

Minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting
Jacksonville, Fla.
19 Jan. 2013

Chief Commander John T. Alter, SN, convened the meeting at 0900.

USPS Chaplain Lois Nehmer, 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 Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, and singing of the U.S. and Canadian national anthems.

The national secretary declared a quorum present.

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

Introduction of Past Chief Commanders

P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak., SN, introduced the past chief commanders present in the order they served:

- 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 Theodore H. Smith, SN, 2002-2003 (Grosse Pointe/9)
- 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. SN, 2008-2009 (Fort Worth Sail/21)

C/C Alter introduced P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN, (Bellevue Sail/16) who served as chief commander from 2010 to 2011.

Approval of the Minutes

C/C Alter announced that, with no objections, the minutes of the 8 Sept. 2012 Governing Board Meeting would be approved as distributed. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2013-AM-1)

C/C Alter recognized the Highway Mariners for their 20th anniversary of attending national meetings. The Highway Mariners is a group of loyal and dedicated USPS members who travel to national meetings in motor homes.

The chief commander also recognized members in attendance who were affected by Hurricane Sandy and thanked them for their dedication to USPS.

Dave Roman, senior policy advisor, City of Jacksonville Mayor's Office, presented a Proclamation from Mayor Alvin Brown declaring 19 January 2013 United States Power Squadrons Day in Jacksonville.

Introduction of Guests

R/C Richard E. Gercak, AP, introduced the following honored guests:

- Gerd Glang, rear admiral, Office of Coast Survey, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration
- Kyle Ward, southeast navigation manager, Office of Coast Survey, NOAA
- Steve Soherr, Navigation Services Division, NOAA
- Ken Forster, chief, Marine Chart Division, NOAA
- Capt. David Rokes, chief, Office of Auxiliary and Boating Safety, United States Coast Guard
- Jeff Hoedt, chief, Boating Safety Division, USCG

- Bill Edgerton, past national commodore, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary
- Ev Tucker, past national commodore, USCG Auxiliary
- Mary Larsen, coordinator, USCG Auxiliary America's Waterway Watch
- Steven Ellerin, liaison to USPS, USCG Auxiliary
- Richard Bee, chief commander, Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons
- Joe Gatfield, national executive officer, CPS
- Carolyn Reid, national training officer, CPS
- Malcolm Blann, immediate past chief commander, CPS
- Doreen Hinksman, past chief commander, CPS
- John Hinksman, chairman of the CPS Foundation
- Jim Adams, senior aide, CPS
- Nancy Adams, senior aide, CPS
- Joyce Shaw, chairman, National Safe Boating Council
- Ted Sensenbrenner, assistant director of boating safety, BoatU.S. Foundation
- Dusty McCoy, chief executive officer, Brunswick Corp.
- Keith Christopher, national director, Boy Scouts of America
- Matt Miller, national boatswain, Boy Scouts of America
- Steve Prime, vice-president, Gowrie Group
- Jake Hill, assistant vice president, McGriff, Seibels & Williams
- Randy White, president and chief executive officer, SailAngle.com
- Tom Hayward, chief financial officer, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators
- Dick Allsopp, U.S. Sailing

C/C Alter and Rear Adm. Glang signed a Memorandum of Understanding renewing the partnership between USPS and NOAA.

C/C Alter presented Rear Adm. Glang with a Flame of USPS Award honoring the 50th anniversary of the Cooperative Charting partnership with NOAA, which began on 19 Jan. 1963.

Rear Adm. Glang, Kenneth Forster, and Kyle Ward, NOAA, presented the following 2012 Cooperative Charting Awards:

The number one squadron: Austin Power Squadron/21
 The number one individual: P/Lt/C Clint H. O'Connor, SN, Austin/21
 The number one district: District 21
 NOAA Coast Survey Award: P/C Charles R. Ibach III, Charlotte/27, for five years
 of excellence in the Cooperative Charting Program

BoatU.S./USPS Civic Service Award

Ted Sensenbrenner, BoatU.S. Foundation, presented the 2012 BoatU.S./USPS Civic Service Award to District 8. Honorable mention awards were presented to fifth place, Northern Neck Sail/5; fourth place, Ocean City/5; third place, St. Petersburg Sail/22; second place, Vero Beach/8 first place, Colonial Sail/5.

Stf/C Florence E. Smith, SN, announced the awards that were presented during the awards ceremony on Thurs., 17 Jan. 2013.

Stf/C Smith recognized members in attendance who achieved life member status in 2013. The potential life members for 2013 are

Name	District/Squadron Name
Luther C. Abel, SN	25/Santa Clara
Thomas K. Alman, AP	22/Anna Maria Island
Catherine E. Anderson, AP	13/Las Vegas Sail
Gale Anderson, AP	3/Old Field Point
Douglas G. Andrews, AP	26/Tybee Light Sail
William J. Arnold, AP	6/Syracuse Sail
Robert D. Bair, AP	1/Saybrook
David R. Batcheller, AP	5/Kent Narrows Sail
Andrea K. Battaglia, AP	22/Marco Island Sail
Richard Beck, SN	15/Singing River Sail
William M. Bellinger, SN	20/Chain-O-Lakes Sail
Fulgencio Bengochea, SN	3/South Shore
Georgia F. Binns, AP	22/St. Petersburg Sail

Arthur W. Bonner, AP	18/Beverly Sail
Bruce A. Book, AP	9/Dearborn
Richard A. Borecky, JN	3/Brooklyn
Kenneth J. Boyd, SN	13/Costa de Oro
Bobby J. Bray, AP	23/Daytona Beach Sail
Joan R. Brill, SN	3/Peconic Bay
Truxtun E. Brodhead, P	1/New London
Edward T. Bruce, AP	1/New Haven
Kendra E. Bulla, P	27/Greensboro
Alfred L. Burbank, SN	2/Berkshire Sail
Kay L. Carlisle, AP	9/Port Huron
Norman E. Champion, JN	20/Land of Lincoln
Franklyn E. Churchill, JN	18/Marblehead Sail
Priscilla B. Clarke, AP	6/Swiftwater
Laura M. Cole, S	5/Hampton Roads
Atlee Compher, P	26/Hilton Head Sail
Mary Ann Compher, P	26/Hilton Head Sail
N. Wayne Creekmore, JN	27/Winston Salem Sail
Patrick M. Cunningham, N	5/Kingsway
Robert Deconti, P	1/New Britain
H. Robert DeHaven, P	8/Key West Sail
Alexandra Digilio-Feldberg, P	2/Storm King
Charles P. Downs Jr., AP	5/Kingsway
Michael J. Eagan Jr., AP	4/Watchung Sail
Dorothy B. Ellis, JN	8/Vero Beach
George J. Ellis Jr., AP	27/Winston Salem Sail
LeRoy O. Elwood, AP	24/Evansville Bend
Alfred J. Fabbrini, SN	23/Daytona Beach Sail
Sheron Faulk, P	21/Lake Charles Sail
Roberta T. Felgemacher, AP	7/Rocky River
William Field, AP	16/Seattle Sail
Robert C. Flint, AP	23/Central Florida Sail
W. J. M. Fordyce, JN	25/Carquinez
James A. Frazier Jr., S	27/Winston Salem Sail

Robert S. Gardner, SN	27/Lake Norman Sail
Bruce K. Goff, P	16/Tacoma
Charles B. Green, AP	15/Mobile Sail
Frederick E. Guard, AP	22/Lakeland Sail
Robert B. Gura, P	4/Shrewsbury
Frederick K. Hach, AP	3/Jones Beach
Linda M. Hayes, AP	23/Central Florida Sail
Michael J. Hayes, S	23/Central Florida Sail
Robert Healey, SN	22/Sanibel Captiva Sail
Peter L. Henderson, P	22/Fort Myers
Sharron K. Hunter, AP	16/Seattle Sail
Barbara J. Johnson	13/Pasadena
David W. Johnson, N	5/York Sail
Kenneth P. Johnson, SN	9/Lansing Sail
Ronald M. Johnson, AP	13/Pasadena
Richard Jones, AP	1/Manchester
Billie J. Kearney, N	21/Galveston Bay Sail
Craig J. Keaton, P	7/Mid Ohio Valley Sail
Thomas J. Kennedy, P	5/Northeast River
George F. Koentje, JN	3/Hempstead Bay
Wesley D. Koplitz, AP	10/Oshkosh
Clarence G. Krebs Jr., SN	22/Manatee Sail
John D. Krehbiel, SN	22/Marco Island Sail
Ronald J. Krock, SN	29/Sandusky
Charles L. Lambert, AP	27/Shalotte River Sail
Donald A. LaGreco, AP	3/Neptune
Haynes A. Lee Jr., AP	29/Toledo
Galen D. Lehman, AP	29/Fort Wayne Sail
Kenneth T. Leque Jr., SN	7/Stark County
William F. Linke, SN	2/Stamford Sail
W. Richard Littrell, JN	22/Lakeland Sail
Ronald H. Lukens, AP	17/Knoxville
James Jay Lutz, AP	7/Mansfield
Kenneth P. MacPherson, AP	8/Palm Beach Sail

John S. Marsden Jr., AP	14/Cape Cod Sail
Floyd Mike Martin, P	16/Everett Sail
Linda Martin, AP	16/Everett Sail
Anne Marie Maskulinski, SN	6/Buffalo
Anita Hamada McCollester, SN	9/South Bend Sail
Lawrence L. McDermott, AP	9/Dearborn
Charles L. McFarland, JN	9/South Bend Sail
Edward F. McGarvey, JN	5/Delsea
Walter J. McInnis, SN	25/San Joaquin Delta
Mary A. Merrell, SN	20/Fox Valley
David J. Meshulam, AP	4/Northern New Jersey Sail
John P. Meyenberg, AP	26/Charleston Sail
Mary Lou Mielke, P	22/Anclote Key Sail
Mary Emily Miller, AP	5/Blue Hen
Gene E. Milliman, JN	6/Ithaca Sail
Charles E. Morgan Jr., P	17/Chattanooga
Harold J. Morris, P	25/Diablo Sail
Matthew B. Mullins, JN	22/Tampa
Rebecca Mulroy, AP	20/Evanston N Shore Sail
Caroline B. Munce, JN	25/Santa Clara
Barbara A. Murphy, AP	27/Catawba
Joseph F. Murphy, AP	27/Catawba
Liz Murray, JN	16/Agate Pass Sail
Dennis E. Nendza, SN	7/Rocky River
David Nielsen, AP	22/Peace River Sail
John Noonan, P	24/Louisville Sail
Paul J. Nordquist, AP	12/Nobscot Sail
Anita Norman, SN	4/Raritan Bay
Marian Gage Norton, SN	6/Red Jacket
Robert O'Hanlon	4/Bronx
Merton M. Osborne, N	21/Houston Sail
Ethel L. Ott, AP	25/Diablo Sail
Dale L. Overly, AP	29/Toledo
Joseph P. Paldo, P	20/Skokie Valley

Louis J. Paolillo, JN	3/Hempstead Bay
Norma J. Parrish, AP	5/Colonial Sail
Ruth H. Peterson, SN	16/Skagit Bay Sail
George E. Pettengill, AP	14/Cape Cod Sail
Artemas M. Pickard, SN	19/Portland Head Sail
Arthur P. Pinsak, SN	9/Ann Arbor
Carol A. Quinn-LeBrun, S	18/Beverly Sail
Ellen S. Ramey, JN	8/Coral Ridge Sail
Charles R. Ramsey, AP	21/Ouachita
James E. Rank, S	7/Mansfield
Robert Rayburn, SN	29/Columbus Sail
Mary L. Rhodes, AP	5/Annapolis Sail
Donald N. Rodely, AP	23/Jacksonville Sail
Gregory Roth, JN	1/New London
Robert L. Rupnick, AP	3/Smithtown Bay
Nadeane E. Rutledge, SN	16/Seattle Sail
Beverly E. Sams, P	7/Vermilion
Ilya M. Sarasohn, SN	27/Kinston
Gail A. Savidge, P	20/Land of Lincoln
James A. Scaccia, AP	25/Sacramento
Robert W. Schober, AP	6/Buffalo
Joseph V. Schott II, SN	9/Grand Traverse Bay Sail
William J. Schulke, P	8/Sebastian Inlet Sail
Victor B. Schwartz, SN	26/Charleston Sail
Roland W. Seidel, SN	22/Manatee Sail
Peg Spontelli, SN	7/Cleveland
Gregory Stanley, SN	9/Saginaw Bay
Diane K. Stehouwer, P	9/Grand Rapids Sail
Janice M. Stevenson, P	5/Ocean City
Charles W. Stone, AP	17/Memphis Sail
William G. Stracener Jr., P	21/Lake Charles Sail
Cameron C. Taylor, JN	1/New Haven
John S. Taylor, JN	3/Moriches Bay
Francis X. Tesorero, S	29/Toledo

Ernest D. Tharnish, AP	31/Oklahoma City Sail
David Tygett, AP	25/San Joaquin Delta
Ronald W. Utz, AP	9/Grosse Pointe
Thomas G. Vincent, SN	7/Rocky River
Julie A. Walkow, P	13/Las Vegas Sail
Stephanie J. Ward, AP	5/Delaware River
Betty J. Wedler, AP	5/Potomac River
Alice M. Whittemore, AP	9/Anchor Bay
John Whittemore, AP	9/Anchor Bay
William C. Wickham, AP	15/Pensacola Sail
Larry B. Wiese, SN	21/San Antonio Sail
Franklin W. Williams, AP	2/Champlain
Martha G. Williamson, P	17/Chattanooga
Richard H. Winski, AP	12/Worcester County
Natalie E. Witty, JN	20/Skokie Valley
William A. Wood, JN	7/Stark County
Michael J. Woodward, SN	22/Cape Coral
Anthony Zuaro, SN	3/Great South Bay

Operations Training Awards:

- Third place - District 1
- Second place - District 22
- First place - District 21

Leadership Development Awards:

- Third place - District 22
- Second place - District 23
- First place - District 28

The 2012 Vessel Safety Check awards were presented to the top districts and squadrons in USPS.

The top districts:

Fifth place - District 29
Fourth place - District 7
Third place - District 3
Second place - District 11
First place - District 28

The top squadrons:

Fifth place - Smith Mountain Lake Sail&/5
Fourth place - South Hills/7
Third place - Jones Beach/3
Second place - Crystal River/22
First place - Biscayne Bay/8

The 2012 Vessel Safety Check Millennium Club Awards for performing 1,000 or more vessel safety checks were presented to

Morry Miller, P, South Hills/7
Arthur Cournoyer, S, Smith Mountain Lake/5
Cdr Thomas Rossini, SN, Crystal River/22 (second year)
P/C Wesley Heusser, JN, Balboa/28 (third year)
Lt Kimberly O’Gorman, P, Venice Sail &/22 (fourth year)
Stf/C Robert Holub, SN, Jones Beach/3 (eleventh year)

15th Annual USPS National Boarman Youth Poster Contest national winners:

Ages 6-8:

Third place - Ashley Maloney	New River Sail/27
Second place - Brady Brunson	Peace River Sail/22
First place - Corbin Lacey	Norman Sail/31

Ages 9-11:

Third place - Grayson Elliott	New River Sail/27
Second place - Cassandra Wasquez	Westchester Sail/2
First place - Jack Hockenjos	Patchogue Bay Sail/3

Ages 12-14:

Third place - Hailey Chaperson Peace River Sail/22

Second place - Madison King Vero Beach Sail/8

First place - Lisa Reimand St. Paul Sail/10

C/C Alter presented Honorary Member and Emeritus Member awards to the following members:

2013 Honorary Members

Richard Bee

Virgil Chambers

Chris Edmonston

Ken Forster

Rear Admiral Gerd Glang

Tom Hayward

Jeff Hoedt

Dr. Ed Mahoney

COMO Tom Mallison

Dusty McCoy

Ole Riise

Capt. David Rokes

2013 Emeritus Members

P/D/C Kenneth H. Beeber, SN

P/C Kenneth L. Bell, AP

P/D/C George Cambra, AP

P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN

P/C/C G. E. Gordon III, SN

Edward C. Hermann, SN

Jack W. Hoogervorst, P

Willard J. Kling Jr., N

P/Stf/C Leonard A. Komor, JN

Robert E. Martin, SN

P/C Howard O. Mielke, SN

P/C/C Richard W. Miner, SN

F. W. Neubrand, AP

William H. Ortmann, SN

Charleston/26

Meriden/1

Taunton River/14

Lackawanna Sail/4

Diablo Sail/25

Northeast River/5

Captree/3

Swiftwater/6

Diablo Sail/25

Cape Coral/22

Anclote Key Sail/22

Birmingham/9

Ocean City/5

New Castle/11

P/D/C Joseph Sebastian Jr., AP
Vincent L. Whalen, AP

New Castle/11
St. Lucie River/8

2012 Meritorious Service Awards

C/C Alter, assisted by V/C Baldrige, presented Meritorious Service Awards to rear commanders completing their tours of duty:

R/C Gene A. Danko, SN	Chairman, Electro-Mechanical Systems Committee
R/C Richard W. Gercak, AP	Chairman, Government & Partner Relations Committee
R/C S. Patricia Greer, SN	Chairman, Publishing Committee
R/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN	Chairman, Committee on Nominations
R/C Jeff C. Hamilton, AP	Chairman, Planning Committee
R/C Harry Hebb, SN	Chairman, Operations Manual Committee
R/C Steven L. Johnson, AP	Chairman, Squadron Activities Committee
R/C Brenda J. Joyce, P	Chairman, Communications Committee
R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP	Law Officer
R/C Richard W. McGaughy, JN	Chairman, Inland/Coastal Navigation Committee
R/C Louis M. Reitz, AP	Chairman, Historian Committee
R/C James H. Strothers, SN	Chairman, Cooperative Charting Committee
R/C Joseph A. Tringali, SN	Chairman, Flag & Etiquette Committee
R/C Samuel A. Woodruff Jr., AP	Chairman, Environmental Committee

C/C Alter announced an attendance of 606.

Report of the Committee on Rules

P/R/C Robert Keller, SN, summarized the chief commander's 2012 activities and recommended awarding C/C Alter a merit mark. The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2013-AM-2)

P/R/C Keller announced that with the concurrence of the USPS Board of Directors, the

Committee on Rules recommended the following three revisions to the *USPS Bylaws* to be effective as of the adjournment of the 2013 Annual Meeting.

Existing bylaw:

Section 3.6 Any person who is able and willing to contribute time, energy and skills to the objectives of USPS or their squadron and has passed an examination approved by the Board of Directors may be admitted to active membership in USPS under such conditions as these Bylaws and the Governing Board may prescribe.

Proposed amendment:

Section 3.6 Any person who is able and willing to contribute time, energy and skills to the objectives of USPS or their squadron may be admitted to active membership in USPS under such conditions as the Bylaws and the Governing Board may prescribe.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws*. (2013-AM-3)

Existing bylaw:

Section 3.8 Apprentice members of USPS shall be persons who have reached the age of twelve and have passed an examination approved by the Board of Directors.

Proposed amendment:

Section 3.8 Apprentice members of USPS shall be persons who have reached the age of twelve.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws*. (2013-AM-4)

Existing bylaw:

Section 3.13 Notwithstanding contrary language in sections 3.6 and 3.8, applicants who have not passed an approved examination may be admitted between 1 December 2006 and 1 February 2013 to any class of membership, and may take and be examined in any USPS course.

Proposed amendment:

Section 3.13 [Reserved]

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws*. (2013-AM-5)

P/R/C Keller reported that during 2012 the Committee on Rules reviewed, approved and certified bylaws revisions for 41 squadrons and six districts. He reported that a revised Squadron Model Bylaws is scheduled to be released in Feb. 2013. Committee oversight assignments are posted at www.usps.org/national/rules.

Report of the Headquarters Executive Director

Mary Catherine Berube, headquarters executive director, introduced Lena Padro, headquarters manager, membership services; Tom Kemp, manager, headquarters marketing and development services; Yvonne Hill, publications director, and Amy Townsend, senior editor.

Mrs. Berube reported that headquarters continues to provide support for dues collection, shipping of educational and Ship's Store orders, marketing, communications and grants.

Berube stated that in 2012, 10,856 members paid their dues online, a slight increase over 2011. She noted that squadrons can access dues reports online at usps.org/dues/reports.

Berube reported that USPS revenues depend on educational and Ship's Store sales. In 2012, headquarters shipped 8,622 orders totaling \$845,000 compared to 9,034 orders shipped in 2011 totaling \$879,000.

The headquarters executive director stated that marketing and communications are vital to USPS' success. In 2012, Tom Kemp represented USPS at the Miami Boat Show, the International Boating and Water Safety Summit, National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Conference, the Marine Dealers Conference and the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show.

In 2012, the publications staff distributed 816,772 emails. They include the monthly USPS Blast, monthly blast requests, national meeting ads and promotions, practical on the water

training ads and promotions, USPS Compass, The Ensign imag announcements and other miscellaneous mailings. The number of emails sent has gone up approximately 14 percent since 2011 demonstrating that we are doing more and expanding our reach. The mail lists are all growing; the Compass list grew by 13.4 percent in 2012. The open rates (25.69% Compass; 35.37% Blast) show that people are engaged in what we are sending.

USPS social media outreach is increasing. Daily postings to Facebook and Twitter include organizational news, articles from The Ensign and Compass and retweets from followers or members and organizations that have “liked” us or that we follow on Facebook. Currently, the USPS Facebook page has 526 likes, up from 416 in August 2012. The USPS Twitter account @boatingisfun has 239 followers. The Ensign @uspseditor has 217 followers. One way to determine the effectiveness of our social media accounts is to look at Klout scores; Klout measures your influence and reach by your ability to drive action on social media networks. USPS’s Twitter account has a Klout score of 48 (up from 43 in October 2012). The Ensign (@uspseditor) has a Klout score of 42 (up from 14 in November 2011).

Berube announced that the winner of the “Sail Away With USPS” photo contest was “A Gorgeous Sunset,” taken by Thomas R. Hefty Jr., Hilton Head Sail/26. The finalists will be featured in the Spring 2013 issue of The Ensign magazine.

Berube reported that the Practical On-the-Water Training Rollout Grant for \$250,000 ended on 30 Sept. 2012, and closeout reports were submitted to the USCG on 2 Jan 2013. She reported that USPS would submit three USCG grant proposals in 2013, including a third POTW grant to continue training students and instructors and increase marketing efforts, a USPS Boat Handling Simulator grant to develop and demonstrate the use and viability of a prototype simulator in small boating handling training, and a Partnering Grant to facilitate USPS partnering objectives.

Berube reminded members that headquarters is closing at noon on Fridays due to budget reductions. She noted that orders will not be shipped on Fridays and urged squadrons to allow additional time when ordering.

Report of the Finance Committee

R/C Lee Popham, AP, reported on the USPS Investment Fund, the USPS Century Endowment Fund, the overall financial status of USPS, grant revenues and expenditures, and the 2013 and 2014 budgets.

R/C Popham reported that USPS investments managed by Riazzi Asset Management totaled \$2,335,717 as of 30 Nov. 2102. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios.

As of 30 Nov. 2012, the Century Endowment Fund was valued at \$1,547,945, up from \$1,377,871 one year ago. Sixty-two percent of these funds are invested in common and preferred stock equities, with the balance invested in other fixed income securities and money market funds. Year-to-date earnings and unrealized gains produced a return of 13.4 percent. R/C Popham reported that during its meeting on 17 Jan. 2013, the Finance Committee ratified the current mix of approximately 60 percent common and preferred equities and 40 percent fixed income securities.

The USPS Investment Portfolio was valued at \$787,772 as of 30 Nov. 2012. R/C Popham reported that these funds were accumulated from prior surpluses over a number of years. These funds are invested 74 percent in common and preferred stock equities, with the balance invested in other fixed income securities and money market funds. Year-to-date earnings and unrealized gains produced at return of 20.4 percent. He noted that the target allocation mix of common and preferred equity securities to fixed return investments remains 70 percent equity and 30 percent fixed. R/C Popham reported that it was necessary to transfer \$290,000 of these funds into the USPS operating accounts, causing the ratio of equity securities to become a much larger component of the total portfolio.

The Finance Committee chairman reported that current marketing initiatives and grant activities are essential to USPS' future. He stated that USPS remains financially strong today, especially in light of the economic circumstances, and these efforts should help to ensure that we will remain viable and vibrant well into USPS' second century. He said that although membership is Job #1, it is necessary to supplement revenues with grants, public fund raising activities, educational sales, and innovative marketing efforts. He noted that the Board of Directors recognized that USPS cannot continue to incur operating deficits, and that as a result of

actions taken, the Finance Committee was projecting an operating deficit in 2012 of \$65,000 instead of an anticipated loss of \$165,000. R/C Popham stated that expenditures had been cut to the point where additional cuts would require eliminating activities and services.

R/C Popham reported on grant activities. He noted that in 2012 USPS had a total of \$1,146,625 in open awarded grants, of which \$854,572 was collected. Of that total, \$716,752 in grant expenses had been paid as of 30 Nov. 2012, leaving an obligation of \$429,873. He stated that with only \$292,053 additional grant revenue remaining it would be necessary to spend approximately \$140,000 from USPS operating accounts. He noted that these funds had been set aside in a separate money market account for this purpose.

R/C Popham reported that the Budget and Finance committees, the headquarters staff and the Board of Directors exerted a considerable amount of thought, time, and effort to produce a more realistic 2013 budget. He reported that the 2013 budget, which was approved by the Board of Directors in Sept. 2012, showed a \$100,540 operating deficit. He noted that since that time the Board of Directors took further actions to reduce operating deficits and that the positive results were already being experienced.

R/C Popham reported that the FY2012 audit report had not been finalized and that this was the third year of the three-year fee agreement with Dixon, Hughes, & Goodman. He stated that annual audit fees are approximately 3 percent of headquarters operating budget and that audit proposals would be obtained. He stressed that there were no outstanding issues or areas of disagreement with the present auditors and would solicit a renewal proposal from Dixon, Hughes, & Goodman.

R/C Popham moved that the Finance Committee chairman, national treasurer, and budget director serve as the USPS Audit Selection Committee and to report their recommendation to the Board of Directors no later than April 2013.

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2013-AM-6)

Report of the Law Committee

R/C Gregory E. Korstad, AP, national law officer reported that the Law Committee held a

seminar on assisting districts and squadrons. He noted that the committee had assisted districts and squadrons with filing 990 forms with the IRS and submitting subordinate unit letters to headquarters.

LawCom worked with the Educational Department to expand its course offerings and protect intellectual properties.

Report of the Planning Committee

R/C Jeff Hamilton, AP, chairman, reported that the Planning Committee was evaluating ideas for additional sources of revenue.

R/C Hamilton reported that the Planning Committee was reviewing the current process for recruiting members to join national committees. The committee conducted a survey of current committee chairmen with the goal of developing standardized guidelines.

R/C Hamilton reported that the Planning Committee created a document and PowerPoint on electronic meetings that can be found at usps.org/national/plancom/resource. He said that districts and squadrons could save as much as \$3,000 in two years by leveraging electronic meetings.

Report of the National Treasurer

V/C Gary P. Cheney, SN, reported unaudited financials for FY2012 showed an operating loss of \$105,000, a significant improvement from the unaudited loss of \$167,000 in FY2011. He noted that operating expenses were down \$43,000 from 2011. 2012 operating expenses were \$290,000 under budget.

V/C Cheney reported that non-operating revenues were up \$50,000 and that adjustments would be made to recognize invested income on the operating side of the income statement. This revenue is generated from investment interest and dividends and does not include any principle or capital gains.

The national treasurer reported that changes were made to the Policy for Reimbursement

of Travel and Related Expenses as a result of the adoption of the 2013 budget and additional cost reduction efforts approved by the Board of Directors. He encouraged members who are entitled to reimbursements to review the policy at usps.org/national/treasurer.

He reported that work had begun on the 2014 budget, and he encouraged members to contact the Board of Directors with revenue-generating and cost-cutting ideas.

V/C Cheney concluded by reminding all squadrons and districts to file the 990 form with the IRS and the TR-1 Form with USPS headquarters. He noted that information reported on the TR-1 Form is used to file an annual report with the IRS.

Report of the National Secretary

V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN, reported that USPS contracted with Next Generation Web Design to develop the new USPS website, project name: USPS 2.0. The project scope includes improvement in aesthetics, content, consistency, functionality, organization, navigation, search capability, usability and branding across the site. She noted that the project is funded by grants from the Century Fund and the Educational Fund. The project facilitator is USPS Publications Director, Yvonne Hill.

V/C Hamilton reported that the USPS Website Content and Planning teams had completed three tasks to date: 1) exercises to explain who we are, who we are not, who we would like to be, 2) exercises to determine who our target audiences should be, and 3) two iterations of the site content outline. She noted that to consistently convey the USPS message, four “message words” were chosen: experience, informative, fun and community-minded.

V/C Hamilton reported that the merger of the Flag and Etiquette and Historian committees was approved by the Governing Board at its meeting on 8 Sept. 2012, to be effective as of the 2013 Annual Meeting. The Heritage & Protocol Committee will continue the responsibilities assigned to the Flag & Etiquette and Historian committees with the addition of secretarial and meeting support.

V/C Hamilton reported that the Flag and Etiquette Committee reviews new and updated burgees and flags. She reported that the committee recommended, and she approved, 50th

anniversary burgees for Waterbury/1, Poverty Bay Sail/16, and Blue Ridge Sail/17, and a 75-year burgee for St. Petersburg Sail/22.

V/C Hamilton announced that production of the national meetings CD-ROM would discontinue following the 2013 Annual Meeting. She noted that faster internet downloads and the early deadline for submitting content made the CD outdated. She reported that content previously contained on the CD would be posted on the USPS website following each national meeting.

The national secretary reported that 262 districts and squadrons would receive the 2012 Distinctive Communicator Award for websites and 254 districts and squadrons would receive the 2012 Distinctive Communicator Award for newsletters.

Report of the National Administrative Officer

V/C Louie Ojeda, SN, reported that the Leadership Development Committee had presented the Leadership Development Training Program to more than 1,207 students. He noted that the program is evolving into a more comprehensive presentation and that additional information on Operations Training would be added.

The Membership Committee redesigned the Membership Committee website, produced *The USPS and Membership Quick Reference Guide*, and published articles in *The Ensign*. The committee also reported that the BoatU.S. Civic Service Award criteria was simplified. New criteria will be effective in 2013 for the award presented during the 2014 Annual Meeting.

V/C Ojeda reported receiving \$5,169 in sponsor donations for the 2013 Boy Scouts Jamboree. He reported that a challenge was extended to districts to solicit the most sponsorships and donations.

V/C Ojeda announced that McGriff, Seibels, & Williams will become USPS first Corporate Member with a donation of \$15,000. He recognized the anniversary of the 25th year of the boat insurance partnership between USPS and McGriff, Seibels & Williams.

The national administrative officer reported that the Member Benefits Committee continues to develop new member benefits including the Ford Program, discounts on Garmin

equipment, and an Affinity Program that rewards members with vendor discounts. Information on all member benefit programs can be found at usps.org/national/admin_dept/membenefits.htm.

The Squadron Activities Committee is managing the Squadron Emergency Response Assistance Team (SERAT) Program. This program give USPS members an opportunity to assist local authorities in times of emergency using the skills learned in USPS .

V/C Ojeda invited C/C Alter to present the 2013 Finley Sea Scout Service Awards named for P/C/C Raymond A. Finley Jr., SN. The award recognizes those providing outstanding leadership to both the Sea Scouts and USPS.

2013 Recipients

Lt Gibeon Bradbury, N
P/C Kennneth Mizell, JN
Lt Herbert Lederman, P
P/C Wilford Ross Jr., SN

Report of the National Educational Officer

V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN, reported that the Educational Department will continue to focus on making USPS the nation's premier provider of recreational boating educational products in classrooms, while continuously seeking boaters who prefer

- classes at boat dealer locations,
- hands-on instruction on the water,
- the flexibility of on-line virtual classrooms over traditional classrooms,
- a Coast Guard Captain's license,
- electronic publications,
- receiving instruction on or near their own boats,
- webinars on topics of interest,
- paddleboats, and
- instruction in a language other than English.

V/C Brandenstein invited Amanda Suttles, BoatU.S. Foundation manager, to give a

presentation on the online version of Partner in Command, which is scheduled to go live in first quarter 2013. This is the first in a series of five seminars that will be converted to an online course.

The national educational officer reported that during 2012 USPS became a partner in the Brunswick Dealer Advantage Program. He noted that approximately 80 squadrons had agreed to work closely with selected Brunswick dealers across the country, offering USPS courses and seminars to dealer-invited attendees. He also reported that Marine Max, the largest chain of Brunswick-related boat dealers, invited USPS to offer courses at its first mall-showroom location in Tampa, Fla.

V/C Brandenstein reported that the Boat Operator Certification and Practical On-the-Water Training programs continued to grow in 2012. As of 31 Oct. 2012, more than 43 training events were held and 427 students received training. Of the 427 students, 317 received on-water instruction to increase their boat handling skills and 110 students received advanced on-water training to become eligible to teach POTW to other boaters. He noted that 13 students had been trained at advanced levels of certification.

The national educational officer reported that the Mariners Learning System prepares a boater to take the U.S. Coast Guard's OUPV Captain's examination. The course material is available in both interactive online format and in boxed software. V/C Brandenstein stated that in 2012 USPS became a distributor for Mariners Learning System products, which will be sold on the Ship's Store website.

V/C Brandenstein reported that a Spanish version of America's Boating Course will be available by mid-year.

The national educational officer reported that the Educational Department completed a thorough analysis of costs and selling prices of educational materials. He noted that pricing revisions were presented during the Detroit Governing Board Meeting and during the 2013 Annual Meeting. He noted that a standard set of suggested retail prices for educational products is necessary to establish pricing for Ship's Store and online course sales and the Brunswick initiative.

V/C Brandenstein reported that a portion of the revenue generated from central sales and online educational products will be shared with squadrons. He noted that methods of allocation were discussed at the Detroit Governing Board Meeting in Sept. 2012 and during the 2013 Annual Meeting.

V/C Brandenstein announced the winners of the 2013 Teaching Aids Competition.

Third place - District 26

Second place - District 2

First place - District 5

V/C Brandenstein explained that the Charles F. Chapman Award for Excellence in Teaching recognizes five members who have demonstrated exceptional skill in teaching and motivating their students. They represent the best of USPS instructors. V/C Brandenstein, assisted by C/C Alter, presented the 2012 Chapman Awards to

P/Lt/C Ann E. Einboden, AP, Friday Harbor/16

P/D/C Richard V. Fiorentini, SN, Raritan Bay/4

P/D/Lt/C Harold W. Howard, SN, Peace River Sail/22

P/R/C Wayne G. Spraggins, SN, Berea/7

Lt/C Charles H. Wilsdorf, SN, Golden Isles Sail/26

V/C Brandenstein announced that USPS is moving forward with the Brunswick Dealer Advantage Program, which now has more than 80 participating squadrons. He stated that the Educational Department recommended creating a committee to administer programs such as the Brunswick initiative. He recommended forming the Program Partner Relations Committee stating, "In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Section 5.2.4, the Educational Department recommends that the Governing Board establish a committee authorized to manage relationships with outside partners of an operational and educational nature, to be known as the Program Partner Relations Committee."

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion. (2013-AM-7)

Report of the National Executive Officer

V/C Robert A. Baldrige, SN, reported that 19 Feb. 2013 marked the beginning of the 100th year of USPS. He stated that P/R/C Trudy Brown, AP, and the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee are working hard to prepare for the celebration. He stated that 2013 is the Year of the Ensign and explained that each district will receive a special 100th anniversary ensign to help celebrate, raise awareness, and have fun. Squadrons will have the opportunity to design special streamers to affix to their district ensign. Information on ordering the streamers is available at www.usps.org/100. In 2014, the district ensigns with squadron streamers will be returned to the 2014 Annual Meeting to kick off USPS' 101st year on 1 Feb. 2014. He also noted that special 100th anniversary items are available through the Ship's Store at www.shopusps.org.

V/C Baldrige announced that 2013 marks the 50th year of the Cooperative Charting partnership with NOAA. The Cooperative Charting Committee reported that the new version of CCWEB is up and live and that the acquisition of DepthWiz has been completed.

V/C Baldrige and C/C Alter presented the Rear Commander's Awards for Sustained Excellence in Cooperative Charting.

Individual Honor Roll 15 Years

P/C/C Ernie Marshburn, SN - D/27

District Honor Roll 25 years

District 3

Squadron Honor Roll 20 Years

Key West Sail/8

Naples Sail/22

Squadron Honor Roll 25 years

Lower Rio Grande Valley/21

San Carlos Bay Sail/22

Squadron Honor Roll 30 years

Lake Norman Sail/27
Charlotte/27

V/C Baldrige reported that the Environmental Committee is working on several initiatives including flare disposal, beach cleanups and environmental laws. Information on these initiatives and environmental grant opportunities can be found at www.usps.org/national/envcom.

The Government & Partner Relations Committee is working on implementing the joint USPS and USCG Auxiliary Recreational Boating Safety Partner Visitation Program. The committee is also working on memorandums of understanding with Sea Tow.

V/C Baldrige reported that the National Meetings Committee is working on a new meeting format that will add value to national meetings. The new format will be implemented at the 2013 San Antonio Governing Board Meeting.

The Safety Committee reported that 29,412 vessel safety checks were performed by USPS members in 2012. The committee is also responsible for monitoring the inflatable life jacket loaner program.

The national executive officer reported that the Squadron Development Committee will move to the National Administrative Department following the 2013 Annual Meeting. The committee presented a seminar on squadron revitalization during the 2013 Annual Meeting and is revising the Provisional Squadron Manual.

V/C Baldrige stated that a resolution from District 22 was assigned to the national executive officer for reporting at the 2013 Annual Meeting as follows.

District 22 requests from USPS clarification of VSC reporting to include: 1) The use of data electronically collected from squadrons; 2) The specific destinations of all data; and 3) The methods and safeguards to secure all data from release to all entities external to USPS.

V/C Baldrige stated that the Board of Directors approved a Policy on VSC Data Use at its Dec. 2012 meeting. He stated the policy addressed the concerns noted in the resolution and

recommended defeating the resolution.

The Governing Board DEFEATED the motion. (2013-AM-1)

V/C Baldrige stated that Nanticoke River Sail Provisional Squadron/5 had met all requirements to become a chartered squadron, and he moved that the Governing Board approve Nanticoke River Sail & Power Squadron to be assigned to District 5.

The Governing Board APPROVED the motion. (2013-AM-8)

V/C Baldrige reported that the Board of Directors voted to dissolve Acadiana/21 at its Dec. 2012 meeting.

Report of the Chief Commander

C/C John T. Alter, SN, reported actions of the Board of Directors at its 15 Jan. 2013 meeting:

- 1) A motion approving an updated Corporate Resolution.
- 2) A motion approving an updated memorandum of understanding with NOAA.
- 3) A motion approving a policy to allocate 5 percent of the beginning balance of the USPS Investment Fund to the general fund annually.

C/C Alter thanked the Board of Directors, all national committees, the national flag lieutenant, chaplains, aides and area monitors and everyone who contributed to making this meeting and the past year a success. He thanked the districts and squadrons for their efforts in furthering the goals of USPS. He also thanked district commanders for the hospitality extended to the chief commander's district conference representatives during the past year.

C/C Alter discharged all appointed officers and committees with the exception of the national secretary.

C/C Alter 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.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

R/C Kenneth L. Griffing, SN, said “In accordance with *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, Section 11.6, “Each annual meeting of the Governing Board shall elect 11.6 (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 recommended the election of the following members to serve:

For National Bridge Officers

Chief Commander

C/C John T. Alter, SN (Raleigh Sail/27)

National Executive Officer

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

National Educational Officer

V/C Bob Brandenstein, SN (Pittsburgh/7)

National Administrative Officer

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

National Secretary

V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN (Houston Sail/21)

National Treasurer

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

For Members of USPS Board of Directors:

The above Bridge Officers and,

P/C/C Frank A. Dvorak, SN (Bellevue Sail/16)

R/C Griffin stated, “In accordance with provisions of the *USPS Bylaws*, Article 11, Section 11.6 the Committee on Nominations unanimously submits its report of nominees to be

voted on as follows.”

NOMINEES FOR GENERAL MEMBERS OF THE 2013 GOVERNING BOARD

Arthur Andrea, AP, New Haven/1	Robbie Jarrell, AP, New Orleans/15
Vincene Aquilato, S, City Island Sail/4	Carl Johnson, SN, Portsmouth Sail/19
Ann T. Bailey, AP, Raleigh Sail/27	Diane Julum, JN, Portland/32
Robert D. Barber, SN, Sarasota/22	Kathleen Lambert, AP, Charles River Sail/12
Kenneth N. Beckman, SN, St. Petersburg Sail/22	Teena Lashbrook, AP, Port Huron/9
Edward Bialecke, SN, St. Louis/30	Paula LeMond, AP, Thurmond Lake Sail/26
Horst Boettge, SN, Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26	Lou Loth, AP, Balboa/28
Jane S. Brandenstein, SN, Pittsburgh/7	William C. Lucas, SN, Sanibel Captiva Sail/22
L.D. Brown, SN, Bellevue Sail/16	Veronica A. Mann, JN, Arrowhead Sail/13
Trudy M. Brown, AP, Bellevue Sail/16	Sarah W. McCurry, S, Shallotte River Sail/27
Betty A. Carr, AP, Galveston Bay Sail/21	Lois M. Nehmer, SN, Dundalk Sail/5
Larry D. Cole, SN, Toledo/29	Evelyn B. Northrup, AP, Coral Ridge Sail/8
Mary Dodd, SN, Palm Beach Sail/8	Patrick Pabouet, P, Hartford/1
Martin Feldberg, AP, Storm King/2	Wayne F. Partie, SN, Boca Ciega Sail/22
Richard V. Fiorentini, SN, Raritan Bay/4	Ann Peltier, N, Oyster Bay/3
Daniel L. Flinn, SN, Jones Beach/3	Neil F. Phillips, JN, Hempstead Bay/3
W. Norman Franck Jr., SN, Miles River Sail/5	W. Lyle Rea, SN, Peace River Sail/22
Howard Gasaway Sr., P, Potomac River/5	Alexander M. Reilley, AP, Delaware River/5
Mark B. Gathings, JN, Marin/25	Gregory T. Scotten, SN, Peace River Sail/22
Kenneth L. Griffing, SN, Arrowhead Sail/13	William Smith, AP, Detroit/9
Lorenzo Gonzalez-Aleman, JN, Arecibo/33	Wayne Spraggins, SN, Berea/7
John H. Graves II, JN, Beverly Sail/18	John W. Steger, JN, Westchester Sail/2
Judy L. Gray, AP, St. Lawrence/6	H. Jay Stevens, SN, South Bend Sail/9
Tom Haas, SN, Atlanta Sail/17	Carole Tulip, JN, Annapolis Sail/5
Sandra Dalton Howd, AP, Fort Macon Sail/27	Joanna Webster, AP, Poverty Bay/16
Andy C. Hyman III SN, Lake Murray/26	Max J. Werkenthin III, AP, Austin /21
Diana G. Jackson, JN, Sebastian Inlet Sail/8	Peter Zurhorst, AP, Oklahoma City Sail/31

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 presented the following nominations and recommended their election.

FOR REAR COMMANDERS

Committee on Rules.. . . . R/C Artemas M. Pickard, SN (Portland Head Sail/19)
Committee on Nominations. R/C James R. McCurry, AP (Shalotte River Sail/27)

STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance.. . . . R/C Lee Popham, AP (Miami Sail/8)
Law Officer. R/C David L. Allen Jr., SN (Lake Murray/26)
Planning. R/C Kathryn J. Simkins, AP (Patuxent River Sail/5)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

Cooperative Charting. R/C John J. Rodgers, SN (Charlotte/27)
Environmental R/C Thomas D. Myers, JN (Fort Macon Sail/27)
Government & Partner Relations. R/C Mary Ann Jensen, SN (Lansing Sail/9)
Marketing and Public Relations. R/C Kenneth H. Voight, AP (Tres Rios/13)
National Meetings.. . . . R/C Donald C. Clark, JN (Jacksonville/23)
Safety R/C Thomas T. Roscoe, AP (Lakes Region Sail/19)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Assistant Nat'l Educational Officer. R/C Donald C. Fiander, SN (Birmingham/9)
Assistant Nat'l Educational Officer. R/C Robert R. Palmer, SN (Richmond Sail/5)
Basic Public Education. R/C Richard L. Carson, JN (Perdido Bay/15)
Boat Handling. R/C James J. Runge, SN (Racine Sail/20)
Boat Operator Certification.. . . . R/C Chris L. Windeler, SN (Lackawanna Sail/4)
Educational Outreach. R/C Wilbur G. Hugli, SN (Fort Walton Sail/15)
Electro-Mechanical Systems. R/C George R. Hallenbeck, AP (Stamford Sail/2)
Inland & Coastal Navigation. R/C John P. Cook, SN (Chattanooga/17)
Instructor Development. R/C Arthur A. Mollica, SN (St. Paul Sail/10)
Marine Environment. R/C Charles J. Wells, SN (Rockville Sail/5)

Offshore Navigation. R/C Steven R. Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
Program Partner Relations. R/C John Malatak, AP (Music City/17)
Publishing.R/C Priscilla B. Clarke, AP (Swiftwater/6)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Leadership Development. R/C Susan L. Darcy, JN (Berkshire Sail/2)
Member Benefits. R/C Kristi Watson Anderson, P (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Membership Committee.R/C Mary Paige Abbott, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
Squadron Activities..R/C Paula F. Mizell, JN (Raleigh Sail/27)
Squadron Development. R/C Gerardo J. Caprario, JN (Watchung Sail/4)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT

Assistant Secretary.. R/C Peter W. Mitchelson, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Communications..R/C Guy J. Anastasio, SN (Bayside/3)
Heritage & Protocol.R/C Donald C. Schult Sr., AP (Central Wisconsin/10)
Information Technology.R/C Miguel Long, JN (Sewanhaka/3)
Operations Manual. R/C Tracy L. Simpson, AP (Four Rivers Sail/30)
Ship’s Store. R/C Bruce A. Albertson, SN (Oklahoma City Sail/31)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

Asst. Treasurer & Budget Director. R/C Nigel E. Hargreaves, SN (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
Budget Officers: Exec. & Admin. Dept. . R/C Ronald Osburn, SN (Golden Corner Lakes Sail/26)
Educational Department. R/C William R. Gillette, AP (Key West Sail/8)
Secretary’s Department.. R/C Kenneth Wilkinson, AP (Lake Charles Sail/21)

FOR STAFF COMMANDERS

STANDING COMMITTEES

Asst/Ch Finance. Stf/C F. Robert Ginsberg, SN (Atlanta Sail/17)
Asst Law Officer. Stf/C Michael D. Friedman, N (New York Sail/4)
Asst/Ch Planning.Stf/C William A. Johnson, SN (Phoenix Sail/28)

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

- Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting. Stf/C Diane M. Julum, JN (Portland/32)
- Asst/Ch Cooperative Charting. Stf/C Thomas Peltier, N (Oyster Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch Environmental Vacant
- Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations .Stf/C Robert Canfield, JN (Rockford/20)
- Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations. Stf/C Howard F. Manly, AP (Hampton Roads/5)
- Asst/Ch Government & Partner Relations. Stf/C John Wilkes, AP (Singing River Sail/15)
- Asst/Ch Marketing and Public Relations. . Stf/C Delmer K. Henry, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
- Asst/Ch Marketing and Public Relations. . Stf/C Glen Sherman, P (Peconic Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch Marketing and Public Relations. . Stf/C Florence E. Smith, SN (Staten Island Sail/4)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings.Stf/C Arlene Anderson, AP (Hampton Roads/5)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings.Stf/C Robert D. Holub, SN (Jones Beach/3)
- Asst/Ch National Meetings.Stf/C John Sanfilippo, AP (Peconic Bay/3)
- Asst/Ch Safety.Stf/C Lee Ralph Chasse, AP (Portsmouth Sail/19)
- Asst/Ch Safety. Stf/C Alan Karpas, JN (Rockville Sail/5)
- Asst/Ch Safety Stf/C Michael S. Wiedel, JN (Milwaukee Sail/10)

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

- Asst/Ch Basic Public Education. Stf/C George Malindzak, SN (Raleigh Sail/27)
- Asst/Ch Basic Public Education. Stf/C Luis Molero, JN (San Juan/33)
- Asst/Ch Boat Handling. Stf/C Constance L. Runge, SN (Racine Sail/20)
- Asst/Ch Boat Handling. Stf/C Sheldon M. Wecker, JN (Waukegan Sail/20)
- Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification. . . .Stf/C Theodore E. Shanks, SN (North Olympic Sail/16)
- Asst/Ch Boat Operator Certification. . . .Stf/C Tim Tate, AP (Savannah River Sail/26)
- Asst/Ch Educational Outreach. Stf/C Andrew Sumberg, SN (Charles River Sail/12)
- Asst/Ch Electro-Mechanical Systems. . . .Stf/C Walter K. Neese, SN (Dundalk Sail/5)
- Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav. Stf/C Anthony R. DeNoto, JN (Door County/10)
- Asst/Ch Inland & Coastal Nav. Stf/C Eric Pearson, SN (Lake Murray/26)
- Asst/Ch Instructor Development.. . . . Stf/C Tom Shuell, N (Swiftwater/6)
- Asst/Ch Marine Environment. Stf/C Robert F. Anderson, AP (Bremerton Sail/16)
- Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation. Stf/C Larry G. Samuels, SN (Louisville Sail/24)
- Asst/Ch Offshore Navigation. Stf/C Victor B. Schwartz, SN (Charleston Sail/26)
- Asst/Ch Publishing. Stf/C Thomas J. Brincka, SN (Barnegat Bay Sail/4)
- Asst/Ch Publishing. Stf/C Al C. Bruhin, SN (Port St. Lucie/8)

Asst/Ch Publishing. Stf/C Robert L. Potter, SN (Kankakee Valley Sail/20)

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

- Asst/Ch Leadership Development. Stf/C Shirley D. Heald, AP (Dallas Sail/21)
- Asst/Ch Leadership Development. Stf/C Louis R. Loth, AP (Balboa/28)
- Asst/Ch Leadership Development. Stf/C Anita F. Walker, JN (Pompano Beach/8)
- Asst/Ch Member Benefits.. . . . Stf/C Gary L. Ferguson, JN (Palm Beach/8)
- Asst/Ch Membership Committee. Stf/C Sandra S. Krupa, P (St. Petersburg Sail/22)
- Asst/Ch Membership Committee. Stf/C Linda LaLonde, P (Dearborn/9)
- Asst/Ch Membership Committee. Stf/C James L. Pahl-Washa, JN (Madison Sail/10)
- Asst/Ch Membership Committee. Stf/C Wayne F. Partie, SN (Boca Ciega Sail/22)
- Asst/Ch Squadron Activities. Stf/C Jerry Wayne Madden, AP (Shreveport/21)
- Asst/Ch Squadron Activities. Stf/C James Strothers, SN (Sanibel Captiva Sail/22)
- Asst/Ch/Squadron Development. Stf/C Richard O. Manter, AP (Fort Wayne Sail/29)

SECRETARY’S DEPARTMENT

- Asst/Ch Communications.. . . . Stf/C Cheryl Jarrell, AP (New Orleans/15)
- Asst/Ch Communications.. . . . Stf/C Kathleen Lambert, AP (Charles River Sail/12)
- Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol.. . . . Stf/C Katharine J. Jones, S (Dundalk Sail/5)
- Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol.. . . . Stf/C Margaret Miller, S (Grand Lake Sail/31)
- Asst/Ch Heritage & Protocol.. . . . Stf/C Kenneth Perigo, SN (Patuxent River Sail/5)
- Asst/Ch Information Technology. Stf/C Donald P. Osmond, JN (Charlotte/27)
- Asst/Ch Operations Manual. Stf/C Micky McNelis, P (Dundalk Sail/5)
- Asst/Ch Ship’s Store. Stf/C Susan D. Albertson, S (Oklahoma City Sail/31)
- Asst/Ch Ship’s Store. Stf/C John A. Belkengren, AP (Key West Sail/8)

TREASURER’S DEPARTMENT

- Asst/Budget Off/Exec. & Admin. Dept. . . . Stf/C Gardham Comb, SN (Port Washington Sail/3)
- Asst/Budget Off/Educ. Dept.. Stf/C Michael M. Neal, P (Sanibel Capitva Sail/22)
- Asst/Budget Off/Sec. Dept.. Stf/C Robert C. Miller, SN (Poverty Bay/16)

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In accordance with *USPS Bylaws* Section 11.7 and upon recommendation of their respective

chairmen, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations recommended the following members for appointment in 2013:

COMMITTEE ON RULES

- Members of the Committee. Stf/C Philip Arcuni, SN (Key West Sail/8)
- P/R/C John Bradley, SN (Great South Bay/3)
- Cdr Ralph A. Bernard, AP (Absecon Island/5)
- P/R/C Robert A. Keller, SN (Boca Ciega Sail/22)
- D/Lt/C John Sherrick, JN (Spokane Sail/16)
- P/D/C Joanna Webster, AP (Poverty Bay/16)

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

- Members of the Committee. P/C Ellen Barbour, SN (New London/1)
- P/D/C Connie J. Johnson, SN (Phoenix Sail/28)
- P/R/C Sandra Johnson, AP (Norman Sail/31)
- P/C/C Creighton C. Maynard Jr., SN (Fort Worth/21)
- P/R/C William I. Neef, SN (Boca Ciega Sail/22)
- P/R/C Richard Pfenniger, SN (Hollywood/8)

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In accordance with *USPS Bylaws* Section 11.7 and upon recommendation of their respective chairmen, and with the approval of the chief commander, the Committee on Nominations recommended the following members for appointment in 2013:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Members of the Committee. Cdr Ben Coons, JN (Hiawatha Valley Sail/10)

LAW COMMITTEE

- Members of the Committee. P/D/C Horacio A. Cabrera, AP (San Juan/33)
- P/C Enrique Estevez, AP (Central Florida Sail/23)
- P/R/C Noel K. McKeown, SN (Dayton Sail/24)
- P/D/C Natalie E. Witty, JN (Skokie Valley/20)
- Ruth Witztum, AP (New York Sail/4)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Members of the Committee. P/R/C Frank Dougherty Jr., AP (Sebastian Inlet Sail/8)
- P/D/C Jerry Hall, SN (Cape Fear Sail/27)
- Doreen S. Hinksman (Tar River/27)
- P/C/C G. Leslie Johnson, SN (Diablo Sail/25)
- Lt/C Allan W. Lakin, SN (The Valley Sail/13)
- P/D/C Michael J. Skelley, AP (Minnetonka/10)
- P/D/C Peter TenBrink, SN (Jones Beach/3)

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to accept the group of nominees by acclamation. (2013-AM-9)

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:

- David Drummond (Raritan Bay/4) first year, second 3-year term
- Kenneth L. Griffing (Arrowhead Sail/13) first year, second 3-year term
- Joanna Webster (Poverty Bay/16) first year, first 3 year term

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

- Thomas J. Brincka (Barnegat Bay Sail/4) second year, first 3-year term
- Richard E. Kyle (Saybrook/1) second year, second 3-year term
- Fred Mangelsdorf (Mid-Hudson/2) third year, first 3-year term
- Barbara Spraggins (Berea/7) Appointed Administrative Assistant

The Governing Board ADOPTED the motion to elect the nominees for Trustees of the USPS Educational Fund by acclamation. (2013-AM-10)

P/C/C Marshburn asked N/F/Lt Joseph R. Mesenburg, SN, to escort C/C John T. Alter, SN, and Judy Alter to the stage area. P/C/C Marshburn then administered the oath of office to C/C Alter.

C/C Alter administered the oath of office to the 2013 National Bridge Officers and the Board of Directors.

C/C Alter administered the oath of office to the newly appointed members of the Governing Board, rear commanders, and staff commanders.

Report of the USPS Educational Fund

Fred Mangelsdorf, chairman, USPS Educational Fund, reported that the balance in the Fund as of 30 Nov. 2012 was approximately \$3 million. He stated that the fund was created in 1974 to provide financial grants to USPS for educational projects and that the assets had grown through investment growth and member donations.

Mr. Mangelsdorf reported that the Fund approved three new grants in 2012 totaling approximately \$100,000. These grants included the ABC3 Website search engine optimization, redesign of the USPS Website, and support for USPS participation in the 2013 Boy Scouts Jamboree.

He reported that seven districts and 269 squadrons achieved honor roll status in 2012 for contributing \$1 per member.

USPS Chaplain Lou Reitz, AP, delivered the benediction.

C/C Alter adjourned the meeting at 1600.

V/C Jean L. Hamilton, SN
National Secretary

Action Summary
Annual Meeting
19 January 2013

ADOPTED

- 1) A motion to approve the minutes of the 8 Sept. 2012 Governing Board Meeting as distributed. (2013-AM-1)
- 2) A motion to award a merit mark to C/C Alter. (2013-AM-2)
- 3) A motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws* Section 3.6. (2013-AM-3)
- 4) A motion to amend the *USPS Bylaws* Section 3.8. (2013-AM-4)
- 5) A motion to reserve USPS Bylaws Section 3.13. (2013-AM-5)
- 6) A motion that the Finance Committee chairman, national treasurer, and budget director serve as the USPS Audit Selection Committee and report their recommendation to the Board of Directors no later than April 2013. (2013-AM-6)
- 7) A motion to form a Program Partner Relations Committee. (2013-AM-7)
- 8) A motion to approve Nanticoke River Sail & Power Squadron to be assigned to District 5. (2013-AM-8)
- 9) A motion to elect the nominees in accordance with *USPS Bylaws* Section 11.6 and 11.7 to serve as Bridge officers and members of the Board of Directors, General Members of the Governing Board, Rear Commanders, Staff Commanders and the chairmen and assistant chairmen of standing and departmental committees. (2013-AM-9)
- 10) A motion to accept the group of nominees to serve as trustees of the USPS Educational Fund. (2013-AM-10)

DEFEATED

- 1) The District 22 Resolution requesting clarification of VSC reporting. (2013-AM-1)