
Members present:

- C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN
- V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN
- V/C Dick Kyle, SN
- V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN
- V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
- V/C Joe R. Mesenburg, SN
- P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN
- R/C Shirley Y. Van Rhee, JN
- R/C James D. Richlak, SN
- R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN
- R/C Alan Wentworth, SN
- R/C Darrell G. Allison, AP
- R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN

Guests present:

- P/V/C John T. Alter, SN
- R/C Luis A. Ojeda, SN
- Mary Catherine Berube

Report of the Chief Commander

C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, called the meeting to order at 1400.

C/C Marshburn announced that he had received an official request and subsequently appointed P/Stf/C Alan B. Satterwhite, AP, to lobby the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in
support of the enhancement of the Middle Bass Island Marina in Ohio.

C/C Marshburn discussed reductions involving budget allocations for USPS representatives to external meetings. He outlined the USPS University concept and reported on the receipt of a grant from the USPS Educational Fund to support the initiative.

The chief briefed OCom on a concept and plan to offer corporate sponsors an opportunity to subsidize the cost of the members’ luncheon at the 2006 Governing Board Meeting in New York. The concept and plan was supported by OCom. The chief reported on another concept that involves changing the Annual Meeting Expo to a poster session for USPS committees and a significantly expanded two-day fair for vendors and USPS partners. The objective of this initiative is to significantly reduce USPS national meeting Expo expenses, to enhance the event, and introduce a modified activity designed to be a significant income generator. The new Expo concept was supported by OCom.

C/C Marshburn lead a discussion on each of the recommendations from the ad hoc Restructuring Committee with special emphasis on items leading to increasing revenue and operational cost reductions. Each individual recommendation was discussed at length by OCom. Items that OCom reached consensus on during this meeting were transitioned to implementation. The remaining items were assigned by the chief to specific OCom members for further study, report, and action by OCom at the April meeting. It was anticipated that additional items will transition to implementation or a recommendation for Governing Board approval during the June OCom meeting.

**Report of the National Executive Officer**

V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, reported that Ashtabula/11 and Little Rock Sail/31 are in the process of disbanding.
V/C Maynard reported that the National Meetings Committee is considering holding an annual meeting in Tampa, Fla., in 2010.

Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Dick Kyle, SN, reported that the Educational Department is considering changing the criteria for achieving senior navigator status. The Committee on Rules will determine if the bylaws contain language that specifies the requirements.

The OCom discussed proposing that the Governing Board waive the educational requirement for membership for a specified period. This would allow time to evaluate a change in membership requirements without amending the bylaws.

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reported that the Finance Committee had recommended purchasing a certificate of deposit at Suntrust Bank. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to sign a corporate resolution to authorize purchasing a certificate of deposit at Suntrust Bank. The signers are Mary Catherine Berube and Yvonne Hill. (2006-OC-9)

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C Joe R. Mesenburg, SN, reported that external auditors from Langdon & Co. completed the 2005 year-end audit, and the audited report is being distributed.

V/C Mesenburg and the Budget Committee met at headquarters in early February 2006 to work on the 2007 operating budget. He noted that it was an extremely difficult task and that several options to reduce expenditures and increase revenues will be presented to the OCom.
The national treasurer discussed the 2006 budget projections and emphasized the need for immediate cost-cutting initiatives. He said this action should be taken no later than the 1 April 2006 OCom Meeting in Cleveland.

Report of the National Law Officer

R/C James D. Richlak, SN, reported that the ensign flag design trademark is up for renewal. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to spend up to $700 to renew the ensign flag design trademark for a 10-year period. (2006-OC-10)

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN, reported that two squadrons were chartered in February 2006. Lake Mohave Power Squadron, District 28, was chartered on 6 Feb., and Kanawha River Power Squadron, District 7, was chartered on 24 Feb.

C/C Marshburn adjourned the meeting at 1800.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
National Secretary
Action Items
Operating Committee
25 Feb. 2006

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2. A motion to spend up to $700 to renew the ensign flag design trademark for a 10-year period. (2006-OC-10)