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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Minutes of the District Educational Officers' Meeting with the NEO and ANEO

**Thursday, 4 February 2010
Lake Buena Vista, FL**

R/C R. Herman Green, JN, Assistant National Educational Officer, opened the meeting at 0710 and thanked everyone for attending. There were 53 people in attendance. A complete list of those in attendance is on file.

R/C Green gave a brief overview of one of USPS' most important challenges – communications. He charged the DEO's with a set of five project areas. The districts and charges assigned were as follows:

- Promotion of seminars (storefront concept) – Districts 1-6
- Teaching aids (what, when, where, and how to promote them) – Districts 7-12
- Boat Operator Certification (BOC) training and district events – Districts 13-18 and 33
- Teaching outreach (how to promote instructors and where) – Districts 19-24 and 32
- Increasing squadron involvement with national and national programs (visitation to squadron meetings for ideas, new leadership, and training) – Districts 25-31

R/C Green asked that the DEOs discuss the above-listed topics by e-mail within their groups, looking for new ideas and methods. He asked them to appoint their own group leaders. He also encouraged thinking outside the box and asked them to report to him once a month on their progress with an ultimate deadline of the Seattle Governing Board meeting (September 2010).

R/C Green stated that USPS is the leading provider of boating education as well as having the best quality training program available. Our core mission is to train boaters which leads to membership and provides fiscal support to the squadrons, districts, and national. We need to have readily available programs, hands-on training, and provide the option for self study.

He then introduced Tom Kemp, USPS Marketing Director, to go over the materials that are available at Headquarters. These materials are available on the USPS website under the Marketing and Public Relations Committee.

R/C Green then introduced R/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN, Educational Department Budget Officer, who discussed the details regarding travel vouchers.

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V/C Robert J. Sweet, SN, National Educational Officer, joined the meeting and touched on several points of interest to the Educational Department. Weather, JN, and N are good new courses, but we need to push seminars as well. Coastal Express viewer from Rose Point is now available and will be sent with new orders of ABC3 as of the end of February.

R/C Kenneth N. Beckman, SN, Offshore Navigation, stated that JN and N were now more practical courses and have not been dumbed down. There are close to 300 new JN and 200 new N graduates. Information on the Capn and VPP2 software programs are on the Offshore Navigation website.

R/C John W. Fletcher, SN, Boat Operator Certification, introduced Cdr. John Kern, AP, Hilton Head Squadron. Cdr. Kern presented a program on the BOC Inland Navigator certification and how to introduce it to squadron members. He also discussed in detail how best to improve and present both seminars and courses.

R/C Ronald H. Kessel, SN, Marine Environment, discussed the Weather and Cruise Planning courses. He also gave updates of the Weather Forecasting seminar and the new Boating on Rivers, Lakes, and Locks seminar.

R/C Gene A. Danko, SN, Electro-Mechanical Systems, gave an overview of the new Marine Electrical Systems. There is an errata sheet available for MES. ME 101, ME 102, and ME 103 are still available on the shelves at Headquarters. The Beta course for Marine Navigation Systems will hopefully be ready by next fall. The MMSI website (www.usps4mmsi.com) is now up and running.

Stf/C Richard W. McGaughy, JN, Inland and Coastal Navigation, reported that AP has been reprinted and will be updated periodically. Updates can be downloaded from the web. The Instructor Power Point CDs for P and AP are available on the website.

R/C Ann L. Scotten, SN, Instructor Development, reported that the course is being updated and an Instructor Development CD will be issued soon.

R/C Wilbur G. Hugli, SN, reported that the Boat Handling Committee is looking for input for an updated Seamanship course to be issued in the next few years. The current course is being reprinted. Sail 2009 is the current sail course. All previous courses are out-of-date and no tests are available for them. The new Educational Outreach committee is under the direction of R/C Hugli, who is searching for schools and organizations to use our courses and seminars. People should contact him directly with points of contact for possible places.

R/C Eugene E. Molteni, SN, Basic Public Education, reported that a re-design of the ABC website should be available by the end of February. It will be linked directly to the USPS site. He also reported that the Squadron Boating Course may be given through December 31, 2010. He further reported that ABC3 is being reprinted with Coastal Explorer (Rose Point) replacing the Maptch CD. There is a small addendum for new classes as well as other changes on the website. Chapter 5 may be presented whenever you want. The course may be taught in 8 hours.

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Check the back of the instructor manual for what is required and take out the remaining chapters.

The meeting then divided into 5 groups according to district assignments and discussed the charge previously discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Ellen Barbour, SN