

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
2006 ANNUAL MEETING
October 28, 2006
Long Beach, California

The annual meeting was called to order by Harvey Sussel at 0902 hours on the Queen Mary located in Long Beach, California on October 28, 2006.

At the roll call, the following individuals were present:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Harvey Sussel
President Elect	Carol Promessi
First Vice President	Richard Janiszewski
Second Vice President	Jerry Rudd
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy
Immediate Past President	Art Theobald

OTHER ELECTED OFFICERS

Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert
Northwestern Vice President	Mike Parish
Northeastern Vice President	Marc Connelly
Southwestern Vice President	Bill Thayer
North Central Vice President	
Southeastern Vice President	Ray Thompson

PAST PRESIDENTS

Art Garside
Phil Arms
Larry Foote
Marion Hughes
Louie Keyes
EV Roberts
Ira Nies

DISTRICT ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
District 1	X		District 18	X	
District 2		X	District 19	X	

DISTRICT ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent		Present	Absent
District 3	X		District 20		X
District 4		X	District 21		X
District 5	X		District 22		X
District 6	X		District 24		X
District 7	X		District 25	X	
District 8	X		District 26		X
District 9	X		District 27		X
District 10	X		District 50	X	
District 11	X		District 51	X	
District 12		X	District 70	X	
District 14	X		District 75		X
District 15	X				
District 16	X				

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Log Editor Mary R. Nye
Acting Secretary Jim Hinckley

QUORUM; The acting secretary declared that all officers had signed or are currently signing the attendance log and confirmed that there was a quorum.

The pledge of the allegiance was recited as well as recognition of God Save the Queen.

AGENDA: After it was noted that District 3 had been omitted from the agenda the agenda was approved.

President Sussel recognized the Past President and then the members introduced themselves.

Motion was made by Joe Tringali and seconded by Marc Connelly to accept the minutes of the August Regional Meeting. Motion passed.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the actions of the Executive Committee during the past year. The motion carried unanimously.

DISTRICT OFFICERS REPORTS:

District 1 Director: Ken Rollins summarized activities of the District and submitted report
District 2 Director: No report
District 3 Director: Lewis Smith Report submitted
District 4 Director: Ron Defieux submitted a written report to Mike Parish
District 5 Director: Ev Roberts Gave oral report. Hosting Regional meeting in June 07
District 6 Director: Charlie Stone District is thriving and submitted a report
District 7 Director: Neil Van Uum Submitted report
District 8 Director: Joe Tringali reported on District 8
District 9 Director: Damian Pflighaar Submitted report
District 10 Director: Ann Fox reported on her District
District 11 Director: Wilma Rosenberg reported on the District
District 12 Director: Vincent Core submitted report to Marc Connelly
District 14 Director: Rich Ahlf reported on the District.
District 15 Director: David Wood gave report on District
District 16 Director: Marsha Landreth gave oral report. 50's dinner and dance \$1.50
District 18 Director: Joe Zammit Phil Arms reported Regional meeting in Feb. in SC
District 19 Director: Phil Promessi Long story on rainy spring closing rivers
District 20 Director: Dave Meshulam submitted report to Marc Connelly
District 21 Director: Leo Vortuni
District 22 Director: David Loughran submitted report to Marc Connelly
District 24 Director: Ken Bruce Mike Parish reported on District 24 in VP report
District 25 Director: Steve Willing, Alternate director gave report
District 26 Director: No written response to Marc Connelly
District 27 Director: Chuck Browning submitted report to Marc Connelly
District 50 Director: Debbie Banks-Skellenger reported 5 new chapters and working on more
District 51 Director: Mike Parish talked about his progress in Austin, Texas
District 70 Director: Bill Young Gave oral report. Could not understand
District 75 Director: No report

Northwest Vice President Mike Parish submitted a report

Northeast Vice President Marc Connelly submitted a report

Southwest Vice President Bill Thayer submitted a report

Southeast Vice President Ray Thompson submitted a report

North Central Vice President Don Krale was absent No Report

Executive Secretary: Mary Eiffert stated that she has boxes and file cabinets full of District records and if your District needs to check on the past happenings, get with Mary.

All in all most reports were of positive things happening within their Districts or Regional Areas: New chapters being formed, Humanitarian Projects and Humanitarian Fund Raisers happening, social events including the Hammer Ball for Habitat for Humanity, new ideas for membership retention which seems to be a major concern, and Humanitarian Grants issued for Special Sailing Regattas, holding District membership meetings at different yacht clubs. Please review the attached written reports.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION: Joan Marsh-Clune reported about the annual Humanitarian meeting on Friday afternoon. Marion Hughes is the President. Four board members were elected. They are Art Theobald, Marc, Connelly, George Demos, and Jackie Rudd. 4 grants totaling \$ 6847 were issued and 2 more grants pending. Financial status of the Foundation is \$45,681. A report of the Special Meeting of Trustees of the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation is attached.

LEGAL: George Knies, stated no news is good news, therefore George had good news. no report.

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT: Phil Arms, no report.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION: Phil Arms reported that the Fall meeting was held October 21, 2006 in Virginia. Had a series of speakers one in particular from NTSB. Phil encourages everyone to upgrade their VHF radios so as to be able to utilize the Rescue 21 program when it is implemented. Funding has been approved however coastal towns need to cooperate by allowing the Tall Transmission Towers needed to operate the program be installed. NBF is also dealing with the "Eminent Domain" problem.

SUPPLY OFFICER: Earl has the shoulder board designs.

LOG EDITOR: Mary Nye stated that Marshall does the "HomePage" and she does the rest on the IOBG web site. E-mail Carol Promessi with any changes and up/dates for the International Roster changes. Mary also stated that the Web Site is set up where by you can retrieve past Log issues.

IOBG AUXILIARY LAISON: Jerry Rudd stated he is anticipating a great year ahead by the auxiliary.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Phil Promessi No report

U.S. SAILING ASSOCIATION: Richard Janiszewski stated that they are dedicated to helping associations such as our own. For more valuable information go to the web site www.ussailing.org.

EXECUTIVE REPORT: Art Theobald reported on his reproduction of the area map depicting the location of the Districts and the location of the various area Vice President regions. Art also has plenty of IOBG brochures available for District use.

TREASURER REPORT: Marshall Nemoy Marshall handed out the Financial Report at the workshop on Friday. He reiterated that IOBG was presently in good shape, but we need to be aware and concerned in the future and cannot go on proposing a negative budget even though we ended up the year in the black. See attached handout.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Jerry Rudd No report

1st VICE PRESIDENT: Richard Janiszewski Talked about the officers in the District level and thanked them for all they have contributed this past year. Thanked Harvey for his job this year. Recognized Carol Promessi and the changes experienced over the past couple of years due to her. Fortunate to have new chapters formed in District 27 in the Chesapeake Bay area. Recognized and thanked Chuck Browning for his work. Stated that District 26 growing by leaps and bounds with new Auxiliaries forming. Thanked the Area VP's and District Directors.

PRESIDENT ELECT: Carol Promessi recognized nominating committee. Thanked Debbie for her work in District 50, and recognized District 27 and acknowledged Districts that sponsored new Charters into the various Districts. Website has chapters by Districts. Can utilize the website to see what yacht clubs are in the area.

PRESIDENT: Smooth year and thanked the bridge and all members for their support. Brought up the resolution that was presented to him about assisting the Power Squadrons and Coast Guard Auxiliaries in Boater Safety Education. Stated the proposal was lengthy, with where as and therefore. George Knies proposed that IOBG shall now promote boating safety classes that are now being offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadrons mandated by State. The extent of IOBG involvement shall be to encourage support boating safety courses by our chapters and districts. Joe Tringali moved that we adopt George's proposal. The motion was seconded by Louis Keys. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Carol Promessi presented the proposed budget for 2007 for approval. She reiterated the proposed increases in the area of insurance, postage, printing of log. Motion was made by Larry Foote and seconded by Art Garside to accept the budget for 2007. Motion passed. See attachment

SURVEY RESULTS: Marshall went over the results of the survey stating that there was a 14% response and of those responding 78% stating approval for reimbursement of partial expenses at the International level and 75% approval at the District level. On the question of whether Districts should develop a reimbursement policy 80% responded to the positive. On the question of what do you expect from IOBG? The comments were numerous and varied. See survey. It was noted that surveys are a good tool to address problems within Districts and that this survey actually was created from a survey performed by District 10.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE: Phil Arms Proposed Changes to IOBG Bylaws October, 2006. The following proposed changes to the Bylaws of the International Order of the Blue Gavel have been recommended to the Executive Committee by the Bylaws and Policy Manual Committee. They are presented to the Board of Directors for their consideration and are to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in October in Long Beach,, California.

Article VI, Officers

Insert Section 1(a) to read as follows:

Section 1(a). The executive Committee shall be comprised of the Immediate Past International President, the President, who shall act as the Chair, the President Elect, the First Vice President, the Second Vice President, and the Treasurer, whose duties shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Acting in lieu of the Board of Directors between Annual Meetings;
- (2) Making appointments to fill vacancies;
- (3) Approving the Annual Meeting Committee Report and other Committee reports;
- (4) Reviewing and ruling on Chapter Applications not meeting IOBG requirements;
- (5) Approving expenditures exceeding the budget;

- (6) Reviewing applications for Auxiliary groups; and
- (7) Researching and preparing subjects to be brought before the Annual Meeting.

All actions by the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote. All actions by the Executive Committee are subject to review by the Board of Directors at its next regularly scheduled meeting and must be ratified either in meeting assembled or polled by mail ballot.

Delete Section 3 (b).

Delete Section 8 as written and substitute the following:

“Section 8. The Licensed Contractor shall serve as the main point of purchase, manufacture and distribution for all IOBG insignia, regalia, and paraphernalia for the IOBG by distributing to the membership via the District Supply Officers. In the event a District has not designated a Supply Officer, the Licensed Contractor may service orders directly to the member. The Treasurer shall provide the International Officers stationary, business cards, and name badges to meet their needs. The Licensed Contractor shall operate in accordance with the current Contract for Service agreement in conjunction with the Treasurer under the oversight of the Executive Committee.”

Article IX, Committees

Section 1., delete “Executive Committee,” “Membership Committee,” and “Administrative Committee,” so that the Section reads as follows:

“Section 1. The Standing Committees of the IOBG shall consist of the Nominating Committee, Annual Meeting Committee, Audit Committee, and the Bylaws and Policy Manual Committee.”

Delete Section 3.

Renumber Section 4 to Section 3.

Marc Connelly moved and Joe Tringali seconded to accept the changes to the Bylaws as proposed by Phil Arms. Motion passed.

Bill Young accepted a check for IOBG's membership dues in the Royal Navy Lifeboat Institute.

NEW CHARTER APPLICATIONS: Carol Promessi

North Palm Beach Yacht Club Auxiliary application. Motion made and seconded for approval. Passed

Application for Blue Whale Boat Club in District 25. Motion made by Richard Janiszewski to accept the application. George Knies seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A third application was from Anchor Bay Yacht Club. They have 29 members and 28 past Commodores. Richard Janszewski so moved for acceptance and seconded by Joe Tringali . Motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Art Theobald presented the following slate of officers for the year 2007.

President;	Carol Promessi
President Elect:	Richard Janiszewski
1 st Vice President:	Jerry Rudd
2 nd Vice President:	Ray Thompson
Immediate Past President:	Harvey Sussel
Executive Secretary:	Mary Eiffert
Financial Officer:	Marshall Nemoy
Northwest Vice President:	Mike Parish
Northeast Vice President:	Marc Connelly
North Central Vice President:	Debbie Banks-Skellinger
Southwest Vice President:	George Knies
Director District 50	Damian Phleghaar
Director District 51	Vern Bendsen

P/C Joe Tringali, District #8 Director, moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary cast one vote for each candidate. The motion was seconded by Wilma Rosenburg. Past President Art Theobald called for the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Harvey Sussel passed the gavel to Carol where upon Carol reiterated about direction, support, communication, how to develop leaders, what resources are available etc. Officer training courses for District Directors and Area Vice Presidents will continue and the Bylaws will be reviewed continuously.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Harvey Sussel presented Appreciation Plaques for Shoreline Yacht Club and Huntington Harbor Yacht Club.

District #19 and District #19 Auxiliary just about funded the Annual Meeting and the District #19 incoming President, Gary McGrath received an Appreciation Plaque from President Carol Promessi.

Richard Janszewski passed out Long Beach Island Brochures for the annual meeting in October 2007.

George Demos stated that he will give Hypnosis treatments free for those who want to stop smoking.

Meeting adjourned at 1425 hours.

Respectively submitted by,

Jim Hinckley, Acting Secretary