



For Immediate Release:
Ad Hoc Committee on
Reorganization

So, What's Going on with the Reorganization of USPS "America's Boating Club"?

The current reorganization efforts of the United States Power Squadrons/America's Boating Club are to focus on the needs of individual members and their local clubs.

After months of study and hearing concerns from USPS/ABC members nationwide, several recommendations were presented to the Chief Commander and the Board of Directors in January, according to Allan Bombard, a member of the reorganization committee. The recommendations are that USPS/ABC should:

- focus on serving the squadrons/clubs and members above all else.
- encourage clubs to critically assess the value that all aspects of the organization bring to their local operation, including the value of Districts.
- ensure clubs are given a voice (and more votes) in determining their future.

These recommendations are the result of reorganization discussions that began during the 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, Bombard said. Later that year, the BOD asked V/C Craig Fraser, SN, the then National Executive Officer, to evaluate several trends negatively effecting the organization. V/C Fraser recruited a geographically diverse group of members to evaluate the creation of regions out of the current Districts.

This year, the original reorganization group was enlarged and re-designated the Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization and placed under the leadership of Paul Mermelstein, SN, and Miles Gee, SN. The BOD also directed the national Planning Committee to further evaluate districts, he said.

Since its organization, the ad hoc committee has been working to supplement member input with two live virtual townhall meetings. Most of the national committees have been engaged in simplifying many of their chartered activities to improve and deliver services directly to the clubs and members, according to Bombard.

The committee has also identified areas to improve the organization's capacity to offer greater service to its members. The areas are: Communication, Marketing, Boating & Social, and Education. The committee is seeking member volunteers to assist with the simplification and updating of these endeavors. Anyone interested in helping should contact Myles Gee at MKGee@MSN.com.

For the latest up-to-date reorganization Town Hall presentation, it can be found at: <https://fccdl.in/mbPSDbNeav>