The Operating Committee of United States Power Squadrons met from 7 to 10 Sept. 2005 at the Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, in Portland, Ore.

Members present:

C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN  
V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN  
V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN  
V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN  
V/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN  
P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN

R/C Gerald R. Grofman, SN  
R/C James D. Richlak, SN  
R/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN  
R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN  
R/C Darrell G. Allison, AP  
R/C James C. Acheson, SN

Guests present:

P/C/C Harold E. Spoelstra, SN  
P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN  
P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN  
P/C/C Gillette E. Gordon, SN

P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN  
P/V/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN  
R/C Dick Kyle, SN  
Mary Catherine Berube

Report of the Chief Commander

C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, called the meeting to order at 0900, and P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN, gave the invocation.

C/C Johnson reported that the Operating Committee used electronic means between OCom meetings to approve: 1) the purchase of 25,000 boating course decals at a cost not to exceed $3,600 (2005-OC-40) and 2) the following USPS position statement regarding the National Weather Service. (2005-OC-41)
USPS Position Statement Regarding National Weather Service

Under review by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation since 14 April 2005 is Senate bill 786, National Weather Services Duties Act of 2005, proposed by Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa.. It is the position of United States Power Squadrons (USPS) that adoption of this bill, which in essence restricts the National Weather Service to provide only severe weather information, would be detrimental to the safety and well-being of not only boaters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts, but to the general public who rely on a variety of information NWS now furnishes. As an integral component of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NWS provides weather, hydrologic and climate forecasts and warnings for the U.S., its territories, adjacent waters and oceans for the protection of life and property. With its extensive network of Regional and National Support Centers, NWS is the preferred entity which can provide the scope of observations, forecasts and research at reasonable expense to the American people. Millions of others benefit from NWS data as well. USPS strongly encourages you to oppose S. 786 as individual and concerned citizens.

The chief entertained a motion that was ADOPTED by the OCom to approve spending $2,500 from Century Fund earnings to purchase 20,000 copies of the brochure Who We Are. (2005-OC-42)

C/C Johnson thanked District 5 and all members who represented USPS at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. He received a letter of thanks from Charles J. Holmes, National Director, Venturing Division, Boy Scouts of America.

C/C Johnson reported that he will recommend that the Governing Board approve committee status for the ad hoc Environmental Committee and the ad hoc Government and Partners Relations Committee at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

The chief presented a draft memorandum of understanding between USPS and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. LawCom is reviewing the MOU and will report back to the OCom.
V/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, reported that two regional OCom meetings are scheduled for 2006. The first, scheduled for 31 March to 2 April, will be hosted by districts 7, 11 and 29, and the second, scheduled for 29 Sept. to 1 Oct., will be hosted by districts 13, 25 and 28.

V/C Marshburn reported that 11 districts will receive the 2004-2005 Bowsprit Award, including districts 1, 6, 14, 15, 22, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32 and 33.

V/C Marshburn reported that he had received a request for provisional squadron status from a group in West Virginia. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to approve provisional squadron status for Kanawha River Provisional Squadron, effective 8 Sept. 2005, and to assign it to District 7 for administrative purposes. (2005-OC-43)

The national executive officer reported that the Squadron-at-Risk Guide to Recovery will be posted on the USPS website. A limited number of copies will be published.

V/C Marshburn reported that Tri-State Power Squadron/7 had met all requirements for dissolution. He made a motion to request that the Governing Board approve dissolution of this squadron. The OCom ADOPTED the motion. (2005-OC-44)

The OCom ADOPTED a motion to amend the 1 June 2005 OCom Meeting minutes by removing the approval of Lake Martin Provisional Squadron and to subsequently approve these minutes as published. (2005-OC-45)

V/C Marshburn reported that the National Meetings Committee had proposed two potential national meeting sites. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to request that the Governing Board approve holding a governing board meeting at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center, Detroit, from 3 to 8 Sept. 2008, at a room rate of $126 per night, and an annual meeting at the Hyatt Regency Orange County, Anaheim, Calif., from 14 to 22 Feb. 2009, at a room rate of $135 per night. (2005-OC-46)

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The OCom discussed the District 5 resolution to allow senior member status for family members. The original intent was to allow family members to earn merit marks as a means of recognizing their contribution. Currently, family merit marks are converted when a member changes to active member status, but the member must be an active member at least five years before earning senior member status. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to recommend that the Governing Board vote against the District 5 resolution to allow senior member status for family members. (2005-OC-48)

V/C Marshburn reported that the Cooperative Charting Committee will hold a CCWEB training seminar during the 2005 Fall Governing Board Meeting in Portland, Ore.

The Squadron Development Committee reported that 28 squadrons had been chartered since the provisional squadron program began in January 2000.

**Report of the National Educational Officer**

V/C Spencer P. Anderson, SN, reported on a training opportunity with Volvo Penta involving developing educational materials and seminars.

V/C Anderson reported on pending changes to the Canadian Pleasure Craft Operator Card program that will be effective in 2007. He reported that a quality management system is being developed and that instructor certification will be required for organizations that participate in the program.

The Educational Department’s website includes a new storefront that will take members to Maptech and McGraw-Hill International Marine websites where they can purchase selected products at a discount, with part of the profit being returned to USPS.

V/C Anderson reported on the need to add a third staff commander to the Instructor Development Committee. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to approve a third staff commander for the Instructor Development Committee. (2005-OC-49)
V/C Anderson requested P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, to update the OCom on America’s Boating Course. P/C/C Jensen reported that ABC registrations in 2005 are down by approximately 12 percent from 2004. He reported that there are no presentation standards for web-based boating courses, and requested the OCom to authorize contacting the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators to encourage the development of presentation standards for web-based courses. He reported that the ABC agreements between USPS and the USCGAux will expire in August 2006. He said that the agreement will automatically renew for five years unless either organization expresses a desire not to continue, at least 90 days prior to the end of the agreement.

The national educational officer reported that a USPS-CPS project team was formed to develop *The Boatowner’s Guide to Electronics*. This new guide will cover all marine electronics and will serve as a reference book for other USPS courses.

V/C Anderson reported that the number of boating course students continued to decline significantly during the past year. He said that squadrons taught 4,757 fewer students from 1 July 2004 through 30 June 2005 than the previous educational year. He reported that only 390 out of 455 squadrons reported teaching a safe boating class during the 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 educational year. He reported that squadrons also taught 513 fewer member courses during the same time period than they had the previous educational year. He reported that 41 squadrons did not teach any member courses last year and that 62 taught only one member course.

**Report of the National Administrative Officer**

V/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, reported that the USPS cookbook, *By Land or By Sea*, will be sold at a preholiday sale price of $19 during the 2005 Fall Governing Board Meeting in Portland, Ore. There are 1,800 copies remaining in inventory.

The national administrative officer reported that the Membership Committee members, District 5 members, and some national officers attended the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in July 2005. USPS representatives estimated that more than 15,000 Boy Scouts visited the USPS exhibit, and scout leaders were encouraged to call headquarters to obtain contact information for squadrons in their area. V/C Maynard stated that this was a great opportunity for civic service, community outreach and member recruitment.
The Leadership Development Committee reported that an average of 50 members per month take the updated Leadership Development Course.

The Member Benefits Committee is focusing on developing local and national-level benefits. Some examples include free Internet service for members of Carquinez Power Squadron, a $500 discount to all members for home mortgages from Chase Home Financial, and member discounts at the Marina de Salinas & Resort in Puerto Rico. The committee is also developing a program that will provide links to other boating-related websites where members can purchase discounted products and USPS will receive a commission.

V/C Maynard reported that copies of the September/October issue of THE ENSIGN, wrapped with a letter from the chief commander and a membership application, are being shipped with all boating orders. He encouraged squadrons to give a copy to each boating course student. He commented that this is a great public relations and membership recruitment tool.

The national administrative officer reported that the Power Of One Program was implemented on 1 Oct. 2003 and was intended to run for two years. To date, 33 districts and 324 squadrons have participated. Approximately 3,500 members have received a Power of One pin for influencing at least one new member to join; approximately 200 members received hats for influencing five new members to join, and approximately 40 members have received a jacket for influencing more than 10 new members to join. In the last two years, two squadrons increased their membership by more than 50 percent; one squadron increased by more than 100 percent, and 35 squadrons earned elite status for meeting predetermined growth criteria.

The chief entertained a motion that was ADOPTED by the OCom to approve the Power of One Program, as proposed, effective 1 Oct. 2005, for a period of one year and to allocate $2,000 for individual incentive awards. (2005-OC-50)

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reported that he and V/C John T. Alter, SN, will hold a VHQBAB seminar during the 2005 Fall Governing Board Meeting in Portland, Ore., and will report results from the feedback survey.
V/C Baldridge reported that headquarters continues to identify ways to save money and improve work processes.

The national secretary presented a corporate resolution to the OCom and stated that it needed to be updated. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to update the names on a corporate resolution that specifies the individuals who are allowed to sign USPS financial instruments. (2005-OC-51)

The OCom ADOPTED a motion to sign a corporate resolution to authorize purchasing a certificate of deposit at Key Bank. (2005-OC-52)

V/C Baldridge reported on the District 10 resolution, which was assigned to the national secretary at the April 2005 OCom. The resolution reads as follows:

*That United States Power Squadrons create and maintain at some conspicuous place where any member may have access to a list of all policy statements adopted by the Governing Board which are in effect and relate to matters which may concern the organization’s relationships with outside parties or government entities; these being the fundamental statements of positions of United States Power Squadrons, on such matters as education, boating safety and the environment.*

He said he is in favor of this resolution, and that he will recommend that the Governing Board approve the District 10 resolution. The plan is to list all policy statements on the website.

V/C Baldridge reported that the Flag and Etiquette Committee planned to meet with the District 12 commander and it was decided to ask the Governing Board to refer the resolution back to the F&E Committee to be reported on in January 2006.

The national secretary reported that the 2005 Fall Governing Board seat packet contents are posted on the Secretary’s Department website and will be posted for future national meetings.

THE ENSIGN Committee is focusing on advertising and reported that ad sales per issue are increasing. THE ENSIGN staff requested that vice commanders assign a correspondent to
review departmental news submitted for publication.

Members of the Information Technology Committee met at headquarters in August 2005. The committee focused on a plan to enhance web sales via one shopping gateway.

The Operations Manual was updated as of 1 Aug. 2005 and is posted online. Chapters were renumbered, with Chapter 16 being reserved for merit marks.

The Ship’s Store Committee reported that a holiday catalog was published in the September/October issue of THE ENSIGN. V/C Baldridge thanked the headquarters staff and the Ship’s Store Committee for their outstanding work on the catalog. Online Ship’s Store purchases can be made at www.usps.org/national/shipstore.

The Historian’s Committee has processed more than 217 historical documents in 2005. The Annual District History report, Form H-720, has been updated and will be posted on the committee’s website.

The Publications Committee is reviewing more than 400 district and squadron newsletters to determine eligibility for the 2005 Distinction in Journalism Award.

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C John T. Alter, SN, reported a deficit of $146,658 as of 31 July 2005. He reported that expenses are down $64,877 from one year ago and are in line with the budget estimates. He reported that revenues are $73,618 less than one year ago. He noted, however, that net educational sales exceed the previous year, indicating that the updated courses are successful. Net Ship’s Store sales are more than double what they were one year ago, and THE ENSIGN advertising sales have increased.

V/C Alter reported that as of 31 July, membership was down by 1,778 active and 312 family members compared with one year ago. He congratulated Decatur Power Squadron/20 for a 100 percent renewal rate. He reported that District 7 had the lowest combined loss rate for all classes of membership. He reported that 467 renewed of 7,256 former members (2005 nonrenewals) who were mailed a 2006 dues invoice.
V/C Alter encouraged squadrons to contact their 2006 nonrenewals. He reported that headquarters mailed second dues notices to VHQBAB members and will send an e-mail reminder from the chief commander to all 2006 nonrenewals who have listed an e-mail address with headquarters.

He reported that 210 squadrons in 19 districts participated in the VHQBAB trial. 20,767 members renewed; 17,144 (83 percent) renewed by check; and 3,623 (17 percent) renewed by credit card. Electronic transfers were made twice each month to squadrons, districts and the USPS Educational Fund. He reported that national bore the expense of mailing the second notice and absorbed the credit card processing fees, which averaged 2.4 percent. The bank’s lockbox fees are approximately $1.25 per transaction for payments made by check. However, because multiple members are billed on the same invoice, the actual cost per member is approximately $1. V/C Alter said that VHQBAB generates some additional income for national in the form of interest on the accelerated cash flow. He noted that the three-month free period for new members joining VHQBAB squadrons was eliminated. He estimated that national will receive approximately $5,000 in additional income based on last year’s new member recruitment. He said that VHQBAB squadrons could potentially gain additional revenue as well depending on how and if they prorated their squadron dues during March, April and May. He reported that in 2004 membership renewal rates for the three trial districts were better than the national average. However, the renewal rates were about the same in 2005, indicating that member contact at the local squadron level is the most effective retention tool. He said he believes VHQBAB has proven to be a viable, successful alternative and that squadrons should determine which method best suits their needs. V/C Alter stated that he would propose a Bylaws amendment at the 2006 Annual Meeting to permit VHQBAB as an optional dues collection method.

V/C Alter reported that the affinity credit card agreement with Chase Manhattan Bank has been signed. Under this contract, the amount that USPS will receive has been reduced from $100,000 to $40,000 per year, and the amount received by districts and squadrons will be reduced. He said that during the last five years, only 106 squadrons earned more than $100 per year and 138 squadrons earned less than $25 under the existing revenue sharing program. The highest amount paid to an individual squadron in 2004 was $336.43. He said that districts now earn 10 percent of what squadrons earn, which will be greatly reduced under the new contract. He reported that USPS will receive $75 under the new contract for each new account, which is...
triple the amount squadrons now receive. He said that this gives squadrons an opportunity to greatly increase their portion of the revenue sharing.

The OCom ADOPTED a motion to adopt a new revenue sharing program for the Chase Bank affinity credit card program. (2005-OC-53) National will retain the $40,000 guarantee payment. The $75 new account revenue will be shared as follows: National will retain $20; districts will receive $5, and squadrons will receive $50.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

R/C Gerald R. Grofman, SN, reported that the Committee on Nominations is making good progress toward preparing a slate of officers to present at the 2006 Annual Meeting. He encouraged members to file their resumes with the committee online at www.usps.org/national/comnom/resume.php3.

Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, discussed three separate investment portfolios that cumulatively totaled $2,842,840.93 as of 31 July 2005.

R/C Mesenburg reported that the unrestricted USPS portfolio, which is heavily invested in equity mutual funds, had a total value of $1,003,254.65. The total investment return through 31 July 2005 was $105,880.04, and the rate of return was + 11.8 percent.

R/C Mesenburg reported that the total value of the Endowment Fund was $818,106.28 as of 31 July 2005. He reported that the Members and Endowment funds were merged in June 2005.

He reported that district and squadron invested funds totaled $1,021,480 as of 31 July 2005. These funds are invested in 10 certificates of deposit with staggered maturity dates, and an average rate of 3.02 percent.

R/C Mesenburg reported that the financial alarm test, which was defined as $3 million by the Operating Committee and the Governing Board in August and September 1998, had
stabilized. He reported that as of 31 July 2005, the financial alarm test was $2,579,719, which was slightly better than at the same time last year, approximately the same as it was in 2003, and slightly higher than it was on 31 July 2002.

R/C Mesenburg reported that he would present two motions to the 2005 Fall Governing Board for approval. The first motion is to increase dues by $1.80 for active members, $.90 for additional active members and $.45 for adult family members, effective in spring 2006 (for the 2007 dues year). The second motion is to approve the 2006 budget.

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C James C. Acheson, SN, reported that the revised version of the *Model Squadron Bylaws* was posted on the committee’s website in July. He said that revised versions of the *Model District Bylaws* and *Model Provisional Squadron Bylaws* are being developed and should be posted by the end of the year.

R/C Acheson reported that Roanoke Valley Power Squadron/5 had requested permission to change its name to Smith Mountain Lake Sail and Power Squadron. He reported that USPS Bylaws, Section 7.1, requires Governing Board approval for a squadron to change its geographical name and that he would present the request to the Governing Board.

R/C Acheson reported that the committee had considered a suggestion that squadron membership chairmen should be members of the squadron’s executive committee. He reported that members of squadron executive committees must be elected and that the USPS Bylaws do not allow for appointed officers to serve on boards of directors.

He reported that he would recommend that the Governing Board amend USPS Bylaws, Section 5.7.5, to increase the size of the Planning Committee from nine to 11 members.

Report of the National Law Officer

R/C James D. Richlak, SN, reported that the Port Clinton Power Squadron/29 received a $50,000 cash gift from a member.
R/C Richlak reported that the Law Committee had been asked to review the ResQ Disc™ website to determine if there was a USPS product endorsement. He reported that the ResQ Disc website did not include a USPS product endorsement.

The national law officer reported that LawCom received a letter from the New York Department of Taxation indicating that hotel rooms booked through USPS were personal member expenses and that the applicable sales tax must be charged.

R/C Richlak reported that LawCom electronically filed a request for a 60-day extension for filing a notice of opposition against Mattel’s application to register “Smart Chart.” He further reported that Mattel’s attorney indicated that any type of settlement agreement concerning the trademark for Chart Smart and Mattel’s registration of Smart Chart was unacceptable. He stated that a formal notice of opposition will not be filed against Mattel’s application to register Smart Chart.

The national law officer reported that the agreement with the U.S. Postal Service had been signed. United States Power Squadrons will use “USPS” in an environment related to activities of United States Power Squadrons and the U.S. Postal Service will use “USPS” in the postal sense. He said this is important because both the U.S. Postal Service and USPS have adopted the position that there is no likelihood of confusion as long as the respective “USPS” marks are used in environments that indicate either the U.S. Postal Service or marine affairs.

R/C Richlak reported that LawCom would discuss the proposed agreement between USPS and Maptech–HarborChart.org.

He reported that LawCom approved a prototype MOU to serve as a format for the various agreements with state boating law administrators.

Report of the Planning Committee

R/C Alan F. Wentworth, SN, reported that the Planning Committee is revising and updating the Strategic Plan. He said that the committee concluded that USPS will benefit by having a workable set of goals and Strategic Plan to provide direction. He said that the committee also believes it is essential for every unit of USPS to develop its own goals and strategies. He
reported that the sections on education and membership are being revised and a new section on financial stability has been added. These revisions will be presented to the Governing Board at the 2006 Annual Meeting.

R/C Wentworth reported that the Planning Committee reviewed a District 5 resolution requesting that a district commander be notified when a provisional squadron is proposed in his or her area. He said District 5 and members of the national Executive Department have subsequently agreed on acceptable changes to provisional squadron development guidelines and procedures that have been implemented recently. He said the Planning Committee would recommend the Governing Board vote against the resolution.

He reported that the Planning Committee studied a resolution from District 7 that requests a Bylaws change to allow districts to name alternate voters for general members of the governing board who are unable to attend a governing board meeting. He said the idea in the resolution had merit and that it will be studied further, but the proposed changes were in conflict with the method of electing general members and could not be easily amended. He said that the Planning Committee would recommend the Governing Board vote against the resolution.

R/C Wentworth reported that the results of a three-part e-mail survey on member retention will be posted on the committee’s website following the 2006 Annual Meeting. The first part surveyed a group of general members, the second part surveyed members from four districts with the highest member retention scores and the third part surveyed former members who had not renewed in the past five years.

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

R/C Darrell Allison, AP, reported on the need to replenish some public relations inventory. The OCom ADOPTED a motion to approve spending up to $1,575 to purchase 500 each of the stick-on pocket easels, 11-by-17-inch easels and 8.5-by-11-inch easels. (2005-OC-54)

R/C Allison reported that a new boating course graduate decal is available at headquarters.

He reported that the Ship’s Bell Award would be presented to Ventura Power.
Squadron/13 for its successful production of a four-color brochure in partnership with Santa Barbara and Ventura counties harbor departments, the National Park Service and NOAA. He said that 35,000 boating families were mailed a copy of the brochure, and an updated version will be distributed to visitors at all federal and state parks along the California central coast.

R/C Allison reported that the president of the National Marine Manufacturers Association will write a guest editorial for publication in a future issue of THE ENSIGN.

He reported the committee has developed a new brochure, *Who We Are*, to replace *This is USPS*. The brochure targets the boating industry and government agencies.

The Marketing and Public Relations Committee is working on a sales and marketing plan for the USPS cookbook, *By Land or by Sea*.

He reported that graphic public service announcements featuring Popeye characters were distributed to approximately 80 boating publications. A USPS Educational Fund grant covered the costs of this distribution.

R/C Allison reported that the USPS National Safe Boating Test II is complete. A copy will be distributed to all squadrons, districts, rear commanders and OCom members as well as to USCGAux flotillas, divisions and NASBLA representatives. Copies will also be provided to West Marine and Boaters World for loan to boaters at no charge.

He reported that squadrons have an opportunity to give a 10-minute presentation to anglers who attend fishing seminars at Boaters World stores. Squadrons should contact Stf/C Robert A. Green, N, for further information.

R/C Allison announced that Jeff Wernli, founder of MCE Television Networks, will make a presentation during the open Marketing and Public Relations Committee meeting. MCE is scheduling 30-second spots promoting USPS.

He reported that Ocean Grafix is interested in developing a partnership to license USPS as an agent for its charting products and to offer member discounts.
R/C Allison reported that the ad hoc Environmental Committee is exploring an opportunity with Clean Water, a company that manufactures boating-related ecological products.

**Report of the Past Chief Commander**

P/C/C Theodore H. Smith, SN, reported that he met with the Century Fund Committee to determine if there is money available to hire a professional fundraiser. He reported that the committee showed interest and he would continue to investigate the possibility.

P/C/C Smith reported that he represented USPS at the 2005 USCGAux National Conference. He reported that the Auxiliary is emphasizing membership and membership recruitment, appealing to those who want to assist with homeland security through the America’s Waterway Watch Program.

P/C/C Smith reported on his attendance at the International Meeting at the USCGAux National Conference. He stated that USPS is well received as part of this coalition of foreign safe boating interests and that it is important that USPS officially join this group to continue attending future meetings. The OCom gave P/C/C Smith a vote of confidence and asked that he prepare a letter for C/C Johnson’s signature stating USPS interest in joining this group.

P/C/C Smith also stated that most organizations at the USCGAux National Conference that gave presentations had a formal presentation program to aid in their presentation. He said that USPS does not have an officially prepared presentation such as a Power Point® presentation. P/C/C Smith requested that the Marketing and Public Relations Committee immediately prepare a Power Point® presentation for future opportunities to present the values and purpose of USPS to this organization and others.

P/C/C Smith reported that on 10 Aug. 2005, President Bush signed the Transportation Equity Act, which includes language reauthorizing the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. ARTF provides approximately $800 million per year to boating safety, infrastructure and access programs, sport fish restoration and other boating programs. Most significantly, the act includes a recapture of the 18.3 cents-per-gallon gasoline tax attributable to motorboats, which means that more than $110 million in additional funds will be available each year for boating safety and fish restoration programs.

C/C Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1620.

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN
National Secretary

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