

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting
Orlando, Florida
24 Feb. 2018

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 Howard A. Yoas, SN, national secretary, declared a quorum present.

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, 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 Bernard summarized the chief commander's 2017 activities and recommended awarding C/C Ojeda his 28th merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2018-AM-1)

Introduction of Past Chief Commanders

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

- 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 Creighton C. Maynard Jr., 2008–2009 (Fort Worth/21)
- 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 16 Sept. 2017 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2018-AM-2)

Introduction of Guests

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

- Rear Adm. Peter Brown, commander, United States Coast Guard, District 7
- Gary Barth, chief of staff, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 7
- Terry Barth, national commodore executive assistant, USCGAux
- Charles Beall, chief commander, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
- Cecelia Duer, executive director, Spirt of America
- Dave Fuller, branch chief, RBS Outreach Operations Partners, USCGAux
- Nan Ellen Fuller, division chief, RBS Safety Outreach, USCGAux
- Verne Gifford, chief, Boating Safety Division, USCG
- Gail Kulp, executive director, Sea Tow
- Lyn Harris, chief operating officer, North American Marine Environment Protection Association
- Tom Hayward, chief finance officer, NASBLA
- Judith Hudson, commodore, USCGAux, District 7
- Robert Kolb, National Sea Scout Director, Boy Scouts of America
- Mary Larsen, USCGAux America's Waterway Watch
- Craig MacKinder, SailAngle

- Charles Perry, acting director, USCGAux, District 7
- Steve Prime, vice president, Gowrie Group
- Kirsten Schuchardt, marketing and program manager, Brunswick Corp.
- Rick Washburn, national commodore, USCGAux
- Michael Wesolowski, director of external affairs, Sea Tow Foundation
- Randy White, co-founder, SailAngle
- Capt. Jennifer Williams, director of inspections and compliance, USCG
- Vice Adm. Charles D. Wurster, USCG (ret.), National Sea Scout Commodore, Boy Scouts of America

Brunswick Dealer Advantage Awards

Kristen Schuchardt, assisted by Stf/C Shirley Heald, AP, presented the Brunswick Boater Education Awards. This award recognizes the squadrons who conducted the most boater education courses with Brunswick dealers in 2017.

Silver \$500	Fox Valley/20
	Dallas Sail/21
	San Antonio Sail/21
Gold \$750	Pittsburgh/7
Platinum \$1,000	Houston Sail/21

C/C Ojeda announced an attendance of 542.

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

2018 Honorary Members

Charles Beall	Sam Debow
Huw Bower	Pam Dillon
Larry Bowling	Chris Edmonston
Brett Conley	David Fuller
James Crocker	Nan Ellen Fuller

William Griswold
Tom Guess
Tom Hayward
Jake Hill
Rob Kolb
Matt Kroll
Kirk La

Mary Larsen
Steve Prime
Bert Rogers
Kristen Schuchardt
Christopher Stec
Michael Wesolowski
Charles Wurster

Corporate Member Awards

C/C Ojeda presented 2018 Corporate Member Awards to BoatUS Foundation, McGriff, Seibels & Williams, and Brunswick Corporation.

R/C Connie Beckman, SN, announced awards presented during the awards ceremony on Thursday, 22 Feb. 2018.

2018 Potential Life Members

Name	District/Squadron Name
Robert F. Anderson, AP	16/Bremerton Sail
Doris R. Arthur, P	14/Greenwich Bay Sail
Dean Babcock, P	9/Dearborn Sail
Donald W. Bacik, P	6/Syracuse Sail
Duane L. Balkema, AP	23/Cocoa Beach Sail
Meridith S. Barrett, AP	5/Main Line Sail
Kenneth N. Beckman, SN	22/St. Petersburg Sail
Sue A. Bell, P	7/Akron Sail
Viggo Bertelsen Jr., SN	16/Bellevue Sail
Julie R. Bleisch, AP	21/Houston Sail
Richard S. Blosz, AP	12/Old Colony
Trisha K. Bolt, AP	4/Staten Island Sail
Kathleen M. Bouch	17/Johnson City
James S. Boyd, P	27/Cape Fear Sail
Detlef Breymann, AP	13/Alamitos Sail
Lynn Brockman, P	7/Ten Mile

Name	District/Squadron Name
Robert M. Brown, P	7/North Coast Ohio Sail
Richard G. Burd, AP	20/Land of Lincoln
Caren B. Canfield, JN	20/Rockford
Mary Dupere Chaney, JN	27/Charlotte
Charles B. Chapman Jr., SN	15/New Orleans
Michael S. Claar, SN	29/Sandusky
Robert O. Dohm, P	16/Tacoma
Francis Donohue, AP	3/Jones Beach
William Driscoll, JN	19/Amoskeag
William J. Eibach, SN	22/St. Petersburg Sail
David Essrow, SN	6/Buffalo
Steve Farrell, AP	10/Duluth Sail
George A. Friend, P	2/Greenwich Sail
John E. Gaggini, AP	20/Chicago Sail
Dawn A. Gaskill, AP	27/Winston Salem Sail
Andrew J. Gero, AP	13/Tres Rios
Diane D. Goldman, S	10/Minnetonka
Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN	8/Sebastian Inlet Sail
Twila R. Hauck, SN	7/North Coast Ohio Sail
Stephen D. Heffron, SN	6/Rochester
H. Clay Helm, JN	27/Rocky Mount
Richard E. Hibbs, SN	6/Rochester
Robert E. Hintze, JN	22/Manatee Sail
Louis Hirshberg, AP	3/Jones Beach
John C. Huber, P	10/Minnetonka
Raymond W. Huggins, SN	16/Bellevue Sail
Eileen Huggins, SN	16/Seattle Sail
John E. Hugus III, P	23/Jacksonville Sail
H. Dexter Hyland III, SN	19/Wawenock Sail
David O. Jones, SN	12/Nobscot Sail
Jay G. Kaiser, JN	9/Grosse Pointe
Bernard. S. Karpers Jr., SN	5/Dundalk Sail
Kevin P. Kennedy, SN	16/Tacoma
M. Susan Kneller, SN	15/Fort Walton Sail
Rick Eric Kogge, JN	29/Lima

Name	District/Squadron Name
George Kravis, AP	3/Great South Bay
Fernando Kuan, JN	33/Humacao Sail
Edward M. Kydd, SN	23/Cocoa Beach Sail
Elaine A. Kyle, S	1/Saybrook Sail
James M. Lazor, SN	11/Mosquito Lake
Arline Leggett, P	5/Potomac River
Joan Lowenthal, AP	3/Neptune Sail
Gary P. Mandarano, SN	4/City Island Sail
Barbara Mandarano, SN	4/City Island Sail
Maureen E. Maresca, AP	4/Liberty Harbor
Carolyn C. Markham, P	4/Lackawanna Sail
Jesse J. A. Marsano, AP	22/St. Petersburg Sail
Bernard Martin, SN	17/Johnson City
Norma Martin, P	17/Johnson City
Maureen A. Mathewson, JN	8/Vero Beach
Marilyn McCormick, P	22/Sanibel Captiva Sail
Timothy E. McGarr, P	22/Venice Sail
David A. Michael Jr., AP	5/Nansemond River
Timothy J. Miller, AP	5/Hampton Roads
Peter W. Mitchelson, SN	8/Sebastian Inlet Sail
Nell D. Moore, JN	21/San Antonio Sail
Veronica S. Morgan, S	15/Fort Walton Sail
William O. Muff, SN	13/Hawaii Sail
Michael Murphy, AP	28/Balboa Sail
John A. Nelson, P	27/Charlotte
Philip R. Osborne, JN	29/Columbus Sail
Jeanette Paolillo, AP	3/Hempstead Bay
Daniel A. Parker	5/Potomac River
Elizabeth J. Parks	5/Patapsco River
Paul A. Petrowski, P	12/Broad Sound
Galen R. Price, SN	22/Peace River Sail
Herbert F. Rambow, AP	5/Colonial Sail
Louise Rea, SN	22/Peace River Sail
Jose A. Rivera, AP	33/San Juan
Steve Robinson, P	5/Nanticoke River Sail

Name	District/Squadron Name
Barbara Roemmele, JN	8/Palm Beach Sail
Lawrence O. Ross, AP	3/Captree
Ruth Rubenfeld, JN	3/Oyster Bay
Robert E. Runner, SN	29/Sandusky
Lana G. Sands, P	14/Cape Cod Sail
Sharon L. Sarle, AP	4/Barnegat Bay Sail
Joseph A. Sausser, AP	29/Sandusky
John Scavotto, AP	14/Buzzards Bay Sail
William G. Schultz, S	24/Cincinnati Sail
Albert W. Schwaller, JN	9/Detroit
Oscar E. Shinlever Jr., P	27/Winston Salem Sail
Patricia F. Sinker, AP	21/Fort Worth
Lon Skoglund, SN	9/Port Huron Sail
Donna Skoglund, P	9/Port Huron Sail
Thaddeus Smyczek, SN	10/Milwaukee Sail
Peter E. Stevenson, AP	26/Lake Hartwell Sail
Judith A. Stewart, S	9/Dearborn Sail
Joan Stoll	9/Detroit
George J. Straschnov, P	22/Sarasota
Mary E. Strohmeier, S	29/Toledo
Daniel Y. Strohmeier, S	29/Toledo
Charles V. Strong, JN	21/Austin
Ginny Strong, AP	21/Austin
Wilfred Swalling, S	13/Santa Barbara Sail
David M. Teiss, JN	23/Gainesville Sail
Richard Todd, JN	27/Lake Norman Sail
Dennis M. Wallace, P	5/Wilmington
Patricia A. Weber, P	9/Anchor Bay
Leigh F. West, JN	27/Kinston
David T. White, AP	19/Wawenock Sail
Chester G. White Jr., JN	28/San Diego Sail
Ruth Ann Wilcox, S	29/Columbus Sail
John B. Wilkes, AP	15/Mississippi Gulf Coast
Elaine Williams, AP	1/Saybrook Sail
Don E. Williams, SN	17/Atlanta Sail

Name	District/Squadron Name
Jose B. Zayas, SN	33/Ponce

The following awards were presented for 2017:

Leadership Development Awards

Top Three Districts

1 st Place	District 19
2 nd Place	District 3
3 rd Place	District 2

Operations Training Awards

Top Three Districts

1 st Place	District 21
2 nd Place	District 28
3 rd Place	District 26

BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards

The 2017 BoatUS/USPS Distinguished Civic Service Awards were presented to District 27 and Raleigh Sail & Power Squadron/27.

Top Ten Finalists

Atlanta Sail	D/17	Beaufort Sail	D/26
Cape Fear Sail	D/27	Everett Sail	D/16
Fort Macon Sail	D/27	Grand Lake Sail	D/30
Peace River Sail	D/22	Raleigh Sail	D/27
Sanibel Captiva Sail	D/22	Vero Beach	D/8

Honorable Mention

Fort Lauderdale, D/8	Golden Corner Lakes Sail, D/26
Miles River Sail, D/5	North Strand Sail, D/26
St. Lucie River, D/8	Staten Island Sail, D/4

Cooperative Charting Awards

Individual Participation Award

Lt George Schiller II, AP, Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26

D/Lt/C Mahmoud M. Abel-Monem SN, Deception Pass Sail/16

Squadron Participation Award: Lake Hartwell Sail/26

District Participation Award: District 26

Geodetic Mark Program

Individual Participation Award

1st Place P/C Wilson Mewborn, SN, Goldsboro Sail/27

2nd Place D/Lt/C Greg D. Shay, JN, Raleigh Sail/27

3rd Place D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN, Stark County/7

3rd Place D/Lt/C Tom Hancock, P, Stark County/7

Squadron Participation Award

1st Place Goldsboro Sail/27

2nd Place Raleigh Sail/27

3rd Place Stark County/7

District Participation Award

1st Place District 27

2nd Place District 7

3rd Place District 21

A Cooperative Charting special award was presented to P/R/C Horst Boettge, SN, in recognition of 20 years of outstanding service and dedication to USPS and to the Cooperative Charting Program.

Squadron Membership Growth and Retention Awards

Division 1 Winners: 114+ Members

Everett Sail/16 20.20%

Friday Harbor/16 18.92%

San Luis Rey/18 18.69%

Ventura/13 16.04%

Division 2 Winners: 75-113 Members

Huntsville/17 40.32%

Portsmouth Sail/19 23.53%

Captree/3 22.22%

Fort Macon Sail/27 21.74%

Division 3 Winners: 45-74 Members

Miami Sail/8 36.36%

Catawba Sail/27 29.82%

Beaverton Sail/32 16.67%

Erie/11 15.00%

Division 4 Winners: < 45 Members

Dreher Shoals Sail/26 72.00%

Hollywood/8 11.11%

Des Moines/30 11.11%

Santa Clara Sail/11 10.81%

District Winners

District 11 Growth - 2.33%, Retention - 90.70%

District 28

District 17

District 26

Vessel Safety Check Awards

Top Districts

1st Place District 28

2nd Place District 3

3rd Place District 11

4th Place District 10

5th Place District 33

Top Squadrons

1st Place Crystal River/22

2nd Place Jones Beach/3
 3rd Place Balboa/28
 4th Place Las Vegas Sail/13
 5th Place Harris Chain Sail/23

Top Individuals

1st Place Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3
 2nd Place Cdr. Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28
 3rd Place Lt. Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22
 4th Place Lt. Edward P. Furst Jr., S, York Sail/5
 5th Place Stf/C Robert L. Bales, AP, Harris Chain Sail/23

Millennium Club Award Winners – (those performing a 1,000 or more vessel safety checks in 2017)

Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3 (16th year)
 Cdr. Wesley S. Heusser, JN, Balboa/28 (6th year)
 D/Lt Thomas F. Krupa, AP, St Petersburg Sail/22
 Lt. Thomas F. Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22 (6th year)

Century Club Award Winners – (those performing a total of 100 vessel safety checks in 2017)

Angelo V. Giovanniello	Great South Bay/3
Robert D. Holub	Jones Beach/3
Frank C. Brown	Nansemond River/5
John L. Paulus	Ocean City/5
James A. Brown	Rockville Sail/5
Lilly T. Stone	Nansemond River/5
Edward P. Furst Jr.	York Sail/5
Robert E. Mosey	Akron Sail/7
Marjorie Baraff	Pompano Beach Sail/8
William C. Eldridge	Palm Beach Sail/8
Norma Gail Graham	Detroit/9
Terry Donald Grotemat	Grand Rapids Sail/9
John T. Paprocki	Central Wisconsin Sail/10
Louis P. Pasquesi	Door County Sail/10
Tish J. Cullen	Las Vegas Sail/13

David D. Smith	Las Vegas Sail/13
Viki L. Sharp	Tacoma/16
Thomas R. Gastio	Atlanta Sail/17
Thomas F. Rossini	Crystal River/22
Clifford L. Schmidt	Manatee Sail/22
Robert L. Bales	Cape Coral/22
James H. Elwood	Evansville Bend Sail/24
Andy C. Hyman III	Dreher Shoals Sail/26
Jeffrey P. Oxnard	North Strand Sail/26
Arthur W. Beers	Catawba Sail/27
William J. Gewain	Cape Lookout Sail/27
Richard Pagan	Cape Fear Sail/27
Owen R. Smith	Cape Lookout Sail/27
Milton B. Whann	Shallotte River Sail/27
Wesley S. Heusser	Balboa/28
James R. Michael	Lima/29
Dennis D. Ladd	Port Clinton/29
Carlos A. Aguirrechu Salom	San Juan/33
Rafael Angel Tirado	San Juan/33

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. In 2017, District 8 achieved this goal.

2018 Emeritus Members

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

- P/C Ralph E. Albright, SN, Lima/29
- D/Lt H. E. Greenbacker, SN, Meriden/1
- D/Lt/C Richard C. Pfenniger, SN, Hollywood/8
- D/Lt William L. Schwartz, SN, Rockford/20

2018 Meritorious Service Awards

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

Louie Ojeda, SN	Chief Commander
Gary P. Cheney, SN	National Executive Officer
Mary Paige Abbott, SN	National Administrative Officer
Steven R. Abbott, SN	Asst. National Educational Officer
Robert F. Anderson, AP	Chairman, Marine Environment Committee
Ben Coons, JN	Chairman, Finance Committee
Susan L. Darcy, JN	Chairman, Committee on Nominations
William R. Gillette, AP	Chairman, Ship's Store Committee
Scott D. McDonald, SN	Chairman, Boat Operator Certification Committee
Donald P. Osmond, N	Chairman, Information Technology Committee
James L. Pahl-Washa, JN	Chairman, Membership Committee
Robert Rayburn, SN	Chairman, Instructor Development Committee

Report of the Committee on Rules

R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, announced that with the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the Committee on Rules recommended the following revisions to the United States Power Squadrons Bylaws to be effective as of the adjournment of the 2018 Governing Board.

Section 7.3.3 A squadron may apply to its District Commander and with the approval of the National Executive Officer for a waiver to conduct its affairs under such organization and operational structure as deemed appropriate by said District Commander. The District Commander will monitor said squadron and its activities and report to the National Executive Officer. The waiver may be withdrawn at any time by the District Commander with the approval of the National Executive Officer.

Rationale: This change gives the district commander in conjunction with the national executive officer the authority to alter the operational structure of struggling squadrons to

prevent and help them from dissolving. It also gives those squadrons the opportunity to grow within the limitations of the national bylaws.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws*, Article 7, Section 7.3.3. (2018-AM-3)

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 reported that during the past year the number of headquarters staff was reduced from 15 full-time and three part-time employees to 13 full-time and 3 part-time employees due to attrition and budget cuts. She noted that headquarters staff had faced some challenges, and she thanked the headquarters staff for stepping up and taking on additional responsibilities.

Mrs. Berube noted that in addition to maintaining the membership database, fulfilling educational material and Ship's Store orders, producing four issues of *The Ensign* magazine, launching a new public website, supporting the transition to America's Boating Club, supporting communications and outreach marketing initiatives and more, headquarters staff managed over \$1.8 million dollars in grants during 2017.

She thanked the U.S. Coast Guard and the USPS Educational Fund for providing funds to develop Spanish boating courses both online and in printed format, BoatLive 365, the America's Boating Club Digital Media Library, on-the-water learning centers and boating skills virtual trainers.

Mrs. Berube announced that *The Ensign* magazine is holding its spring 2019 photo contest where you can submit your favorite boating photos for possible publication in the magazine. Check the next issue for more information, or go to theensign.org/submit/photocontest to submit photos between now and the end of the year. Winners will be announced at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Berube reported that the USPS public website URL was changed from

<https://beyondboating.org> to <https://americasboatingclub.org> and reminded members to update their links in print and online.

Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Ben Coons, JN, reported on the USPS 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 2018.

R/C Coons reported that the investments under the oversight of the Finance Committee are managed by Riazzi Asset Management, and totaled \$2,698,652 as of 30 November 2017. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios:

The first portfolio is the Endowment Fund. The total value as of 30 November 2017 was \$1,908,324 compared to \$1,819,822 one year ago. He noted that \$79,965 was paid from Endowment Fund earnings to support special projects and grants approved by the USPS Board of Directors. R/C Coons noted that at the September 2017 Governing Board Meeting in Dallas the Governing Board approved establishing a nonprofit corporation, the United States Power Squadrons Endowment Fund Inc., to solicit, manage, and protect funds donated for the chartered purpose of the organization.

The second portfolio is the USPS Investment Portfolio. The total value as of 30 November 2017, was \$790,328 compared to \$756,683 one year ago.

R/C Coons reported that during 2017 USPS managed 31 grants and designated funding awards totaling \$2,308,426.

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. 2018. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2018-AM-4)

Report of the Law Committee

R/C Michael D. Friedman, N, national law officer, stated the mission of the Law Committee is to support and assist the Board of Directors and USPS departments in carrying out policies and decisions.

R/C Friedman reported that the Law Committee supports the America's Boating Club initiative. He asked squadrons and members to vigorously use the America's Boating Club trademarks and logos, alone or joined together with some of the traditional USPS trademarks, in the uniform manner prescribed by the USPS Marketing Committee. He stated that districts and squadrons should not make changes to trademarks, noting they are licensed to use USPS trademarks as prescribed by the Board of Directors and the Marketing Committee.

The national law officer reported that the Law Committee has provided advice and assistance to the Board of Directors and several departments on matters including contracts, trademarks, insurance, and government relations.

R/C Friedman reminded districts and squadrons to file their IRS Form 990 reports in a timely manner. He noted that the consequences for repeated failure to file can be the loss of tax-exempt status. He also encouraged districts and squadrons to contact their law officers for assistance with local matters.

Report of the Planning Committee

R/C Michael J. Skelley, JN, reported that since the Dallas 2017 Governing Board Meeting, the Planning Committee continued to work on squadron simplification, succession planning, and a new direction for a strategic plan.

R/C Skelley stated that the Planning Committee worked with the Committee on Rules to implement the Notwithstanding Declaration. He noted that the committee would work with the national executive officer on guidelines for district commanders to assess the health of a squadron.

The Planning Committee will also develop a plan for national committees for integrating America's Boating Club into the organizational structure.

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C Lee Popham, JN, reviewed the November 30, 2017 financial reports. He noted that due to the effects of hurricanes in 2017, boating course sales were adversely affected, and educational sales were less than anticipated. He noted that the operating surplus exceeded expenses by \$65,427 and that every department and headquarters contributed to the reductions in expenditures that resulted in the operating surplus.

V/C Popham stated that despite the declining economics of the marine industry USPS was in a very strong financial position with more than \$5 million of assets and zero debt.

The national treasurer reported that the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. was funded as of 30 September 2017, by transferring approximately \$1.9 million of endowment contributions and accumulated earnings. Additional contributions and earnings grew the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. to a total of \$1,932,000 at 30 November 2017. He reported that \$80,000 was paid out of the USPS Endowment Fund in 2017.

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Howard E. Yoas, SN, reported that the USPS Operations Manual had been updated to Release 2018.

V/C Yoas stated that the Historian's Committee approved 75th anniversary squadron burgees for Absecon Island/5 and Susquehannock Sail/5 and new squadron burgees for North Star/16 and Dreher Shoals Sail/26.

The national secretary reported that the Information Technology Committee continues to support national committees and e-books, ED-80 online submissions, DB2000, merit mark software and standard squadron sites.

The Ship's Store Committee is working on adding new items with the America's Boating Club logo. They are also exploring the possibilities of drop shipment items and a virtual district conference Ship's Store.

The Membership Services Committee continues to support the help desk. The committee is revising Memcomments to help provide information on how to accomplish squadron jobs.

Report of the National Administrative Officer

V/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN, reported 26,515 active members as of 12/31/17 versus 28,245 one year ago with a retention rate of 85.25 percent. She noted there were 350 squadrons compared to 364 one year ago.

V/C Abbott reported that a new version of the new member booklet featuring America's Boating Club will be introduced following the 2018 Annual Meeting. The booklet will be available in print and online.

The national administrative officer reported that several squadrons participated in the Each One, Reach One summer campaign to promote recruiting during summer events. The six winning squadrons received Welcome to the Neighborhood banners.

V/C Abbott reported that the 2017 National Scout Jamboree was a big success. She noted that the Membership Committee provided support and posted a daily blog and photos.

V/C Abbott reported that the schedule for the Youth Poster Contest will be changed to coincide with the school year. Beginning in 2019, posters will be judged and winners will be announced during the Governing Board Meeting.

The national administrative officer reported that the Board approved an Active Duty Military Test Program to provide 1,000 America's Boating Course materials at no cost to squadrons to encourage expansion of basic boating course marketing in communities with a military presence. The national educational officer is pursuing an Educational Fund grant to fund the 1,000 course books and related materials.

V/C Abbott called on Gail Kulp and Michael Wesolowski to present the Sea Tow Foundation Golden Life Jacket Award to Stanford Sail/2 for hosting multiple Sea Tow Loaner Life Jacket Stands. These stands are stocked with life jackets in various sizes available for boaters to borrow free of charge for a day on the water.

Stf/C Bruce Rodgers, SN, presented the 2018 Finley Sea Scout Award to Stf/C Arthur W. Beers, JN, Catawba/27; Lt/C Barbara Beers, P, Catawba/27; Ruth Owens, Storm King/2; Lt/C Noel Guzman, AP, Hempstead Bay/3; and Vice Adm. Charles Wurster, National Sea Scout Commodore.

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.

C/C Ojeda and Vice Adm. Charles Wurster, National Sea Scout Commodore, signed a memorandum of understanding.

C/C Ojeda joined V/C Abbott to present the USPS Flame Award to P/C Bruce Rodgers, SN, in recognition of his tireless efforts in support of the 2017 National Scout Jamboree.

V/C Abbott presented the 2017 Youth Poster Contest awards.

20th Annual USPS National Boarman Youth Poster Contest Winners

Ages 6-8	Name	Squadron/District
1 st place	Emma	Great South Bay/3
2 nd place	Jose	Vero Beach/8
3 rd place	Peyton	Shallotte River Sail/27

Ages 9-11	Name	Squadron/District
1st place	Kylee	Shallotte River Sail/27
2n place	Emily	Dayton Sail/24
3 rd place	Anna	Northern Neck Sail/5

Ages 12-14	Name	Squadron/District
1 st place	Kaitlyn	Patchogue Bay/3
2 nd place	Sydney	Peace River Sail/22
3 rd place	Anna	Charleston Sail/26

Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Craig Fraser, SN, reported that the names of advanced grade courses will be updated in 2018 to be more descriptive of course content as follows:

Current Name	New Name
Seamanship	Boat Handling
Piloting	Marine Navigation
Advanced Piloting	Advanced Marine Navigation
Junior Navigation	Offshore Navigation
Navigation	Celestial Navigation

V/C Fraser reported that Boat Handling, Marine Navigation, and Advanced Marine Navigation will adopt a seminar series format. They will be offered as a seminar series and also as a complete course. Details are available in the Winter 2018 issue of The Ensign at www.theensign.org/images/winter2018.

The Basic Public Education Committee reported that the Spanish language translation of the classroom and online versions of America’s Boating Course was complete. The committee is also working on translating the PowerPoint slides into Spanish, which is being funded by a \$50,000 grant from the USPS Educational Fund.

V/C Fraser announced that Seamanship 2016 is now available in e-book format. The e-book pdf version of Seamanship 2016 contains the same content as the print version.

V/C Fraser called on P/R/C Alan Wentworth, SN, to join him and C/C Ojeda in a special presentation of a \$42,000 check from Patapsco River Power Squadron/5 to the USPS Educational Fund.

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

- 3rd place - District 24
- 2nd place – District 3
- 1st place – District 5

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:

- Lt Frank B. Kemp, JN, Darien Sail/2
- P/C N. Victor Stewart, SN, Fort Myers/22

P/C Larry D. Byrd, SN, Long Bay/26

Report of the National Executive Officer

V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN, reported that headquarters received 45,000 vessel safety check decals for 2018 that were distributed to squadrons. In 2017, 1,522 vessel examiners completed 27,418 VSC inspections, with 25,135 passing.

The Safety Committee distributed 50,000 business cards to vessel examiners to promote safety inspections. The committee reported that an agreement with West Marine was renewed offering 10 percent discount coupons to boat owners whose boats fail inspection. The committee also assisted five squadrons with developing F.A.S.T. teams.

The Cooperative Charting Committee is working with NOAA and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers on a new memorandum of understanding. The committee is also working on simplifying the current manual system of reporting for both geodetic and nautical marks. In 2017, 606 geodetic reports with 1,794 items and 69 nautical reports with 110 items were completed.

V/C Cheney reported that the Marketing Committee completed the America's Boating Club Guidebook, which contains instructions, advice and support information for promoting the new brand. The committee is also working the Educational Department to develop a strategy for promoting educational courses, seminars, the Spanish ABC course, and virtual trainers.

The Environmental Committee is working with the Educational Department to include appropriate environmental education in USPS courses.

V/C Cheney announced the national meetings schedule for 2018 to 2022:

- Governing Board - Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, MN, 12-19 August 2018
- Annual Meeting - The Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL, 17-24 February 2019
- Governing Board - The Galt House, Louisville, KY, 8-15 September 2019
- Annual Meeting – Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 9-16 February, 2020
- Annual Meeting - Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 7-14 February 2021

- 21 – 24 February 2018 Annual Meeting

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- Annual Meeting – Sawgrass Marriott Resort, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 6-13
February 2022

V/C Cheney reported that 11 squadrons dissolved in 2017: Rappahannock/5, Hamburg/6, South Hills/7, Bald Eagle/11, Kankakee/20, Sabine/21, Boca Ciega/22, Albemarle/27, Lake Mohave/28, Marion/29 and St. Helens/32. He noted that 10 squadrons are in the process of dissolution or merger.

V/C Cheney called on P/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, to report on the District 2 Resolution. P/C/C Baldrige reported that the District 2 Resolution calls for members who hold a full certificate, have 40 merit marks, and who have served as either a squadron or district commander to be general members of the Governing Board.

P/C/C Baldrige offered the following amendment to the District 2 Resolution:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors consider suitable recognition of members who have earned the Educational Achievement Award, at least 40 merit marks and are past district or squadron commanders and that, after consultation with the Heritage and Protocol Committee, the member be given an appropriate designation, such as “Distinguished Past Commander” or “Distinguished Past District Commander.”

There was an amendment offered to require only 30 merit marks, which was DEFEATED by the Governing Board. (2018-AM-1)

The Governing Board ADOPTED the amendment to the District 2 Resolution. (2018-AM-5)

The Governing Board ADOPTED the District 2 Resolution as amended. (2018-AM-6)

For saving the life of a fellow crewmember in Long Island Sound, C/C Ojeda and V/C Cheney presented Anthony Pozun, AP, Neptune Sail/3, the Life Saving Award, which was accepted by D/C Ann Frenz, SN.

R/C Paul Mermelstein, SN, chairman, Marketing Committee, updated members on marketing efforts. R/C Mermelstein stated that since the 2017 Annual Meeting, the Marketing Committee introduced America's Boating Club, created a marketing task force, developed a new logo and tagline, created and distributed the America's Boating Club Marketing Guidebook, and developed a national advertising campaign. He stated that the theme for America's Boating Club is "Learn boating skills, engage with boating friends, and connect with the boating community."

Tammy Brown, headquarters marketing director, reported on the advertising campaign. She reported that print ads introducing America's Boating Club to the public would be published in winter and spring 2018 issues of several magazines including Sail, BoatUS, Marina Life, Saltwater Sportsman, Soundings, Boating World and others. These ads would target salt and freshwater power cruising, sailing and angling and be inclusive of age and ethnic diversity. The next series of ads would focus on educational programs, activities and events and would appear in digital ads and social media.

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 20 and 21 February 2018 meetings.

- 1) To dissolve South Hills/7 and Boca Ciega/22.
- 2) To present a Life Saving Award to Anthony Pozun, AP, Neptune Sail/3.
- 3) To adopt the America's Boating Club Licensing resolution.

C/C Ojeda presented the Chief Commander's Award to P/D/C Marty Lafferty, AP. 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 accomplishments for 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 carry out its mission.

C/C Ojeda stated that he was fortunate and blessed to have worked with a talented Board of Directors during his two years as chief commander. He thanked his spouse, Dot Ojeda, for her love and support.

C/C Ojeda stated that USPS has existed for 104 years with well over 60,000 members and that in 2003 membership began to decline, due partially to a decline in the economy. He noted that during the past two years, headquarters, along with the Marketing Committee, Educational Department, Planning Committee, Membership Committee, Information Technology Committee, and others have all pitched in to move forward. He noted that several firms were hired and considerable grant money was spent to ensure that the best information was available to make the appropriate decisions.

He noted that while tradition is important, due to the fact that membership continued to decline, the Board of Directors chose a different path to break the trend. He stated that America's Boating Club is the new path that will better describe and define USPS. He said that although USPS has great educators, it is time to market the organization to show the public how much fun members have and how much they contribute to their communities to make the water a safer place.

C/C Ojeda stated that it was necessary to achieve financial stability by living within our means, increasing our revenues and working smarter. He noted that members, the Board of Directors along with headquarters personnel helped achieve a \$150,000 surplus over the last two years, a remarkable achievement.

C/C Ojeda stated that he would continue to work for USPS/America's Boating Club and "Grip and Grin." He closed by urging all members to be personal, to bring friends and family to meetings, and to minimize the impersonal use of the internet when contacting members.

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 Ernest G. Marshburn, SN, to conduct the elections. The national secretary declared that no nominations by petition had been filed.

P/C/C Marshburn asked N/F/Lt Kay Simpkins, AP, to escort Chief Commander-elect Gary P. Cheney, SN, Ann Bailey, and his daughter Allison Cullison, to the podium.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

R/C Susan Darcy, JN, stated, “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, Section 11.6, each annual meeting of the Governing Board shall elect 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 who shall serve as officers and directors of USPS”. The Committee on Nominations unanimously recommended the election of the following members to serve:

For National Bridge Officers

Chief Commander

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

National Executive Officer

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

National Educational Officer

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

National Administrative Officer

V/C Ben Coons, JN (Hiawatha Valley Sail/10)

National Secretary

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

National Treasurer

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

For Members of USPS Board of Directors:

The above Bridge Officers and P/C/C Louie Ojeda, SN (Ponce/33)

In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.6 and 11.7, it is the responsibility of the Governing Board to elect the chairmen and assistant chairmen of standing and departmental committees. Where appropriate, the following have the approval of the chief commander and recommendation of the vice commanders in charge of the department to which they are assigned. Accordingly, the Committee on Nominations unanimously presents the following nominations and recommends their election.

**FOR REAR COMMANDERS
(EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE 2018 GOVERNING BOARD)**

GENERAL COMMITTEES

Committee on Rules.....R/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP (Absecon Island/5)
Committee on NominationsR/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP (Minnetonka/10)

STANDING COMMITTEES

FinanceR/C David McMahon, AP (Raleigh Sail/27)
Law Officer.....R/C Michael D. Friedman, N (New York Sail/4)
PlanningR/C Michael J. Skelley, JN (Minnetonka/10)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

Cooperative ChartingR/C Thomas J. Peltier, SN (Oyster Bay/3)
Environmental.....R/C Richard D. Daybell, SN (Peace River Sail/22)
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)
SafetyR/C Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, SN (Arecibo/33)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Assistant Nat'l Educational Officer.....R/C William J. McManimen III, SN (Main Line Sail/5)
Assistant Nat'l Educational OfficerR/C Robert Rayburn, SN (Columbus Sail/29)
Basic Public EducationR/C Jack Purse, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
Boat HandlingR/C Chris L. Windeler, SN (Lackawanna Sail/22)
Boat Operator Certification.....R/C Robert F. Anderson, AP, (Bremerton Sail/16)
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 Charles J. Wells, SN (Rockville Sail/5)
Marine EnvironmentR/C Judith D. Swanson, SN (Syracuse Sail/6)
Offshore Navigation.....R/C Victor B. Schwartz, SN (Charleston Sail/26)
PublishingR/C V. Jan Wright, SN (Tybee Light Sail/26)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Membership Committee.....R/C Robert F. Howd, JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)

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 Carl E. Filios, SN (Berkshire Sail/2)
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 Claire M. McDonald, SN (Houston Sail/21)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

Asst Nt’l Treasurer/Budget DirectorR/C Gardham W. Comb, SN (Port Washington Sail/3)
Budget OfficeR/C Diana G. Jackson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Asst/Ch FinanceStf/C Joseph Gatfield, JN (Detroit/9)
Asst/Ch FinanceStf/C Gary Louis Baker, P (Everett Sail/16)
Asst Law Officer.....Stf/C Horacio A. Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)
Asst/Ch Planning.....Stf/C James R. McCurry, N (Shallotte River Sail /27)

NOMINEES FOR GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE 2018 GOVERNING BOARD

Mahmoud M. Abdel-Monem, SN	Deception Pass Sail/16
Arthur Andrea, AP	New Haven/1
Vincene A. Aquilatio, S	City Island Sail/4
David A. Atwood, JN	Cape Cod Sail/14
Michael J. Babiarz, AP	Grosse Pointe/9
Ann T. Bailey, AP	Raleigh Sail/27
Donald K. Cook, SN	Manatee Sail/22
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
Patricia W. Hakanson, SN	Charlotte/27
Edwin A. Hoover, AP	Palm Beach Sail/8

Michael N. Jackson, SN	Sebastian Inlet Sail/8
Cheryl Jarrell, AP	New Orleans/15
Connie J. Johnson, SN	Phoenix Sail/28
Mary Lou Johnson	Diablo Sail/25
Albert W. Keim, SN	Seattle Sail/16
Wayne J. Lambert, AP	Charles River Sail/12
Janet U. Lane, SN	Naples Sail/22
Sami Lucas, JN	Sanibel Captiva Sail/22
Elizabeth Mandara, JN	Jones Beach/3
Veronica A. Mann, JN	Arrowhead Sail/13
Mary Merrell, SN	Fox Valley/20
Liana F. Mihalca, SN	Akron Sail/7
Alta M. Mullins, SN	Tampa/22
Lois M. Nehmer-Schiff, SN	Dundalk Sail/5
Wayne F. Partie, SN	Naples Sail/22
Mary J. Pierpont, SN	Austin/21
Thomas J. Pilek, AP	Great South Bay/3
Eladio Reyes, JN	Carolina Sail/33
David N. Rickard, AP	Berea Sail/7
Larry G. Samuels, SN	Louisville Sail/24
Robert J. Saunders, S	Lakes Region Sail/19
Raymond M. Schiff, P	Dundalk Sail/5
Tracy L. Simpson, AP	Four Rivers Sail/30
Phyllis C. Sines, JN	Fort Vancouver Sail/32
Howard A. Sklar, AP	Westchester Sail/2
Kathryn J. Stevens, SN	Beaufort Sail/26
David Stewart, AP	Charlotte/27
Jim Suber, AP	Jacksonville Sail/23
Carole G. Tulip, JN	Annapolis Sail/5
Kevin Wehrmann, S	Minnetonka/10
Walter E. Whitacre, AP	Huntsville Sail/17
James R. Wilkins, AP	Lake Hartwell Sail/26
Pamela Yarletts, AP	Port Clinton/29
Gerald L. Zambroski, P	Rochester/6
Ralph Ziegler, JN	Lansing/9

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 2018 by this Governing Board:

FOR STAFF COMMANDERS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

- Asst/Ch Cooperative ChartingStf/C Phillip A. Benson, JN (Rocky Mount/27)
- Asst/Ch Cooperative ChartingStf/C Charles Roland Ibach III, SN (Charlotte/27)
- Asst/Ch EnvironmentalStf/C Nina P. Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)
- 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 Ann E. Frenz, SN (Patchogue Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Mark B. Gathings, SN (Sacramento/25)
- Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Liz Glassell, AP (North Coast Ohio Sail/7)
- Asst/Ch National MeetingsStf/C Angelo V. Giovanniello, SN (Great South Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch Public AffairsStf/C Robert E. Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
- Asst/Ch Public AffairsStf/C Daniel L. Flinn, SN (San Carlos Bay Sail/22)
- Asst/Ch Public RelationsStf/C Ralph Ziegler, JN (Lansing Sail/9)
- Asst/Ch SafetyStf/C Robert L. Bales, AP (Cape Coral/22)
- Asst/Ch SafetyStf/C Allan B. Furtado, SN (Pompano Beach/8)
- 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 Janet Lane, SN (Naples Sail/22)
- Asst/Ch Boat HandlingStf/C James R. West, AP (Bellingham Sail/16)
- Asst/Ch Boat Operator CertificationStf/C Robert D. Holub, SN (Jones Beach/3)
- Asst/Ch Boat Operator CertificationStf/C Theodore E. Shanks, SN (North Olympic Sail/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***Vacant***

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.....Stf/C Jeffrey F. Lagrew, SN (Bluegrass/24)
 Asst/Ch Marine EnvironmentStf/C Gordon L. Bloom Jr., SN (Venice Sail/22)
 Asst/Ch Marine Environment***Vacant***
 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 Publishing.....Stf/C Arthur W. Beers, JN (Catawba Sail/27)
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Tom Dalglish, SN (Bellingham Sail/16)
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....Stf/C Robert L. Potter, SN (Mid Illini/20)
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....***Vacant***
 Asst/Ch Publishing.....***Vacant***

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

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 Kathryn J. Stevens, SN (Beaufort Sail/26)
 Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....Stf/C Andy Hyman III, SN (Dreher Shoals Sail/26)
 Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....***Vacant***
 Asst/Ch Membership Committee.....***Vacant***
 Asst/Ch Squadron Development.....Stf/C Edwin G. Kridler, SN (Charleston Sail/26)
 Asst/Ch Squadron Development.....Stf/C Mary Dodd, SN (Palm Beach Sail/8)

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 Guy Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)
 Asst/Ch Heritage & ProtocolStf/C Gerald L. Zambroski, P (Rochester/6)
 Asst/Ch Information TechnologyStf/C H. Jay Stevens, SN (South Bend Sail/9)
 Asst/Ch Membership Services.....Stf/C Roberta L. Dougherty, AP (Absecon Island/5)
 Asst/Ch Membership Services.....Stf/C Wayne F. Partie, SN (Naples Sail/22)
 Asst/Ch Membership Services.....Stf/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 Jan Furtado, AP (Pompano Beach/8)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

Asst/Budget Off.Stf/C James V. Harden Jr., JN (Tacoma/16)
Asst/Budget Off.Stf/C Larry D. Cole, SN (Toledo/29)

GENERAL COMMITTEES MEMBERS

In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 11.7, and upon recommendation of the respective chairmen, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations is pleased to recommend the following members for appointment in 2018 by this Governing Board:

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Members of the CommitteeLt 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 H. Jay Stevens, SN (South Bend Sail/9)
.....P/D/C Randolph W. Stow, AP (Smith Mountain Lake Sail/5)
.....Stf/C Richard Zucchi, SN (Barnegat Bay Sail/4)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Members of the CommitteeP/C/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN (Baton Rouge Sail/15)
.....P/R/C Priscilla Clarke, AP (Swiftwater Sail/6)
.....Stf/C Barbara Erickson, JN (Bellevue Sail/16)
.....P/R/C Michael J. Horowitz, JN (Shrewsbury/4)
.....Cdr Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing Sail/9)
.....Lt/C Allan W. Lakin, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
.....P/R/C Lawrence W. Postel, SN (Great South Bay/3)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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 2018 by this Governing Board:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members of the CommitteePVD/C Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN (Columbus Sail/29)

.....D/Lt/C Greg D. Shay, JN (Raleigh/27)

LAW COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members of the CommitteeStf/C Kristi W. Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
.....D/Lt George M. Gilbert, JN (Middletown/1)
.....Doreen S. Hinksman (Tar River/27)
.....P/Stf/C Jerry Hall, SN (Cape Fear Sail/27)
.....D/LT Kenneth E. Smith, AP (Balboa Sail/27)
.....*Vacant*
.....*Vacant*

R/C Darcy stated that the Committee on Nominations recommended the election of the national bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, and General Members of the Governing Board. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2018-AM-7)

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 three-year term:

.....Susan L. Darcy (Berkshire Sail/2) 1st year, first 3-year term
.....G. Leslie Johnson (Diablo Sail/25) 1st year, first 3-year term

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

.....David L. Hinders (Internet membership/99) 2nd year, first 3-year term
.....Lucille R. Horowitz (Shrewsbury/4) 2nd year, first 3 year-term
.....Joseph R. Mesenburg (Columbus Sail/29) 2nd year, first 3-year term
.....Alan F. Wentworth (Door County/10) 3rd year, first 3-year term

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect Susan L. Darcy, Berkshire Sail/2 and G. Leslie Johnson, Diablo Sail/25 to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2018-AM-8)

USPS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.

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

.....Frank Dvorak (Bellevue Sail/16) 1st year, first 3-year term
.....Warren Stevens (Kingsway/5) 1st year, first 3-year term

The Governing Board ADOPTED a motion to elect Frank Dvorak and Warren Stevens to the Trustees of the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. (2018-AM-9)

REPORT OF THE USPS EDUCATIONAL FUND

P/R/C Thomas J. Brincka, SN, chairman, reported that the assets of the Educational Fund totaled \$4.1 million compared to \$3.8 million one year ago.

P/R/C Brincka noted that the number of squadrons recognized for Honor Roll status continues to drop with only 50 percent of squadrons attaining Honor Roll status in 2017. He stated that he believed that the drop in participation was due to the confusion regarding squadron donations to the Educational Fund. He stated the trustees are looking for ways to make the donation process simpler.

P/R/C Brincka reported that the USPS Educational Fund had awarded more than 225 grants from a few hundred dollars to almost \$200,000 for a total of \$2.7 million.

In 2017 the Educational Fund awarded a grant to Door County/10 to purchase a Boating Skills Virtual Trainer for the Door County Maritime Museum. In addition, USPS was awarded a \$5,000 grant to sponsor the Chapman Awards Program and a \$50,000 grant to translate ABC 2015 PowerPoint materials into Spanish.

The Color Guard retired the Colors, and USPS Chaplain Lois Nehmer-Schiff, SN, delivered the benediction.

Adjourned at 1605.

V/C Howard Yoas, SN
National Secretary

Action Summary
Annual Meeting
24 Feb. 2018

ADOPTED

- 1) To award C/C Ojeda his 28th merit mark. (2018-AM-1)
- 2) To approve the 16 Sept. 2017 Governing Board Meeting minutes as distributed. (2018-AM-2)
- 3) To amend *USPS Bylaws*, Article 7, Section 7.3.3. (2018-AM-3)
- 4) To approve the appointment of Williams, Overman, Pierce, LLP, as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending 30 Nov. 2018. (2018-AM-4)
- 5) To approve the amendment to the District 2 Resolution. (2018-AM-5)
- 6) To approve the District 2 Resolution as amended. (2018-AM-6)
- 7) To elect the National Bridge, Committee on Rules, Committee on Nominations, rear commanders, staff commanders, and General Members of the Governing Board. (2018-AM-7)
- 8) To elect Susan L. Darcy, Berkshire Sail/2 and G. Leslie Johnson, Diablo Sail/25 to the Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2018-AM-8)
- 9) To elect Frank Dvorak and Warren Stevens to the Trustees of the USPS Endowment Fund, Inc. (2018-AM-9)

DEFEATED

- 1) An amendment to the District 2 Resolution to require only 30 merit marks. (2018-AM-1)