



Secretary's Department

V/C Howard E. Yoas, SN

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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 (<i>Pre-registration required</i>)
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 (<i>Pre-registration required</i>)
0745-1600	Ship's Store
0800-1630	Activities Registration
0800-1630	Voter 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
	Intro and Navigation of New Website Workshop
1000-1200	Squadron Development Committee
	Job Description/Commanders Kit/Calendars
1050-1215	Cooperative Charting Committee
1100-1200	Membership Committee
	Intro and Navigation of New Website Workshop
1100-1230	Heritage and Protocol Committee
1200-1230	D/C and DXO Reception
1230-1345	D/C and DXO Lunch (<i>Pre-register</i>)

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 (<i>Pre-register</i>)
	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. Spraggins, 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:

REPORTING OFFICE

Assigned to the Planning Committee

This District Resolves that:

A resolution to add a formal and alternate squadron classification of **"INACTIVE SQUADRON"** 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**.

Report of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors

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 purposes 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.