# Minutes of the Final Meeting of the 2006 Governing Board Jacksonville Hyatt, Jacksonville, Fla. 24 Feb. 2007

Chief Commander Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, convened the meeting at 0800.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, national secretary, declared a quorum of Governing Board members present.

R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, Committee on Rules chairman, announced that P/C Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP, would serve as parliamentarian for both Governing Board meetings and the 2007 Annual Meeting, explained the voting procedures, and called attention to the voting rules printed on each voting card.

C/C Marshburn introduced Kitty Higgins, board member of the National Transportation Safety Board. Ms. Higgins presented a plaque to C/C Marshburn from the NTSB honoring USPS' dedication to improving boating safety.

#### Award of a Merit Mark to the Chief Commander

R/C Lakin summarized the chief commander's 2006 activities and recommended a motion to award C/C Marshburn his 23rd merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-GB-1)

## **Approval of the Minutes**

C/C Marshburn announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 19 Aug. 2006 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed.

C/C Marshburn entertained a motion to confirm the 19 Aug. 2006 Governing Board ratification of Operating Committee actions reflected in the subsequent minutes of its meeting held on 15-19 Aug. 2006. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-GB-2)

The chief entertained a motion to ratify the actions taken by the OCom at its 20 Sept. 2006 and 9 Dec. 2006 meetings and published in the minutes of those meetings. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-GB-3)

# **Action Summary**

# Final meeting of the 2006 Governing Board

#### 24 Feb. 2007

- 1. A motion to award a 2006 merit mark to C/C Marshburn. (2007-GB-1)
- A motion to confirm the 19 Aug. 2006 Governing Board ratification of Operating
   Committee actions reflected in the subsequent minutes of its meetings held on 15-19

   Aug. 2006. (2007-GB-2)
- 3. A motion to ratify the actions taken by the OCom at its 9 Sept. 2006 and 9 Dec. 2006 meetings and published in the minutes of these meetings. (2007-GB-3)

# Minutes of the 93rd Annual Meeting Jacksonville Hyatt, Jacksonville, Fla. 24 Feb. 2007

Chief Commander Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, called the meeting to order at 0835.

Jewish Lay Leader Gail Nachman 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 Jamie R. McCurry, AP, and the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

The national secretary declared a quorum present.

R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, Committee on Rules chairman, explained the annual meeting voting procedures.

#### **Introduction of Past Chief Commanders**

P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, introduced the past chief commanders present in the order they served.

P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN, 1982-1983 (Lackawanna/4)

P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN, 1986-1987 (Birmingham/9)

P/C/C Gillette E. Gordon, SN, 1992-1993 (Diablo/25)

P/C/C Joseph L. Kennedy, SN, 1994-1995 (St. Petersburg/22)

P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, 1996-1997 (Rocky Mount/27)
P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN 2000-2001 (Bellevue/16)
P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN 2002-2003 (Grosse Pointe/9)

C/C Marshburn introduced P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN (Diablo/25) who served as chief commander from 2004 to 2005.

C/C Marshburn noted that the first female members to earn life membership were recognized at a reception during the Annual Meeting. He recognized those in attendance: Patricia H. Coley, SN, Saybrook/1; Patricia A. Dance, SN, Cape Coral/22; Susan L. Kneeland, SN, Cocoa Beach/23; Dolores V. Loprinze, AP, New London/1; Carolyn W. Parker, SN Lake Norman Sail/27; Anne S. Peskin, SN, Stamford Sail/2; Clara L. Ross, SN, Banana River/23; Mary Jane Schnoor, SN, Cocoa Beach/23; Anna M. Wellander, AP, Hempstead Bay/3; Merilyn P. Wright, JN, Delaware River/5; and Lana L. Zimmerman, SN, Mohawk-Hudson Sail/2

C/C Marshburn reported an attendance of 840.

P/R/C William E. Husted, SN, read a proclamation from John Peyton, mayor of Jacksonville, Fla., designating 19-24 Feb. 2007 as Safe Boating Week in Jacksonville.

P/R/C Husted introduced the following honored guests:

- Bill Gossard, National Transportation Safety Board
- John Malatak, United States Coast Guard, Chief of Program Operations for the Dept. of Homeland Security
- Capt. Paul Thomas, commander, USCG Sector Jacksonville
- Lt. Brian Zekus, project officer, America's Waterway Watch Program
- Mary Larsen, division commander, USCG Auxiliary America's Waterway Watch
   Program

- Duane Morrison, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Tony Niles, USACE
- William Griswold, president, United Safe Boating Institute
- Charles Holmes, national director, Venturing Division, Boy Scouts of America
- Jimmie Homberg, national commodore, Sea Scouts, BSA
- David George, national boatswain, Sea Scouts, BSA
- Chris Kerzich, past national boatswain, Sea Scouts, BSA
- Steve Tadd, director, Grow Boating Program, National Marine Manufacturers

  Association
- Bryan Zumwalt, legal counsel, NMMA
- Ruth Wood, president, BoatU.S. Foundation
- Bob Askew, Mustang Survival
- Jake Hill, McGriff, Seibels & Williams
- Rich DeSimone, president, St. Paul Travelers Insurance
- Joe Grenzebach, St. Paul Travelers Insurance
- Rick Salway, St. Paul Travelers Insurance
- Bill Prince, Classic Yacht Magazine
- Steve Budar, national commodore, USCG Auxiliary
- Jeff Hoedt, chief, USCG Office of Boating Safety
- Jeff Johnson, president, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
- Virgil Chambers, executive director, National Safe Boating Council
- Capt. John Lowell, chief, National Oceanic Atmospheric Adminstration, Marine Chart Division
- Peter Trogden, president, Weems & Plath

Capt. Lowell, assisted by Kenneth Forster, senior cartographer, NOAA, National Ocean Service, Office of Coast Survey, presented the following 2006 Cooperative Charting Awards for outstanding contributions to the charting and geodetic programs.

The number one individual: John J. Rodgers, SN, Charlotte/27

The number one squadron: Houston Power Squadron/21

The number one district: District 21

NOAA Coast Survey Award: Mack L. Gordy, AP, Greensboro/27, for excelling in

the Cooperative Charting Program for five years.

R/C Ed Summers, JN, presented the 2006 Cooperative Charting Award to District 26

R/C Husted introduced BoatU.S. founder and CEO Richard Schwartz and Boat U.S. Foundation president Ruth Wood who presented the 2006 BoatU.S./USPS Civic Service Award to District 3, runner-up award to District 16; Manatee Sail/22, and squadron runners-up awards to Peace River/22, Hampton Roads/5, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8 and Vero Beach/8.

R/C Husted introduced Chief Commander Serge St-Martin, Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons. C/C St-Martin introduced members of the CPS bridge and other CPS members in attendance.

R/C Husted introduced John Eaton from McGraw-Hill International Marine. V/C Dick Kyle, SN, explained that the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes five members who have demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and motivating their students. They represent the best of USPS instructors. V/C Kyle and Mr. Eaton presented the 2006 Chapman Awards to P/C William F. Berger, AP, Aroostook Valley Sail/19; P/D/C John L. DeLuca, SN, Calumet Sail/20; D/Lt/C Arthur F. Kimber, SN, Cape Cod Sail/14; Lt/C Ron L. Swope, JN, Pensacola Sail/15; and Lt/C William M. Walker, AP, Olympia Sail/16. Each recipient's squadron received a Weems & Plath sextant from USPS and a LCD projector donated by McGraw-Hill International Marine.

C/C Marshburn reported that Stf/C Robert A. Green, N, would present the 2006 USPS/USCG Eagle Award to Mustang Survival and William Griswold, president of United Safe

Boating Institute, during the dinner-dance. This award recognizes companies, organizations and people who have made significant contributions to boating safety through the years.

R/C Husted called on R/C Darrell Allison, AP, who presented the Ships Bell Award, which recognizes USPS members and individuals who have created and executed an outstanding marketing or public relations program. Awards were presented to Derek Dunn-Rankin, Suncoast Media; and D/C Brian Logan, SN, principal engineer, Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

#### **Honorary Memberships**

C/C Marshburn presented 2007 honorary memberships to the following:

Steve Budar	Jeff Hoedt	Duane Morrison
Virgil Chambers	Charles Holmes	Anthony Niles
Rich DeSimone	Jimmie Homburg	Richard Schwartz
John Eaton	Jeff Johnson	Serge St-Martin
Kenneth Forster	Phil Keeter	Paul Thomas
David George	Chris Kerzich	Peter Trogden
Bill Gossard	Karen Kimmel	Catherine Trogden
William Griswold	John Lowell	Ruth Wood
Kitty Higgins	Richard Moore	

## Life Saving Award

C/C Marshburn presented a USPS Life Saving Award to Cdr Dwain L. Rodman, AP, and Lt Michael D. Johnson, S, Virginia Beach Sail/5.

C/C Marshburn and Larry Innis, Marine Retailers Association of America, signed a memorandum of understanding.

C/C Marshburn and BJ Ursin, president, International Order of the Blue Gavel, signed a memorandum of understanding.

R/C Husted introduced R/C Dave Daniels, SN, and Stf/C Robert A. Green, SN, who discussed the 2007 National Safe Boating Week Campaign. They announced that the 2007 theme is "Wear It - Always Wear your Life Jacket." R/C Daniels said that USPS squadrons are encouraged to hold safe boating classes during the 2007 NSBW, on 19 -25 May 2007. For public service announcements promoting the campaign see the USPS website at www.usps.org/national/pr/links3. For 2007 campaign materials go to www.safeboatingcampaign.com. Squadrons can order free safety posters in packages of 10 by sending a request toWilliam.V.Burgess@uscg.mil.

#### **Approval of the Minutes**

Hearing no objections, C/C Marshburn approved the 7 Jan. 2006 Annual Meeting minutes as distributed.

#### **2007 Emeritus Members**

C/C Marshburn presented Emeritus Member Awards to Robert A. Charvat, SN, Rocky River/7, and C.B. Farnsworth, JN, Mohawk-Hudson Sail/2.

## **2007 Life Members**

C/C Marshburn announced that the 2007 life members received life member certificates at a reception on Friday, 23 Feb. 2007. They will receive plaques, pins and cards at their district spring conferences or at another suitable occasion. The life members for 2007 are:

Name	District/Squadron Name	
David W. Abel, AP 27/Rocky Mount		
Spencer P. Anderson, SN	23/Banana River	
George S. Austin, AP	5/Absecon Island	
F. Marvin Bahr, AP	11/Painesville	
Malcolm R. Baker, SN	5/Richmond Sail &	
Joseph Balbo, AP	4/Shrewsbury	
Erik Ball, SN	22/Boca Ciega Sail &	
Ansel Q. Berglund, AP	13/Pasadena	
Edward E. Billinghurst Jr., AP	17/Huntsville	
Paul F. Brogan, AP	16/Bellevue	
James L. Brunelle, AP	25/Diablo Sail &	
James A. Bunting, JN	4/New York Sail &	
Martin S. Burger, AP	2/Penfield	
Allen L. Capron, SN	5/Susquehannock	
David C. Carlson, SN	10/Duluth	
Mitchell Cash, SN	15/Ft Walton Sail &	
Donald E. Cates, P	8/Palm Beach Sail &	
Daniel C. Cavaluzzi, S	4/Bronx	
Thomas J. Chisholm, SN	13/Covina	
Patricia H. Coley, SN 1/Saybrook		
Clyde A. Cordtsen Jr., SN	1/Manchester	

Edwin M. Cotton, AP 22/Cape Coral

Harry G. Crook, AP 22/Sarasota

William D. Crosbie Sr., P 15/Baton Rouge Sail &

Robert R. Dales, AP 5/Delhigh

Patricia A. Dance, SN 22/Cape Coral

Donald D. DeMuzio, SN 5/Schuylkill River

Robert A. Dougherty, AP 22/Tampa

Douglas M. Durfee, SN 3/Oyster Bay

Harold G. Erichs, SN 2/Darien Sail &

Richard Evans, SN 2/Penfield

Morris W. Firebaugh, AP 20/Racine

Clarence C. Fischer, AP 31/Beaver Lake Sail &

Jan I. Follestad, JN 25/Marin

Ray V. Foss, P 7/Mid Ohio Valley

Richard G. France, SN 7/Stark County

Jack A. Freistat Sr., N 5/Sue Island Sail &

Lad F. Grapski, JN 22/Sarasota

William M. Gruber, SN 17/Atlanta Sail &

Donald L. Hagen, SN 12/Nobscot Sail &

A. William Hagstrom, AP 4/Oritani

Roger P. Hankle, SN 29/Columbus Sail &

J. Gordon Henry, SN 22/Marco Island Sail &

Jack E. Hensley, SN 16/Bremerton

Rodger Hess, SN 3/Sewanhaka

Hans A. Heynau, N 8/Palm Beach Sail &

Robert W. Himes, P 11/Painesville

James H. Houston Jr., SN 24/Cincinnati Sail &

Arthur Huebner, JN 3/Great South Bay

William W. Jones, SN 21/Galveston Bay

Rex A. Jordan, P 7/Mountaineer

Susan L. Kneeland, SN 23/Cocoa Beach

Thomas R. Kuhns, N 4/New York Sail &

Eugene F. Kuliberda, SN 3/Great South Bay

Wolfgang Kutter, SN 28/Balboa

Jules P. Lachance, JN 31/Oklahoma City Sail &

Edwin Lamm Jr., AP 21/San Antonio Sail &

Robert G. Larsen, SN 26/Lake Hartwell Sail &

Charles L. Latimer, SN 26/Lake Hartwell Sail &

Mark Lobo, P 31/Tulsa

Dolores V. Loprinze, AP 1/New London

John V. Lynch, P 2/Penfield

Jeff Markell, AP 33/San Juan

Robert E. Marx, SN 20/Fox Valley

Michael E. Mastal, SN 9/Grosse Ile

Leroy S. McCreary, P 8/Everglades

Jewell F. McGhee, AP 17/Rome

Bruce E. Miklas, AP 3/Jones Beach

Marilyn C. Montgomery, AP 25/Sacramento

G. Tom Moore III, JN 21/San Antonio Sail &

William J. Museler, AP 5/Annapolis Sail &

Jerome E. Olson, P 28/Balboa

Donald G. Orrick, AP 29/Columbus Sail &

Patrick A. Pabouet, P 1/Hartford

Mark E. Packer, AP 7/Rocky River

James C. Pappas, SN 15/St. Andrew Bay

Carolyn W. Parker, SN 27/Lake Norman Sail &

John C. Parry, SN 14/Greenwich Bay Sail &

Willard R. Parson, AP 5/Patapsco River

Jack Penn, AP 31/Oklahoma City Sail &

Anne S. Peskin, SN 2/Stamford Sail &

Paul A. Pessa, SN 11/Erie

Richard W. Peterson, N 12/Great Blue Hill Sail &

Margaret R. Phelan, SN 4/Bronx

David P. Pike, AP 9/Birmingham

William W. Poorman, AP 6/Syracuse Sail &

Gordon L. Proctor, JN 21/Galveston Bay

John C. Pulver, JN 6/Oak Orchard

Robert G. Reeves, SN 1/Milford

Louis M. Reitz, AP 5/Ocean City

Donald L. Rife, SN 22/Boca Ciega Sail &

William B. Riley, AP 5/Dundalk Sail &

Clara L. Ross, SN 23/Banana River

Jack C. Runner, AP 29/Sandusky

Michael J. Sangiorgio, SN 4/Barnegat Bay Sail &

Ted Schenk, JN 4/Bronx

Mary Jane Schnoor, SN 23/Cocoa Beach

David A. Shaw, N 18/Marblehead Sail &

Edward Shimansky, SN 4/City Island

Milton R. Smith, SN 10/Madison

D.D. Smith III, AP 15/Baton Rouge Sail &

Barbara W. Souza, SN 18/Beverly

Richard N. Spurr, SN 20/Chicago

Paul Edward Stohr, S 30/St. Louis

David R. Teets, AP 5/Richmond Sail &

Robert B. Thompson, JN 4/Long Valley

Richard N. Toler, AP 7/South Hills

Robert D. Verkouille, JN 4/Watchung Sail &

James H. Walsh, SN 2/Darien Sail &

Hubert Ward Jr., SN 15/New Orleans

Anna M. Wellander, AP 3/Hempstead Bay

William C. Wells, AP 1/New Britain

Kenneth W. Wilkins, SN 29/Lima

Martin T. Wirtz, P 10/St. Paul Sail &

Merilyn P. Wright, JN 5/Delaware River

Fred J. Yolen, AP 2/Westchester

Rolf D. Ziemer, SN 6/Syracuse Sail &

Lana L. Zimmerman, SN 2/Mohawk Hudson Sail &

Joseph L. Zuppardo, AP 29/Lima

#### 2007 Meritorious Service Awards

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

- R/C Darrell Allison, AP, chairman, Marketing and Public Relations Committee
- R/C Edward F. Bauer, SN, Historian
- R/C Thomas H. Ellis, JN, Budget Officer/Secretary's Dept.
- R/C Patricia G. Gagliano, AP, chairman, Operations Manual Committee
- R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN, chairman, Squadron Activities Committee
- R/C Elliott L. Manke, JN, chairman, Recreational Boating Safety Committee
- R/C Richard C. Pfenninger, SN, chairman, Inland & Coastal Navigation Committee
- R/C Nancy M. Reeder, SN, chairman, Publication Support Committee
- R/C James D. Richlak, SN, Law Officer
- R/C Anne V. Schreitmueller, JN, chairman, Publications Committee
- R/C Edwin A. Slack, SN, Budget Officer/Educational Department
- R/C Edwin Summers Jr., JN, chairman, Cooperative Charting Committee
- R/C Shirley Y. Van Rhee, JN, chairman, Committee on Nominations
- R/C Alfred A. Volkmann, SN, chairman, Planned Giving Committee
- R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN, chairman, Planning Committee
- R/C William F. Witty, SN, chairman, Educational Dept. Operations Committee
- R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN, chairman, National Meetings Committee
- R/C Ina Fay Zitter, JN, chairman, THE ENSIGN Committee

#### **Report of the Committee on Rules**

R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, stated that he appointed P/C Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP, as parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting and the afternoon Governing Board Meeting.

R/C Lakin reported on bylaws amendments under consideration noting that the

Committee on Rules, with the concurrence of the Operating Committee, proposed adding a new Section 5.3.1a to the USPS Bylaws:

**5.3.1a** The Operating Committee may authorize budget reductions and transfers between budget accounts, and may approve supplemental appropriations of not more than \$10,000 after receiving a report from the Finance Committee (see section 5.7.2a).

If this amendment is adopted, R/C Lakin said the section would then read:

**5.3.1** The Operating Committee shall carry on such routine business of USPS between meetings of the Governing Board as the Governing Board itself might transact in regular session except that the Operating Committee shall not: (1) change the composition of the Governing Board or of the Operating Committee; or (2) amend these bylaws.

**5.3.1a** The Operating Committee may authorize budget reductions and transfers between budget accounts, and may approve supplemental appropriations of not more than \$10,000 after receiving a report from the Finance Committee (see section 5.7.2a).

R/C Lakin stated that the Operating Committee must carry on USPS' routine business, which mostly involves its finances. He noted that every need cannot be anticipated in a budget, line items may need to be added or increased, and other items may need to be reduced to stay within projected income.

He said that the Operating Committee has been making adjustments for years, which are subsequently approved by the Governing Board. He said that this practice creates a problem for the Finance and Budget committees. He noted that this amendment clarifies OCom's authority in

financial matters.

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws Section 5.3.1a . (2007-AM-1)

R/C Lakin said the Operating Committee recommended establishing a national corporate membership. With this membership, corporate members could attend national meetings but could not vote, hold office, participate in local activities or enroll in member classes. He said the new membership category require changing the number of member classes to five, adding the new membership class to a list of classes, adding a section on corporate members and renumbering the remaining section in article III to correspond.

R/C Lakin stated that the Committee on Rules proposed that the Governing Board amend USPS Bylaws, Section 3.1, by replacing "four" with "five" and inserting "corporate members" after "apprentice members." After amendment, the section would read:

Section 3.1 There shall be five classes of members, namely, active members, family members, apprentice members, corporate members, and honorary members. Active members shall have all the privileges of membership in USPS while the other classes of members shall have limited privileges as noted below.

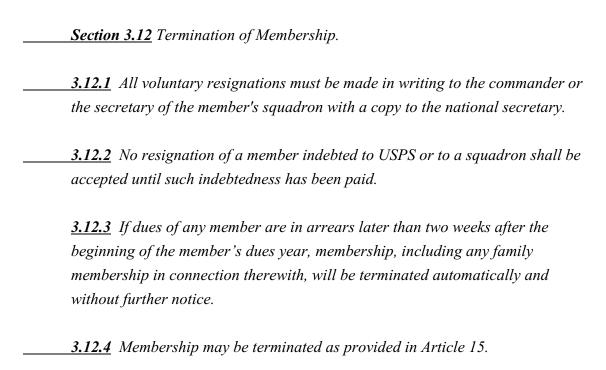
Amend Section 3.4 by inserting "active, family, associate or apprentice." After amendment, the section would read:

Section 3.4 An application for active, family, associate or apprentice membership must be endorsed by one or more active members before being presented to an Executive Committee for final action. Admission to membership shall require a majority vote of Executive Committee members present and voting at a duly constituted meeting thereof.

The Committee on Rules proposed inserting a new section as Section 3.11 to provide for corporate members:

<u>Section 3.11</u> Corporate members shall be entities having an interest in boating safety or recreational boating. Corporate members shall pay such dues and entrance fees as may be set by the Governing Board. Corporate members may not vote, hold office, participate in local activities or enroll for member courses. A corporate representative may wear the member's pin. Corporate members may be admitted by majority vote of the Operating Committee.

The Committee on Rules proposed renumbering existing Section 3.11 (and its subsections) regarding termination of membership:



The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to amend USPS Bylaws Article 3 to allow for corporate members. (2007-AM-2)

R/C Lakin said he received a petition from Evanston Sail & Power Squadron to change its name to Evanston North Shore Sail & Power Squadron. He said that North Shore refers to the Lake Michigan shoreline just north of Chicago. He said that the Committee on Rules had

requested other amendments to the squadron bylaws to meet current USPS policy and that the squadron had agreed to present the changes to the squadron members for approval. R/C Lakin stated that the Committee on Rules proposed that the Governing Board adopt the following motion:

"That Evanston Sail & Power Squadron be renamed Evanston North Shore Sail & Power Squadron, and that such name change take effect upon approval of squadron bylaws by the Committee on Rules."

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to rename Evanston Sail & Power Squadron to Evanston North Shore Sail & Power Squadron. (2007-AM-3)

R/C Lakin reported receiving a petition from Clinton Power Squadron to change its name to Two Rivers Sail and Power Squadron. He said that the squadron bylaws are in order and that the Committee on Rules proposed that the Governing Board adopt the following motion:

"That Clinton Power Squadron be renamed Two Rivers Sail & Power Squadron."

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to rename Clinton Power Squadron to Two Rivers Sail & Power Squadron. (2007-AM-4)

#### **Report of the Finance Committee**

R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN, reported that as of 30 Nov. 2006, the funds under the management of the Finance Committee totaled \$2,955,835, which is divided into three major portfolios.

He reported that the USPS investment portfolio was valued at \$964,918. The total investment return for 12 months was a gain of \$72,121.06, or 8.5 percent. He reported that the Funk Fund balance was \$20,000 after allocating earnings of \$2,092.89 for previous expenses.

R/C Horowitz reported a balance of \$960,855 in the Endowment Fund. The total investment return was \$27,008.75, or 8.11 percent. He said that the fund had also received a number of pledges.

R/C Horowitz reported that the OCom approved transferring \$40,000 to the operating budget from investment income and gains at the end of the 2006 fiscal year. He reported that these funds were subsequently held in reserve for use in the 2007 budget. He said that since the fund retained the amount allocated to the 2006 budget, the OCom approved grants in the amount of \$14,375 as follows: \$1,125 for the purchase of award banners for the Power of One Program, \$12,500 for the new Leadership Development Training Program, and \$750 to offset travel expenses for a guest speaker at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

R/C Horowitz reported that the district and squadron funds totaled \$1,030,062 as of 30 Nov. 2006. He said that this investment management service is available to all districts and squadrons and is advantageous for districts and squadrons because the Finance Committee pools funds and purchases jumbo certificates of deposit at higher interest rates. He said that the current average yield is 5.1 percent.

R/C Horowitz reported that the national treasurer, OCom and committee chairmen had succeeded in keeping a tight rein on operating expenditures. He noted that revenue shortfall continues to plague USPS, with declining membership numbers being the number one problem.

R/C Horowitz reported on the financial alarm test. He said that the alarm test was \$2,464,172 as of 30 Nov. 2005, or \$535,828 below the \$3 million control limit. He reported that as of 30 Nov. 2006, the total was \$2,663,821, or \$336,179 below the control limit.

R/C Horowitz reported that the Finance Committee received the following requests from the Law Committee for unbudgeted items: 1) to spend up to \$1,000 for outside counsel on North Carolina law pertaining to a new Drug-Free Workplace Policy; 2) to spend up to \$6,000 for outside counsel to create an e-commerce limited liability corporation; 3) to spend \$450 to prepare and file the Section 8 and Section 15 declaration for the USPS name and design trademark; and 4) to spend \$3,000 to register USPS University in Canada. R/C Horowitz recommended adding \$10,450 to the 2007 Law Committee budget. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-5)

R/C Horowitz called on V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, to report on a housekeeping matter. V/C Baldridge reported that at the 2006 Governing Board in New York, the Governing Board approved a \$25 entrance fee for the first active member of a household. He noted that

there was an error in the motion, which stated that the entrance fee satisfied the entrance fee for qualified individuals of the household who become **additional** active members, which excluded family members. R/C Horowitz moved that the motion be amended to read as follows:

The establishment of one entrance fee for active membership, that this fee be paid by the primary active member, that this fee be twenty five dollars (\$25), and that this fee shall also satisfy the entrance fee(s) of all qualified individuals of the household who become **members**, so long as the primary active member remains a member in good standing.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-6)

V/C Baldridge said that the new dues category structure, which was approved at the 2006 Governing Board Meeting in New York, was intended to simplify the dues structure and to encourage more active members. He noted members must pay a \$10 fee to change their status. He said the fee may discourage some family members from becoming active members.

R/C Horowitz proposed suspending the \$10 status change fee from 1 June 2007 to 31 May 2009. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-7)

#### **Report of the Law Committee**

R/C James D. Richlak, SN, reported that LawCom reviewed a proposal for an E-Commerce initiative that would provide a venue for members and the public to sell, auction, or advertise merchandise, blog, and ask questions. He said this would require setting up a limited liability corporation and a for-profit corporation to protect the tax exempt status of USPS.

R/C Richlak reported that LawCom drafted a Drug-Free Workplace Policy and Drug-Free Awareness Program for USPS employees. He noted that some grant applications require a Drug-Free Workplace policy and a Drug-Free Awareness program.

LawCom reviewed a contract with Studio 630, LLC to redesign the Ensign and a contract with Schumann Printers Inc. to publish THE ENSIGN magazine.

LawCom reviewed proposed memorandums of understanding with the International Order of the Blue Gavel and with the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Ocean Service, which supersedes the previous agreement signed on 22 May 2004, the Marine Retailers Association of America and the Federal Communications Commission and the USCG.

R/C Richlak reported that LawCom filed a statement of use for Watersmart from the Start Service Mark on 26 Oct. 2006 with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The national officer reported that LawCom drafted a proposed Record Retention Policy in 2004 and is updating the document for reconsideration.

R/C Richlak reported that OCom approved filing combined sections 8 and 15 declarations for the USPS design service mark with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The national law officer reported that a subordinate unit information and request letter for inclusion under the USPS Group Exemption letter was sent out to the remaining 40 squadrons that were not in compliance. He indicated that 16 squadrons subsequently complied.

R/C Richlak reported on new IRS reporting rules. He stated that exempt organizations with yearly gross receipts that are normally \$25,000 or less are not required to file Form 990 or 990-EZ. The purpose of this exemption is to avoid imposing an administrative burden on small tax-exempt organizations. He reported that for tax years beginning after 2006, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires organizations exempt from filing an annual return under the gross receipts test to file an annual electronic notice with the IRS. Under the act, a district or squadron will be required to provide its legal name, assumed or "doing business as" name, the mailing address, website address, taxpayer identification number, principal officer's name and address, and gross receipts collected.

#### **Report of the Planning Committee**

R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN, reported that the Planning Committee reviewed reports from the ad hoc Restructuring Committee on governance and marketing.

R/C Wentworth reported that the Planning Committee worked with the Administrative

Department to develop a Leadership Development program for districts based on the "Train the Trainer" concept, which will be implemented in 2007.

He reported that the Planning Committee Manual was revised and is available on the committee's website at www.usps.org/national/plancom/resource. He noted that additional resources are available on the committee's website including the USPS Strategic Plan, the Squadron Internal Review, the newer member survey, D/Plan/Net and a photo gallery.

R/C Wentworth reported that the Planning Committee continues to review the goals of the USPS Strategic Plan originally approved by the Governing Board in April 2001. He reported that the committee had revised the Communications and Leadership goals as follows:

# **Strategic Plan for Communications**

#### **GOAL**

To create, maintain and use effective, two-way internal and external communications systems which support rapid and accurate information exchange with USPS members, partners, commercial interests and the general public.

Each department and committee is responsible for defining the communications capabilities it requires to achieve this goal and the other goals of the USPS Strategic Plan. These requirements will be used by the Secretary's Department to formulate and implement an overall Communications Plan for USPS. Successful completion of this goal will facilitate the fulfillment of the USPS mission.

#### **Strategic Plan revision for Leadership Development**

#### **GOALS**

Foster and enhance interest in leadership positions throughout the organization and to better prepare officers with leadership skills by organizing local programs of information and instruction.

Provide leadership training to all squadron members interested, focusing particularly on squadron administrative officers, and to provide meaningful life and business relevant leadership training to all incoming squadron commanders.

USPS Administrative Department through the auspices of various districts will provide and present leadership training seminars.

R/C Wentworth made a motion to revise the USPS Strategic Plan by revising the Communications and Leadership goals. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-8)

### **Report of the Marketing and Public Relations Committee**

R/C Darrell G. Allison, AP, reported that the new national coordinator for Cooperative Advertising is D/C Denise Samu, AP. Contact information is available on the committee's website. He said that all requests for Cooperative Advertising funds must be reviewed and approved by the District PRO prior to submittal. He noted that funds are disbursed three times yearly on 31 March, 31 July and 31 October. Additional information is available on the committee's website at www.usps.org/national/pr/ideas3.

R/C Allison said that 30 Districts participated in the Cooperative Advertising program in 2006, resulting in \$34,288.19 being awarded to squadrons and districts.

R/C Allison said that the Marketing and Public Relations Committee is working with West Marine corporate marketing to establish a communications path with district and squadron public relations officers. He reported that the contact information will be provided to West Marine store managers only and will not be sold or otherwise distributed.

He reported that the International Order of the Blue Gavel MOU provides an opportunity to present USPS educational products and to promote USPS University at yacht clubs in the United States.

R/C Allison reported that Classic Yacht Magazine, a new e-magazine, featured USPS in its inaugural issue. He said that Classic Yacht Magazine will publish USPS media releases and

feature articles on USPS in future editions. Subscriptions are free at www.classicyachtmag.com.

He reported that the 2007 Mariners World Marine Directory included 20 USPS-Popeye PSAs. This directory is distributed to marine stores and yacht clubs throughout Southern California, Arizona and southern Nevada.

R/C Allison reported that USPS University press releases were sent to 56 boating law administrators and 120 boating magazines. He reported that press releases are archived on the committee's website at www.usps.org/national/pr/media3.

#### **Report of the National Treasurer**

V/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, reported that 2006 net operating revenues over expenses were \$58,355. He reported 2006 operating revenues were \$48,233 less than in 2005. He reported that 2006 operating expenses were \$315,864 less than in 2005. He noted that dues and fees revenues were down \$29,645. Headquarters net expenses were \$80,936 less than in 2005 and THE ENSIGN expenses were \$74,452 less than in 2005. In total, departmental, committee, and governing board expenses were reduced by \$218,272.

V/C Mesenburg reported that fixed expenses and the overall operating expenditures continue to rise, while decreasing membership numbers negatively impact operating revenues. He said that the operating budget cannot continue to be balanced by cutting member services, cutting headquarter employee benefits, and cutting numerous other required expenditures without suffering irreversible damage. He said the challenge to increase operating revenue is still paramount and USPS cannot operate effectively on revenue from dues, fees and educational sales alone. He reported on several initiatives that will directly enhance revenue.

The national treasurer reported that one revenue-generating initiative is the development of a USPS E-Commerce site. He noted that the main objectives are to increase membership and generate revenue.

V/C Mesenburg stated that the Endowment Fund is another revenue-generating initiative. He encouraged members to remember the Endowment Fund during their personal estate planning.

The national treasurer reported that the Chase Bank Affinity Credit Card Program is another revenue generator. He reminded districts and squadrons that USPS receives \$75 for every new account approved and used. Squadrons receive 50 percent, districts receive 5 percent, and national retains 45 percent. USPS earned approximately \$26,000 in 2006. In late March or early April 2007, the Member Benefits website will provide a link to the Chase Bank website, which will include a direct online application and program details. He said members may contact 1-800-347-7887 and refer to the USPS affinity program to apply.

# **Report of the Auditing Committee**

P/R/C Albert M. Warnock Jr., SN, reported that R/C William J. Robinson, SN, could not attend the Annual Meeting and asked him to present the Auditing Committee report. R/C Robinson reported that the Auditing Committee visited headquarters twice in 2006. The committee reviewed internal controls, conducted compliance and substantive tests, and contacted districts and squadrons to confirm USPS' financial liability. R/C Robinson reported that the Auditing Committee did not find any material adjustments to the accounts.

The chief commander entertained a motion to accept the Auditing Committee report. The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-9)

#### **Report of the National Secretary**

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reported that the Secretary's Department committees and the headquarters staff have been working hard to implement elements of the Strategic Plan for Communications, while reducing costs and providing better service to members.

V/C Baldridge reported that the Website Redesign Committee launched the revised website at www.usps.org. He said that the revised site has a common look and feel, is easier to navigate, provides a common portal for members and the public and makes it easier to obtain information about USPS. He said that website hits are up by 33 percent while entries to a deeper level are up by 25 percent. He said that many members have offered suggestions and the committee is using the feedback to improve the site.

The national secretary reported on new communications tools. Beginning with the 2007

Annual Meeting, the Secretary's Department is producing a meeting CD-ROM that contains meeting documents, handouts, tools and national committee presentations. He encouraged members to order a copy when they register for the 2007 Governing Board Meeting in Norfolk, Virg. Another communications tool is USPS News at www.usps.org/newpublic2/news.html, where members can find out the latest about USPS.

V/C Baldridge reported that The Ensign staff and The Ensign Committee had worked hard to produce a redesigned magazine that is attractive, vibrant and informative to members and the public. He reported that in January 2007 The Ensign staff launched the Compass, the new electronic newsletter targeted at members, partners, and the boating public. The initial issue was e-mailed to more than 17,000 members. Members and the public can subscribe at www.usps.org/newpublic2/compass.html.

V/C Baldridge called on R/C Ina Fay Zitter, SN, who presented a plaque to Arnold Medalan, SN, Diablo Sail/25, in recognition of 10 years contribution to The Ensign Stargazer column from 1997 to 2007.

The national secretary reported that districts 2 and 21 and the national committees participated in an electronic merit mark test in fall 2006. He said that survey feedback was positive, and 97 percent of responders indicated that it was an improvement. He said that enhancements were noted and will be implemented before the national roll out in fall 2007.

The Publications Committee announced the launch of their newsletter editor's Weblog where editors can get the latest information from national committees and district and squadron editors to share in their publications. The committee announced that the 2006 Distinction in Journalism awards will be published on the committee's website at www.usps.org/national/pubcom/eijrecipients.htm.

V/C Baldridge reported that the Ship's Store Committee launched its enhanced web site, www.shopusps.org. The new site makes online shopping easier and more efficient. He announced that when members purchase items online or at 888-FOR-USPS, 5 percent of the purchase price will be split between the member's district and squadron.

The Operations Manual Committee reported that an up-to-date copy of the Operations

Manual is available at www.usps.org/newpublic2/news.html.

The Historians Committee reported that a revised Historian's Handbook and district and squadron history forms are available on the committee's website. The committee reviewed 479 historical documents in 2006.

The Flag and Etiquette Committee's website includes contacts, suggestions on designing a flag and information about the correct way to fly flags.

The Information Technology Committee reported that enhancements to DB2000 are under development.

V/C Baldridge reported obtaining soft money support to create a headquarters marketing department. He reported that the HMD would work closely with the Marketing and Public Relations Committee and would focus on member sales, external sales and member recruitment.

The national secretary reported that 74 percent of squadrons are now on headquarters anniversary billing. He reminded squadrons that several thousand members now have anniversary dates other than 1 June, which means that these members will receive their renewal notices throughout the year. Squadrons should regularly check their member status reports to ensure that these members are contacted and personally asked to renew. The status reports are available at www.usps.org/dues/reports. He said that a demo report is also available at www.usps.org/dues/reports/reports.

V/C Baldridge reported that headquarters and The Ensign have been leading the way in efforts to reduce expenses. Staff has been cut by 23 percent. He said that preliminary numbers show headquarters and The Ensign 2006 operating expenses \$199,562 under 2005 and \$220,501 under budget. The Secretary's Department reduced operating expenses by \$15,643 over 2005.

The national secretary reported that headquarters and District 8 are testing squadron new member data entry. He said that the system would be available after the 2008 Annual Meeting.

He noted that family unit dues will be implemented on 1 June 2007. He said that online tools to help districts and squadrons include a Power Point presentation on family unit dues and

how to use DB2000 as well as a dues calculator. These tools are available at www.usps.org/national/natsec/duesinfo.

V/C Baldridge reported that although most households' dues will not increase, some will slightly increase, most notably those with only one active and one family member. He announced that OCom approved sending a letter from the chief and a coupon for \$10 off any headquarters purchase to family units that will see a dues increase.

V/C Baldridge stated that the Flag and Etiquette Committee reviews squadron burgees, district flags and 50- and 75-year recognitions. V/C Baldridge presented a new flag for District 25, which he approved. He presented 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary burgees for Saugatuck River Sail/2, Ithaca/6, Swiftwater/6, Duluth/10 and New Orleans/15, which the Flag and Etiquette Committee approved.

V/C Baldridge introduced the headquarters staff present: Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters director; Lena Padro, manager, membership services; Kathy Kesterson, manager, administrative services; and Kelly Anderson, associate editor, The Ensign.

# **Report of the National Administrative Officer**

V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, said the Auxiliary Advisory Committee reported that 1,558 copies of the USPS cookbook "By Land or by Sea" have been sold to date, and 1,762 remain in inventory. Individual copies can be purchased for \$25, and cases of 12 can be purchased for \$18 per book and cases of six for \$19 per book.

The Leadership Development Committee distributed the second in a series of Leadership Seminars, "Ten Ways to Get the Best Out of Your Squadron" to district commanders. The committee is working with the Planning Committee to develop a new Train-the-Trainer program, with funding provided by a Century Fund grant. The plan is to train a select group of district personnel who will offer leadership training to squadron officers within their respective districts. The committee has developed a 15-month national calendar for district and squadron commanders available at www.usps.org/national/ot.

V/C Dvorak called on R/C Harold N. Zitter, JN, to present 2006 Operations Training

Awards to the following: 3<sup>rd</sup> place - District 27, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - District 22, 1<sup>st</sup> place - District 21. R/C Zitter also presented the 2006 Leadership Development awards: 3<sup>rd</sup> place - District 22, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - District 15, 1<sup>st</sup> place - District 23.

The national administrative officer reported that many members in the Gulf region lost their insurance following the aftermath of the 2005 hurricane season. St. Paul Travelers Insurance companies stopped writing policies for approximately 45 percent of the policies in the Gulf region, causing a lot of pain and suffering for members. He reported that the national Bridge and R/C Luis Ojeda, SN, chairman, Member Benefits Committee, met with senior management of the St. Paul Travelers Insurance companies. St. Paul representatives reported that they would consider a new type of policy for members living in the Gulf region.

The Member Benefits Committee is working with Soundings Magazine to renew an expired MOU. The renewed MOU will allow USPS members to purchase the magazine at a discount.

The national administrative officer reported that the Power of One Program was extended through September 2008. He said that the emphasis has been shifted to focus on one-on-one recruitment and mentoring, adding that involvement is critical in member retention.

V/C Dvorak reported that nine squadrons experienced a 25 percent or higher growth between 1 Oct. 2005 and 30 Sept. 2006: Housatonic River/2, which increased its membership by 26 percent; Northern New Jersey/4, which increased its membership by 55 percent; Southern Tier/6, which increased its membership by 41 percent; Port St. Lucie/8, which increased its membership by 28 percent; Salt Lake Sail/3, which increased its membership by 40 percent; Skagit Bay Sail/16, which increased its membership by 30 percent; Racine/20, which increased its membership by 54 percent; Bluegrass/24, which increased its membership by 27 percent; and Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26, which increased its membership by 27 percent.

V/C Dvorak reported that the Squadron Activities Committee continues to support its online resources for USPS members, including the Port Captain's Directory, Cruise & Rendezvous listings, Amateur Radio Directory, educational cruise guide, Speaker's Bureau and squadron and district activities links. The committee reported that the FCC eliminated Morse code as a requirement for all new license applications, effective 23 Feb. 2007.

V/C Dvorak called on D/C Lee Popham, AP, who was assisted by Charles Holmes, national director, Venturing Division, Boy Scouts of America and Jimmie Homberg, national commodore, Sea Scouts, BSA to present the 2007 P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN, Sea Scout Service Awards to David George, S, Balboa/28; V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, Bellevue/16; D/Lt Patricia Walker, Vero Beach/8; and P/R/C Thomas R. Dougherty, SN, Absecon Island/5.

V/C Dvorak reported that \$30,000 from the Schultz-Cardoza Trust Fund had been allocated to the Century Fund, which will bring the fund balance over \$1 million.

#### Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Dick Kyle, SN, reported that the 2007 Teaching Aids awards were presented during the members' luncheon to squadrons that received first-, second- and third-place prizes in all categories. He said that photos of these winning aids will be posted on the USPS Educational Department website.

# **2007 Teaching Aids Awards**

Boating		<b>Advanced Piloting</b>	
$1^{st}$	Lake Murray/26	1st	Jacksonville Sail/23
$2^{nd}$	Jacksonville Sail/23	2nd	Chicago/20
3rd	Waukegan Sail/20		
		Junio	r Navigation
Seam	anship	1st	Beaver Lake Sail/31
1st	Great South Bay/3	2nd	Ocala/23
2nd	Gainesville Sail/23	3rd	Sewanhaka/3
3rd	Long Bay/26		
		Navig	gation
Piloti	ng	1st	Chicago/20
1st	Salt Creek Sail/24	2nd	Great South Bay/3
2nd	North Strand Sail/26	3rd	Patchogue Bay/3
3rd	Wabash Valley/24		2 ,

#### **Engine Maintenance**

1st Dayton Sail/242nd Sewanhaka/3

3rd Ft. Walton Sail/15

#### **Cruise Planning**

1st Ft. Walton Sail/15

2nd Chicago/20

3rd Peconic Bay/3

#### **Instructor Development**

1st Patchogue Bay/3

2nd Captree/3

3rd Poverty Bay/16

#### **Marine Electronics**

1st Houston Sail/21

2nd Chicago/20

Sail

1st Chicago/20

2nd Jacksonville Sail/23

3rd Sewanhaka/3

#### Weather

1st Cincinnati Sail/24

2nd Neptune/3

3rd Sewanhaka/3

V/C Kyle presented the 2006 Bell Award to Sewanhaka/3 for its engine maintenance teaching aid, which was judged best of show.

V/C Kyle presented the Teaching Aid Competition Award to Beaver Lake Sail/31. This award is limited to squadrons that received the best- in-show award at fall district conferences.

The national educational officer explained that the 2006 Outstanding Educational Achievement Award recognizes squadrons with the strongest overall educational program as measured by the greatest percentage of members completing courses and the largest number of courses offered from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006. The 2006 recipients are 1<sup>st</sup> place - Door County/10, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Anna Maria Island/22 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Albemarle/27.

V/C Kyle reported that since 1969, The N Club has recognized squadrons that demonstrate educational excellence. The 2006 N Club winners are 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Ithaca/6; 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Poverty Bay/16 and 1<sup>st</sup> place - Ft Vancouver/32.

V/C Kyle reported that the updated Seamanship course is available at headquarters. He said that the new course is substantially different and offers a considerable amount of useful information on boat handling under various conditions. It also includes a supplemental guide that

explains the rules of the road in plain language. Engine Maintenance has been updated to provide practical information on all types of marine engines and is available at headquarters. Junior Navigation is in final stages of editing and will be available in spring 2007. He said that these three new courses have generated substantial interest, and he anticipated member course attendance to rise in 2007.

The national educational officer reported that four seminars were released in 2006. He said that Boat Handling Under Power; Knots, Bends, and Hitches; and Sail Trim would be available in a few months, and Emergencies On Board and Heavy Weather Sailing would follow. He said that waterproof quick guides for Anchoring and Diesel Engine Care and Repair will also be available later this spring.

The national educational officer reported that members have historically joined through USPS' public boating courses. He noted that the Educational Department is developing new ways to attract members by improving the basic boating course, adding topical seminars, and developing USPS University and Boat Operator Certification.

V/C Kyle reported that USPS University Boat Operator Certification is ready to kickoff. The Inland Navigator Certification is expected to be available in 2007. To achieve the Inland Navigator certificate, members must complete Seamanship, Marine Electrical Systems (equivalent to ME101), Engine Maintenance, and six seminars including Using GPS, Using VHF and VHF/DSC Marine Radio, Onboard Weather Forecasting, and How to Use a Chart, plus two others of the student's choice. Certification also requires boaters to demonstrate handling a small powerboat on the water or to provide evidence of equivalent experience. The second Boat Operator Certification level, Coastal Navigator Certification, is expected to be available later this year followed by Advanced Coastal and Offshore Certification during the next two years.

V/C Kyle reported that a vote on a bylaws amendment to allow for a three-year suspension of the examination requirement for USPS membership was postponed until this meeting. He noted a key point in that the waiver does not remove a squadron's responsibility to approve a membership application. Squadrons will determine their own educational requirements for membership. He said that these amendments will expire automatically if no further action is taken. He moved that the USPS *Bylaws* be amended by adding a new section 3.12:

<u>Section 3.12</u> Notwithstanding contrary language in sections 3.6, 3.7.2, 3.8 and 7.11.6, applicants who have not passed an approved examination may be admitted between **1 December 2006 and 1 December 2009** to any class of membership, and may take and be examined in any USPS course.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion by a two-thirds majority. (2007-AM-10)

#### **Report of the National Executive Officer**

V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, requested that the Governing Board reassign the National Meetings Committee from the Executive Department to the chief commander. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-11)

V/C Maynard reported that in accordance with the USPS Operations Manual, Sections 12 and 5.10, that the Governing Board dissolve the following squadrons: Long Valley/4, Saddle River/4, Hagerstown Sail/5, Santana/13, Ashtabula/11, Little Rock Sail/31 and River Valley Sail/31. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-12)

V/C Maynard reported on a District 2 resolution that reads as follows:

- a) Modify the USPS Mission Statement to include the development of boating skills in members as an objective;
- b) Modify the wording in the Educational Goal of the Strategic Plan to include the development of boating skills in members as an objective;
- c) Modify the wording in Article 2, Objects, of the USPS Bylaws, to include the instruction of boating safety as one of the Objects of USPS; and
- D) Establish as policy that all USPS publications include the development of boating skills and boating safety.

V/C Maynard recommended assigning the District 2 resolution to the Operating Committee. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-13)

V/C Maynard reported on a District 11 resolution as follows:

Resolved, that USPS Piloting and Advanced Piloting Courses (and) Chart Labeling always be in True Degrees.

V/C Maynard recommended assigning the District 11 resolution to the Educational Department. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-14)

V/C Maynard reported on a District 21 resolution as follows:

Whereas, the United States Power Squadrons New Vision Statement for the future states:

The New USPS reaches out to provide education for members of boating groups all across the country and new programs have been developed with insurance carriers to provide enhanced coverage as a consequence of our safe boating record;

Whereas, at no level – National, District or Squadron, should a member be refused, denied, or prevented from participating in any activity or group benefit to the general membership, regardless of where one resides. USPS has an obligation to provide members of the Gulf and Southeast Atlantic states all and/or similar benefits available to other USPS members;

Whereas, these last two years it was the Gulf Coast and Florida, next year it could be anywhere in the country that a natural disaster could occur, destroying boats;

Whereas, some members did not renew over this issue;

Be it resolved that the Operating Committee of USPS either:

- 1. Open the boat insurance program for quotations and negotiations to all qualified brokerage firms and property & casualty carriers:
  - a. using the size and buying power of the USPS membership, and
  - b. the marine education level of most USPS members, and
  - c. our reported history of outstanding claims experience in the past many years, not just the recent few;

Or

- 2. Establish a fund similar to the Education Fund that could be used to offset or help underwrite claims incurred by members:
  - a. Recognizing the fund would take years to grow, nevertheless, it is time to start.
  - b. In addition to solicitation of donations from members, meet with all parties in the marine industry to make the fund a reality emphasizing the following ramifications:
    - I. Lending institutions will not lend money for boat purchase if their collateral is not insured.
    - ii. Marine dealers will not sell new or used boats if financing is not available.
    - iii. Recognizing few boats can be purchased with cash; boat yards and marina facilities will also be impacted.

V/C Maynard recommended assigning the District 21 resolution to the Operating Committee. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-15)

V/C Maynard reported that the Operating Committee terminated Northern Arizona Provisional Squadron and North Texas Lakes Provisional Squadron.

The national executive officer reported that the OCom approved provisional squadron status for the Valley Sail & Power Provisional Squadron, which was assigned to District 13 for administrative purposes, and the Colonial Provisional Squadron, which was assigned to District 5 for administrative purposes.

V/C Maynard requested that the Governing Board authorize reassigning Two Rivers Sail & Power Squadron, formerly Clinton Power Squadron, from District 30 to District 20. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-16)

V/C Maynard reported that the National Meetings Committee received a proposed contract from Disney's Coronado Springs Resort for the 2010 and 2011 annual meetings. The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to hold an Annual Meeting at Disney's Coronado Springs

Resort from 30 Jan. 2010 to 7 Feb. 2010 at a rate of \$146 per day and one from 29 Jan. 2011 to 6 Feb. 2011 at a rate of \$150 per day. (2007-AM-17)

The Squadron Development Committee reported that 31 squadrons in 15 districts had been chartered since 2000. Three squadrons chartered in 2006 were Kanawha River/7, Point Wilson/16 and Lake Mohave/28.

The Recreational Boating Safety Committee is working with the USCG on a promotional campaign that encourages wearing personal flotation devices.

The Cooperative Charting Committee is developing a program with the USACE that would verify electronic navigation charts. The committee is also working with Maptech on a Web-based "Boating Guide to America," which will be free to the public. Maptech will provide the software and Web support, and USPS will provide content.

The Environmental Committee reported that the USPS environmental poster and best practices brochure are available on the committee's website at www.usps.org/national/envcom. Details on the public awareness campaign "Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers", sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the USCG, can be found at www.protectyourwaters.net.

#### 2006 VSC Awards

R/C Ron LaPlante, SN, reported that USPS vessel examiners performed 30,461 vessel safety checks in 2006. He reported that 60 squadrons achieved the 2006 VSC Honor Roll. This award is presented to a squadron that has at least 10 percent of its members certified as vessel examiners and performs enough VSCs to equal or exceed its membership.

The Century Club Awards are presented to individuals who performed at least 100 vessel safety checks. 2006 recipients are

Karen Marie Andros (3rd year) 114 Robert A. Ball (4th year) 100 Matthew W. Bandilla (4th year) 119 Marjorie Baraff (4th year) 110

Virgil L. Boyt (5th year) 105
Bobby J. Bray 101
Kenneth B. Campbell (2nd year) 136
Donald Clark 154

James W. Cooke Jr. (3rd year) 124

Tish J. Cullen (5th year) 207

Diane Michele Dawes 336

Catherine Early (2nd year) 116

Mitchell Gawrysiak 137

Angelo V. Giovanniello 108

William Robert Graham 323

Nigel E. Hargreaves 126

Wesley S. Heusser 166

Robert D. Holub (5th year) 1,200

J. Duggan Jordan Jr. 138

Arthur F. Kimber 102

Dennis D. Ladd (3rd year) 106

Joseph F. Leitz (6th year) 140

Robert E. Mosey (4th year) 122

Mary Kathryn Nesser (3rd year) 110

Kimberly O'Gorman (4th year) 128

Jonathan H. Phaler 105

Peter J. Porrazzo (4th year) 278

Juan Rivera (4th year) 156

John R. Robinson (4th year) 1,101

Thomas T. Roscoe (2nd year) 117

Thomas F. Rossini (4th year) 142

Ralph Sangataldo 113

Viki L. Sharp 125

Marshall R. Shear (2nd year) 170

Michael A. Siwek (3rd year) 105

Lawrence G. Stoll (3rd year) 116

Milton B. Whann (2nd year) 216

Donald L. Wilson (4th year) 104

John G. Worssam 106

The districts with the highest percentage of vessel safety checks based on their district membership received the 2006 Best District Awards. These districts are

1st place - D/23

2nd place - D/1

3rd place - D/9

4th place - D/3

5th place - D/7

The five squadrons with the highest percentage of vessel safety checks based on their squadron membership received the 2006 Best Squadron Awards. These squadrons are:

1st place - Jones Beach/3

2nd place - Saybrook/1

3rd place - Titusville/23

4th place - Detroit/9

5th place - Lakes Region Sail/19

Millennium Club Awards are given to vessel examiners who have performed at least 1,000 vessel safety checks during a year. 2006 recipients are

P/C John R. Robinson, AP, Saybrook/1 (2<sup>nd</sup> year) P/R/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3 (5<sup>th</sup> year)

#### **Report of the Past Chief Commander**

P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, reviewed the actions taken by the OCom during its meetings held on 20-23 Feb. 2007.

- 1) A motion approving the minutes of the 9 Dec. 2006 OCom meeting. (2007-OC-1)
- A motion to ratify a memorandum of understanding between USPS, the FCC and the USCG; a memorandum of understanding with the International Order of the Blue Gavel; a memorandum of understanding with the Marine Retailers Association of America; and renewal of a memorandum of agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. (2007-OC-2)
- 3) A motion to approve the list of 2007 honorary members. (2007-OC-3)
- 4) A motion accepting the USPS Governance proposal. (2007-OC-4)
- A motion allocating up to \$750 from Century Fund earnings to offset travel expenses for a special guest speaker at the 2007 Annual Meeting. (2007-OC-5)
- A motion to move forward with an agreement with the Canadian Power & Sail Squadrons to improve the efficiency, productivity and public awareness of each organization's educational services. (2007-OC-6)
- 7) A motion to terminate Northern Arizona Provisional Squadron and North Texas Lakes Provisional Squadron. (2007-OC-7)

- 8) A motion to grant provisional squadron status to Colonial Provisional Squadron and assign it to District 5 for administrative purposes. (2007-OC-8)
- 9) A motion to recommend that the Governing Board reassign Clinton Sail & Power Squadron from District 30 to District 20. (2007-OC-9)
- 10) A motion to recommend that the Governing Board approve holding an Annual Meeting at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort from 30 Jan. 2010 to 7 Feb. 2010 at a rate of \$146 per day and one from 29 Jan. 2011 to 6 Feb. 2011 at a rate of \$150 per day. (2007-OC-10)
- 11) A motion to continue the Power of One Program through Sept. 2008. (2007-OC-11)
- 12) A motion to send The Ensign staff a letter of commendation on the redesign of The Ensign magazine. (2007-OC-12)
- 13) A motion to send approximately 4,900 family units a letter from the chief and a \$10 coupon toward any purchase at headquarters to offset the increase in national dues. (2007-OC-13)
- 14) A motion to request that the Annual Meeting suspend the \$10 status change fee from 1 June 2007 to 31 May 2009. (2007-OC-14)
- A motion to recommend that the Governing Board rename Evanston Sail & Power Squadron to Evanston North Shore Sail & Power Squadron and that such name change take effect upon approval of squadron bylaws by the Committee on Rules. (2007-OC-15)
- A motion allocating funds from the Shultz-Cardoza Trust as follows: \$30,000 to the Century Fund, \$40,000 to the headquarters marketing department and the balance invested in unrestricted funds. (2007-OC-16)
- 17) A motion to register USPS University in Canada at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. (2007-OC-17)

- A motion approving a memorandum of understanding with the USCG Office of Boating Safety supporting its National Recreational Boating Safety Program strategic plan for 2007-2011. (2007-OC-18)
- 19) A motion granting permission to Advance Visuals Productions to reference the USPS website on a CD-ROM distributed by Advance Visuals Productions. (2007-OC-19)

Governing Board members attending the Annual Meeting ADOPTED P/C/C Johnson's motion to ratify the action items of the 20-23 Feb. 2007 Operating Committee Meeting, excluding items 1, 3, 7, 8,10, 12, 14 and 15. (2007-AM-18)

P/C/C Johnson reported on the District 2 resolution that reads as follows:

Be it resolved, that the Governing Board shall authorize the Chief Commander to make all necessary arrangements to properly celebrated the 25th anniversary of elective membership of women in USPS and the consequent presentation for the first time to women members of a 25th merit mark awarded by the Chief Commander. Such arrangements might include a presentation at the Annual Meeting in 2007 of a commemorative plaque recognizing this event and the historical contributions of women to the mission of USPS and acknowledging the efforts, achievements and leadership of all members regardless of gender; the plaque to be later mounted at a suitable place in the HQ building and The Ensign to publish a photograph or other copy of the plaque for all members to see.

He stated that the an event was held earlier in the week to honor the first female life members and that a commemorative plaque will be displayed at headquarters. P/C/C Johnson moved that the Governing Board ratify these actions as satisfying the District 2 resolution. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-19)

#### **Report of the Chief Commander**

C/C Marshburn said that in 2006, when his watch as chief commander began, he dreamed that USPS would re-emerge as a recognized leader within the recreational boating community. Noting that he had pledged to create positive change in USPS, he stated that the challenge of

putting USPS finances in order was achieved with the help of USPS members. He said 2006 would be remembered for a balanced USPS budget in which revenues exceeded expenses. He said it would also be remembered for efforts to make USPS operations more efficient, to organize and simplify USPS administrative and leadership functions, and to streamline the membership process.

He said a second challenge was bringing "the personal touch" to interactions with both members and the public. He noted that interactive town hall meetings had enhanced communication between members and leaders. He also said combining two Operating Committee meetings with multidistrict conferences had connected members with both national leaders and members of other districts. He also noted the increased emphasis on Leadership Training programs designed for all members.

He went on to say 2006 would be remembered as the year in which education re-emerged as a cornerstone of USPS outreach activities. He noted that the USPS University program continues to gain national recognition and mirrors the strategic plans of USPS' federal partners by addressing advanced educational needs of recreational boaters. He said that modern, new USPS elective courses have broad appeal and offer flexibility to students.

The chief then addressed new members. He asked them not to be discouraged by obstacles and negativity and urged them to let their energy and passion for USPS lead them. He said he believed that one of the greatest sins is the unlived life and that it is up to every USPS member to make change happen. He spoke of the need for people who lead by example and who are willing to accept the responsibility and accountability that leadership entails.

He closed by saying he's convinced that USPS members have a brighter future than ever. He noted that USPS enjoys a rich recreational boating heritage that is the envy of the recreational boating community. He then urged everyone to work together for continued success and prosperity in 2007.

#### **Election and Installation of Officers**

C/C Marshburn discharged all national officers and cleared the bridge with the exception of the national secretary, and P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, conducted the elections. The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

#### **Report of the Committee on Nominations**

R/C Shirley Van Rhee, SN, stated, "In accordance with provisions of the USPS bylaws, Article 11, Section 11.6, the Committee on Nominations unanimously submits its report of nominees to be voted on at the USPS 2007 Annual Meeting of Delegates." For the national bridge:

Chief Commander

C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, Tar River/27

National Executive Officer

V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, Ft Worth/21

National Educational Officer

V/C Richard E. Kyle, SN, Saybrook/1

National Administrative Officer

V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, Bellevue/16

National Secretary

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, Baton Rouge/15

National Treasurer

V/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, Columbus Sail/29

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of officers for national Bridge as presented. (2007-AM-20)

R/C Van Rhee stated, "in accordance with provisions of the USPS bylaws, Article 11, Section 11.6, the Committee on Nominations unanimously submits its report of nominees to be voted on and moves the election of the members of the Committee on Nominations as follows:"

Committee on Nominations

Chairman for 2007

Stf/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP, City Island/4

Members for three years

R/C Alan Wentworth, SN, Door County/10 P/R/C William F. Witty, SN, Skokie Valley/20

Member for two years

P/D/C David Drummond, SN, Raritan Bay/4

*Most recent P/C/C willing to serve* 

P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN, Grosse Pointe/9

The other four members of the committee (not to be voted on) and the years remaining on their terms are:

P/R/C L.D. Brown, SN, Bellevue/16, 2 years P/D/C Ben Coons, AP, Hiawatha Valley Sail/10, 2 years P/R/C James A. Williams, JN, Lansing/9, 2 years

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations members as presented. (2007-AM-21)

R/C Van Rhee stated, "In accordance with provisions of the USPS bylaws, Article 11, Section 11.6, the Committee on Nominations unanimously submits its report of nominees to be voted on and moves the election of the members of the Committee on Rules as follows:"

Committee on Rules

Chairman for 2007

R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, Valley Ho/13

Members for one year

Stf/C William I. Neef, SN, Anclote Key Sail/22

P/C Artemas M. Pickard, SN, Portland Head Sail/19

Stf/C Robert Schloeman, JN, Phoenix Sail/28

P/R/C Daniel Stein, SN, Berea/7

P/R/C Gene Van Rhee, SN, Sable Point Sail/9

P/R/C Lowell G. Ward, SN, Hilton Head Sail/26

The Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules members presented. (2007-AM-22)

R/C Van Rhee moved the election of the following General Members of the Governing Board and the Annual Meeting ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-23)

Vincene Aquilato, S, City Island/4 Albert Hess, AP, Toledo/29 Rose Hinders, Carquinez/25 Ann T. Bailey, AP, Raleigh Sail 27 Keith R. Baldwin, JN, Waukegan Sail/20 George W. Hunt, AP, Banana River/23 Robert D. Barber, AP, Sarasota/22 Robbie Jarrell, AP, New Orleans/15 Bryan Bartlett, AP, Detroit/9 Daniel Katz, SN, Little Neck Bay Sail3 Kenneth Beckman, SN, St. Petersburg Sail/22 James F. Keil, AP, Cape Coral/22 Edward P. Bialecke, SN, St. Louis/30 Joseph Klein, SN, Captree/3 Kathleen Bisogno, JN, Raritan Bay/4 Thomas F. Krupa, AP, St. Petersburg Sail22 Carolyn Black, AP, Everett Sail/16 Katherine S. Law, SN, San Diego Sail/28 Jane S. Brandenstein, JN, Pittsburgh/7 Edward W. Lewis, JN, Mattapoisett/14 Denise Brooks, AP, Port Huron/9 Louis Maassel, SN, Annapolis Sail/5 John Brown, JN Redondo Beach/13 Richard Mahrenholz, JN, Evansville Bend/24 Ruth L. Buescher, AP, Miles River Sail/5 Frederick E. Mangelsdorf, SN, Mid-Hudson/2 Joseph Cartwright, SN, Bellevue/16 Carolyn Markham, P, Long Valley/4 Mary Lou Corbett, AP, Winston Salem Sail/27 Micky McNelis, P, Dundalk Sail/5 Juan M. Cordova, AP, Humacao/33 Robert Messineo, AP, South Shore/3 William J. Curren, SN, Attleboro Sail/14 William Miller, P, Grand Lake Sail/31 John L. Deluca, SN, Calumet Sail/20 Peter Mitchelson, SN, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8 Thomas R. Dougherty II, P, Coral Ridge/8 Edwin E. J. Mraz, SN, San Diego Sail/28 James D. Draper, JN, Flint/9 Earl J. Mummert, AP, Sarasota/22 Barbara Erickson, AP, Seattle Sail/16 John Nason, SN, Springfield/1 John W. Fletcher, SN, Lockport/6 Ronald Osborn, JN, Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26 Robert C. Flint, AP, Seminole/23 Stanley L. Petty, JN, Main Line/5 Alan C. Fuller, SN, Darien Sail/2 John Powers, SN, Thurmond Lake Sail/26 Mary Johnson-Garr, Erie/11 Louis M. Reitz, AP, Ocean City/5 William R. Gillette, Key West Sail/8 Maurice G. Rice Jr., AP, Central WI Sail/10 Kenneth Guscott, JN, Anna Maria Island/22 Thomas T. Roscoe, AP, Lakes Region Sail/19 Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8 E. J. Sacks, SN, Pensacola Sail/15 Michael P. Scher, AP, Knoxville/17 Alford Harmon, AP, Hiawatha Valley Sail10 C. Tom Helms, SN, Lake Norman Sail/27 Marion Sewell, SN, Berea/7 Kenneth Henry, SN, San Fernando Valley/13 Herb Shaw, JN, Beaverton/32

Herbert Shulman, AP, Nobscot/12 Irwin Staple, AP, Westchester/2 Jerry Stephan, AP, Grand Traverse Bay/9 Donald P. Stone, AP, Charles River Sail/12 Bruce Theriault, AP, Merrimac River Sail/18 Daniel R. Tompkins, JN, Atlanta Sail/17 Archie W. Trawick Jr., SN, Lake Murray/26 Shirley Van Rhee, JN, Sable Point Sail/9 William M. Warren, P, Southern Tier/6 Kenneth Wilkinson, AP, Lake Charles/21 Harold L. Willard, SN, Patuxent River Sail/5 Elaine Williams, AP, Saybrook/1 Herman Willi, Jr., SN, Austin/21 Samuel Woodruff Jr., AP, Columbus Sail/29 Richard Zucchi, AP, Barnegat Bay Sail &/4

P/C/C Johnson asked N/F/Lt James R. McCurry, AP, to escort C/C-elect Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, P/C Dianne Marshburn, AP, and family members to the stage area. P/C/C Johnson then administered the oath of office to C/C Marshburn.

C/C Marshburn administered the oath of office to the 2007 national Bridge officers.

C/C Marshburn adjourned the meeting at 1640.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN National Secretary

# Action Summary Annual Meeting 24 Feb. 2007

#### **ADOPTED**

- 1) A motion to amend USPS *Bylaws* Section 5.3.1a . (2007-AM-1)
- 2) A motion to amend USPS *Bylaws* Section 3.11. (2007-AM-2)
- 3) A motion to rename Evanston Sail & Power Squadron to Evanston North Shore Sail & Power Squadron. (2007-AM-3)
- 4) A motion to rename Clinton Power Squadron to Two Rivers Sail & Power Squadron. (2007-AM-4)
- 5) A motion to add \$10,450 to the 2007 Law Committee budget. (2007-AM-5)
- A motion to correct the wording of a previous motion that establishes a \$25 entrance fee for primary active members only. (2007-AM-6)
- 7) A motion suspending the \$10 status change fee from 1 June 2007 to 31 May 2009. (2007-AM-7)
- 8) A motion to revise the USPS Strategic Plan by revising the Communications and Leadership goals. (2007-AM-8)
- 9) A motion to accept the Auditing Committee report. (2007-AM-9)
- 10) A motion to approve a three-year suspension of the examination requirement for USPS membership. (2007-AM-10)
- 11) A motion to reassign the National Meetings Committee from the Executive Department to the chief commander. (2007-AM-11)

- 12) A motion to dissolve the following squadrons: Long Valley/4, Saddle River/4, Hagerstown Sail/5, Santana/13, Ashtabula/11, Little Rock Sail/31 and River Valley Sail/31. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-AM-12)
- 13) A motion to assign a District 2 resolution to the Operating Committee. (2007-AM-13)
- 14) A motion to assign a District 11 resolution to the Educational Department. (2007-AM-14)
- 15) A motion to assign a District 21 resolution to the Operating Committee. (2007-AM-15)
- A motion reassigning Two Rivers Sail & Power Squadron, formerly Clinton Power Squadron, from District 30 to District 20. (2007-AM-16)
- A motion to hold an Annual Meeting at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort from 30 Jan. 2010 to 7 Feb. 2010 at a rate of \$146 per day and one from 29 Jan. 2011 to 6 Feb. 2011 at a rate of \$150 per day. (2007-AM-17)
- A motion to ratify the action items of the 20 23 Feb. 2007 Operating Committee Meeting, excluding items 1, 3, 7, 8 and 12. (2007-AM-18)
- 19) A motion to ratify OCom actions honoring the first female life members. (2007-AM-19)
- 20) A motion to elect the slate of officers for the national Bridge. (2007-AM-20)
- 21) A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Nominations. (2007-AM-21)
- 22) A motion to elect the slate of Committee on Rules. (2007-AM-22)
- 23) A motion to elect the General Members of the Governing Board. (2007-AM-23)

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C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, called the meeting to order at 1641, and the national secretary declared a quorum present.

R/C Al Lakin, SN, chairman, Committee on Rules, announced that Stf/C William Neff, SN, would serve as the assistant chairman of the Committee on Rules. He then explained the voting procedures.

#### **Report of the Committee on Nominations**

P/R/C Shirley Van Rhee, JN, offered the report of the Committee on Nominations.

"In accordance with USPS bylaws Section 11.7 and 11.8, 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 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."

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the following nominees for rear commander. (2007-GB-4)

STANDING COMMITTEES
Auditing R/C William J. Robinson, SN (Lackawanna Sail &/4)
Finance
Law Officer
Marketing and Public Relations R/C Robert A. Green, N (Northern New Jersey/4)
Planning R/C William M. Bellinger, SN (Chain-O-Lakes Sail /20)
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES
Cooperative Charting R/C Richard V. White, AP (Mobile Sail /15)
Environmental
Government & Partner Relations R/C William E. Husted, SN (St. Lucie River/8)
National Meetings
Recreational Boating Safety R/C Richard L. Frenz, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)
Squadron Development R/C Frank R. Clayton, SN (Thurmond Lake Sail /26)
Vessel Safety Check R/C Ronald C. LaPlante, SN (Mount Clemens/9)
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Assistant Nat'l Educational Officer . R/C Robert J. Sweet, SN (Buzzards Bay/14)
Basic Public Education
Boat Handling
Curriculum Development & Coord . R/C Robert L. Potter, SN (DuPage/20)
Educational Dept. Operations R/C Nancy M. Reeder, SN (St. Petersburg Sail /22)

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Educational Dept. Operations R/C Nancy M. Reeder, SN (St. Petersburg Sail /22)
Electro-Mechanical Systems R/C Walter C. Fields, SN (Ocala/23)
Inland & Coastal Navigation R/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN (Arrowhead/13)
Instructor Development R/C J. Christopher Brown, SN (Bellevue/16)
Marine Environment
Offshore Navigation R/C Norma A. Fields, SN (Ocala/23)
Publication Support

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Auxiliary Advisory	R/C Lois Neef, P (Anclote Key Sail /22)
Leadership Development	R/C Harold N. Zitter, JN (Palm Beach Sail /8)
Membership	R/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP (Absecon Island/5)
Member Benefits	R/C Luis A. Ojeda, SN (Boqueron/33)

Squadron Activities
SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT
Assistant Secretary R/C David L. Hinders, SN (Carquinez/25)
Flag and Etiquette
Historian
Information Technology R/C Philip Arcuni, SN (Key West Sail /8)
Operations Manual R/C Kent L. Simpson, AP (Clinton/30)
Publications
Ship's Store
The Ensign R/C Marjorie Baraff, AP (Biscayne Bay/8)
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT
Asst. Treasurer & Budget Director . R/C Richard M. Peoples, SN (Banana River/23)
Budget Officer:
Exec. & Admin. Dept R/C Gary P. Cheney, SN (Ashtabula/11)
Educational Department R/C Thomas M. Derden, SN (Houston Sail /21)
Secretary's Department R/C Gary L. McKinley, SN (Mansfield/7)
Planned Giving R/C Chester G. White, JN (San Diego Sail /28)
The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the following nominees for staff
commander. (2007-GB-5)
STANDING COMMITTEES
Asst/Ch Auditing Stf/C Irving Van Slyke, AP (Cape Lookout Sail & 27)
Asst/Ch Finance Stf/C Thomas H. Ellis, JN (Vero Beach/8)
Asst Law Officer Stf/C Gregory Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)
Asst/Ch Marketing and PR Stf/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN (Peace River/10)
Asst/Ch Marketing and PR Stf/C Lucille Horowitz, SN (Shrewsbury/4)
Asst/Ch Planning Stf/C Herbert S. Shaw, JN (Beaverton/32)
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting Stf/C Horst Boettge, SN (Golden Corner Lakes Sail /26)
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting Stf/C Paul D. Long, SN (Greensboro/27)

Asst/Ch Environmental Stf/C Andrea T. Davis, AP (St. Paul Sail /10)
Asst/Ch Gov. & Partner Relations Stf/C Lee W. DeVane, AP (Pompano Beach/8)
Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Wade R. Faircloth Jr., SN (Santana/13)
Asst/Ch National Meetings Stf/C Vincene Aquilato, P, (City Island/4)
Asst/Ch Rec. Boating Safety Stf/C William J. McDonald, AP (Hoosier/24)
Asst/Ch Rec. Boating Safety Stf/C Michael S. Wiedel, AP (Milwaukee Sail /10)
Asst/Ch/Squadron Development Stf/C Hank T. Willis, AP (Bremerton/16)
Asst/Ch Vessel Safety Check Stf/C Robert C. Miller, AP (Poverty Bay/16)
Asst/Ch Vessel Safety Check Stf/C Daniel H. Joyce, SN (Ft Worth/21)
EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education Stf/C Eugene E. Molteni, SN (Bayside/3)
Asst/Ch Basic Public Education Stf/C John Sherrick, JN (Spokane Sail /16)
Asst/Ch Boat Handling Stf/C John C. Bennett, SN (Grosse Pointe/9)
Asst/Ch Boat Handling Stf/C Lawrence A. Rathburn, AP (Mobile/15)
Asst/Ch Curriculum Dev & Coord. Stf/C Jack Fletcher, SN (Lockport/6)
Asst/Ch Curriculum Dev & Coord. Stf/C Marlys H. Vickers, SN (Birmingham/9)
Asst/Ch Ed Dept Operations Stf/C Thomas J. Brincka, SN (Barnegat Bay Sail /4)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mech Systems Stf/C Gene A. Danko, SN (Rockville Sail /5)
Asst/Ch Electro-Mech Systems Stf/C Harl Porter, JN ( Main Line/5)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav Stf/C Luther C. Abel, SN (Santa Clara/25)
Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav Stf/C James E. Mello, AP (Nobscot Sail /12)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development Stf/C Robert Landeros, N (Kalamazoo Sail /9)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development Stf/C Ann L. Scotten, SN (Peace River/22)
Asst/Ch Instructor Development Stf/C Leslie W. Williams Jr., JN (Saybrook/1)
Asst/Ch Marine Environment Stf/C Garry S. Schroeder, SN (Mansfield/7)
Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation Stf/C Fred P. Adame, SN (Cocoa Beach/23)
Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation Stf/C Merrill F. Sproul, SN (Seneca/6)
Asst/Ch Publication Support Stf/C Angelo V. Giovanniello, SN (Great South Bay/3
Asst/Ch Publication Support Stf/C Peter A. Nielsen, SN (Housatonic River/2)
ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Auxiliary Advisory Stf/C Sally C. Lemus, S (Wyandotte/9)
Asst/Ch Leadership Development Stf/C Peter H. Hames, AP (Houston Sail /21)

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Asst/Cn Membership Committee Sti/C Connie Beckman, AP (St. Petersburg Saii /22)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee Stf/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (Berkshire Sail & 2)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee Stf/C Dana McRae, AP (Tres Rios/13)
Asst/Ch Member Benefits Stf/C Charles Edward (Ted) Rankine (Sarasota/22)
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities Stf/C Steven L. Johnson, AP (Norman Sail /31)
SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT
Asst/Ch Flag and Etiquette Stf/C E. J. Sacks, SN (Pensacola Sail /15)
Asst/Ch Historian Stf/C Louis Reitz, AP (Ocean City/5)
Asst/Ch Information Technology Stf/C John R. Bradley, SN (Great South Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual Stf/C Harry W. Hebb, SN (Pensacola Sail /15)
Asst/Ch Publications Stf/C Janis H. Owen, JN (Johnson City/17)
Asst/Ch Ship's Store Stf/C Iris L. Reddy, SN (Perdido Bay/15)
Asst/Ch Ship's Store Stf/C Louise Rea, SN (Peace River/22)
Asst/Ch The Ensign Stf/C Gregory T. Absten, AP (Marathon Sail /8)
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT
Assistant to the Treasurer William N. Hilliard, SN (Raleigh Sail /27)
Assistant to the Treasurer D/Lt/C Ann T. Bailey, AP (Raleigh Sail /27)
Asst/Budget Off/Exec. & Admin Stf/C Charles Tulip Jr., JN (Annapolis Sail /5)
Asst/Budget Off/Educ. Dept Stf/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail /8)
Asst/Budget Off/Sec. Dept Stf/C Robert C. Flint, AP (Seminole/23)
Asst/Ch Planned Giving Stf/C Theodore C. Kontos, SN (Clinton/13)
STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS
In accordance with USPS bylaws Section 11.9 and upon recommendation of their

In accordance with USPS bylaws Section 11.9 and upon recommendation of their respective chairmen, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to recommend the following members for appointment in 2007 by this Governing Board:

#### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Members of the Committee	P/V/C John C. Ellsworth, SN (Fayetteville Sail /27)
	P/R/C Albert M. Warnock Jr., JN (Gulf Breeze Sail /15)

# FINANCE COMMITTEE Members of the Committee . . . . . . P/D/C Lee Popham, AP (Everglades/8) ..... P/D/C L. Stephen Puckett, AP (Greensboro/27) LAW COMMITTEE Members of the Committee . . . . . . P/C David L. Allen Jr., JN (Lake Murray/26) ..... P/Lt/C Ralph M. Burton, SN (Grosse Pointe/9) ..... Lt/C Michael D. Friedman, AP (New York Sail /4) ..... Stuart M. Rapee, SN (Biscayne Bay/8) ..... D/Lt Natalie E. Witty, AP (Skokie Valley/20) MARKETING & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE Members of the Committee ........ P/R/C Darrell Allison, AP (Tres Rios/13) ..... P/C Doris J. Backus, P (Toledo/29) ..... Beyrl Jean Bartholomew (Peace River/22) ..... Stephen Butler, AP (Berea/7) ..... Lt/C Damon C. Davis, AP (Hoosier/24) ..... R/C Henry G. Griffin, SN (Staten Island/4) ..... Lt/C Delmer K. Henry, SN (San Fernando Valley/13) ..... P/C Kathleen A. Kolstad, AP (Fort Vancouver Sail /32) ..... Stf/C Theodore C. Kontos, SN (Two Rivers Sail/20) ..... P/D/C Howard I. Levine, SN (Sarasota/22) ..... P/C John Malatak, AP (Mid-Potomac/5) ..... Betty McHugh (Palisades/4) ..... P/R/C Frank McHugh, AP (Palisades/4) ..... P/D/C David J. Meshulam, AP (Northern New Jersey/4) ..... Cdr Rosemarie Radomsky, AP (Redondo Beach/13)

..... Stf/C Charles (Ted) E. Rankine (Sarasota/22)

Lt John H. Supple, AP (Peekskill Sail /2)
Stf/C Chub Varga, AP (Raritan Bay/4)
PLANNING COMMITTEE
Members of the Committee D/Lt/C Denise Brooks, AP (Port Huron/9)
<b>,</b>
The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the members of the standing
committees as presented. (2007-GB-6)
USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND
Under the terms of the USPS Educational Trust Agreement, on behalf of the Trustees of
the USPS Educational Fund and with their full endorsement, the Committee on Nominations
presents the following people to serve as trustees of the USPS Educational Fund.
Trustees - Previously elected and year to office (not to be voted on):
Construction D. A.
Earl J. Mummert (Sarasota/22) 2006 2 <sup>nd</sup> year, 1 <sup>st</sup> term

James E. Roeber (Spokane Sail /16) 2003 1st year, 2nd term
Wayne G. Spraggins (Berea/7) 2005 3 <sup>rd</sup> year, 1 <sup>st</sup> term

#### **Report of the Finance Committee**

R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN, chairman, moved to defer the appointment of Langdon & Company, Garner, N.C., as independent auditors for 2007 until the 2007 Governing Board Meeting. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2007-GB-7)

#### **Report of the National Safe Boating Council**

P/R/C Joyce Shaw, AP, reported that the focus of the 2007 North American Safe Boating Week Campaign is on trailer boaters and anglers. The campaign kit and other resources can be found at www.safeboatingcampaign.com.

The National Safe Boating Council sponsors several grants and awards programs including the Recreational Boating Safety Grant and the OMC Take 'em Boating grant program. For additional information on grants and other NSBC programs go to www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

Chaplain Louis Reitz, AP, delivered the benediction and C/C Marshburn adjourned the meeting at 1645.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN National Secretary

# Action Summary First meeting of the 2007 Governing Board 24 Feb. 2007

#### **ADOPTED**

- 1. A motion to elect the slate of nominees for rear commander. (2006-GB-4)
- 2. A motion to elect the slate of nominees for staff commander. (2006-GB-5)
- 3. A motion to elect members of standing committees. (2006-GB-6)
- 4. A motion to defer the appointment of Langdon & Co., of Garner, N.C., as independent auditors for 2007 until the 2007 Governing Board Meeting. (2006-GB-7)

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS FOR 2007

#### **National Flag Lieutenant**

N/F/Lt Jamie R. McCurry, AP

#### National Chaplains

Most Reverend Herbert M. Groce, S

Father Louis M. Reitz AP

#### Jewish Lay Leader

Gail S. Nachman SN

#### **Parliamentary Advisor**

P/C Benjamin H. Sooy III, AP

#### **National Medical Officer**

#### National Photographer

R/C Alan F. Wentworth SN

P/N/F/Lt Trudy M. Brown AP

#### Aides to the Chief Commander

R/C Anthony J. Aquilato, AP R/C Phyllis L. Millan, P

D/Lt/C Kathleen E. Bisogno, JN P/D/C Richard N. Nitschke, SN

P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP

P/C Dorothy S. Ojeda, P

D/Lt/C Mary Lou Corbett, AP

R/C Luis A. Ojeda, SN

P/V/C Robert P. David, SN P/D/C L. Stephen Puckett, AP

P/D/C David Drummond, SN P/D/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP

Stf/C Wade R. Faircloth, Jr., SN Stf/C Flo Smith, SN

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P/D/C Donald R. Stark, JN

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