

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
25 Feb. 2017

Chief Commander Louie Ojeda, SN, convened the meeting at 0900.

USPS Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN, led the invocation, which was followed by the presentation of the U.S. and Canadian colors, the Pledge of Allegiance led by N/F/Lt Mike Wiedel, JN, and the singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN, national secretary, declared a quorum present.

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Robert A. Keller, SN, chairman, Committee on Rules, announced that he had appointed P/C Benjamin Sooy III, AP, as parliamentarian for this meeting and explained the annual meeting voting procedures.

R/C Robert A. Keller, SN, summarized the chief commander's 2016 activities and recommended awarding C/C Ojeda his 27th merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2017-AM-1)

Introduction of Past Chief Commanders

P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, introduced the past chief commanders present:

- P/C/C L.M. Barnes III, SN, 1996–1997 (Rocky Mount/27)
- P/C/C Lance J. Jensen, SN, 2000–2001 (Bellevue Sail/16)
- P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN, 2004–2005 (Diablo Sail/25)

- P/C/C Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, 2006–2007 (Tar River/27)
- P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, 2010–2011 (Bellevue Sail/16)
- P/C/C John T. Alter, SN, 2012–2013 (Raleigh Sail/27)

C/C Ojeda introduced P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, (Baton Rouge Sail/15) who served as chief commander from 2014 to 2015.

Approval of the Minutes

C/C Ojeda announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 27 Aug. 2016 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2017-AM-2)

Introduction of Guests

R/C Peter TenBrink, SN, introduced the following honored guests:

- Rear Adm. Paul Thomas, assistant commandant, Prevention Policy, USCG
- Capt. F. Thomas Boross, chief, Auxiliary and Boating Safety, USCG
- Jeff Hoedt, chief, Boating Safety Division, USCG
- Ken Forster, chief, Marine Chart Division, NOAA
- Capt. Edward Van Den Ameele, NOAA
- Sam DeBow, manager, Coast Survey Product, NOAA
- Robert Pepin, chief commander, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
- Rachel Johnson, executive director, National Safe Boating Council
- Kirsten Schuchardt, marketing and program manager, Brunswick Corp.
- Michael Wesolowski, executive director, Sea Tow Foundation
- Randy White, co-founder, SailAngle.com
- Dana and Tony Rowkay, Spirit of America
- Bert Rogers, executive director, Tall Ships America
- Ted Sensenbrenner, assistant director boating safety, BoatUS Foundation
- William Griswold, president, United Safe Boating Institute
- Rick Washburn, national commodore, USCG Auxiliary
- Dick Risk, recreational boating safety director, USCG Auxiliary
- Judith Hudson, commodore, USCG Auxiliary, 7th District

- Dave and Nan Ellen Fuller, USCG Auxiliary
- Mary Larsen, Americas Waterways Watch, USCG Auxiliary
- Steve Prime, vice president, Gowrie Group
- John Giglio, Freedom Boat Club
- Keith Christopher, Boy Scouts of America, National Boating Federation
- Rachel West, National Sea Scouts Boatswain
- Tom Hayward, chief financial officer, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

R/C Tenbrink introduced the guest speaker, Rear Adm. Paul Thomas, assistant commandant for prevention policy, United States Coast Guard. Rear Adm. Thomas said that United States Power Squadrons plays a major role in supporting the USCG National Recreational Boating Safety Program.

Partnering With Pride Awards

Rear Adm. Thomas and Jeff Hoedt presented the United States Coast Guard Boating Safety Partnering with Pride Awards for outstanding efforts in the field of recreational boating safety to P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN; Palm Beach Sail & Power Squadron/8; and Houston Sail & Power Squadron/21.

Awards of Excellence

Rear Adm. Thomas and Capt. Boross presented the United States Coast Guard Boating Safety Division Recreational Boating Safety Awards of Excellence for outstanding performance in conducting vessel safety inspections to Lt Wesley Heusser, JN, Balboa/28; Cdr Thomas R. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22; and Stf/C Bob Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3.

Rear Adm. Thomas presented an Auxiliary Membership Service Award to C/C Ojeda for 25 years of service to United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Rear Adm. Thomas thanked Jeff Hoedt for his 14 years of service to the United States Coast Guard.

Capt. Van Den Ameele, assisted by Sam DeBow and Ken Forster from NOAA, presented the following 2016 Cooperative Charting Awards:

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Number one squadron	Stark County/7
Number one district	District 21
Number one individual	D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN, (Stark County/7)
NOAA Coast Survey Award	D/Lt/C Thomas Hancock, P (Stark County/7) for five years of excellence in the Cooperative Charting Program

Brunswick Dealer Advantage Awards

Kristen Schuchardt, assisted by R/C Shirley Heald, AP, presented the Brunswick Boater Education Awards. This award recognizes the three squadrons who conducted the most boater education courses with Brunswick Dealers in 2016.

Silver – Bellevue Sail & Power Squadron/16	\$500
Gold – Birmingham Power Squadron/9	\$750
Platinum – Dallas Sail & Power Squadron/21	\$1,000

Robert Pepin, chief commander, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons, spoke about his organization’s efforts in 2016.

Rick Washburn, national commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, discussed possible ways the Auxiliary could work together with United States Power Squadrons.

C/C Ojeda and Rachael Johnson, executive director, National Safe Boating Council, signed a memorandum of understanding.

C/C Ojeda and V/C Gary Cheney, SN, national executive officer, presented honorary member awards to the following:

2017 Honorary Members

Capt. F. Thomas Boross	Jake Hill
Huw Bower	Jeff Hoedt
Larry Bowling	Rachel Johnson
Keith Christopher	Kirk La
Brett Conley	Mary Larsen
Sam Debow	Robert Pepin
Pam Dillon	Steve Prime
Cecilia Duer	Bert Rogers
Chris Edmonston	Kristen Schuchardt
David Fuller	Christopher Stec
Nan Ellen Fuller	Michael Wesolowski
William Griswold	Stephanie Weatherington
Tom Hayward	Charles D. Wurster

Corporate Member Award

C/C Ojeda presented a 2017 Corporate Member Award to BoatUS Foundation.

Ted Sensenbrenner, assistant director boating safety, BoatUS Foundation, spoke in support of the Decals Awareness Program to promote vessel safety checks.

BoatUS/USPS Civic Service Awards

Ted Sensenbrenner presented the 2016 BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards to District 22 and Minnetonka Power Squadron/10.

Honorable mention squadrons:

Annapolis Sail & Power Squadron/5	Peace River Sail & Power Squadron/22
Atlanta Sail & Power Squadron/17	Sanibel Captiva Sail & Power Squadron/22
Everett Sail & Power Squadron/16	Sarasota Sail & Power Squadron/22
Fort Macon Sail & Power Squadron/27	Sebastian Inlet Sail & Power Squadron/8
Milwaukee Sail & Power Squadron/10	

C/C Ojeda presented Ted Sensenbrenner with an award for his service and assistance to United States Power Squadrons.

C/C Ojeda announced an attendance of 602.

R/C Connie Beckman, SN, announced awards presented during the awards ceremony on Thursday, 23 Feb. 2017.

2017 Life Members

Name	District/Squadron Name
Maggie Abbott	7/Akron Sail
Kristi Watson Anderson, P	8/Sebastian Inlet Sail
Ann T. Bailey, AP	27/Raleigh Sail
Bruce L. Barnhart, S	7/Vermilion
Bryan L. Bartlett, SN	9/Detroit
Barbara A. Blaker, AP	5/Dundalk Sail
Gary L. Bleisch, JN	21/ Houston Sail
Joyce C. Bonney, S	1/ Manchester
William R. Bonney, AP	1/Manchester
Raymond Bouch, S	17/Johnson City
J. Streett Broadbent, AP	5/Dundalk Sail
Lloyd Christopher Brown, JN	5/Delhigh
Marla C. Brown, JN	13/Tres Rios
Trudy M. Brown, AP	16/Bellevue Sail
Ruth E. Burd, AP	20/Land of Lincoln
Douglas S. Burdett, SN	1/Waterbury
Mark R. Businski, P	3/Great South Bay
Carlos J. Busquets, SN	33/San Juan
Duane Carlson, SN	9/Mount Clemens
Neal R. Casbean, P	7/North Coast Ohio Sail
Donald J. Cassidy, JN	7/Stark County

Joseph H. Cleary, AP	8/Pompano Beach
James V. Colston, AP	5/Mid-Potomac Sail
John E. Combs, SN	29/Port Clinton
Gwen A. Comer, P	24/Hoosier Sail
Barbara G. Crim, JN	16/Seattle Sail
Frank D'Amico, AP	20/Skokie Valley Sail
Karen D'Amico, AP	20/Skokie Valley Sail
Linda Daniels, S	6/Susquenango Sail
Sterling P.A. Darling, SN	21/San Antonio Sail
Patricia A. Diehl	28/Balboa Sail
James DiMeo, AP	4/Staten Island Sail
Mary Dodd, SN	8/Palm Beach Sail
William Driscoll, JN	19/Amoskeag
Eileen Dwyer, AP	3/Captree
George A. Eaton, SN	32/Fort Vancouver Sail
Kathryn R. Eldridge	8/Palm Beach Sail
Gus Elia, JN	30/St. Louis Sail
William Estremera, AP	33/Arecibo
Steve Farrell, AP	10/Duluth Sail
Lucrecia Ferriby, AP	9/Port Huron Sail
Susan M. Friedrichs, SN	5/Main Line Sail
George A. Friend, P	2/Greenwich Sail
Donald G. Funderburk, SN	99/Unattached
John E. Gaggini, AP	20/Chicago Sail
Mark B. Gathings, SN	25/Sacramento
William R. Ghen, AP	12/Beverly-Marblehead Sail
William R. Gillette, AP	8/Key West Sail
Daniel P. Goldman, P	10/Minnetonka
James S. Goodwin, P	6/Auburn
Larry W. Graham, SN	5/Susquehannock Sail
John P. Grasso, AP	12/Old Colony
James B. Greenhalgh, SN	22/St. Petersburg Sail
Kenneth J. Gricus, P	19/Wawenock Sail
Tanya C. Gurney, AP	16/Seattle Sail
James D. Hanson, AP	16/Tacoma
Robert Hastie, SN	26/Tybee Light Sail

Shirley D. Heald, AP	21/Dallas Sail
Harry Hebb, SN	15/Pensacola Sail
Virginia C. Heckhaus, S	5/Potomac River
Brenda Herron, S	17/Johnson City
Albert W. Hess, AP	29/Toledo
George Hess, SN	23/ Cocoa Beach Sail
David L. Hinders, SN	99/Internet Membership
Thomas E. Hoar, P	3/Great South Bay
Jan R. Holmes, SN	7/Akron Sail
Sylvia Holmstrom, JN	16/Bellingham Sail
Jeffrey H. Horton, N	4/Lake Hopatcong Sail
Wilbur G. Hugli, SN	15/Fort Walton Sail
Lorenzo Iglesias, SN	33/Humacao Sail
Lily L. Jackson, P	21/Quachita
Luis F. Jimenez, AP	33/Arecibo
Jacqueline M. Judah, P	21/Lower Rio Grande Valley Sail
Russell C. Kaiser Jr., P	25/Sacramento
Joseph D. Kane, AP	22/Boca Ciega Sail
Andrew M. Kasinec, AP	9/Anchor Bay
James F. Keil, AP	22/Cape Coral
Beverly Kennedy, JN	16/Tacoma
Walter C. Kirk, Jr., AP	26/Hilton Head Sail
Karl O. Koebberling, SN	27/ Greensboro
Nona Kovalcin, SN	22/ Sarasota
Kay L. Lambert	27/ Shallotte River Sail
Wayne J. Lambert, AP	12/Charles River Sail
Carol L. Lamendola, JN	6/Rochester
Gary T. Law, JN	2/Sacandaga
Robert A. Lindholm, JN	3/Jones Beach
Clifton I. Long, P	7/Stark County
Dawn Long, AP	27/Greensboro
Peter P. Losi, AP	22/ Clearwater Sail
Allan R. Lutcza, AP	4/ Northern New Jersey Sail
Henry M. Lynn, JN	3/Hempstead Bay
Spencer C. Mack Jr., AP	20/ DuPage Sail
Joseph A. Manchester, AP	5/Potomac River

Dianne Marshburn, AP	27/Tar River
Lawrence D. McCourt, AP	3/Great South Bay
Linda M. McDonnell, P	16/Poverty Bay Sail
Georgia C. McFarland, JN	9/South Bend Sail
James R. McVey, SN	26/North Strand Sail
David A. Michael Jr., AP	5/ Nansemond River
Ruth Miller, S	22/Ft. Myers
Alfred Mongillo Jr., AP	1/Milford
George C. Morrissey, JN	3/Great South Bay
Carl E. Muhlbauer, SN	5/Potomac River
Weldon A. Nelson, JN	12/Charles River Sail
Myra L. Nitschke, P	5/Virginia Beach Sail
Richard N. Nitschke, SN	5/Virginia Beach Sail
Carl E. Nyman, JN	22/Manatee Sail
Daniel A. Parker	5/Potomac River
Wayne F. Partie, SN	22/St. Petersburg Sail
William C. Peck, JN	17/Vulcan
Charles E. Peterson, SN	28/Phoenix Sail
Janet Pomeroy, SN	9/Mount Clemens
George F. Prescott, SN	20/Chicago Sail
Ralph M. Price, JN	25/Diablo Sail
Francisco Quinones, P	33/Ponce
W. Lyle Rea, SN	22/Peace River Sail
Vernon A. Redecker, JN	16/Bellevue Sail
Carole Reilley, AP	5/Delaware River Sail
Steve Robinson, P	5/Nanticoke River Sail
Irene Rodriguez, SN	7/Stark County
Ricardo S. Rodriguez, SN	7/Stark County
Dougilio J. Ronchetto, P	8/Key West Sail
Robert H. Rosselot, SN	4/Northern New Jersey Sail
Herbert Rubenfeld, JN	3/Oyster Bay
Alan B. Satterwhite, AP	99/Unattached
William J. Scheidell, AP	8/Key West Sail
Barbara L. Sharpless, P	5/Wilmington
Joan M. Smith, AP	8/St. Lucie River
William E. Smith, AP	21/Austin

David M. Stewart, AP	27/Charlotte
Elizabeth K. Stewart, P	6/Syracuse Sail
John T. Stewart, P	6/Syracuse Sail
George J. Straschnov, P	22/Sarasota
John H. Supple, AP	2/Westchester Sail
Peter TenBrink, SN	8/Pompano Beach
Constance M. Thompson, AP	16/ Tacoma
Sidney E. Thrash, JN	27/Fayetteville Sail
Stanley B. Tice, JN	25/Santa Clara
Elizabeth G. Torres, JN	9/Birmingham
Barbara A. Troike, N	22/Peace River Sail
Diane E. Valante, P	2/Saugatuck River Sail
Harrison R. Valante, SN	2/Saugatuck River Sail
Joanne E. VanAmeyden, AP	9/Sable Point Sail
Walter V. Van Etten, JN	8/Port St. Lucie
James R. VanScott, SN	9/Anchor Bay
Henry O. Wagley Jr., JN	22/Peace River Sail
Ruth E. Wagley, P	22/Peace River Sail
Richard P. Waterhouse, JN	22/Sanibel Captiva Sail
Michael J. Weber, SN	9/Anchor Bay
Theodore R. Whitney Jr., SN	5/Delaware River Sail
Leslie W. Williams Jr., JN	1/Saybrook Sail
Sally Williams, AP	8/Palm Beach Sail
Jim Yaeger, SN	8/Coral Ridge Sail

Educational Fund District Honor Roll

The Educational Fund District Honor Roll is presented to districts with every squadron donating \$1 annually for all active members to the Educational Fund. Districts achieving this goal in 2016 were District 2, District 8, and District 15.

Vessel Safety Check Awards

Top Districts

5th place District 28

4th place District 10

3 rd place	District 11
2 nd place	District 3
1 st place	District 33

Top Squadrons

5 th place	Smith Mountain Lake/5
4 th place	Balboa Sail/28
3 rd place	New River Sail/27
2 nd place	Jones Beach/3
1 st place	Crystal River/22

Top Examiner

Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN

Millennium Club Award Winners – (those performing 1,000-plus vessel safety checks)

Lt Edward P. Furst Jr., S	York Sail/5
P/C Mitchell Gawrysiak, JN	Detroit/9
D/Lt Thomas F. Krupa, AP	St. Petersburg Sail/22

Century Club Award Winners – (those performing 100 vessel safety checks in 2016)

Stf/C Robert Holub, SN	Jones Beach/3	15 th year
D/Lt Marjorie Baraff, AP	Pompano Beach/8	2 nd year
Lt/C Thomas F. Rossini, SN	Crystal River/22	5 th year
Lt Wesley S. Heusser, JN	Balboa/28	5 th year

Cooperative Charting – Geodetic Awards

Top Producer	P/C Charles S. Boswell, AP
Top Squadron	Kinston
Top District	27

Squadron Membership Growth and Retention Awards

2016 Growth Awards

Division 1 Winners: >113 Members

4 th	Tacoma/16	11%
3 rd	Duluth Sail/10	15%

2 nd	Richmond Sail/5	19%
1 st	Galveston Bay Sail/21	11%

Division 2 Winners: 75-113 Members

4 th	Wawenock Sail/19	32%
3 rd	Penobscot Bay Sail/19	39%
2 nd	Mid-Illini/20	43%
1 st	Anna Marie Island/22	45%

Division 3 Winners: 45-74 Members

4 th	Catawba/27	24%
3 rd	Bluegrass/24	24%
2 nd	New London/1	24%
1 st	Music City/17	33%

Division 4 Winners: < 45 Members

4 th	Tampa/22	20%
3 rd	Long Beach/13	21%
2 nd	St. Thomas/33	26%
1 st	Music City/17	55%

District Winners

4 th	District 10	98% Retention
3 rd	District 26	99% Retention
2 nd	District 22	100% Retention
1 st	District 12	2% Growth

2017 Emeritus Members

C/C Ojeda and V/C Gary Cheney, SN, presented Emeritus Member awards to the following members:

P/R/C Darrell G. Allison, AP	Tres Rios/13
Gale Alls, SN	Northern Virginia Sail/5
P/R/C John D. Altstetter, SN	Dearborn Sail/9
Richard H. Babcock, AP	Dearborn Sail/9

Gerald R. Brings, SN	St. Paul Sail/10
Robert L. Bue, SN	Fort Vancouver Sail/32
Lt Jack Cohen, P	Norwalk/2
P/C Wilfredo A. Comas, AP	Gainesville Sail/23
Lt Thomas R. Dougherty, SN	Absecon Island/5
Lt Phillip Royce Fairall, AP	Cambridge Sail/5
Lt Donald Gladstone, P	Mid-Hudson/2
Lt Harold W. Howard, SN	Peace River Sail/22
P/Lt/C Thomas C. Indoe, SN	Columbus Sail/29
P/D/C Edward W. Lewis, JN	Mattapoisett/14
William H. Mize Jr., SN	Houston/21
D/Lt Paul G. Roetling, SN	Lockport Sail/6
Lt Arthur E. Schuldt, SN	Coos Bay/32
P/R/C Ellis D. Simon, SN	Vero Beach/8
P/C Anthony VanDe Wal, N	Dundalk Sail/5
Lt Robert A. Van Jones, SN	Peace River Sail/22
Kenneth W. Weeks Jr., AP	Hartford/1
Jack M. West, N	Unattached/99
D/Lt Herman Willi Jr., SN	Austin/21
P/R/C William A. Winslow, SN	Peace River Sail/22

2017 Meritorious Service Awards

C/C Ojeda, assisted by V/C Cheney, presented Meritorious Service Awards to national officers completing their tours of duty:

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN	National Secretary
V/C Robert C. Miller, SN	National Treasurer
R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN	Law Officer
R/C Richard L. Carson, JN	Chairman, Basic Public Education Committee
R/C Priscilla B. Clarke, AP	Chairman, Publishing Committee
R/C Gardham W. Comb, SN	Chairman, Cost Management Committee
R/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN	Asst. National Educational Officer
R/C Shirley D. Heald, AP	Chairman, Program Partner Relations Committee
R/C Robert D. Holub, SN	Chairman, National Meetings Committee
R/C William A. Johnson, SN	Chairman, Planning Committee

R/C Diane M. Julum, JN	Chairman, Cooperative Charting Committee
R/C Robert A. Keller, SN	Chairman, Committee on Rules
R/C Jerry Wayne Madden, AP	Chairman, Squadron Activities Committee
R/C William J. McManimen III, SN	Chairman, Educational Outreach Committee
R/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN	Budget Officer Educ/Admin Department
R/C John R. Rowland, SN	Chairman, Member Benefits Committee
R/C Gregory T. Scotten, SN	Chairman, Public Relations Committee
R/C William D. Selden V, AP	Chairman, Committee on Nominations
R/C Tom Shuell, SN	Chairman, Instructor Development Committee
R/C Anita F. Walker, JN	Chairman, Leadership Development Committee
R/C Michael S. Wiedel, JN	Chairman, Boating Safety Committee
R/C Kenneth Wilkinson, AP	Assistant National Treasurer/Budget Director
R/C Howard E. Yoas, SN	Assistant National Secretary

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Robert A. Keller, SN, reported that during 2016 the committee reviewed, approved and certified bylaw revisions for 15 squadrons, seven districts, and one new squadron. C/C Ojeda presented a charter to Dreher Shoals Sail & Power Squadron/26.

The Committee on Rules oversight assignments and appointments for 2017 are as follows:

All District Bylaws

Lt Harold W. Howard, SN

Squadrons in Districts 1-5

P/D/C Robert Canfield, JN

Squadrons in Districts 19-24

P/R/C Wayne G. Spraggins, SN

Squadrons in Districts 6-10

P/D/C H. Jay Stevens, SN

Squadrons in Districts 25-33

Stf/C Richard Zucchi, SN

Squadrons in Districts 11-17

P/D/C Richard Fortini, SN

Provisional Squadrons & Divisions

R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP

Report of the Headquarters Executive Director

Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters executive director, introduced the headquarters staff present: Lena Padro, manager, membership services; Tammy Brown, marketing director; Yvonne Hill, publications director; and Amy Townsend, managing editor.

Mrs. Berube thanked participants in The Ensign's Spring 2017 Photo Contest "Nautical Delights" and announced the winners:

1 st place	Lt/C Eric Ringwall, AP	Atlanta Sail/17
2 nd place	Steven Kelly, P	North Coast Ohio Sail/7
3 rd place	Lt Jennifer Dalgarno, P	Dundalk Sail/5
4 th place	Harvey Bell, AP	Kennebec River Sail/19

The finalists will be featured in the Spring 2017 issue of The Ensign magazine.

Ms. Berube reported that in 2016 headquarters reduced staff and cut expenses by 7.6 percent over 2015. Headquarters continues to look for ways to streamline operations while providing logistical support to squadrons, responding to member requests, increasing United States Power Squadrons visibility in the marketplace, supporting Board-designated projects, improving communications, and managing more than 1.6 million dollars in grant funding.

She reported that a core team of members and headquarters staff including herself, Tammy Brown and Yvonne Hill are working with R+M agency to continue branding efforts and assess internal and external communications, processes, assets, and establish business and communications goals.

Ms. Berube asked R/C Paul Mermelstein, SN, and Tammy Brown to report on the marketing initiatives to grow the UNITED STATES POWER SQUADRONS Brand.

R/C Mermelstein reminded members that USPS had formed teams to work with R+M including the Board of Directors and national committees that have been working to build the United States Power Squadrons brand.

Ms. Brown reported that after market research was completed, United States Power

Squadrons worked with R+M to develop an organizational personality statement that defines United States Power Squadrons as dependable, knowledgeable, and welcoming. Next, the USPS-R+M team identified target market audiences, and developed branding and messaging statements. Ms. Brown noted that a banner ad, “Welcome to the Neighborhood,” was developed to communicate the United States Power Squadrons brand to the public.

Ms. Brown announced that United States Power Squadrons established a partnership that allows squadrons to sign up for a FedEx Office account with access to the online United States Power Squadrons DocStore. She noted that currently only the Welcome to the Neighborhood banners can be purchased through the United States Power Squadrons DocStore. Plans are to add other branded material as it is available. The program also offers discounts on other print and copy jobs in store and online.

Next steps include advertising, a new public website, and a new communications program with consistent messaging at the national, district, and squadron levels.

P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP, project manager of the Digital Medial Library project, presented a “Welcome to the Neighborhood” video. He noted that the purpose is to raise awareness of and an interest in a safe boating lifestyle by encouraging boaters to join United States Power Squadrons. He also showed a video on Practical On-the-Water Training, noting that squadrons will be provided links to these videos.

Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Ben Coons, JN, reported on the United States Power Squadrons Investment and Endowment funds, the overall financial status of United States Power Squadrons, grant revenues and expenditures, the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years, and recommendations for auditors for 2017.

R/C Coons reported that investments under the oversight of the Finance Committee are managed by Riazzi Asset Management and totaled \$2,584,502 as of 30 Nov. 2016. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios.

The first portfolio is the Endowment Fund. As of 30 Nov. 2016, the total value of the fund was \$1,824,391 compared to \$1,760,706 one year ago. Contributions in 2016 totaled \$7,200 and earned \$64,639 in investment returns. R/C Coons noted that in 2016 no earnings were spent for special projects and grants approved by the Board of Directors

The second portfolio is the United States Power Squadrons Investment Portfolio. As of 30 Nov. 2016, the total value of the United States Power Squadrons investment account was \$760,111 compared to \$791,607 one year ago.

R/C Coons concluded by stating that the Finance Committee recommended that the Governing Board approve the appointment of Williams, Overman, Pierce, LLP, as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending 30 Nov. 2017. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2017-AM-3)

C/C Ojeda called on Michael Wesolowski to present the Sea Tow Foundation Golden Life Jacket Award to Peace River/22 for hosting multiple Sea Tow Loaner Life Jacket Stand. Mr. Wesolowski stated that these stands are stocked with life jackets in various sizes available for boaters to borrow free of charge for a day on the water.

Report of the Law Committee

R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN, reported that the Law Committee is working with the Endowment Fund Trust ad hoc committee to form a supporting entity as a successor or complement to the Endowment Fund. The committee also reviewed dozens of contracts from the Board of Directors, headquarters and individual departments. The committee helped the On-the-Water team set up grant proposals and continues to monitor United States Power Squadrons intellectual properties.

Report of the Planning Committee

R/C Bill Johnson, SN, reported that the Planning Committee revised a succession planning document and referred it to the Board of Directors. The committee received feedback from the Board of Directors on the current United States Power Squadrons Strategic Plan and recommended revisions. R/C Johnson reported that the Planning Committee would work on developing an updated United States Power Squadrons Strategic Plan, the District 15 resolution, and streamlining squadron operations.

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C Robert C. Miller, SN, reported that unaudited results showed an operating surplus of \$57,000 in 2016, approximately 2.9 percent of the total budget.

V/C Miller reported that total net operating income was \$190,000 less than the budgeted amount. He noted that a \$28,000 decrease in member dues and a \$232,000 decline in sales along with other smaller revenue elements resulted in revenue reductions. He noted that cost of sales had improved and was a contributing factor to underrunning the budget by \$44,000. He noted that 2016 expenses were 9 percent lower than 2015 expenses.

V/C Miller requested that the Governing Board reduce the number of rear commanders by three and the number of staff commanders by one in the Treasurer's Department. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2017-AM-4)

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN, reported that that a new blog was added to the SailAngle website.

V/C Mitchelson announced that since the Pittsburgh Governing Board Meeting, a new District 21 flag was approved and the following squadron burgees were approved:

Balboa Power Squadron/28	75 th anniversary
Northern Virginia Sail & Power Squadron/5	50 th anniversary
Naples Sail & Power Squadron/22	50 th anniversary
North Coast Ohio Power Squadron/7	50 th anniversary

The national secretary announced that 390 members downloaded the Meetings App. He thanked P/D/C Robert Ball, SN for his hard work in implementing the new features.

Report of the Administrative Officer

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN, reported that at the end of 2016, United States Power Squadrons had 28,245 members, down from 30,056 in 2015. She noted that membership is dropping at 7 to 8 percent per year in the last several years.

V/C Abbott reported that 10 squadrons disbanded since the Pittsburgh Governing Board Meeting in August 2016. She noted that there were currently 364 squadrons, and that the goals for 2017 are to reverse membership losses by better serving squadrons, creating relevant materials and programs, simplifying national committees' websites and organizational charts, simplifying the Operations Manual content, and reducing response time to district and squadron inquiries.

V/C Abbott reported that the Leadership Development Committee taught the Leadership Development course to 83 students in 2016, with 19 students registered for LD training during the 2017 Annual Meeting.

The Member Benefits Committee reported that four benefits were added since the last governing board meeting.

The Membership Committee reported that 60 First Timers registered for the 2017 Annual Meeting.

V/C Abbott called on R/C Jim Pahl-Washa, JN to present the 2016 Boarman Youth Poster Contest awards, which illustrated the theme, "Make it Personal! It's your Life ... It's Your Lifejacket."

19th Annual USPS National Boarman Youth Poster Contest Winners

Ages 6-8	Name	Squadron/District
1 st place	Marely	Shallotte River Sail/27
2 nd place	Emily	Dayton Sail/24
3 rd place	Niko	Beaufort Sail/26
Ages 9-11		
1 st place	Mia	Northern Neck Sail/5
2 nd place	Marta	Charleston Sail/26
3 rd place	Kennedy	New River Sail/27
Ages 12-14		
1 st place	Brett	Baton Rouge Sail/5
2 nd place	Victoria	Central Wisconsin Sail/10

3rd place

Madison

Northern Neck Sail/5

V/C Abbott reported that the Squadron Activities Committee was focusing on generating interest in renewing the Port Captain's Program. She also reported that the Administrative Department will update its website to meet national standards.

The Squadron Development Committee reported that the Dreher Shoals Sail & Power Squadron/26 received a charter less than one year after receiving provisional squadron status. The committee also assisted Grand Rapids Sail & Power Squadron/9 to remain solvent, noting that the squadron now has a full bridge and 77 members.

V/C Abbott announced the Administrative Department is working on consolidating committees. She noted that there were currently five committees including Leadership Development, Membership, Member Benefits, Squadron Activities, and Squadron Development. She proposed that these committees be merged into the Membership and Squadron Development committees.

V/C Abbott recommended that the Governing Board consolidate the Leadership Development and Squadron Development committees to be named the Squadron Development Committee assigned to the Administrative Department and to consolidate the Squadron Activities and Member Benefits committees into the Membership Committee assigned to the Administrative Department. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2017-AM-5)

Stf/C Bruce Rodgers, SN, presented the 2017 Finley Sea Scout Award to Lt Michael Mankins, AP, Houston Sail/21; Cdr Adam T. Tunks, SN, Dallas Sail/21; P/Lt/C Lawrence James Behrman, SN, Houston Sail/21; and Steven Alexander Behrman, AP, Houston Sail/21. 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 who 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 in both programs.

Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Craig Fraser, SN, reported that the Educational Department is focusing on projects to move United States Power Squadrons education into the future. He noted that in 2016 the

Practical-on-the-Water Training Program was revamped and is now free to dues paying members as an inducement for non-members to join. These changes resulted in more than 20 practical-on-the-water events, 10 newly trained certifiers, and seven squadrons beginning Practical-on-the-Water Training Programs. More than 100 new members reported joining because of the new program.

V/C Fraser announced a new program, Jump Start for New Boaters, for new members. The program offers a two-hour session of personalized training on a new member's boat and promotes classroom and on-the-water training.

The national educational officer reported that the Boating Primer was introduced in February 2017. The Boating Primer, a 30-page booklet designed for new boat owners, contains basic rules and practical information, plus a United States Power Squadrons membership application. The booklet has been distributed to districts to be given out at boat shows.

V/C Fraser reported that the America's Boating Course Spanish student manual translation was complete and that 5,000 copies would be printed initially under USCG grant funds. He noted that translation of America's Boating Course online was scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2017, under USCG Grant funds.

V/C Fraser announced the winners of the 2017 Teaching Aids Competition.

3 rd place	District 26
2 nd place	District 3
1 st place	District 17

V/C Fraser explained that the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes members who have demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and motivating their students. They represent the best of United States Power Squadrons instructors. V/C Fraser presented the 2017 Chapman Awards to

P/C Jeffrey D. Taylor, SN, City Island Sail/4
Lt/C Thomas M. Alley, SN, Seneca Sail/6
P/Stf/C Luther C. Abel, SN, Santa Clara/25

Report of the National Executive Officer

V/C Gary Cheney, SN, reported that the Public Relations Committee continued to look for new ideas for filling classrooms and for community outreach. The committee conducted several seminars and presentations for members at national meetings. They assumed responsibility for the Weather Ready Nation Program and also assisted in MMSI registrations.

V/C Cheney announced that the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings would be held in Orlando, Florida. The 2017 Governing Board Meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas, from 10–17 Sept. 2017. The 2018 Fall Governing Board Meeting will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 12–19 Aug. 2018.

The Government & Partner Relations Committee is seeking legislative representatives for approximately 50 percent of the states with a goal to improve relationships with state boating law administrators.

The Environmental Committee continues to develop the Dock Walker program. They are developing a PowerPoint presentation and a website.

The Safety Committee reported that vessel safety examiners performed 27,557 vessel safety checks in 2016.

R/C Diane M. Julum, JN, presented the 2016 Golden Eagle Award to D/Lt/C Mahmoud Abdel-Monen, SN, Deception Pass Sail & Power Squadron/16. This award is given to a district chair of the Cooperative Charting Program who in the opinion of the Cooperative Charting Committee has exhibited excellence in preparing the district for cooperative charting.

V/C Cheney noted that 17 squadrons dissolved in 2016, and that 10 additional squadrons are considering dissolving.

V/C Cheney recommended consolidating the Program Partner Relations, Public Relations, and Government & Partner Relations committees into the newly formed Public Affairs Committee to be assigned to the Executive Department. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2017-AM-6)

V/C Cheney assigned a resolution from District 15 to the Planning Committee. The resolution proposes to reduce requirements for squadrons, including a reduction in officers and educational requirements.

Report of the Chief Commander

C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, called on P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, to report on the actions of the Board of Directors.

P/C/C Baldrige reported on the Board's actions at its 21 and 22 February 2017 meetings.

- 1) To contribute 3 percent of annual salary of qualified headquarters employees to the employee retirement fund for fiscal year 2016.
- 2) To dissolve Olympia Sail & Power Squadron/16.
- 3) To allocate Endowment Fund earnings to fund the printing of the new booklet, The Boating Primer, with a cost of \$3,487.50 and to fund the distribution shipping charges not to exceed \$1,500 to ship The Boating Primer to boat dealers and squadrons for their boat shows. The Boating Primer will be used to educate the new boater and gain new members.
- 4) To dissolve Bare Cove/12, Quincy Bay/12 and Worcester County/12.

C/C Ojeda presented the Chief Commander's Award to V/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN, and P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN. C/C Ojeda stated that this award may be presented annually to a member who in the chief commander's opinion best represents a lifetime of service and accomplishment for the United States Power Squadrons. It may be given to an individual whose single accomplishment or body of work has greatly impacted United States Power Squadrons and helped accomplish its mission.

C/C Ojeda discharged all national officers and cleared the bridge with the exception of the national secretary.

C/C Ojeda turned the chair over to P/C/C John T. Alter, SN, to conduct the elections. The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

P/C/C Alter asked N/F/Lt Michael S. Wiedel, JN, to escort C/C Louie Ojeda, SN, and Dot Ojeda to the stage. P/C/C Alter then administered the oath of office to C/C Ojeda.

Report of the Committee Nominations

R/C Bill Selden, AP, stated, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, Section 11.6, each annual meeting of the Governing Board shall elect (a) the Chief Commander, the National Executive Officer, the National Educational Officer, the National Administrative Officer, the National Secretary, the National Treasurer and a Past Chief Commander, all of whom shall serve as officers and directors of USPS.” The Committee on Nominations unanimously recommends the election of the following members to serve:

For National Bridge Officers

Chief Commander

C/C Louie Ojeda, SN (Ponce/33)

National Executive Officer

V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN (Erie/11)

National Educational Officer

V/C Craig D. Fraser, SN (Akron Sail/7)

National Administrative Officer

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)

National Secretary

V/C Howard Yoas, SN (Austin/21)

National Treasurer

V/C Lee Popham, JN (Miami/8)

Past Chief Commander

P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN (Baton Rouge Sail/15)

GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE 2017 GOVERNING BOARD

Mahmoud M. Abdel-Monem, SN	Deception Pass Sail/16
Sharon Alligood, S	Pamlico Sail/27
Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven/1
Vincene A. Aquilato, S	City Island Sail/4

William Arcediano, SN	Baton Rouge Sail/15
David A. Atwood, JN	Cape Cod Sail/14
Michael J. Babiarz, AP	Grosse Pointe/9
Ann T. Bailey, AP	Raleigh Sail/27
Robert D. Barber, SN	Sarasota/22
Marie M. Coons, P	Hiawatha Valley Sail/10
Annette Ferguson, AP	Everett Sail/16
Michael D. Friedman, N	New York Sail/4
Howard Gasaway Sr., P	Potomac River/5
Jeffrey C. Gerwig, AP	Darien Sail/2
Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, SN	Arecibo/33
Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN	Sebastian Inlet Sail/8
Connie J. Johnson, SN	Phoenix Sail/28
Albert W. Keim, SN	Seattle Sail/16
Janet Marie Klumpp, AP	Mount Clemens/9
Wayne J. Lambert, AP	Charles River Sail/12
Janet U. Lane, SN	Naples Sail/22
Janet Leh, P	Vero Beach/8
Sami Lucas, JN	Sanibel Captiva Sail/22
Veronica A. Mann, JN	Arrowhead Sail/13
J. Jeff McKinney, JN	Rockville Sail/5
Liana F. Mihalca, SN	Akron Sail/7
Daniel Mullane, SN	Lima/29
Alta M. Mullins, SN	Tampa/22
Lois M. Nehmer-Schiff, SN	Dundalk Sail/5
Linda D. Parsons, S	Goldsboro Sail/27
Wayne F. Partie, SN	St Petersburg Sail/22
Judith Ann Pennington, P	Peralta Sail/25
Mary J. Pierpont, SN	Austin/21
Thomas J. Pilek, AP	Great South Bay/3
George F. Prescott, SN	Chicago Sail/20
David N. Rickard, AP	Berea Sail/7
Larry G. Samuels, SN	Louisville Sail/24
Raymond M. Schiff, P	Dundalk Sail/5
Phyllis C. Sines, JN	Fort Vancouver Sail/32
Kent L. Simpson, AP	Four Rivers Sail/30

Howard A. Sklar, AP	Westchester Sail/2
Frederick B. Smith, AP	Peconic Bay/3
Everett W. Stebbins, AP	Wawenock Sail/19
Royal E. Stevens, SN	Beaufort Sail/26
Jim Suber, AP	Jacksonville Sail/23
Walter E. Whitacre, AP	Huntsville Sail/17
V. Jan Wright, SN	Tybee Light Sail/26
Gerald L. Zambroski, P	Rochester/6

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Members of the Committee	Lt Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
.....	D/C Richard V. Fiorentini, SN (Raritan Bay/4)
.....	Lt Harold W. Howard, SN (Peace River Sail/22)
.....	D/Lt Wayne G. Spraggins, SN (Berea Sail/7)
.....	D/Lt H. Jay Stevens, SN (South Bend Sail/9)
.....	Stf/C Richard Zucchi, SN (Barnegat Bay Sail/4)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Members of the Committee	P/C/C John T. Alter, SN (Raleigh Sail /27)
.....	P/R/C S. Patricia Greer, SN (Raritan Bay/4)
.....	Lt Michael J. Horowitz, JN (Shrewsbury/4)
.....	Stf/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)
.....	Lt/C Allan W. Lakin, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
.....	R/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN (Great South Bay/3)
.....	Stf/C Barbara Erickson, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)

FOR REAR COMMANDERS

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules.....	R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP (Absecon Island/5)
Committee on Nominations	R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (Berkshire Sail/2)

STANDING COMMITTEES

- FinanceR/C Ben Coons, JN (Hiawatha Valley Sail/10)
- Law OfficerR/C Michael D. Friedman, N (New York Sail/4)
- PlanningR/C Michael J. Skelley, AP (Minnetonka/10)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

- Cooperative ChartingR/C Thomas J. Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)
- Environmental.....R/C Richard D. Daybell, SN (Peace River/22)
- Government & Partner Relations.....*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
- Marketing.....R/C Paul D. Mermelstein, SN (Rockville Sail/5)
- National Meetings.....R/C Vincene A. Aquilato, S (City Island Sail/4)
- Public AffairsR/C Peter TenBrink, SN (Pompano Beach/8)
- Public Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
- SafetyRC Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, SN (Arecibo/33)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

- Assistant Nat'l Educational OfficerR/C Steven R. Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
- Assistant Nat'l Educational OfficerR/C William J. McManimen III, SN (Main Line Sail/5)
- Basic Public EducationR/C Jack Purse, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
- Boat Handling.....R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN (Lackawanna Sail/4)
- Boat Operator Certification.....R/C Scott D. McDonald, SN (Houston Sail/21)
- Educational Outreach.....R/C Andrew Sumberg, SN (Charles River Sail/12)
- Electro-Mechanical Systems.....R/C Richard K. Edel, SN (Poverty Bay Sail/16)
- Inland & Coastal NavigationR/C Eric Pearson, SN (Lake Murray/26)
- Instructor DevelopmentR/C Robert Rayburn, SN (Columbus Sail/29)
- Marine EnvironmentR/C Robert F. Anderson, AP (Bremerton Sail/16)
- Offshore Navigation.....R/C Victor B. Schwartz, SN (Charleston Sail/26)
- Program Partner Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
- PublishingR/C Jan Wright, SN (Tybee Light Sail/26)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

- Leadership Development*Consolidate with Squadron Development*
- Member Benefits.....*Consolidate with Membership*
- Membership Committee.....R/C James L. Pahl-Washa, JN (Madison Sail/10)
- Squadron Activities.....*Consolidate with Membership*
- Squadron Development.....R/C Myles Gee, SN (Manatee Sail/22)

SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT

Assistant SecretaryR/C Harry Hebb, SN (Pensacola Sail/15)
CommunicationsR/C Kathleen Lambert, AP (Charles River Sail/12)
Heritage & ProtocolR/C Kenneth Perigo, SN (Patuxent River Sail/5)
Information TechnologyR/C Donald P. Osmond, N (Charlotte/27)
Membership ServicesR/C Constance H. Beckman, SN (St. Petersburg Sail/22)
Operations Manual.....R/C Micky McNelis, P (Dundalk Sail/5)
Ship's Store.....R/C William R. Gillette, AP (Key West Sail/8)

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Asst. Nat'l Treasurer/Budget DirectorR/C Gardham W. Comb, SN (Port Washington Sail/3)
Budget OfficersR/C Diana G. Jackson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Exec. & Secretary's Dept.....*Position Removed Subject to GB Approval*
Educ/Admin Dept*Position Removed Subject to GB Approval*
Cost Management*Position Removed Subject to GB Approval*

FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

STAFF COMMANDERS

Asst/Ch FinanceStf/C David McMahon, AP (Raleigh Sail/27)
Asst Law Officer.....Stf/C Horacio A. Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)
Asst/ Ch PlanningStf/C Jerry H. Hall, SN (Cape Fear Sail/27)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch Cooperative ChartingStf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN (Rocky Mount/27)
Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting*Vacant*
Asst/Ch EnvironmentalStf/C Nina P. Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
Asst/Ch MarketingStf/C Glen Sherman, P (Peconic Bay/3)
Asst/Ch MarketingStf/C Shirley D. Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)
Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Arlene Anderson, AP (Hampton Roads/5)
Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Martin E. Feldberg, AP (Storm King Sail/2)
Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Mark B. Gathings, SN (Sacramento/25)

Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Liz Glassell, AP (North Coast Ohio Sail/3)
 Asst/Ch National MeetingsAngelo V. Giovanniello, SN (Great South Bay/3)
 Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Kim Wiedel, P (Milwaukee Sail/10)
 Asst/Ch Public AffairsStf/C Ralph J. Ziegler, JN (Lansing Sail/9)
 Asst/Ch Public AffairsStf/C Daniel L. Flinn, SN (San Carlos Bay Sail/16)
 Asst/Ch Public Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
 Asst/Ch Public Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
 Asst/Ch SafetyStf/C Robert L. Bales, AP (Harris Chain Sail/23)
 Asst/Ch SafetyStf/C Joseph J. McKinney, JN (Rockville Sail/5)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch Basic Public EducationStf/C Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay/15)
 Asst/Ch Basic Public Education*Vacant*
 Asst/Ch Boat HandlingStf/C William O’Neill, SN (Thurmond Lake /26)
 Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification.....Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN (Jones Beach/3)
 Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification.....Stf/C Travis N. Smith, SN (Friday Harbor/16)
 Asst/Ch Educational OutreachStf/C Barbara Herrmann, SN (Charles River Sail/12)
 Asst/Ch Educational OutreachStf/C H. Eileen Rickard, SN (Berea Sail/7)
 Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Systems.....Stf/C Barry M. Williams, AP (Bremerton Sail/16)
 Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav.....Stf/C Burt Pearson III, SN (Raleigh Sail/27)
 Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav.....Stf/C Ken Scherz, SN (Jacksonville Sail/23)
 Asst/Ch Instructor Development.....*Vacant*
 Asst/Ch Marine EnvironmentStf/C Ronald H. Kessel, SN (Cape Cod Sail/14)
 Asst/Ch Marine EnvironmentStf/C Judith D. Swanson, SN (Syracuse Sail/6)
 Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation.....Stf/C Pat Antoni, SN (Skokie Valley Sail/20)
 Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation.....Stf/C Stanley L. Klein, SN (Middletown/1)
 Asst/Ch Program Partner Relations*Consolidate with Public Affairs*
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Arthur W. Beers, JN (Catawba Sail/27)
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Al C. Bruhin, SN (Port St. Lucie/8)
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Robert L. Potter, SN (Mid Illini/20)
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Tom Dalgliesh, SN (Bellingham Sail/16)
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Nancy M. Reeder, SN (St. Petersburg Sail/22)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch Leadership Development*Consolidate with Squadron Development*
 Asst/Ch Leadership Development*Consolidate with Squadron Development*

Asst/Ch Leadership Development*Consolidate with Squadron Development*
Asst/Ch Member Benefits.....*Consolidate with Squadron Development*
Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Robert F. Howd, JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Linda LaLonde, AP (Dearborn Sail/9)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Wayne Lambert, AP (Charles River Sail/12)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Jerry Wayne Madden, AP (Shreveport Sail/21)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C John R. Rowland, SN (Peace River Sail/22)
Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Kathryn J. Stevens, SN (Beaufort Sail/26)
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities.....*Consolidate with Membership*
Asst/Ch Squadron Activities.....*Consolidate with Membership*
Asst/Ch Squadron Development.....Stf/C Edwin G. Kridler, SN (Charleston Sail/26)
Asst/Ch Squadron Development.....*Vacant*

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT

Asst/Ch CommunicationsStf/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP (New Orleans/15)
Asst/Ch CommunicationsStf/C Barbara M. Pearson, AP (Lake Murray/26)
Asst/Ch Heritage & ProtocolStf/C Gerald L. Zambroski, P (Rochester/6)
Asst/Ch Heritage & ProtocolStf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP (Westchester Sail/2)
Asst/Ch Information TechnologyStf/C Carl Filios, SN (Berkshire Sail/2)
Asst/Ch Membership ServicesStf/C Teresita I. Colon, JN (Carolina Sail/33)
Asst/Ch Membership ServicesStf/C Kristi Watson Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Asst/Ch Membership ServicesStf/C Ann Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)
Asst/Ch Operations Manual.....Stf/C Anna Morris, SN (Tampa/22)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store.....Stf/C Nancee Anne Adams, AP (Birmingham/9)
Asst/Ch Ship’s Store.....Stf/C Claire M. McDonald, SN (Houston Sail/21)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

Asst/Budget Off.Stf/C James V. Harden Jr., JN (Tacoma/16)
Asst/Budget Off.Stf/C Raymond Nylander, JN (Lackawanna Sail/4)
Cost Management*Position Removed Subject to GB approval*

In accordance with USPS Bylaws section 11.7 and upon recommendation of the respective chairman, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to recommend the following members for appointment in 2017 by this Governing Board:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Members of the CommitteeP/D/C Larry D. Cole, SN (Toledo/29)
-P/V/C Joe Mesenburg, SN (Columbus Sail/29)
-Lt/C Gary Baker, P (Everett Sail/16)

LAW COMMITTEE

- Members of the CommitteeR/C David L. Allen Jr., SN (Lake Murray/26)
-Bruce Gardiner, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)
-D/Lt Max J. Werkenthin III, AP (Austin/21)
-P/D/C Natalie E. Witty, JN (Skokie Valley Sail/20)
-Ruth Witztum, JN (New York Sail/4)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Members of the CommitteeD/Lt George M. Gilbert, AP (Middletown/1)
-Doreen S. Hinksman (Tar River/27)
-P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN (Diablo Sail/25)
-Lt James R. McCurry, JN (Shalotte River Sail/27)
-D/LT Kenneth E. Smith, AP (Balboa Sail/28)
-Stf/C Kristi Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
-Stf/C Howard A. Sklar, AP (Westchester Sail/2)

R/C Selden stated that the Committee on Nominations recommends the election of members of the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, general and standing committees, and General Members of the Governing Board. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2017-AM-7)

R/C Selden announced that the Committee on Nominations recommends the appointment of P/V/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN and Lt/C Gary L. Baker, P to the Finance Committee.

R/C Selden announced that the Committee on Nominations selected Stf/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP, as assistant chairman for the coming year.

C/C Ojeda administered the oath of office to the 2017 Board of Directors and to the newly elected officers.

USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND

Under the terms of the USPS Educational Trust Agreement, on behalf of the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund and with their full endorsement, the Committee on Nominations presented the following persons to serve as trustees of the USPS Educational Fund.

Trustees – Recommended for election by the Governing Board for a 3-year term:

.....Lucille R. Horowitz (Shrewsbury/4) 1st year, first 3-year term

Trustees – Previously elected and year to office (not to be voted on):

.....Thomas J. Brincka (Barnegat Bay Sail/4) 3rd year, second 3-year term

.....David L. Hinders (Internet Membership/99) 2nd year, first 3-year term

.....Joseph R. Mesenburg (Columbus Sail/29) 2nd year, first 3-year term

.....Joanna Webster (Poverty Bay Sail/16) 2nd year, second 3-year term

.....Alan F. Wentworth (Door County/10) 3rd year, first 3-year term

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect Lucille R. Horowitz (Shrewsbury/4) to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2017-AM-8)

Report of the USPS Educational Fund

Fred Mangelsdorf, chairman, reported that the Educational Fund is financially healthy, with assets of \$3.8 million, up from \$3.5 million a year ago. In 2016, investment income was \$117,000 and contributions totaled \$43,000, with most of the contributions from members. He noted that gifts to the fund are held in perpetuity; grants are made only from accrued investment income.

Mr. Mangelsdorf explained that as a long-standing policy decision, there is a spending limit that Trustees use as a guideline in deciding how much money will be available for grants in any year. He noted that \$200,000 will be available in 2017.

He reported that the Educational Fund supported several United States Power Squadrons projects in the past several years including \$5,000 to support the Chapman Award project for the

next three years, \$489,000 to support development and marketing of online courses and \$50,000 to assist with marketing initiatives. He noted that the Fund Trustees approved a \$177,500 grant to support marketing and communications initiatives in 2017.

C/C Ojeda called on Keith Christopher, president, National Boating Federation and national director, Sea Scouts.

Mr. Christopher reported that the National Boating Federation, an alliance of recreational boating organizations representing over 2 million boaters, promotes safe boating education and supports favorable boating legislation.

Mr. Christopher stated that as national director of the Sea Scouts he works with young people ages 14 to 21 who enjoy recreational boating. He noted that approximately 35 percent of Sea Scouts join the military or a maritime industry, while the rest continue with recreational boating. He reported that the Sea Scouts partnered with the American Canoe Association to develop "Human Power Boating," a paddle sports training program.

The Color Guard retired the Colors, and United States Power Squadrons Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN, delivered the benediction.

Adjourned at 1550.

V/C Howard Yoas, SN
National Secretary

Action Summary
Annual Meeting
25 Feb. 2017

ADOPTED

- 1) A motion to award a merit mark to C/C Ojeda. (2017-AM-1)
- 2) A motion to approve the 27 August 2016 Governing Board minutes as distributed. (2017-AM-2)
- 3) A motion to approve the appointment of Williams, Overman, Pierce, LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending 30 Nov. 2017. (2017-AM-3)
- 4) A motion to reduce the number of rear commanders by three and the number of staff commanders by one in the Treasurer's Department. (2017-AM-4)
- 5) A motion to consolidate the Leadership Development Committee and Squadron Development Committee to be named the Squadron Development Committee, and to consolidate the Squadron Activities Committee and the Member Benefits Committees to be named the Membership Committee. Both committees to be assigned to the Administrative Department. (2017-AM-5)
- 6) A motion to consolidate the Partner Relations, Public Relations, and Government and Partner Relations Committees into the newly formed Public Affairs Committee to be assigned to the Executive Department. (2017-AM-6)
- 7) A motion to elect members of the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, Rear Commanders, Staff Commanders, General and Standing Committees, and General Members of the Governing Board. (2017-AM-7)
- 8) A motion to elect Lucille R. Horowitz to serve as a trustee of the USPS Educational Fund. (2017-AM-8)