NOTICE OF GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Governing Board of United States Power Squadrons® will be held at the Hilton Dallas Lincoln Center, Dallas, Texas, 16 September 2017 at 0900, recessing for lunch and again at 1630, and reconvening (only if necessary) at 0900 Sunday, 17 September 2017.

OPEN DEPARTMENTAL, COMMITTEE AND GENERAL MEMBERS’ MEETINGS

All USPS members are cordially invited to attend.

Wednesday
13 September
0800-1630 Activities Registration
0800-1700 CPR/First Aid Training (Pre-registration required)
0900-1500 IT Committee
1300-1700 Educational Department R/C’s
1400-1600 Educational Fund Trustees
1600-1700 Aides Meeting

Thursday
14 September
0730-0845 Treasurer’s/Donor Breakfast (Pre-registration required)
0745-1600 Ship’s Store
0800-1630 Voter Registration
0800-1630 Activities Registration
0900-1000 Administrative Department - Meet the New Organization
0900-1100 Communications Committee
0900-1100 Information Technology Committee
0900-1100 Set-up Table Exhibits
0900-1200 DEO and ADEO Meeting
0900-1200 Educational Department - Leadership
0900-1215 Planning Committee
0900-1700 D/C & DXO Meeting
0900-1700 Law Committee
0900-1700 Public Affairs Committee
1000-1100 Membership Committee
1000-1200 Squadron Development Committee
1000-1200 Job Description/Commanders Kit/Calendars
1050-1215 Cooperative Charting Committee
1100-1200 Membership Committee
1100-1230 Intro and Navigation of New Website Workshop
1200-1230 D/C and DXO Reception
1230-1345 D/C and DXO Lunch (Pre-register)
1215-1345 Educational Department Lunch *(Pre-register)*
1230-1345 Secretary’s Department Lunch *(Pre-register)*
1300-1700 Table Exhibits (See detailed list on page 3)
1400-1500 Squadron Development Committee
   How to Run a Meeting
1400-1500 Membership Committee
   Intro and Navigation of New Website Workshop
1400-1600 Area Monitors
1400-1600 Marketing Committee
1330-1700 Budget/Finance Committee
1400-1500 Committee on Rules
1400-1700 DEO and ADEO & Educational Leadership
1500-1600 Membership Committee
   Intro and Navigation of New Website Workshop
1900-2130 Dinner & Entertainment

**Friday**
15 September
0600-0630 Health Walk w/Squadron Activities
0730-0900 Keynote Breakfast - Nicholas Gillian *(Pre-register)*
0800-1630 *Activities Registration*
0900-1030 Safety Committee
0900-1100 Information Technology Committee
   Squadron/District Web Site
0900-1145 Squadron Development Committee
   How to Navigate the National Web Site to Find Forms for Your Department
0900-1200 Squadron Development Committee
   Operations Training in Three Hours
0900-1600 Ship’s Store
0900-1630 *Voter Registration*
0900-1700 Table Exhibits (See detailed list on page 3)
0915-1100 Boating Skills Virtual Trainer Updates/Lessons
0915-1600 BOC Committee
0915-1530 Educational Department Committee Meetings (1)
0915-1045 Electro-Mechanical Systems
1045-1215 Publishing
1400-1530 Instructor Development
0915-1530 Educational Department Committee Meetings (2)
0915-1045 Boat Handling
1045-1215 Marine Environment
1400-1530 Offshore Navigation
0915-1530 Educational Department Committee Meetings (3)
0915-1045 Educational Outreach
1045-1215 Inland Coastal Navigation
1400-1530 Basic Public Education
0915-1645 Educational Department
0915-1030 Educational Department Program Updates - V/C Fraser
1045-1200 Digital Medica Library - Boater Education in Action - Scott McDonald
1400-1515 Advanced PowerPoint Techniques - Andy Sumberg
1530-1645 Seminar - Showcase Toolkit for Squadrons - Jan Wright
1000-1200 Membership Committee
   Intro and Navigation of New Website Workshop
1000-1200 Marketing Committee
How to Promote America’s Boating Club

1015-1215 IT Committee - DB2000 Support Team
1230-1400 Executive Department Lunch (Pre-register)
1400-1600 Membership Services Committee
1400-1600 Environmental Committee
1400-1700 District/Squadron Officers Meeting
1400-1700 Planning Committee
1530-1700 SailAngle Workshop - Randy White
1600-1730 First Timers Reception (By Invitation Only)
1700-1745 Jewish Services

Saturday
16 September 0745-1000 Ship’s Store
0800-1000 Voter Registration (In Ballroom)
0800-1200 Activities Registration
0900-1200 Governing Board Meeting
1100-1400 Social Reception & Luncheon
1200-1230 Members’ Reception
1230-1400 Members’ Luncheon
1400-1630 Governing Board Reconvenes
1700-1800 Catholic Services
1700-1800 Protestant Services
1830-1930 General Reception
1930-2300 Banquet

DRESS CODE:

Monday - Thursday - Casual, Logo Shirts, Western Wear or appropriate attire

Friday - Uniform T for tropical shirts

Saturday Day - Uniform G (regulation short-sleeve white shirt with black trousers, black slacks/skirt or appropriate attire)

Saturday Evening - western wear or appropriate attire.

Table Exhibits:

2018 Annual Meeting - Orlando
2019 Annual Meeting - Orlando
Boat Insurance
Boating Skills Virtual Trainer
Cooperative Charting Committee/NOAA - USACE
First Timers
2018 Governing Board - Minneapolis
Member Benefits Committee
North American Marine Environment Protection Association
Sea Scouts
Squadron Development Committee
Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team
USCG Auxiliary America’s Waterway
AGENDA

1. Approval of minutes of the Governing Board Meeting held on 25 February 2017.

2. Reports of Bridge Officers:
   
   C/C Louie Ojeda, SN
   V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN - National Executive Officer
   V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN - National Educational Officer
   V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN - National Administrative Officer
   V/C Howard E. Yoas, SN - National Secretary
   V/C Lee Popham, JN - National Treasurer

3. Reports of the General Committees:
   
   Committee on Nominations - R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, chairman
   Committee on Rules - R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, chairman

4. Reports of Standing Committees:
   
   Finance Committee - R/C Ben Coons, JN, chairman
   Planning Committee - R/C Michael J. Skelley, AP, chairman
   Law Officer - R/C Michael D. Friedman, N, chairman

5. Election to fill mid-term vacancies.

6. Consideration of any other matter which may properly come before this meeting.

   V/C Howard E. Yoas, SN
   National Secretary
Report of the Committee on Rules

With the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the Committee on Rules recommends the following revisions to the USPS Bylaws to be effective as of the adjournment of the 2017 Governing Board.

Existing Bylaws:

Section 6.1
Each district shall be composed of the squadrons assigned it by the Governing Board. It shall be governed by a District Conference and shall have a District Council functioning as an executive committee of the District Conference.

Section 6.10
All district bylaws shall prescribe the membership of the district council which shall include at least the district bridge and the commanders of the district’s squadrons.

Section 6.11
All district bylaws shall prescribe the membership of the district conference which shall include at least the district council and the squadron delegates.

Section 9.5.5
In the event that a district conference must be adjourned to a date more than 24 hours later than the time fixed in the call for the conference, or to a different place, then there shall be issued a call for such adjourned conference addressed to all members of the district council setting forth the items to be included on the agenda for the adjourned conference. No action at an adjourned conference shall be valid unless a quorum is present. A call for an adjourned conference shall be by the same method and with the same notice as is required for a regular district conference.

Proposed Bylaws Change:

Section 6.1
Each district shall be composed of the squadron(s) assigned it by the Governing Board. It shall be governed by a District Conference and may have a District Council functioning as an executive committee of the District Conference.

Section 6.10
All district bylaws shall prescribe the membership of the District Council, if the Council exists, which shall include at least the district bridge and the commanders of the district’s squadrons.

Section 6.11
All district bylaws shall prescribe the membership of the district conference which shall include at least the squadron delegates and, if the District Council exists pursuant to the District Bylaws, the District Council, or, otherwise, the District Bridge.

Section 9.5.5
In the event that a district conference must be adjourned to a date more than 24 hours later than the time fixed in the call for the conference, or to a different place, then there shall be issued a call for such adjourned conference addressed to all members of the district council, if one exists, setting forth the items to be included on the agenda for the adjourned conference.
No action at an adjourned conference shall be valid unless a quorum is present. A call for an adjourned conference shall be by the same method and with the same notice as is required for a regular district conference.

**Rationale:**
Gives individual districts the flexibility whether or not to have a District Council.

**EXISTING NATIONAL BYLAWS:**
**Section 9.4.4**
At all meetings of the Governing Board, 75 delegates (§§10.2.1, 10.2.2) actually present plus 75 other members of the Governing Board, or 150 or more alternate voter authorizations (§10.3.2) held by members of the Governing Board or delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

**PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE:**
**Section 9.4.4**
At all meetings of the Governing Board, 50 delegates (§§10.2.1, 10.2.2) actually present plus 50 other members of the Governing Board, or 100 or more alternate voter authorizations (§10.3.2) held by members of the Governing Board or delegates present shall constitute a quorum.

**Rationale:**
With the advent of falling attendance at Annual Meetings and Governing Board Meetings, it has been more difficult to have a quorum. This change allows the Governing Board to conduct business in a more efficient manner.

**PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE (NEW)**
**Section 6.2.2**
District 50 will consist of squadrons not affiliated with existing districts because of distance or other such necessity, and each squadron assigned to District 50 shall be assigned by the Governing Board. District Officers: district commander, district educational officer, and district secretary/treasurer will be nominated by the National Nominating Committee, and approved by the Governing Board: District Bridge Officer vacancies, if necessary, will be filled by the Board of Directors until the next Governing Board meeting. Bylaws of District 50 will be approved by the Committee on Rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Rules

Stf/C Robert E. Canfield, JN  
P/D/C Richard V. Fiorentini, SN  
Lt Harold W. Howard, SN  
P/R/C Wayne G. Spraggs, SN  
P/D/C H. Jay Stevens, SN  
Stf/C Richard Zucchi, SN  
R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, Chairman
Report of the Committee on Nominations

In accordance with the USPS Bylaws, Section 5.6.1, the Committee on Nominations recommends the election of the below listed members.

For Staff Commander of Cooperative Charting Committee:

Stf/C Charles Roland Ibach III, SN (Charlotte/27)

For Staff Commander of Marketing Committee:

Stf/C Shirley D. Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)

For Staff Commander of Public Affairs:

Stf/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)

For Staff Commander of Safety Committee:

Stf/C Allen B Furtado, SN (Pompano Beach/8)

For Staff Commander of Squadron Development Committee:

Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN (Palm Beach Sail/8)
Stf/C Deborah Rothermel, AP (Fort Worth/21)

Respectfully submitted,

P/C/C John T. Alter, SN
D/Lt Barbara Erickson, JN
P/R/C S. Patricia Greer, SN
P/R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN
Stf/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP
P/R/C Allan W. Lakin, SN
P/R/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN
R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN, Chairman
Report of the Finance Committee

1) The Finance Committee recommends the following motion to increase dues:

   A $2.00 dues increase effective 1 December 2017.

The motion will set the dues rate for a regular active member to $55.00, the dues rate for family units headed by a regular active to $82.50, and the dues rate for family units headed by a life member or a sustaining member to $27.50.
District Resolution

The designated office is scheduled to report to the Governing Board at its 16 September Meeting on the following district resolutions:

**RESOLUTION**

District 15: Assigned to the Planning Committee

This District Resolves that:

A resolution to add a formal and alternate squadron classification of “INACTIVE SQUADRONS” to preserve our weaker more vulnerable squadrons, their membership and decades-long relationships.

Whereas,
United States Power Squadrons, District 15 has recently lost the Singing River Sail and Power Squadron and others before it; and

Whereas,
The recognized and declared reason for dissolution was the inability, over a span of years, to support the administrative and training burden of a full ACTIVE squadron; and

Whereas,
The membership of the failed squadrons did not wish to leave the United States Power Squadrons and the decades-long friendships developed and sustained; and

Whereas,
The United States Power Squadrons current administrative structure only recognizes one squadron classification, that of a full and “ACTIVE” squadron classification.

Now, Therefore, we the members of District 15, do hereby resolve and forward to the United States Power Squadrons Board of Directors and General Membership a resolution to provide for an alternate squadron classification of Inactive Squadron.
The Board of Directors, with the advice of financial, legal and tax counsel, recommends that the United States Power Squadrons establish a nonprofit corporation, the United States Power Squadrons Endowment Fund Inc., to solicit, manage, and protect funds donated for the chartered purpose of the organization.

**Rationale:**
USPS lacks a financial vehicle for soliciting donations from patrons that meets investment criteria established by financial planners. This puts USPS at a disadvantage in the testamentary and planned giving arena. Additionally, USPS has a number of accounts that could be managed for a better rate of return in a larger fund. The new fund would consolidate the monies and be managed by a board that is elected by the Governing Board. This new fund would not replace the current Educational Fund, which has its own independent Board of Trustees.