Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting  
Held on 17 Sept. 2011  
At the Sheraton Greensboro, Greensboro, N.C.

Chief Commander Frank A. Dvorak, SN, convened the meeting at 0900.

The pledge of allegiance was led by N/F/Lt Robert D. Holub, SN, followed by the singing of the national anthem and the invocation delivered by USPS Chaplain Lois M. Nehmer.

Introduction of Past Chief Commanders

P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN, introduced the other past chief commanders who were present in order of their terms:

P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, 1996 - 1997 (Rocky Mount/27)  
P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, 2000 - 2001 (Bellevue/16)  
P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN, 2006 - 2007 (Tar River/27)


Introduction of Guests

R/C Richard E. Gercak, AP, introduced honored guests:
Vice National Commodore Thomas Mallison, USCG Auxiliary, reported that USPS and the USCG Auxiliary signed a memorandum of understanding strengthening cooperation between the two organizations. He noted that there has been an increased presence by both groups at each other’s national functions, and that commanders and commodores can be seen in cooperative settings at many more districts, squadrons and flotillas.

R/C Gercak introduced Jeff Hoedt, chief, United States Coast Guard, Boating Safety Division, who delivered the keynote address. Mr. Hoedt reported on updates from the National Recreational Boating Safety Program. He noted that the number of boating casualties and injuries has declined during the past 10 years.

Mr. Hoedt reported that the National Recreational Boating Safety Program’s Strategic Plan 2012-2016 was signed during the 2011 International Boating and Water Safety Summit. He outlined the 11 plan objectives. Details can be found at [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org).

**Objective 1: Safety Education Certificates and Successful Course Completions**

Increase the number of persons who complete a boating safety course or test that conforms to the National Boating Education Standards as recognized by the USCG.
Objective 2: Boating Safety Outreach
Deliver effective boating safety messages through various educational resources and media to reduce deaths and injuries of recreational boaters.

Objective 3: Advanced and/or On-Water, Skills-Based Boating Education
Increase the number of boaters who have completed advanced and/or on-water, skills-based boating education.

Objective 4: Life Jacket Wear
Increase adult life jacket wear rates nationwide. Targets: 1. Increase the observed adult life jacket wear rate in open motorboats by 3 percent from the previous year’s wear rate. 2. Increase the observed adult life jacket wear rate on non-motorized vessels by 3 percent from the previous year’s wear rate.

Objective 5: Operator Compliance, Navigation Rules
Reduce fatalities associated with Navigation Rules violations by 2 percent per year from the previous year.

Objective 6: Boating Under the Influence (BUI)
Achieve a 5 percent overall decrease in the number of deaths by CY 2016 (using a five-year moving average) where the use of alcohol or other drugs by a boat’s operator and/or occupants was either a direct or indirect cause of the accident. The five-year average for the 2005 to 2009 time period was 156.

Objective 7: Manufacturer Compliance
Decrease the recreational boat manufacturer ratio of discrepancies per factory inspection annually by 5 percent and keep boats with insufficient flotation off the market.

Objective 8: Operator Compliance - USCG Required Safety Equipment
Increase compliance levels for specific required safety equipment on recreational boats.
**Objective 9: Boating Accident Reporting**
Using the baseline BARD data from 2009, work towards a goal of 100 percent by 2016, for boat accident report completeness, accuracy and timely submission pursuant to 33 CFR 173 and 174.

**Objective 10: Research and Development**
Gather and analyze data relevant to recreational boating accidents and exposure.

**Objective 11: Effectiveness of Non-Profit Organization Grants**
Improve the effectiveness of and increase access to the grant products of the national non-profit organization.

In closing, Mr. Hoedt stated that USPS’ contributions to recreational boating are essential to the USCG.

**Report of the National Boating Federation**

Everette Tucker, treasurer, National Boating Federation, explained that NBF is the largest nonprofit, nationwide alliance of recreational boating organizations, which includes USPS and the USCG Auxiliary. NBF serves as a legislative watchdog and advocate for favorable boating legislation, regulations and best management practices.

Mr. Tucker explained that current NBF initiatives include mandatory life jacket wear and global positioning systems. Additional details can be found at www.n-b-f.org.

C/C Dvorak announced an attendance of 438.

**Report of the National Safe Boating Council**

P/R/C Joyce F. Shaw, AP, explained that the NSBC is comprised of approximately 330 U.S. and Canadian organizations that share an interest in safe boating.

P/R/C Shaw reported that NSBC received two awards in 2011 for its “Wear It”
Campaign. The first was the Web Marketing Association Best Non-Profit Ad Internet Award for the 2010 Life Jacket “Safety Dance” Interactive Campaign. The second was the National Hydropower Association Outstanding Stewards of America’s Waters Award. NSBC also received the USCG Auxiliary’s Recreational Boating Safety Partnership Award in recognition of its support of saving lives through education and outreach.

P/R/C Shaw reported that the NSBC published a book, *The Modern History of Recreational Boating Safety*, which recounts the evolution of boating safety over the past 50 years. Copies are available from NSBC headquarters for $49, plus shipping and handling.

P/R/C Shaw reported that NSBC offers awards and grants recognizing individuals and organizational partners in the boating community who create innovative programs designed to improve boating education and raise awareness of recreational boating safety issues. For details on NSBC, the awards and grant programs visit www.safeboatingcouncil.org.

**Report of the Committee on Rules**

R/C William I. Neef, SN, Committee on Rules chairman, announced that P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, would serve as parliamentarian for the 2011 Governing Board Meeting. He explained the voting rules for this meeting.

R/C Neef reported that there were no amendments to the *USPS Bylaws* for vote. He stressed the importance of all district and squadron bylaws being compliant with *USPS Bylaws*.

**Approval of the Minutes**

C/C Dvorak announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Governing Board held on 5 Feb. 2011 were approved as distributed.

**Report of the Headquarters Executive Director**

Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters executive director, introduced the headquarters staff present: Lena Padro, manager of membership services; Tom Kemp, manager of marketing and development services, and Ray Tsuneyoshi, national program director. Mrs. Berube reported that
approximately 70 members and guests toured USPS Headquarters in Raleigh, N.C., on 1 and 2 Sept. 2011. She thanked the members from Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron/27 who coordinated and led the tours.

Mrs. Berube reported that in May 2011, USPS received a Practical On-the-Water Training Rollout grant from the USCG. The headquarters staff teamed up with the Boat Operator Certification Committee to administer the project. USPS leased a 20-foot Boston Whaler Dauntless and a truck that will travel to locations where members will train public students in on-the-water skills. She encouraged members to watch for a cover photo and article on the Practical On-the-Water Training Seminar in the Fall 2011 issue of The Ensign.

The headquarters executive director explained that USPS set a goal to promote boating safety through partnerships with other boating organizations. She noted that USPS also received a Partnering Grant from the USCG to work toward this goal. Ray Tsuneyoshi, national program director, has been actively partnering with other organizations, including the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the National Safe Boating Council, NASBLA and the American Canoe Association. Berube stated that by partnering we can combine expertise and resources and minimize duplication and cost.

**Report of the Committee on Nominations**

R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN, chairman of the Committee on Nominations reported that in accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, the Committee on Nominations recommended the election of the below-listed general members of the Governing Board.

For General Members of the Governing Board:

D/Lt/C Marie Coons, P  
Hiawatha Valley Sail/10
D/Lt/C Paul W. Durstock, N  
Cincinnati Sail/24
P/D/C Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP  
Darien Sail/2
P/D/C Veronica A. Mann, JN  
Arrowhead Sail/13

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2011-GB-1)

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R/C Yoas stated that in accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Article 5, Section 5.2.6, the Board of Directors can fill vacancies created between governing boards and the term will expire at the next Governing Board meeting. Accordingly, the Committee on Nominations recommended electing the following.

R/C Jim J. Runge, JN, as chairman of the Boat Handling Committee
R/C Thomas T. Roscoe, AP, as chairman of the Safety Committee

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2011-GB-2)

**Report of the National Law Officer**

R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP, reported that the Law Committee continues to facilitate programs, protect assets and defend USPS.

R/C Korstad reported that LawCom works with headquarters staff and national committees on vendor contracts. The committee also reviews grant contracts to ensure that USPS meets its obligations and that liabilities are appropriately managed. He reported that LawCom is preparing a publication on protocols for on-the-water activities.

**Report of the Planning Committee**

R/C Jeff C. Hamilton, AP, reported that the Planning Committee is working on tools to assist squadrons in simplifying their efforts. The Planning Committee is looking at the role of districts, how they currently operate and how they could support squadrons.

R/C Hamilton reported that the Planning Committee is reviewing input from members to help identify ways to increase the value of attending a national meeting.

He noted that the Planning Committee is working with the Board of Directors to update the USPS Strategic Plan, focusing on available resources, staying on course and tracking progress.
Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Thomas H. Ellis, JN, reported that, as of 30 June 2011, the investments under the management of the Finance Committee totaled $2,428,847. This was a gain of $84,485 since the February 2011 Annual Meeting, or 5.4 percent. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios.

The USPS investment portfolio was valued at $1,003,601. R/C Ellis noted that the allocation mix of these investments was approximately 61 percent equities and 39 percent fixed income.

The Endowment Fund was valued at $1,425,246. He reported that the current asset Allocation Mix was 49 percent equities and 51 percent fixed income. He noted that funds had been dispensed from the Endowment Fund each year since 2009 to offset Leadership Development Program expenses.

R/C Ellis reported that at its June 2011 meeting, the Board of Directors ratified a motion to employ the services of Riazzi Asset Management Company to perform investment management functions for the USPS Investment Portfolio and the Endowment Fund Investment Portfolio. He reported that the Finance Committee will be responsible for monitoring the performance and integrity of the asset managers and will report to the USPS Governing Board.

R/C Ellis said that the Finance Committee recommended the following motion to increase the annual dues:

A $2 dues increase for single active members, effective in the spring for the 2013 dues year.

The motion will set the dues rate for a regular active member to $43, the dues rate for family units headed by a regular active member to $64.50, and the dues rate for family units headed by a life or sustaining member to $21.50.

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion approving a $2 dues increase for single active members effective in the spring for the 2013 dues year. (2011-GB-3)
**Report of the National Treasurer**

V/C Richard M. Peoples, SN, reported on the financial status of USPS. He noted that as of 30 Aug. 2011, expenses exceeded revenues by $30,000.

V/C Peoples stated that educational sales, dues revenue and Ship’s Store sales are all down from the previous year. He noted that expenses are $33,000 less than one year ago.

The national treasurer reported receiving a favorable financial audit report for FY 2010. He noted that the IRS 990 report was filed as required.

V/C Peoples reported that the Board of Directors approved a balanced budget for 2012. The Board of Directors also approved a revision to the USPS Travel Reimbursement Policy. The maximum reimbursement for baggage is $40 each way for one checked bag only to and from a meeting site. The updated policy is available on the National Treasurer’s website.

V/C Peoples reported that as of 19 July 2011, 139 districts and squadrons had not notified headquarters whether they had filed their annual IRS 990 forms. He stated that districts and squadrons failing to file an IRS 990 form are at risk for losing their tax-exempt status. He encouraged district and squadron treasurers to contact the Law Committee if they need assistance.

V/C Peoples reported that as of 13 July 2011, there were 2,841 life members and that 415 had made a contribution to USPS in 2011. He encouraged all life members to donate to USPS to offset expenses such as printing and mailing The Ensign.

**Report of the National Secretary**

V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN, expressed gratitude to P/V/C David L. Hinders, SN, for his three years of service and achievements as USPS national secretary.

V/C Hamilton stated that the Secretary’s Department continues to operate with “Service is Our Pledge” as the guiding principle. She stated that the most important service the Secretary’s Department provides is communication, both external and internal.
V/C Hamilton stated that many communication tools and the ongoing administration of USPS will operate in cyberspace. She noted that seamless integration and operation of systems, databases and the USPS website is critical to USPS’ success. She said that a major objective is to transfer these critical technological skills and responsibilities to a professional, accountable headquarters staff.

The national secretary reported that the leadership in the Secretary’s Department will evaluate current committee structure as to services provided, services needed but not provided and improved operational efficiency, with the goal of recommending a revised departmental structure by the 2012 Annual Meeting. She reported that one recommendation is to combine the Flag and Etiquette and Historian committees.

The Communications Committee reported that the first round of website reviews was complete. Committee members contacted webmasters concerning issues that needed to be corrected prior to final review. Information on website and newsletter awards is available at www.usps.org/national/commcom.

V/C Hamilton reported that the Flag and Etiquette Committee reviews new and updated burgees and flags. She reported that the committee recommended, and she approved, 50th anniversary burgees for Jones Beach/3, Johnson City Sail/17, Austin/21, Beaufort Sail/26, Tybee Light Sail/26, Charlotte/27, Coos Bay/32 and Fort Vancouver Sail/32.

The Flag and Etiquette Committee is also working with the 100th Anniversary Committee to design a 100th anniversary commemorative ensign.

The Historian Committee is in the process of scanning district and squadron histories. District and squadron histories should be submitted online at www.usps.org/national/historian.

The Information Technology Committee reported that the Boating Course Assistant and DB2000 applications were modified to determine if the user’s version is up to date.

The national secretary reported that the Operations Manual Committee added a new section in July 2011, “United States Power Squadrons and the American President.” There are eight pages of photographs, letters and press releases on how American Presidents since Franklin
D. Roosevelt have interacted with USPS. To keep up with the latest *Operations Manual* updates go to [www.usps.org/national/om](http://www.usps.org/national/om).

V/C Hamilton reported that year-to-date Ship’s Store net sales were $21,000. She noted that 18 new items were added to Ship’s Store inventory, which can be ordered online at [www.shopusps.org](http://www.shopusps.org).

**Report of the National Administrative Officer**

V/C Robert A. Baldridge, SN, reported that ABC trial membership has been successful. He noted that beginning in Dec. 2010, squadrons began offering six months’ free membership to students who successfully complete the classroom ABC3 course. The Membership and Information Technology committees and the Educational Department worked together to streamline the course and student registration and membership processes. Details of the HQ800 and trial membership processing can be found in the June issue of [MEMCOMments at www.usps.org/national/membership](http://www.usps.org/national/membership).

V/C Baldridge explained that the Doing It Right Program is a self-administered program designed to evaluate how squadrons can enhance growth and retain members. Sixty-three squadrons received the 2010 DIR Award. The Very Important Member Program recognizes members who influence their friends and students to join. Details on both programs are available on the Membership Committee’s website.

Stf/C Lee Popham, AP, was assisted by Keith Christopher, national events manager, Boy Scouts of America, and R/C Connie Beckman, N, to present the 2011 P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN, Sea Scout Service Award to 1st/Lt Michael R. Philbrook, P, San Diego/28. The USPS Finley Sea Scout Service Award recognizes those members and honorees of United States Power Squadrons who are also youth or adult Sea Scout leaders and have provided outstanding civic, educational and fraternal leadership to both the Sea Scouts and the United States Power Squadrons through civic involvement, educational achievement and active participation.

C/C Dvorak; P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP; and R/C Connie Beckman, N, presented the 2011 P/C/C William D. Selden IV Member Involvement Retention awards. The award is given to districts and squadrons that develop initiatives to increase membership retention. The 2011
winners are

**Squadron Awards**

1st - Two Rivers Sail/20  
2nd - Bayside/3  
3rd - Dundalk Sail/5

**District Award**

1st - District 3

The Member Benefits Committee reported that the Affinity marketing program is well under way and integrated with current USPS membership benefits. A total of 11 new member benefits are available, which brings the total benefit offerings to more than 20. On occasion, special information about featured benefits will be mailed to USPS members. Members can opt out of receiving member benefits mailings on the USPS website under “Member Stuff” on the “Benefit Announcement Option” link. Details on all member benefits can be found at [www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm](http://www.usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm).

The Leadership Development Committee reported that the DAO/SAO and DXO/SXO programs have been very successful, with more than 618 members completing the courses to date.

The Squadron Activities Committee is introducing ways to use squadron activities to recruit and retain members.

V/C Baldridge concluded by saying that a year ago he challenged members to chart a new course and to focus on growing membership. He said that members responded to the challenge and that the membership growth percentage in 2011 was the best in 11 years. He encouraged squadrons to reach out to cyber and trial members to show them the value of USPS membership, focusing on member benefits, education programs, civic service opportunities, fellowship and on-the-water activities.
V/C Robert J. Sweet, SN, reported that 2010-2011 educational year statistics showed 2,766 fewer boating course completions than one year ago. He reported that approximately 5,000 seminars were completed during the 2010-2011 Educational Year.

V/C Sweet reported that Marine Electronics is being phased out and will be replaced by three new courses. He reported that Marine Electrical Systems and Marine Communication Systems had already been released, and that the committee plans to release Electronic Navigation Systems in 2012. A revision to Cruise Planning has been delayed until 2012. Advanced Piloting will be rewritten in conjunction with CPS in 2012.

V/C Sweet reported that the Boating on Lakes, Rivers and Locks and the Partner in Command seminars were released last year. He reported that additional seminars are being developed, including Chartplotting and Advanced Anchoring. He noted that many squadrons are giving the seminars without the accompanying course materials, which means lost revenue for USPS and attendees leaving without the seminar materials.

The national educational officer reported receiving a grant from the Educational Fund to acquire three sets of model anchors that can be used to supplement anchoring seminars and demonstrations at USPS events and boat shows.

V/C Sweet reported that on 14 June 2011, 123 members completed the Marine Weather Forecasting webinar offered via sailangle.com. The course targeted coastal and offshore cruisers.

The national educational officer reported that during the past year, major emphasis was placed on training certifiers and instructors for on-the-water skills with funding from the Practical-on-the-Water Grant. He reported that the initial planning and procurement phase of the grant is complete. The second phase is underway with the lease of a 20-foot Boston Whaler Dauntless, trailer, and Ford F150 truck, which will travel around the Eastern and Gulf coasts during the next nine months to train both instructors and students.

V/C Sweet reported that America’s Boating Course has been updated to comply with the 2012 NASBLA Boating Standards. He noted that a new appendix on Boating Decision Making
was added, which is modeled on what pilots are taught to reduce operator error.

V/C Sweet reported that Coastal Navigator, the second level of Boat Operator Certification, is available. He stated that the on-the-water skills is navigation and that certifiers are being trained to monitor the required skills demonstrations.

The national educational officer reported that the three laser-driven fire extinguisher systems, which were funded by grants from the USCG and the USPS Educational Fund, have been in constant use during the past year and are booked into 2012. The online schedule is available at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/crc?key=0AnbsGxnkwWJqdDQ0LXpLVEI1bVJUc19nczNFaXZMemc&hl=en_US.

V/C Sweet reported that the Brunswick dealer program continues with slow but steady additions of new dealers to the network. He noted that additional national resources have been allocated to assist districts and squadrons in connecting with local dealers. He noted that a pilot program to offer on-the-water-training is under way with Marine Max. The first training will be held in Clearwater, Fla., where the Marine Max dealer will provide boats and facilities, and USPS will provide the trainers.

V/C Sweet reported that the Educational Fund has provided a series of grants for various activities. In the past year, they have funded the acquisition of a fire extinguisher training system, outreach to other organizations and industries, a stimulus program providing awards to members who completed designated USPS courses and software. The Educational Fund also supported upgrades to the ABC website to meet the new NASBLA standards.

V/C Sweet announced the winners of the Stimulus Award. The following individuals were selected by random drawing of all members who completed designated courses during the 2009-2010 Educational Year. Each winner will receive an award sponsored by the USPS Educational Fund.

**Seamanship** - Horizon Handheld VHF Radio HX751

Dean R. Ford, P   Knoxville/17
Dale L. Hutter, S  Hiawatha Valley Sail/10
Lt/C Madelyn Jean Moore, S Seattle Sail/16

______Piloting____ - Garmin Color Handheld GPS
                   David Hoch, AP Las Vegas Sail/13
                   Laurence J. Purcell, P San Diego Sail/28
                   Cdr Don Roy, AP Ventura /13

______Advanced Piloting____ - Rosepoint Coastal Explorer Navigation Software
                   Frank J. Handley, AP Bayside/3
                   Lt Karl Lherisson, AP Oyster Bay/3
                   Lt/C Brenda M. Sumey, JN Birmingham/9

______Junior Navigation____ - GPS Chartplotter, Standard Horizon
                   Lt Brian E. Hackley, N Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26

______Engine Maintenance____ - Marine Multimeter, Blue Sea Systems
                   Dennis M. Fenlon Grand Lake Sail/31
                   Jeff Peterson Moriches Bay/3
                   Lt Marc Theriault, P North Strand Sail/26

______Marine Electrical Systems____ - Marine Multimeter, Blue Sea Systems
                   Robert B. Greene North Olympic Sail/16
                   Cora Kelly, S Jones Beach/3
                   Soren Prip North Olympic/16

______Weather____ - Atlantis Barometer, Weems & Plath
                   Emily Furtado, S Pompano Beach/8
                   Marilyn Hyman, AP Lake Murray/26
                   Laurence Rogers, AP Nobscot Sail/12

V/C Sweet concluded by thanking the USCG for its support in getting the on-the-water program off to a good start. He also thanked USPS partners, CPS, US SAILING, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, National Safe Boating Council, American Canoe Association, NASBLA, OceanGrafix, Jeppesen Marine, BoatU.S., NOAA, Sea Tow Foundation, American Boat and
Yacht Council, Marine Max, Weems & Plath and Standard Horizon.

**Report of the National Executive Officer**

V/C John T. Alter, SN, reported that the 2012, 2013 and 2014 annual meetings will be held at the Riverfront Hyatt Regency in Jacksonville, Fla. The 2013 Governing Board Meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio, Texas.

V/C Alter reported that R/C Dan Joyce, SN, who was the newly elected Safety Committee chairman, passed away suddenly on 29 April 2011. He noted that immediate P/R/C Robert C. Miller, JN, volunteered to assist until a successor was found. In May 2011 the Board of Directors approved the appointment of Stf/C Tom Roscoe, AP, to temporarily fill the position.

The Safety Committee reported that it anticipated meeting the goal of 32,000 vessel safety checks in 2011.

The Cooperative Charting Committee reported that mileage credits will be discontinued toward earning cooperating charting credits. Inland squadrons will receive additional credits in lieu of mileage to encourage participation by squadrons that have to travel longer distances to reach NOAA charted areas. Additional details can be found at [www.usps.org/national/coch](http://www.usps.org/national/coch).

V/C Alter reported the Squadron Development Committee hosted a squadron revitalization seminar during the 2011 Governing Board Meeting. The committee is working with the Membership Committee to develop a set of simplification standards where squadrons can continue to function with reduced resources.

V/C Alter requested that the Governing Board approve dissolving the following squadrons: Cross County/2, Housatonic River/2, Rowayton/2, Oritani/4, Sue Island Sail/5, Rogers City Sail/9, and Gulf Breeze Sail/15. The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to dissolve these squadrons. (GB-2011-4)

The Environmental Committee, in conjunction with the Government and Partner Relations Committee, continues to monitor government websites concerning new regulations affecting the use of streams, rivers, lakes and oceans. The committee encouraged members to
join the Environmental Committee group on sailangle.com to keep up with the latest updates.

V/C Alter called on R/C Gregory Scotten, SN, chairman, Marketing and Public Relations Committee, to present the 2010 Marketing and Publications Committee awards.

**Charles F. Chapman Scrapbook Award winners**
1st place - Fort Myers/22  
2nd place - Grand Lake Sail/31  
3rd place - Peace River Sail/22

**Carl C. Mahnken Commander’s Cup Award winner**
Crystal River/22

**Roger Upton Video Award winner**
Austin/21

**Radio Public Service Award winner**
Crystal River/22

**Report of the Chief Commander**

C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, reported that during a recent Board of Directors meeting a motion was passed to establish a first aid safety program for squadrons that will combine the Red Cross and the American Heart Association First Aid and CPR programs with supplemental boater safety programs from the Safety Institute of Maryland. He noted that the logistics will be administered by the National Executive Department in conjunction with Lt Alan Karpas, JN, Rockville/5.

C/C Dvorak reported actions of the Board of Directors at its 14 Sept. 2011 meeting:

1) A motion to amend the USPS Travel Policy as follows: To increase the baggage fee reimbursement to $40 each way for one checked bag to and from a meeting site, and to add the following sentence under the Lodging and Meals paragraph: “The number of reimbursable days at a national meeting is set by the USPS Board of Directors.”

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2) A motion to approve the 2012 budget.

3) A motion to present a USPS Lifesaving Award to Marita Grobbel, P, Grosse Pointe/9, Dean Petitpren, P, Port Huron/9, Diane Petitpren, Port Huron/9, and Dennis Andrus.

4) To authorize inventory obsolescence for the following marketing materials at a total value of $4,207.98.

   Item # 11-22-002 - 8½ x 11 Popeye poster
   Item # 11-22-003 - 11 x 17 Popeye poster
   Item # 07-26-100 - 8½ x 11 Popeye poster
   Item # 07-26-101 - 11 x 17 Popeye poster

5) A motion to dissolve Cross County/2, Housatonic River/2, Rowayton/2, Oritani/4, Sue Island/5, Rogers City Sail/9, and Gulf Breeze Sail/15.

6) A motion that USPS establish a first aid safety program for squadrons that combines the Red Cross and American Heart Association first aid and CPR programs with supplemental boater safety programs from the Safety Institute of Maryland. The logistics will be administered by the National Executive Department in conjunction with Lt Alan Karpas, JN, Rockville/5.

   USP Chaplain Louis Reitz delivered the benediction, the colors were retired, and C/C Dvorak adjourned the meeting at 1450.

   V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN
   National Secretary
ADOPTED

1) A motion to elect general members of the Governing Board. (2011-GB-1)

2) A motion to fill vacancies created between governing boards for the chairmen of the Boat Handling and Safety committees. (2011-GB-2)

3) A motion approving a $2 dues increase for single active members effective in the spring for the 2013 dues year. (2011-GB-3)

4) A motion to dissolve Cross County/2, Housatonic River/2, Rowayton/2, Oritani/4, Sue Island Sail/5, Rogers City Sail/9, and Gulf Breeze Sail/15. (2011-GB-4)