

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SPRING REGIONAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION
Portland, Oregon
June 7, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Promessi at 1:08 p.m. at the Columbia River Yacht Club in Portland, OR on Thursday 7, 2007.

ROLL CALL of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Carol Promessi
President-Elect	Richard Janiszewski
1st Vice President	Jerry Rudd
2nd Vice President	Ray Thompson
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy
Immediate Past President	Harvey Sussel: Excuse Absent

The Recording Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Given by President Ed Blatter of District 5

INVOCATION: Given by 2nd Vice President Ray Thompson

MOMENT of SILENCE:

Joe Zammit - District #18 Director passed away March 25, 2007

Sue Brauner - Retired Recording Secretary passed away May 15, 2007

GET WELL WISHES:

Alan Eiffert – Husband of Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert, not well

Rita Rollins – Wife of District 1 President Ken Rollins, not well

Cards to Alan Eiffert and Rita Rollins would be nice.

APPROVAL of AGENDA: President Carol Promessi distributed the agenda for this meeting and it was approved as submitted.

INTRODUCTION of IOBG INTERNATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS:

President Carol Promessi introduced the Past Presidents:

Ira Nies

“Ev” Roberts

Marion Hughes
Phil Arms

INTRODUCTION of HOSTS DISTRICT 5:

Ed Blatter	District #5 President
Ira Nies	Past President
“Ev” Roberts	District Director
A-Net Crawford	Events Coordinator

President Carol Promessi introduced District 5 Event Coordinator A-Net Crawford and thanked her for setting up this evening on the Portland Spirit Dinner Cruise. A-Net Crawford explained what would be happening this evening. Summer Uniforms should be worn, be ready by 4:15 p.m. to be picked up at the Hotel by Joe Crawford. He will take the group down to the pier where the boarding will take place.

SELF-INTRODUCTION ATTENDEES and GUESTS:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Mike Parrish	Northwestern V.P.	<u>District 11:</u>	
George Knies	Southwestern V.P./Legal Officer	Gary Green	1 st Vice President
Marion Hughes	Past Intl. President	Rosalie Davis Green	Treasurer
“Ev” Roberts	Past Intl. President /District 5 Director		
Iris Nies	Past Intl. President	<u>District 14:</u>	
Phil Arms	Past Intl. President	Sandy Aberer	Member
Mary R. Nye	Log Editor-In-Chief	Jim Aberer	Member
Marybeth Thayer	Recording Secretary	D. Paul Buckley	Member
Phil Promessi	Sergeant-At-Arms/ /District Director #19	<u>District 15</u>	
<u>IOBGHF:</u>		Gary Hall	Director
Joan Marsh-Clune	President & CEO	Bill Thayer	U. S. SAILING
<u>District 1:</u>		<u>District 19:</u>	
Roxanne Parrish	Member	Gary McGrath	President
Art Kovarnik	President	Linda Bendsen	Member
Jim Hinckley	2 nd Vice President	M. Estella McGrath	Guest
B. J. Ursin	U.S. Power Squadron	John Anthony	Member
		Mike Billington	Member
<u>District 5:</u>		<u>District 51:</u>	
Ed Blatter	President	Vern Bendsen	Director
A-nette Crawford	Events Coordinator		
“Ev” Roberts	Director		
Ira Nies	Past President		

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Passed out the Treasurer's report – Spring 2007 to all.

The financial statements are right on target for this time on the year. Discussed International Operations Center, Executive Committee, Area Vice Presidents, Annual Meeting, and The Blue Gavel Log expenses, in general, the operations have gone smoothly. A few items that came to our attention during the first four months were duplicate payments, transmittals listing a yacht club name that has not been issued a charter for the chapter. International Past Presidents do not pay international dues, IOBGA dues must be sent to the Auxiliary Treasurer Audrey Hall, postage rates going up. Treasurer Marshall Nemoi discussed all at this meeting. Thanked all the Districts Treasurers who work very hard to provide all the information to process the 2464 membership cards. Ask for questions from the floor. No questions.

WINTER REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES:

President Carol Promessi asked that the minutes of Winter Regional Meeting held in Charleston SC, February 3, 2007 be approved. Minutes were accepted and approved as submitted.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT RAY THOMPSON REPORT:

As Liaison Officer to IOBGA, I attended an inaugural meeting at the Palm Coast Yacht Club where Christine Snedaker presented an IOBGA Charter and held an election of officers. She held a similar meeting the following day at the Halifax River Yacht Club.

Attended District 8 Spring Meeting and they are continuing efforts to expand and refine the Ambassador program. Florida is a spread out area, hard for the SEVP to get to all the Clubs, so the Ambassador program is working well.

1st VICE PRESIDENT JERRY RUDD REPORT:

As Liaison Officer to the Marketing Committee I'm passing out the IOBG Marketing Plan and Ideas that Chairman Marc Connelly, Tom Sullivan, Debbie Banks-Skellenger, George Knies, Carol Promessi, and I put together.

Look it over, take it back to your Clubs and get back to your Area Vice Presidents what you like or dislike.

PRESIDENT-ELECT RICHARD JANISZEWSKI REPORT:

This year is one of promise and continued progress. The Marketing Committee formation that was started at the 2007 Winter Regional Meeting has vast potential for IOBG. New Chapter Applications have a format to follow and as the Officer in charge of new Applications, contact me if you would need help in the procedure.

The Annual Meeting in October at Long Beach Island, New Jersey plans are almost complete, look forward to seeing all of you.

JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT HARVEY SUSSEL: Excused Absent

PRESIDENT CAROL PROMESSI REPORT:

Our organization has been very busy since the beginning of the year.

Our biggest accomplishment has been the signing of the “Memorandum of Understanding” by USPS and the IOBG at the 2007 USPS Annual meeting in Jacksonville, FL in February. Our representative BJ Ursin signed the Memorandum. IOBG is also entering into an agreement with the USCG Aux., we are still waiting for the “Memorandum of Understanding” to be signed.

IOBG has now the availability of linking the District web site to the Officer page on the IOBG web site.

Recommendations and concerns that were made last year at the Portland meeting were:

Loss of membership is a major concern, it is suggested that the International Officers give guidance to the Districts and recommend the Area Vice Presidents contact the District Officers to see what they need in assistance. Between 2nd Vice President Ray Thompson and myself, we arranged to give assistance to District #18 and #23 – write letters- Results: Winter Regional meeting in District #18, Charleston, SC and the Summer Regional meeting in District #23 in Mackinac Island, MI. We are giving guidance and helping to assist with developing their officers and duties.

Sue Brauner was a close friend and before her untimely death Phil and I were able to make the presentation of a beautiful plaque and charm bracelet from IOBG. Sue’s support and dedication to Blue Gavel over the years as our Recording Secretary will not be forgotten.

President Carol Promessi introduced our speaker for today, BJ Ursin, District 1 which is our representative from IOBG to USPS.

SPEAKER BJ URSIN:

As IOBG Liaison Officer to U. S. Power Squadron, Blue Gavel members are uniquely placed and qualified to play a significant role in promoting the availability and benefits of the USPS boating safety education courses. He spoke of how Boating is changing. Life Jackets are the most important concern by the U. S. Coast Guards. A lot of States have mandatory Boaters cards, you have to take a U. S. Coast Guard Course to get it and it will be happening in all States. Any questions or help you would need, please contact me.

IOBG AUXILIARY REPORT:

President Elect Pat Janiszewski informed the meeting that everything is well. Getting members to join is difficulty, same as IOBG: but our membership is over 500 now and it looks like we will do better than last year in our membership drive.

Hope to see you all in New Jersey.

PRESIDENT CAROL PROMESSI announced that the IOBG Shoulder Boards have been approved . A handout was passed out describing each of the Shoulder Boards. This is up to each District to decide if they want the IOBG Intl Shoulder Boards or not. The Board is looking for a better way to describe the term WAVEY NAVY for the Shoulder Boards.

Have a sign up sheet for Mackinac Island, which will be put on the web site and the Log. There is a \$12.00 round trip tickets on Arnold’s Ferry per person, let P/C De Ramsey know, so your name can be put on the list for Arnold’s Ferry. Be sure to have your IOBG or IOBGA card to show at the Ferry dock.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert – Absent

Area Vice Presidents:

Southeastern VP – Tom Sullivan – Absent (Report Attached)

Northwestern VP - Mike Parish Report:

Discussed Districts 1, 2, 4, 5, & 24 (Report Attached). District 1 Newsletter is the best thanks to Mary R. Nye, and District 5 has A-Net Crawford so everything is fine. RBAW Clover Island and Spokane Yacht Club together raised over \$9000.00 for MAKE A WISH and WISHING STAR FOUNDATION with IOBG District 1 members.

District 1's Auxiliary and the Corinthian Yacht Club of Tacoma had the fourth annual "The Race for the Stars Regatta", all the proceeds were divided up between Make A Wish, Wishing Star Foundations, and IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

North Central VP Debbie Banks-Skellenger – Absent (Report attached)

Northeastern VP Marc Connelly – Absent (Report Attached)

Southwestern VP George Knies Report:

Everything is going well in Northern CA (Report Attached). The Tall Ships will be visiting San Francisco. Districts #14 and #19 get together monthly for lunch to improve communication and co-operation. I have been conducting monthly Northern CA luncheon meetings with the District Directors and Presidents and also the representatives of the CGAUX and PICYA. Vern Bendsen will be the IOBG representative to attend the monthly PICYA meetings.

LEGAL OFFICER – George Knies Report:

On March 12, 2007 I sent a "Cease and Desist Order" to the Bullion Shoppe in Southern CA for copyright infringement of name and burgee (Report Attached). They agree.

DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS:

District 19 Phil Promessi report:

Discussed gaining membership over last year (Report Attached); but still participation has drop off. Hard to get the members to come to our functions; but working on it. We lost a good friend Sue Brauner, she knew everything you need to know about Blue Gavel, things will not be the same without her.

District 51 Vern Bendsen report:

District 51 extends from the west of the Mississippi River all the way to Japan. Because of the vast size I mostly contact thru E-Mail. Have some interest in Louisiana and the Marshall Islands in joining IOBG, will know more at the next Summer Regional meeting. I hope to visit Austin and Houston, TX to meet Texas Blue Gavel members.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

Log-Editor-in-Chief Mary R. Nye report: All Log articles due by June 24th for the next issue.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES:

BOAT U.S. – Vern Bendsen: No Report.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION – Phil Arms

Discussed what he has learned from NBF last meeting that the access to the water is diminishing, due to the Supreme Court Ruling last year and in Sothern CA cities are taken over Marinas and making room for larger Boats, 30 feet and smaller are being push out.

Also, be aware of the Security Programs going on in your Boating area. U. S. Coast Guard is trying to put together a Small Boat security system.

IOBGHF COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS from IOBGHF REPORT:

Executive Secretary Trustee Chairman Phil Arms explained how it is done. Starting 60 days before the Annual Meeting date on August 20th IOBGHF Chairman of the Board will give a list of members who wish to be on the IOBGHF Board for 2008. By August 20th anyone who would like to participate and be put on the ballot should submit their names to the IOBGHF Executive Secretary Trustee. IOBGHF Nominating Committee will put together a list of nominees (their only job) and on the morning of October 19th, give the list to the Nominating Chairman who will give to IOBGHF Chairman of the Board a ballot to be voted on that day. Every year the 60 days start from the Annual Meeting Date of IOBGHF.

COMMITTES:

AUDIT Report: Committee Members:
Chairman Harvey Sussel, Immediate Past President: Excused absent
Carol Promessi, President
Richard Janiszewski, President-Elect

Committee Member President-Elect Richard Janiszewski gave the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee of the International Order of the Blue Gavel has received and examined the Treasurer Reports and etc. submitted by Treasurer Marshall Nemoy.

We have studied and discussed these reports and find them to be in proper order according with approved and accredited accounting principals and practices.

It is the decision of our Committee to formally approve the Audit Report supplied by Treasurer Marshall Nemoy for the year ended December 31, 2006.

President-Elect Richard Janiszewski Report: The Annual Meeting being held in Long Beach Island, NJ, October 17th thru October 21st. All the Clubs on the Island is participating in the event, all information will be in the Log and web site and more information is on the table or see me after the meeting.

IOBGHF REPORT:

President & CEO Joan Marsh-Clune discussed the need for more funds in the program. IOBGHF is working with District #27. District #27 made their presentation this weekend of \$5000.00 to the “Families and Children of Fallen Soldiers” which has been their fundraising program for the District.

District #19 made a contribution in Sue Brauner’s memory.

OLD BUSINESS:

1st Vice President Jerry Rudd discussed the Marketing Committee and thanked the Committee for their hard work and a full report will be at the summer meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

BLUE GAVEL LOG – Treasurer Marshall Nemoy discussed the cost of mailing the Log. The plan is that a member MAY elect to be notified by E-Mail when the Log issue is posted on the IOBG web site. Those taking advantage of the offer would not be sent a copy of the Log. The information would be in the Log and our web site that members can sign up for the notification service. A member sends E-Mail to the IOC from the E-Mail address they want the notifications sent to. The IOC places the member’s name and address on a group list in the IOC address book. When the issue of the Blue Gavel Log is posted on the web site, the IOC will send the E-Mail notification to the group with a link to the Log issue. The member can go to the web site or click on the link to view or download a copy of the Log.

REMEMBER: A member can received either a printed issue or an E-Mail notification – NOT BOTH. This will save on the cost of postage and printing.

CHAPTER APPLICATIONS – President-Elect Richard Janiszewski has 4 applications for Board approval.

Anchor Bay Yachting Association – Motion was made to accept the application and seconded. Motion passed.

Hawaii Women’s Yacht Racing Association – Motion was made to accept the application and seconded. Motion passed.

Kent Island Yacht Club – Motion was made to accept the application and seconded. Motion was passed.

Catalan Island Auxiliary – Motion was made to accept the application and seconded as soon as the application fee was received. Motion passed.

President Carol Promessi: Welcome to All!

GOOD of the ORDER:

President Carol Promessi presented an Appreciation Plaque to Columbia River Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary