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NEW ORLEANS SPRING GB HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ **ITCom** – A new password system is to be released shortly using member's certificate number and zip code. DB2000 internet enabled version is almost ready. The system will allow upload and download roster changes directly to the AS/400. ITcom needs more people, is updating hardware, and is looking for a Info Tech Project Manager. Contact Ed Duda: ITCom@usps.com
- ♦ **Trial annual billing** is now available for districts that request it.
- ♦ **The Ensign®** – TEC is adding a mission statement. The July/August issue will have a four page insert (tear-out) for the upcoming GB. TEC is working on a column for D/33 in Spanish.
- ♦ **Ship's Store** – Eleven new items were introduced at the GB meeting. A new scanner system was used for the first time. The system should reduce workload (inventory and point of sale).
- ♦ **Historian** – The committee is working on a new Historian Form and future plans include enhancing their booth at the annual Expo. Their Web site includes a complete list of committee members' and their contact information.
- ♦ **Publications** – The committee reported that the appeals process is working, and said that five additional squadrons received the "Distinction in Journalism" award. The committee is currently working on creating a database for Editors.
- ♦ **New staff commander positions** are open for: Ensign, Historian, Operations Manual, and Publications.
- ♦ **Headquarters** – A new phone system was installed. Mary Catherine Berube, Headquarters Manager, can be reached at extension # 211.
- ♦ **Operations Manual** – The committee is updating graphics and adding color.
- ♦ **Minutes** will be mailed electronically unless requested otherwise.
- ♦ **New Format: GB meeting** - Business was transacted during the morning. Presentations were given after lunch. Officer and Committee written reports were included in "seat packets" and each gave brief reports.

The meeting, a new concept as promised, completed business in the morning. Attendees returning after lunch found M & M characters with balloons decorating the Diaz, and local school jazz bands led the afternoon portion of the meeting with a parade around the room.

During the afternoon presentations, two new themes were introduced, a new strategy for Membership and Marketing, "M & M" and "The Power of One." You will be hearing a lot more about these themes in the future.

Notice - Subscribers to the Powerbyte Mailing List.

At the Spring Governing Board Meeting held in New Orleans, it was decided that future Powerbyte articles will be published through the Secretary's Department Newsletter and this list will be shut down.

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Thank you for your past participation in Powerbyte. R/C Ed Duda, AP

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