenneth T. Perigo, SN  
R/C Victor B. Schwartz, SN  
R/C Peter TenBrink, SN  
R/C Charles J. Wells, SN  
R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN

National Secretary  
Chairman, Membership Services Committee  
Budget Director  
Chairman, Environmental Committee  
Chairman, Safety Committee  
Assistant National Secretary  
Budget Officer  
Chairman, Committee on Nominations  
Chairman, Communications Committee  
Chairman, Marketing Committee  
Chairman, Finance Committee  
Chairman, Operations Manual Committee  
Chairman, Heritage & Protocol Committee  
Chairman, Offshore Navigation Committee  
Chairman, Public Affairs Committee  
Chairman, Instructor Development Committee  
Chairman, Boat Handling Committee

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Bernard summarized the chief commander’s 2018 activities and recommended
awarding C/C Cheney his 32\textsuperscript{nd} merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2019-AM-2)

R/C Bernard announced, with the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the Committee on Rules recommended the following revisions to the USPS Bylaws to be effective as of the adjournment of the 2019 Annual Governing Board.

Current bylaw:

\textit{Section 5.18 There shall be two Assistant National Educational Officers, an Assistant National Secretary and an Assistant National Treasurer. The Assistant National Treasurer shall also serve as Budget Director. These assistant national officers shall assist their principals as required and in the principals’ absence shall act in their stead, except that such assistant officers shall not serve on the Board of Directors, and one of the two Assistant National Educational Officers shall be selected, at the outset of the year, by the National Educational Officer, to act in his stead in any absence, but not serve on the Board of Directors.}

Revised amendment:

\textit{There may be three Assistant National Educational Officers elected by the Governing Board, an Assistant Secretary and an Assistant National Treasurer. The Assistant National Treasurer shall also serve as Budget Director. These assistant national officers shall assist their principals as required and in the principals’ absence shall act in their stead, except that such assistant officers shall not serve on the Board of Directors, and one of the three Assistant National Educational Officers shall be selected, at the outset of the year, by the National Educational Officer, to act in his stead in any absence, but not serve on the Board of Directors.}

Rationale: This change gives the Educational Department the flexibility to add one assistant and can subtract an assistant if it is deemed necessary.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.18. (2019-AM-3)
Current bylaw:

5.2.12 Receive resolutions from district conferences, properly submitted in accordance with these Bylaws (§6.15), as motions duly made and seconded. Such motions shall be referred, with the advice of the national executive officer, to a department, committee or officer of USPS for study and report at the next Governing Board Meeting held not less than sixty days in the future; and

5.2.12 will now be reserved

Proposed:

5.13.5 Receive resolutions from district conferences, properly submitted in accordance with these Bylaws, as motions duly made and seconded. Such motions shall be referred to a department, committee or officer of USPS for study and report at the Governing Board Meeting held not less than sixty days from the date of receipt by the National Executive Officer. If said resolution does not conflict or affect the United States Power Squadrons National Bylaws, the Board of Directors may implement said change until the next Governing Board Meeting.

Rationale: This change allows district resolutions to be handled quickly by the Board of Directors and if there is a conflict or it would affect a change in the bylaws, then it would reduce the amount of time the organization needs to address a resolution.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.13.15. (2019-AM-4)

Current bylaw:

5.8.2: There shall be a Finance Committee, reporting to the Board of Directors, composed of five members of whom one shall be a chairman, and another of whom shall be assistant chairman. The Finance Committee shall, before the end of each fiscal year, review the proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year as prepared by the budget director. After determination that the necessary funds can be made available to finance the budget as presented, the Finance Committee shall submit such budget to the Board of Directors for consideration before the
fall meeting of the Governing Board. In the event the Finance Committee cannot foresee the required funds, then it shall reject the budget as presented and return the same to the budget director, together with an estimated amount which the Finance Committee feels can be realistically financed. The budget director will then work with the national treasurer to revise the proposed budget and resubmit to the Finance Committee through its chairman.

Proposed:

5.8.2: There shall be a Finance Committee, reporting to the Board of Directors, composed of five members of whom one shall be chairman, and another of whom shall be assistant chairman. The Finance Committee shall, before the end of each fiscal year, review the proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year as prepared by the budget director. After determination that the necessary funds can be made available to finance the budget as presented, the Finance Committee shall submit such budget to the Board of Directors for consideration before the fall meeting of the Governing Board, or if there is only one meeting of the Governing Board for the fiscal year, then to that meeting which is last scheduled prior to the fiscal year for which the budget is to be presented. In the event the Finance Committee cannot foresee the required funds, then it shall reject the budget as presented and return same to the budget director, together with an estimated amount which the Finance Committee feels can be realistically financed. The budget director will then work with the national treasurer to revise the proposed budget and resubmit to the Finance Committee through its chairman.

Rationale: In the event the organization has only one meeting per year, the Budget would be submitted to the Board of Directors for their consideration and to the last Governing Board possible.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.8.2 (2019-AM-5)
Current bylaw:

5.8.2b The Finance Committee shall annually make a study of the amount of annual dues and fees and make a report with respect thereto to the next meeting of the Governing Board.

Proposed:

5.8.2b: The Finance Committee shall annually make a study of the amount of annual dues and fees and make a report with respect thereto to the fall meeting of the Governing Board, or if there is only one meeting of the Governing Board for the fiscal year, then to that meeting which is last scheduled prior to the fiscal year for which the budget is to be presented.

Rationale: To be able to present a budget to the organization and in the event of only having one meeting per year.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.8.2b (2019-AM-6)

Current bylaw:

6.15: Resolutions intended for Governing Board consideration which have been adopted by a two-thirds vote of the district conference shall be forwarded to the national executive officer for presentation to the Governing Board at its next meeting. A subsequent district conference may, by a two-thirds majority of those voting, ask leave to withdraw a resolution then pending before the Governing Board.

Proposed:

6.15: Resolutions intended for Governing Board consideration which have been adopted by a two-thirds vote of the district conference shall be forwarded to the national executive officer who shall refer the motion in accordance with Section 5.13.5. A subsequent district conference may, by two-thirds majority of those voting, move to withdraw a resolution then pending before the Governing Board, a department, committee or officer of USPS.
Rationale: Makes the district resolution process for presenting and withdrawing very clear.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 6.15 (2019-AM-7)

Current bylaw:

9.4.1 Unless unusual circumstances dictate that the Board of Directors cancels one of the meetings, there shall be two regular meetings of the Governing Board each year, preferably held in the first quarter of the year, and the second held in the third quarter. The earlier meeting shall be the Annual Meeting of the USPS Governing Board and shall be for the election of officers and directors, while the second meeting shall take place at least 120 days after the Annual Meeting. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall elect.

Proposed:

9.4.1 Unless unusual circumstances dictate that the Board of Directors cancels one of the meetings, there shall be two regular meetings of the Governing Board each year, preferably held in the first quarter of the year, and the second held in the third quarter, except that the Board of Directors may elect, for any reason, to cancel one of the two meetings of the Governing Board and the remaining meeting shall be considered the Annual Meeting. If there are two meetings of the USPS Governing Board during the year, the earlier meeting shall be the Annual Meeting and shall be for the election of officers and directors, while the second meeting shall take place at least 120 days after the Annual Meeting. Meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall elect.

Rationale: The change gives the organization the ability to have one meeting per year. If the change for one meeting per year were to be made in February 2019, then we could not have a fall meeting this year and we have already contracted for that meeting. This gives flexibility in the coming years.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws, Section 9.4.1 (2019-AM-8)
Currently reserved:

12.3 Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, the Board of Directors may enter into partnership agreements, MOUs, or other agreements with other organizations wherein, in exchange for members of USPS being able to join the other organization at a reduced amount from their generally proscribed dues or entrance fees, the entrance fees or dues for USPS for online or other membership not associated with a squadron may be reduced for the members of the other organization who join USPS.

Rationale: This change allows the organization to enter into an agreement with a partner organization and offer them reduced membership in USPS, as long as they are not associated with a squadron in exchange for USPS members to be able to join those organizations.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to adopt USPS Bylaws, Section 12.3 (2019-AM-9)

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.

Ms. Berube reported that headquarters staff managed over $2 million in grant funding in 2018. She noted that four U. S. Coast Guard grants and two Educational Fund grants were completed in 2018. She stated that there were five open USCG grants including Boat Live 365 2.0 and 3.0, America’s Boating Club Learning Centers, Engaging Hispanics Phase II, and the Boating Skills Virtual Trainer 6.0. Berube noted that headquarters staff works closely with the volunteer project managers on grants to ensure that all grant requirements are met.

Ms. Berube stated that via an online poll, members voted for their favorite photo in The Ensign’s Spring 2019 Photo Contest, in which staff invited photographers to submit their best boating photos.

The Ensign staff narrowed the submissions down to four finalists: Michael LeButt,
Anselmo Miranda, Miguel Miranda and Steven Rahn. After a total of 1,216 votes, Rahn of Hilton Head Sail & Power Squadron/26 took first place with 375 votes; Anselmo Miranda of San Juan Power Squadron/33 came in second place with 361 votes; Miguel Miranda of San Juan Power Squadron/33 took third place with 263 votes; and LeButt of Grand Traverse Bay Sail & Power Squadron/9 came in fourth place with 217 votes.

Ms. Berube reported that headquarters marketing, directed by Tammy Brown, continues to renew and recruit corporate sponsors. She noted that the three newest corporate sponsors, Sea Tow Foundation, Dan Boater, and Autotether, were in attendance during the Orlando Annual Meeting. She reported that Tammy is also working with the Marketing Committee on the advertising and marketing efforts for the America’s Boating Club Learning Centers, the Spanish outreach initiatives and Boat Live 365.

**Report of the Finance Committee**

Stf/C Gary Baker, P, reported that investments under the oversight of the Finance Committee are managed by investment advisers at Johnson Investment Counsel and presently total $2,703,287.95 as of 30 November 2018. These dollars are broken up into two portfolios:

The first portfolio is the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc., which is a separate legal entity and has a separate board of directors. As of 30 Nov. 2018, the total investment asset value was $1,936,550.10. Stf/C Baker noted that following adopted policy, 5 percent of the beginning balance of the assets are distributed from the fund each year to the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. board of directors for grants. He noted the total amount available in 2019 would be $38,320.

The second portfolio is the USPS Investment Portfolio. The total value of this account was $763,737.85 as of 30 Nov. 2018.

Stf/C Baker noted that the investment markets made a large correction in Dec. 2018, followed by a significant rebound in January and February. He noted that the Finance Committee closely monitors the Investment and Endowment Fund portfolios, which are diversified and managed according to a written investment policy.

Stf/C Baker noted that grant revenue and expenditures are managed separately from the operating budget. During calendar year 2018, USPS managed grants and designated funding awards that totaled $1,807,412. He stated that although grants are not a source of significant net
revenue to USPS, grant funding allows USPS to engage in important activities it could otherwise not afford.

Stf/C Baker noted that unaudited 2018 fiscal year results show a modest loss of $29,000, noting that given the size of the budget and complexities of precise forecasting, the result was reasonable and within an expected range. He noted that member dues and sales declined below the prior year totals and below budget forecasts.

Stf/C Baker stated that the 2019 approved budget contemplated a breakeven operating result, and in accordance with the USPS Bylaws, the Finance Committee determined that it is reasonable to expect revenue will be sufficient to finance the fiscal 2019 budget expenditures.

Stf/C Baker reported that the Finance Committee is responsible for determining revenue for budget purposes. He noted that the committee was concerned in several revenue areas including dues revenue from a declining dues paying membership base, education, and Ship’s Store sales. He stated that declining revenues will require USPS leadership to focus on cost savings and revenue sources to solve budget shortfalls.

**Report of the Law Committee**

R/C Michael D. Friedman, N, advised members to use the America’s Boating Club trademarks and logos in the manner prescribed by the USPS Marketing Committee. He noted that changes should not be made to trademarks and logos citing that uniformity is important.

R/C Friedman stated that districts and squadrons should not change their legal names. He said that it is not necessary and will only cause confusion and will not clearly make the association between the national organization and the new trademarks and logo. LawCom recommended adopting a tradename or DBA that parallels the squadron name. He stated that in most states it requires a simple filing with the designated state authority, typically the secretary of state or a county clerk’s office. He noted that squadrons should adopt an executive committee resolution authorizing a bridge officer to make the filing.

The national law officer reported that since the Minneapolis Governing Board Meeting, the Law Committee provided advice and assistance to the national bridge, Board of Directors, and a number of departments and units of USPS regarding approximately 35 matters. These included contracts, trademarks, insurance, taxation, government relations, assisting the trustees.
of the USPS Endowment Fund in the filing for a charitable tax exemption and assisting in the startup of America’s Boating Club Learning Centers LLC.

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 do so can be the loss of tax exempt status.

R/C Friedman reminded districts and squadrons that all contracts and leases should be reviewed by either a district or squadron law officer prior to executing.

**Report of the Planning Committee**

R/C Michael Skelley, JN, reported that the Planning Committee is developing a sustainable transition plan to evolve USPS into America’s Boating Club. He noted that moving forward will require revised organizational and operating structures.

R/C Skelley announced that the Planning Committee had outlined a new Strategic Transition Plan available at [https://www.usps.org/index.php/committees/standing/10600](https://www.usps.org/index.php/committees/standing/10600). He noted that the plan is a living document with a three-part strategy that establishes a new corporate and organizational structure, fiscal management, and reflects the changes in today’s watercraft community while honoring our USPS heritage. He noted that the first strategy addresses squadron, district, and national simplification. It also recommends operating under the corporate structure of the United States Power Squadrons, DBA America’s Boating Club for the purposes of 501(c) (3) status, grant management, education, headquarters, marketing, and member benefits. Finally, it outlines the business plan submitted for America’s Boating Club. The second strategy recommends that fiscal management be assessed for items such as expense reimbursement, asset management, budgets, dues structure, education and endowment funds, potential new offerings, and technology improvements. The third strategy reflects the makeup of membership and addresses recruitment outreach, relaxed uniform protocol, social media and search engine optimization, partnerships, and promotion of family friendly youth activities.

**Report of the National Secretary**

V/C Howard Yoas, SN, reported that the Communications Committee awarded the 2018 Distinctive Communicator Award to 175 squadrons and districts for newsletters and 204 squadrons and districts for websites.
V/C Yoas reported that the Information Technology Committee continues to work on the new America’s Boating Club website. The committee is working with the website design team and the marketing team on website content.

The national secretary reported that the Member Services Committee assists districts and squadrons with filing timely OD-1, OD-2 and ED80 reports.

V/C Yoas reported that the Ship’s Store Committee introduced several new items with the America’s Boating Club logo during the annual meeting. He noted that dual-branded merchandise would be phased out at the Louisville Governing Board Meeting.

**Report of the National Treasurer**

V/C Lee Popham, JN, reported that the Finance Committee would review the current dues structure and evaluate the consequences of converting to a single dues structure for all members. He noted that the Budget Committee will begin providing monthly budget comparisons so that unaudited financial statements results can be compared to a year-to-date budget.

V/C Popham reported that he and Ms. Berube met with representatives from First Citizens Bank to discuss automatic dues renewal billings and a dues collection strategy where the bank would collect dues on USPS’ behalf.

V/C Popham stated that preliminary budget estimates indicate a $40,000 - $65,000 revenue shortfall in 2020, which will require net expense reductions. He noted that possible alternative solutions in communication and marketing are being explored that could avoid cost-cutting.

The national treasurer reported that the Board of Directors approved hiring Oasis Solutions, a NetSuite consulting group, to review existing capabilities and setups in NetSuite, and to make recommendations on capitalizing on the current systems.

V/C Popham reported that he visited Regal Marine Industries to explore the possibility of inserting USPS materials in every new owner packet and to discuss a possible partnership or joint venture to create a week-long “Edu-Vacation Yacht Rental” operation.
The national treasurer reported that the board approved upgrading the IBM i-Series mainframe at headquarters to the IBM Power 9. He stated that the upgrade would be completed prior to April 1, 2019 when the existing software systems would no longer be supported by IBM.

V/C Popham reported that the 30 Nov. 2018 Draft Audit Report had been circulated for review and would be finalized following the annual meeting.

The national treasurer reported that as of 30 Nov. 2018 the operating deficit was $26,274 versus year-to-date budgeted $11,501. New member dues were $105,067, which exceeded the budgeted estimate of $92,750, while renewal dues were $883,920 compared to a budget estimate of $938,125. The Ensign revenues were only $400 below budget. Ship’s Store sales were $66,322, compared to an estimate budget of $89,000. Contributions were $43,817 versus $20,000 budgeted. Educational sales were $95,426 below budget. Total expenses were $1,586,298 compared to a budget of $1,788,922, due primarily to indirect cost allocations charged to grants, travel, salaries, and postage and shipping.

V/C Popham reported that he would work with headquarters to solicit proposals for the 2019 audit.

**Report of the National Administrative Officer**

V/C Ben Coons, JN, reported that the decline in membership continues to be very serious and remains to be the greatest challenge. As of 30 Nov. 2018 active members totaled 24,807 with 14,817 dues paying members. He noted a 7.2 percent membership decline in 2018.

V/C Coons stated that the current business model had served USPS well for over 100 years but that it does not work as well as it once did. He said that USPS has the ability to be the go-to boating organization that works well in the new and ever-changing social revolution.

V/C Coons reported that the Administrative Department was developing a departmental strategic plan for 2019 that includes actionable and measurable goals. The plan will focus on a membership stop loss approach and will provide ideas, plans, and incentives to assist squadrons on member retention.

The national administrative officer stated that focus will be placed on member benefits to emphasize benefits that are available exclusively to members.
V/C Coons stated that he would establish bi-monthly direct communications with squadron administrative officers, district administrative officers and district commanders.

The national administrative officer stated that it is important for districts and squadrons to incorporate America’s Boating Club into their activities including classes, meetings, events, and outreach.

**Report of the National Educational Officer**

V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN, reported that America’s Boating Course 3rd Edition 2018 received NASBLA approval through Dec. 31, 2021. He stated that the supporting documents are downloadable, including the course final examinations, state approved supplemental examinations, and course and state approved instructor PowerPoint teaching aids. He stated that the 2015 and 2017 ABC3 student manuals can be used until depleted and the 2018 version is available.

V/C Fraser reported on seminars. The first is the Spanish-only Engaging Hispanic Youths in Recreational Boating Education seminar. He noted that this seminar is for students over seven years of age and should be conducted concomitantly with Spanish language ABC3 for adults.

The How to Use a Chart seminar parallels ABC3 Chapter 5 as a standalone product for learning how to read a chart and how to plot safe passages. It reinforces basic boating knowledge on Aids to Navigation and choosing the correct chart scale. The Introduction to Navigation seminar complements How to Use a Chart and expands to electronic navigation. The seminar includes an introduction to Open CPN software used in ABC3 Chapter 5, Marine Navigation and Offshore Navigation courses. The Paddle Smart seminar is undergoing revision to include paddleboards and their status. Trailering Your Boat provides information on boat ramp etiquette, backing a trailer, and safely towing a boat.

V/C Fraser reported that the Boat Handling Committee successfully launched the ebook Boat Handling pilot course on Sept. 10, 2018. The pilot program ended in mid-December 2018. A total of 65 squadrons in 24 districts participated, and 142 instructor kits, 219 student manuals and 107 exams were ordered. He noted that responses were very favorable and that the Boat Handling Committee expects the updated materials to be available in first quarter 2019.

The national educational officer reported that two Boat Systems seminars in ebook format are being developed, Propane Systems on Your Boat and AIS Electronics for Boaters.
The committee is also updating the GPS and VHF/DSC seminars.

V/C Fraser reported that the Educational Outreach Committee continues to develop interactive online seminars targeted primarily at non-members of USPS, with the goal of exposing potential new members to America’s Boating Club.

The educational outreach team is developing a seminar titled Cruise Planning Boats and Systems. This seminar, combined with two online seminars, Planning Your Cruise and Weather for Boaters, will complete the Cruise Planning course.

V/C Fraser reported that the Boat Operator Certification/On the Water Training Program includes the Jump Start program and On-the-Water Guides. The Jump Start Program is for non-members and new members who are new to boating. The On-the-Water Guides Program is taught in a classroom to supplement on-the-water training that is taught on the student’s boat.


V/C Fraser announced the winners of the 2019 Teaching Aids. Awards were presented to:

- 3rd place – District 29
- 2nd place – District 24
- 1st place – District 21

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 2019 Chapman Awards to:

- 1st Lt David Mangold, SN, Sebastian Inlet/8
- Lt Donald Duncan, JN, Minnetonka/10
- P/Lt/C David Greene, SN, Bellevue/16
Report of the National Executive Officer

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN, stated that the Cooperative Charting Committee reported that 674 geodetic reports with 2,132 items were submitted in 2018, an increase of 10 percent and 19 percent respectively from 2017. The committee also reported that 286 nautical reports with 781 items were submitted in 2018, an increase of 309 percent and 610 percent respectively from 2017.

V/C Abbott reported that the Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was renewed for three years. She noted that the MOU with NOAA was not renewed due to member liability issues.

The Environmental Committee initiated the Clean & Green Boaters Program which will be incorporated into educational programs.

The Marketing Committee reported that the America’s Boating Club Marketing Guidebook will be updated and modified as new materials and programs are created. The committee is beginning work on the Advertising Campaign Phase II, which is funded by Educational and Endowment Fund grants. Plans are to begin advertising and promoting Spanish language outreach in 1st quarter 2019.

The National Meetings Committee reported that attendance at national meetings continues to decline. V/C Abbott noted the need for more internal communications to promote the meetings with the goal of increasing participation. Site selection for the 2020 Governing Board Meeting is still in progress.

The Public Affairs Committee developed a draft MOU for possible new organizational partners. The committee also reviewed a proposed MOU between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and USPS districts in Florida. They are also developing policies and procedures for creating and administering agreements between districts and squadrons and non-USPS entities.

The Safety Committee reported receiving 35,000 vessel safety check decals in 2019 and that MARPOL decals have been ordered. The committee reported that 24,364 vessel safety checks were performed in 2018 by 1,479 vessel examiners. The committee distributed 50,000 vessel examiner business cards to all vessel examiners.
V/C Abbott reported that the District 20 Resolution to reduce the number of conferences to one per year at the district’s discretion was assigned to the Committee on Rules.

C/C Cheney called upon P/C/C Ojeda to report actions of the Board of Directors during this meeting.

P/C/C Ojeda reported on the board’s actions at its 19 February 2019 meeting.

1) To present a USPS Lifesaving Award to Lt/C James Milton JN, and Alexandra Vanderlofske, S, Great South Bay/3.

2) To present a USPS Lifesaving Award to Cdr Jack Draper, Sr., and Dawn Draper, Grand Rapids/9.

3) To waive the requirement for District 26 to hold a Spring Conference in 2020 in accordance with the USPS Bylaws 9.5.1.

4) To allocate up to $7,500 of Endowment Fund earnings from the 5 percent allocated for board projects to engage Oasis Solutions, a NetSuite distributor and consultant, to perform a NetSuite optimization analysis review.

5) To present 2019 Honorary Memberships to the following: Charles Beall; Chris Edmonston; Tom Hayward; Kirsten Schuchardt, and Michael Wesolowski.

6) To change the name of the Membership Services Committee to Member Services Committee.

Report of the Chief Commander

C/C Cheney thanked the vice commanders, national committees, flag lieutenant, chaplains, aides, area monitors, and everyone who contributed to making the annual meeting and the past year a success. He thanked the squadrons and districts for their efforts in furthering the goals of USPS. He extended a special thanks to all districts for their hospitality extended to the representatives during the year.
C/C Cheney discharged all national officers and committees and asked that the bridge be cleared with the exception of the national secretary.

C/C Cheney turned the chair over to P/C/C John T. Alter, SN, to conduct the elections. The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

P/C/C Alter asked N/F/Lt Kay Simkins, AP, to escort C/C Gary P. Cheney, SN, and Ann Bailey to the stage.

P/C/C Alter called upon R/C Greg Korstad, AP, for the report of the Committee on Nominations.

**Report of the Committee on Nominations**

In accordance with USPS Bylaws, Article 11, Section 11.6(a), “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 presents the following nominations and recommends the election of the following members to serve in 2019:

**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 Harry Hebb, SN (Pensacola/15)

*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)

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In accordance with USPS Bylaws, Section 11.6(b) it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the members of the General Committees. Upon recommendation of their respective chairs, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommends the election of the following members to serve in 2019:

COMMITTEE ON RULES
Members of the Committee ........................................Stf/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
....................................................................................P/D/C Richard V. Fiorentini, SN (Raritan Bay/4)
....................................................................................D/1st/Lt Wayne G. Spraggins, SN (Berea Sail/7)
....................................................................................Stf/C 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 Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing Sail/9)
....................................................................................D/C Veronica A. Mann, JN (Arrowhead Sail/13)
....................................................................................P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP (Tar River/27)
....................................................................................P/V/C Peter Mitchelson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
....................................................................................P/R/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN (Great South Bay/3)

In accordance with USPS Bylaws, Section 11.6(b) it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the members of the Governing Board. Upon consultation with the respective District Commanders, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommends the election of the following members to serve in 2019:

GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE 2019 GOVERNING BOARD

Arthur Andrea, AP, New Haven/1
Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP, Darien Sail/2
Elizabeth Mandara, JN, Jones Beach/3
Richard V. Fiorentini, SN, Raritan Bay/4
Albert E. Simkins, JN, Patuxent River Sail/5
Kathryn J. Simkins, AP, Patuxent River Sail/5
Howard Gasaway Sr., P, Potomac River/5
Gerald L. Zambroski, P, Rochester/6
Liana F. Mihalca, SN, Akron Sail/7
Marjorie Baraff, AP, Pompano Beach/8
Michael N. Jackson, SN, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8
Janet Hartesvelt, P, Grand Traverse Bay Sail/9
Kevin Wehrmann, S, Minnetonka/10
Linda P. Petrilla, P, Mosquito Lake/11
In accordance with USPS Bylaws, Section 11.6(c), it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the Assistant National Educational officers, Assistant National Secretary, Assistant National Treasurer and the chairs of the general, standing and departmental committees. Where appropriate, the following have the 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 the election of the following members to serve in 2019:

FOR REAR COMMANDERS
(EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE 2019 GOVERNING BOARD)

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules.............................R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP (Absecon Island/5)
Committee on Nominations.....................R/C Barbara Erickson, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance.............................................R/C Gary Louis Baker, P (Everett Sail/16)
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 Steve Gatton, N (Beaverton Sail/32)
Marketing.........................................R/C Shirley Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)
National Meetings ..............................R/C Vincene A. Aquilato, S (City Island Sail/4)
Public Affairs....................................R/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
Safety .............................................R/C Allan B. Furtado, SN (Pompano Beach/8)
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)
Assistant Nat’l Educational Officer ..........R/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN (Hollywood/8)
Basic Public Education ........................ R/C Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay/15)
Boat Handling .................................... R/C Janet U. Lane, SN (Naples 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)
Boat Systems .................................... R/C Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay/15)
Navigation ........................................ R/C Eric Pearson, SN (Lake Murray/26)
Instructor Development ........................ R/C Jeff Lagrew, SN (Bluegrass/24)
Marine Environment ............................. R/C Judith D. Swanson, SN (Syracuse Sail/6)
Publishing ....................................... R/C V. Jan Wright, SN (Tybee Light Sail/26)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Membership Committee ...................... R/C Robert F. Howd, SN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Squadron Development ....................... R/C Myles Gee, SN (Manatee Sail/22)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT

Assistant Secretary ............................. R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN (Lake Murray Sail/26)
Communications ................................. R/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP (New Orleans/15)
Heritage & Protocol ............................. R/C Guy J. Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)
Information Technology ....................... R/C Carl E. Filios, SN (Berkshire Sail/2)
Member Services ................................ R/C Ann Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)
Operations Manual ............................... R/C Anna Morris, SN (Tampa/22)
Ship’s Store ....................................... R/C Claire M. McDonald, SN (Houston Sail/21)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

Asst Nat’l Treasurer/Budget Director ........ R/C Diana G. Jackson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Budget Officer .................................... R/C James V. Harden Jr., JN (Tacoma Sail/16)

In accordance with USPS Bylaws, Section 11.7(d), it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the assistant chairs of standing and departmental committees. Where appropriate, the following have the 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 STAFF COMMANDERS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting ......................... Stf/C S. Thomas Hancock, P (Stark County/7)
Asst/Ch Environmental .................................. Stf/C John R. DiPrima, AP (Chattanooga Sail/17)
Asst/Ch Marketing ........................................ Stf/C Glen Sherman, P (Peconic Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Marketing ........................................ Vacant
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. Giovannilieto, SN (Great South Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Public Affairs ................................. Vacant
Asst/Ch Public Affairs ................................. Stf/C Ron Jones, AP (Peace River Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Public Affairs ................................. 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 Joseph J. McKinney, JN (Rockville Sail/5)
Asst/Ch Safety ............................................ Stf/C Gino Bottino, AP (Stamford Sail/2)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch Basic Public Education ............................ Vacant
Asst/Ch Boat Handling .................................. Stf/C Margaret M. Sherrod, SN (Atlanta Sail/17)
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 Boat Systems ...................................... Vacant
Asst/Ch Navigation ........................................ Stf/C Douglas M. Durfee, SN (Oyster Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Navigation ........................................ Stf/C Ronald T. Jones, SN (North Olympic Sail/16)
Asst/Ch Navigation ........................................ Stf/C John Locke, SN (Kent Narrows Sail/5)
Asst/Ch Navigation ........................................ Stf/C Burt H. Pearson III, SN (Raleigh Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development .......................... Stf/Ct Frank C. Brown, AP (Nansemond River/5)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment ............................ Stf/C Gordon L. Bloom Jr., SN (Venice Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Publishing ........................................ Stf/C Arthur W. Beers, JN (Catawba Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Publishing ........................................ Stf/C Robert L. Potter, SN (Mid Illini/20)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch Membership Committee .................. Stf/C Andy C. Hyman, AP (Dreher Shoals Sail/26)
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 Squadron Development ..................... Stf/C Edwin G. Kridler, SN (Charleston Sail/26)

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

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch Communications .......................................Vacant
Asst/Ch Communications ........................................Stf/C Barbara M. Pearson, AP (Lake Murray/26)
Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol ......................................Stf/C Arthur Andrea, AP (New Haven/1)
Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol ......................................Stf/C Karen L. Gercak, AP (Fort Walton Sail/15)
Asst/Ch Information Technology ..................................Stf/C H. Jay Stevens, SN (South Bend Sail/9)
Asst/Ch Member Services........................................Stf/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP (Absecon Island/5)
Asst/Ch Member Services........................................Stf/C Fred J. Deppert, AP (Sewanhaka Sail/3)
Asst/Ch Membership Services .....................................Stf/C Karen Flinn, SN (San Carlos Bay Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual ........................................Stf/C Kurt W. Mikat, SN (Harris Chain Sail/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 Officer ..................................................Stf/C Hector Colon, SN (Atlanta Sail/17)
Asst/Budget Officer ..................................................Stf/C Larry D. Cole, SN (Toledo/29)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Asst/Ch Finance .........................................................Vacant
Asst/Ch Finance .......................................................Stf/C Joseph M. Gatfield, JN (Detroit/9)
Asst Law Officer .......................................................Stf/C Max Werkenthin, AP (Austin/21)
Asst/Ch Planning .....................................................Stf/C James R. McCurry, N (Shallotte River/27)

In accordance with USPS Bylaws Section 11.7 it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to appoint members of the Standing Committees. Upon recommendation of their respective chairs, and with the approval of the chief commander, the following members are recommended for appointment by this Governing Board to serve in 2019:

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .....................................P/R/C David C. McMahon, AP (Raleigh Sail/27)
.................................................................P/D/C Greg D. Shay, JN (Raleigh Sail/27)

LAW COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee ......................................Stf/C Horacio Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)
...........................................................................Lt Bruce Gardiner, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)
...........................................................................P/D/C Natalie E. Witty, JN (Skokie Valley Sail/20)
...........................................................................Ruth Witztum, JN (New York Sail/4)
...........................................................................D/Lt Robert L. Wolfe, S (Sarasota/22)
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee .....................................................
Stf/C Kristi Watson Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
P/D/C George M. Gilbert, JN (Middletown/1)
Stf/C Jerry H. Hall, SN (Cape Fear Sail/27)
Doreen S. Hinksman (Tar River/27)
D/Lt Kenneth E. Smith, AP (Friday Harbor/16)
P/D/C William A. Stano, JN (Grosse Pointe/9)

R/C Korstad stated that the Committee on Nominations recommends the election of the members of the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, general members of the Governing Board. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion (2019-AM-10).

R/C Korstad announced that the Committee on Nominations selected Stf/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN, as staff commander 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:

.......................Nigel E. Hargreaves (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8) 1st year, first 3-year term
.......................David L. Hinders (Cyber Membership/50) 1st year, second 3-year term

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

.......................Lucille R. Horowitz (Shrewsbury/4) 3rd year, first 3-year term
.......................Susan L. Darcy (Berkshire Sail/2) 2nd year, first 3-year term
.......................G. Leslie Johnson (Diablo Sail/25) 2nd year, first 3-year term
.......................Alan F. Wentworth (Door County/10) 2nd year, second 3-year term

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect Nigel E. Hargreaves and David L. Hinders as trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2019-AM-11)

USPS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.

In accordance with Article III of the Bylaws of United States Power Squadrons Endowment Fund, Inc., two trustees are to be elected annually by the USPS Governing Board for a three-year term. The Committee on Nominations recommended the election of the following as trustees of the fund.
The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect John Malatak and Thomas Dougherty as trustees of the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. (2019-AM-12)

**Report of the USPS Educational Fund**

P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN, chair, reported a slight increase in the number of squadrons achieving Honor Roll status in 2018. He noted receiving sizeable donations from members as memorial gifts and from organizations that support the Fund.

P/R/C Wentworth reported that in 2018 the Educational Fund awarded a grant to a squadron for promotional materials supporting educational activities and two grants to USPS supporting the development of new course delivery systems and marketing efforts to promote America’s Boating Club.

P/R/C Wentworth closed by thanking all who had contributed to the USPS Educational Fund.

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

Adjourned at 1600.

V/C Howard Yoas, SN
National Secretary
ADOPTED

1) To approve the minutes of the 18 August 2018 Governing Board Meeting. (2019-AM-1)

2) To award C/C Cheney his 32nd Merit Mark. (2019-AM-2)

3) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.18. (2019-AM-3)

4) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.13.15. (2019-AM-4)

5) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.8.2 (2019-AM-5)

6) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.8.2b (2019-AM-6)

7) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 6.15 (2019-AM-7)

8) To amend USPS Bylaws, Section 9.4.1 (2019-AM-8)

9) To adopt USPS Bylaws, Section 12.3 (2019-AM-9)

10) To elect members of the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, general members of the Governing Board. (2019-AM-10).

11) To elect Nigel E. Hargreaves and David L. Hinders to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2019-AM-11)

12) To elect John Malatak and Thomas Dougherty to the Trustees of the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. (2019-AM-12)