

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
2008 ANNUAL MEETING
SEATTLE, WA
OCTOBER 25, 2008

The IOBG Annual Meeting was called to order by President Richard Janiszewski at 8:22 a.m. at the Marriott, Seattle Airport Hotel in Seattle, WA on Saturday 25, 2008.

President Richard Janiszewski welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. Asked that when addressing the Chair, please stand, state your name, office, and district. Please turn off cell phones for the duration of the meeting.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Given by President Richard Janiszewski

INVOCATION: Given by President Richard Janiszewski

MOMENT of SILENCE: Read the name by President Richard Janiszewski

Phil Arms International Order of the Blue Gavel Past President – August 27, 2008

ROLL CALL of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President	Richard Janiszewski	District 12
President-Elect	Jerry Rudd	District 1
First Vice President	Ray Thompson	District 8
Second Vice President	Vern Bendsen	District 19
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy	District 15
Immediate Past President	Carol Promessi	District 19
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert	District 1

SELF INTRODUCTION of PAST PRESIDENTS:

Marion Hughes	2002	District 1
Evertt Roberts	1991	District 5
Iris Nies	1996	District 5
Art Garside	2003	District 25
Harvey Sussel	2006	District 8
Carol Promessi	2007	District 19

SELF INTRODUCTION OF AREA VICE PRESIDENTS:

Larry Draper	Southwestern Vice President	District 19
Tom Sullivan	Southeastern Vice President	District 8/18
Art Kovarnik	Northwestern Vice President	District 1

Marc Connelly
Francis D. Ramsey

Northeastern Vice President District 3
North Central Vice President District 23

SELF INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT DIRECTORS and ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

District 1:	Mary Nye Meyers	District 16	Marsha Landreth
	Log Editor-in-Chief	District 18	Alt. Carol Promessi
	Webmaster	District 19	Gary McGrath
District 2	Absent	District 20	Absent
District 3	Alt. Marc Connelly	District 21	Alt. Rusty Libby
District 4	Absent	District 22	Absent
District 5	Alt. Joe Crawford	District 23	Alt. De Ramsey
	Supply Officer	District 24	Absent
District 6	Stanley Radio	District 25	Art Garside
District 7	Alt. Joe Kay		
	District President Elect	District 26	Absent
District 8	Jack Kennedy	District 27	Absent
District 9	Alt. Art Garside	District 50	Harvey Sussel
District 10	Absent	District 51	Bill Thayer (Dist. 15)
District 11	Alt. Gary Green		US Sailing Rep.
District 12	Alt. Richard Janiszewski	District 70	Bill Young
District 14	Alt. George Knies	District 75	Absent
	Legal Officer		
District 15	Linda Loftis		

SELF INTRODUCTION OF OTHER ATTENDEES/GUESTS:

District 1:	District 1 st V. P. Bob Weber
Member Marquardt Ullrich	District 2 nd V. P. David Kutz
District Secretary Ken Quimby	Member Al Eiffert
District President Jim Hinckley	Member Roxanne Parish
Member Robert W. Rothwell	Trustee CIYC Rod Mineke
District 4:	Member Ken R. Torge
District 6:	Past District Director Charlie Stone
District 8:	District President Phillip Bouckaert
IOBGHF Bob Shogren	District Past President Joe King
District 11:	District V. P. Rosalie Davis-Green
District 14:	EYC Chapter President D. Paul Buckley
District 15:	Past District Director Gary Hall
Int'l Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer	
District 19:	Past District President Phil Promessi
Member Linda Bendsen	Past District Director George Trefz

Member M. Estella McGrath
District President Joan Marsh-Clune

District Director (2009) Peter R. Oswald

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM:

Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer: Mr. President there is a quorum.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES HELD IN LONG BEACH
ISLAND, NJ, OCTOBER 24, 2007:

Motion was made and seconded to accept Annual Meeting Minutes on October 24, 2007.
Motion passed.

REPORTS:

President Richard Janiszewski asked if there were any further questions on the Treasurer's report from yesterday. No further discussion needed.
Motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

President Richard Janiszewski was informed by SEVP Tom Sullivan of the passing of Past Commodore James E. "Ted" McLaughlin of Lighthouse Point Yacht Club.

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

2008 has been a busy year for Northwest and Southwest Areas. We have 46 new members. Twenty-one of these new members are classified as Member-At-Large. Of our Thirteen Districts, ten have been visited by their Area Vice President. There had been a total of fifteen District Board of Directors meetings and fourteen District Membership meetings and five Districts publish a newsletter and Four Districts have an Auxiliary. The two Area Vice Presidents have not been able to contact all of their Districts, but have visited ten of them. Several of the Districts are working with each other to hold joint meetings and social events and looking to 2009.
Report submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT RAY THOMPSON REPORT:

I received Area Vice President's reports from the consolidated District Directors. SEVP is present and will make a report. As First Vice President I have attended all the Executive Board Meetings, also attended three District 8 meetings. These District 8 meetings were spent discussing District 8's proposed revision to the Bylaws concerning District vote allocation.. That a benign volunteer organization like IOBG, based on member camaraderie could get caught up in this type of struggle is senseless. I was impressed with the Long Island, NY meeting. Talking with a Club Member from there about the obvious effort and coordination between these host clubs and thought it was worth it, if it "helped you Officers". He said "you officers" not "we members". Currently being a

“you Officer”, I pledge my efforts to resolve our issues and get back to running the ‘WE MEMBERS CLUB”

The Annual Meeting of 2009 will be in Florida, the meeting will be at Palm Coast Yacht Club, October 1, 2, 3, - 2009.

Report submitted.

PRESIDENT ELECT JERRY RUDD REPORT:

Hope you are all enjoying the Convention here in Seattle.

Part of my job is New Chapters. This year we have 10 new Chapters in 2008.

In alphabetical order:

Allatoona Yacht Club	District 18	October
Diversey Yacht Club	District 50	June
Emeryville Yacht Club	District 14	February
Great Lakes Yacht Club	District 25	June
Hells Canyon Yacht Club	District 1	August
Maryland Yacht Club	District 27	February
Middle River Yacht Club	District 27	June
San Francisco Shrine Yacht Club	District 14	February
Tower Harbour Yacht Club	District 23	February
Venture Yacht Club of San Diego	District 15	February

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT RICHARD JANISZEWSKI REPORT:

As my presidency draws to a close I would like to share some of my personal thoughts with one purpose and objective only the good of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. I believe that the Blue Gavel, including our Auxiliary and the Humanitarian Foundation is among the premier organizations in the yachting, humanitarian, civic and social community. That said we still have a long way to go.

In my opinion there is no single reason for loss of membership. While closely monitoring our financial expenses we develop responsible annual budgets and have implemented a marketing program. All suggestions and ideas will be looked at carefully.

I am convinced GOOD THINGS WILL FOLLOW.

It has been a privilege to serve you during an interesting and exciting year.

Report Submitted.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT CAROL PROMESSI REPORT:

Being your Past President has given me a lot of opportunity to serve the floundering Districts. I had a Round Table Discussion with the Southwest Districts in Southern CA with SWVP Larry Draper and Phil Promessi. I highly recommend Round Table Discussions for all Districts. All Southern CA Districts attended except Hawaii but I talked to them by phone. District Directors should get together with their Area Vice Presidents, Districts learn from one another and Area Vice Presidents can help District Directors learn their job.

I have offered to go to other Districts to help them, that's part of what Past President do.
Another one of my jobs is address updated.
You have been handed out New Officers Forms, please give them to me and I will pass them on to Mary Nye Meyers
It has been a pleasure and Thank You.

B. AREA VICE PRESIDENTS:

NWVP ART KOVARNIK REPORT:

I want to thank Mike Parish, Jerry Rudd, and my District for their support and help while I went to Alaska for four months.
Spent time in Alaska and Canada, working on getting Canada back into IOBG, it is very hard to get close to them. I need some good advice on how to proceed. Have had contact with #1, #2, #4 and #5.
Report Submitted.

SWVP LARRY DRAPER REPORT:

Tried to visit all the Clubs, but didn't made all, next year will be better.
Enjoyed Opening Days in Southern CA, you visit each Club and everyone is recognized and by the end of all Opening Days you know everybody. It is wonderful.
District reports received from all except one.
Round Table Discussion held with representation from Southern CA Districts #10, #11, #15, #16 and #21.
Report submitted.

NCVP FRANCIS D. RAMSEY REPORT:

Our Districts have been busy. President of District 25 Robert Sapita has been asked to develop a presentation on Nautical Flag Etiquette for THYC Winter rendezvous that will also be presented to other area Yacht Clubs with IOBG as a sponsor.
District 23 is planning to host 2009 IOBG August Regional Meeting in Saugatuck, MI.
ILYC Boating Assoc. meeting was co-sponsored by District #7 and #9.
All are very busy with raising funds for various charities in their area.
Report submitted.

NEVP MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

The Marketing Program has come full circle. Final presentation and implementation has been completed at this meeting.

Sample recruiting letters are also now on the web site. These letters and a follow-up are downloadable and adaptable to the personality or circumstance in which they are being used.
All districts have been contacted, four of six are active, one weak and one inactive.

DISTRICT 3:

The Excalibur humanitarian project is complete and this past summer, the Boat has been taken out at least 50 times.

A good idea from District 3 for the last ten years has elected the Boater or Family of Boaters of the Year, it comes from individual chapter and presented at the Annual Holiday Party.

DISTRICT 12:

Consists of five chapters and has recognized the value of our Humanitarian Foundation and has applied for a local area project. This morning at the Humanitarian Foundation meeting the project was approved.

DISTRICT 20:

Has fallen to disorganization and all attempts at this time to get it going have not worked.

DISTRICT 26:

This District provided a great Regional Meeting in August; but has not provided reports.

DISTRICT 27:

Continue to be very active and strong. They are using the Marketing plan and seeing it's dividends. Also this District has some strong interest in a Humanitarian function.

Report submitted.

SEVP TOM SULLIVAN REPORT:

The District did not lose that many members. "Rank and File" is not in agreement with District 8, and do not like the confusion. There is no report from District 8. District 18 has no District Director.

We have a new chapter, Allatoona Yacht Club, District 18.

Both Districts are getting new members and as Second Vice President Vern Bendsen said "We should be having fun". That's what our organization is missing having fun with some formal events was our intent a long time ago. Let gets back to having "fun".

Report submitted.

C. DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

On behalf of District 1 welcome to Seattle.

I would like to introduce District President Jim Hinckley and all District 1 members present and thanked them all. I will let President Hinckley talk more about our area.

President Hinckley stated we have 140 members and we have a new chapter this year Hell Canyon Yacht Club. Mike Parish is working the Westside and I am working the Eastside to retain members and get new members

When a member from District 1 is renewing their IOBG Membership, put another line on the form you send out for Humanitarian Foundation, so the member can write a check for that too.

DISTRICT 3 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

District 3 has about 73% eligible membership as of August, 2008 a slight decrease; but we are working hard to get the members back.

We have a very successful Auxiliary who sponsored the Excalibur project which the IOBG main body hitchhiked onto.

Had the Annual Business Meeting and luncheon with 26 Past Commodores and their Mates.

Quite successful at the Buffalo Launch Club, we put it together with their Annual Brunch – so we had the largest group in attendance we've ever had and it worked very well.

DISTRICT 5 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR BOB GEDDE REPORT:

District 5 has been working with the Oregon State Parks the last three years on an Adopt a Park and have just signed for another three years.

We are planning a joint meeting with District 1 in April, 2009 with invited guests of local Yacht Clubs to join us and learn what Blue Gavel is all about.

DISTRICT 6 DISTRICT DIRECTOR STANLEY RADIO REPORT:

Aloha!

A very social season coming up, we are a small group so we see each other often. One of our special events is for our Jr. Sailing Program. We hope to bring The Wounded Warriors Program into our activities.

DISTRICT 7 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR JOEL KAY REPORT:

A very busy season for IOBG, a spring meeting held at the Edgewater Yacht Club attended by area VP and Flag Officers. A summer meeting was held when IOBG and IOBGA hosted a Cocktail Party at the Huron Boat Basin. The event was hosted by the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc. about 20 to 25 IOBG and IOBGA members were present. The fall meeting was at Edgewater Yacht Club and a Ball will be held on March 3, 2009.

DISTRICT 8 DISTRICT DIRECTOR JACK KENNEDY REPORT:

Introduce incoming 2009 District President Phil Bouckaert, Past District President Joe King, and Bob Shogren (District 8's all time Supply Officer). We are trying to adapt to change – we have a very big challenge ahead of us.

Ft Walton Yacht Club is celebrating their Twentieth Anniversary and President Richard Oakley inducted the Ladies at Ft. Walton Yacht Club into an IOBG Auxiliary Chapter.

Our Website carried our newsletter, please visit it www.iobgd8.org.

As of October, 2008 we have 41 active clubs and 509 members.

I visited two clubs that are waiting on the IOBG Annual Meeting in October to make a decision on joining District 8.

Report submitted.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY CAROL GARSIDE:

Humanitarian Foundation Silent Auction closes at 3:00 p.m. today – remember all funds go to HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION.

A few gift bags you received at registration are left over and for \$25.00 you can have one. All funds will go to the Humanitarian Foundation. Let's have a bidding "war" at 2:45 p.m.

DISTRICT 11 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR GARY GREEN REPORT:

Introduced 2009 District President Rosalie Davis-Green. District 11 is in Southern CA, we are from Westlake Yacht Club, Marine del Rey Yacht Clubs and all the King Harbor Yacht Clubs. We have events, with guest speakers and great food which we called "Winde Cues", always a stand out.

We have an Appreciation Party, free if you are a member by a certain date. A good deal!

Our change of Watch is in December.

A member of Westlake Yacht Club Zac Sunderland (16 years old) is trying to be the youngest sailor to circle the globe alone.

DISTRICT 12 NEVP MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

District 12 consists of five Yacht Clubs located on Long Beach Island, NJ. These Clubs are summer clubs and have one meeting a year. District 12 sponsored a fundraiser for the benefit of the Friends of Southern Sailing, it support the Regional High School Sailing Team. They present a draft of the grant application to the Humanitarian Foundation to support them. Happy to say it was approved by Humanitarian Foundation today.
Report submitted.

DISTRICT 27 NEVP MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

District 27 is involved with support with two groups CHILDREN of FALLEN SOLDIERS (all branches of the services) those children of father/mother that has given their lives (a scholarship program) for our Country and VETS ON THE BAY (wounded Veterans that are recuperating in our local Military Hospital) getting them out the water for a little relaxation.
Report submitted.

DISTRICT 20 NEVP MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

There are up and down in their membership, they have decided to be an inactive District and with some money left in their treasury, will try to revitalize the members in 2009. One way is by paying the 2009 IOBG dues and hope this will bring the members back in.

DISTRICT 14 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR GEORGE KNIES REPORT:

This has been an exciting year. We participated in San Francisco Festival of Sail with District 19, providing transportation and logistic support as well as a BBQ farewell.
PICYA AND CHISPA hosted a lunch for Racers and Race Committee for the Youth Regatta last August.
Our Annual "Wheelchair Regatta" with District 19 and many Boats flying the IOBG Burgee.
District 14 Membership is growing rapidly and has one new Chapter this year and two more pending.
Report submitted.

DISTRICT 15 DISTRICT DIRECTOR LINDA LOFTIS REPORT:

District 15 IOBG Change of Watch had a Silent Auction for the Recreation Boaters of CA. They work very hard so that Boaters were not charged extra for permits as part of the Boating Clean Water Act.
We are looking forward to holding the IOBG Regional Meeting in February. All the information will be in the LOG.
We have 103 members and this past year have been a little slow, but 2009 we hope to do better. With several of our Clubs starting construction next year, some Opening Days will be as early as February.
We will be holding our Annual Yacht Club Management Seminar and IOBGA will have their Spouses discussion at the same time. This is an outstanding new event for IOBGA.
Looking forward to February and seeing all of you in San Diego.
Report submitted.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy comments on the forthcoming Regional Meeting will be in the LOG with the correct prices. The meeting and lunch will be held at Mission Bay Yacht Club. Friday

night's dinner your own choice or Fiddler Green Restaurant. I will get a room set aside there, just let me know. Friday night is a free evening.

Saturday, a boat ride to Coronado Cays Yacht Club and lunch there (maybe) and then a ride back by the Navy Ships at 32nd Street.

Dinner on Saturday at San Diego Yacht Club and we have invited the SCYA who are having a meeting that day to come to the dinner. You would be able to meet more Southern CA Boaters.

DISTRICT 16 DISTRICT DIRECTOR MARSHA LANDRETH REPORT:

District 16 has had a good year. At the January Board Meeting it was decided from each Yacht Club a member would join the Board and act as liaison. This communication has made all the difference in attendance to our functions.

District 16 started the year with an installation breakfast at PCYC. We had IOBG Boat flying the IOBG Burgee in the Opening Day Parade in Channel Islands Harbor.

Cinco de Mayo celebration and a Pancake Breakfast held at IOBG Chapter HIYC.

A BBQ at VYC is a summer function held annually.

Our Winter Function will benefit a local charity, which one has not been decided yet.

Come and visit us.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 18 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR CAROL PROMESSI REPORT:

Past President Carol Promessi has talked with several members from the area and they hope to get District 18 back on track.

DISTRICT 19 DISTRICT DIRECTOR GARY McGRATH REPORT:

I'd like to introduce our President Joan Marsh-Clune, my wife P/C M. Estella McGrath, Supply Officer John Anthony and incoming District Director Peter Oswald.

Our year started in January with a retreat for the Officers of the Districts. At this meeting the Board set the calendar for the year and explained the duties and responsibilities of each office.

I think this should be done every six months.

The Board tried something new this year because of falling membership. Have three meetings with social events and three regular meetings. Worked well.

Communication is our life blood, websites are great but direct mailing of flyers sent out in a timely manner is a must too.

I have reactivated the Caliente Yacht Club. Talked to a few other Yacht Clubs hope to bring them in.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 21 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR RUSSELL LIBBY REPORT:

We went on a cruise to Catalina Island on a WW 2 Victory Ship.

Most of our members belong to Southern CA Yachting Association and are not active in IOBG. I hope by next year I can report that District 21 is active again in IOBG.

DISTRICT 23 NCVF FRANCIS D. RAMSEY REPORT:

We have added a new chapter, The Tower Harbour Yacht Club. I presented them with an IOBG Charter. Flying the IOBG locally has brought in three P/C Members. THYC will host the 2009 Summer Regional Meeting.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 25: Absent. Report submitted by E-Mail.

District 50 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR HARVEY SUSSELL REPORT:

District Director Damian Pflughaar could not be here today. The District is from the East of Mississippi and this is for members who want to belong to IOBG but do not have a District close to their home to attend. It is hard to keep track of all of the members.

DISTRICT 51 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DIRECTOR BILL THAYER REPORT:

District 51 is west of the Mississippi and as far as Osaka, Japan.
This is a hard job to do. Mike and Roxanne Parish travels all over to meet with the members and give and get information about IOBG. A lot of communication is always needed by every means. The members seem to appreciate it.

DISTRICT 70 DISTRICT DIRECTOR BILL YOUNG REPORT:

One of our founding members Tony Roberts resigned because of ill health.
Tony Razzell sends his best wishes and he presented last year IOBG cheque to the Salcombe Lifeboat, RNLI.
Report submitted.

DISTRICT 75 DISTRICT DIRECTOR KEITH WARDELL: Absent, report submitted by E-Mail.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

President Richard Janiszewski distributed the agenda for this meeting and it was approved and seconded as submitted. Motion was passed.

Announcement from Treasurer Marshall Nemoy, he will pass out travel allowance forms to each District after lunch.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARY EIFFERT REPORT:

Since 2007 Annual Meeting we have added thirteen new Chapters (three from October, 2007). Remember if you need a copy of a lost charter, etc. send me an E-Mail or a phone call and I will get it out to you.

I look forward to serving you as your Executive Secretary for my fifteenth year.

Report submitted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT PHIL PROMESSI REPORT: No Report.

LEGAL OFFICER GEORGE KNIES REPORT:

There are several points of interests I addressed at the Winter PICYA Management Conference with potential “Red Flag” Issues facing 501(c) concerning i.e. music licensing, club liquor, contract issues and the unearned income issues.

The issue of the using IOBG name unauthorized by an IOBG Chapter at this time will be settled to the benefit of the Yacht Club (IOBG Chapter).

Because of P/C’s placing “their clubs” in jeopardy who were unauthorized to utilize our name (IOBG) in this regard International is entertaining the need for an IOBG “Code of Conduct”.

Such a bylaw would have no effect upon the aforementioned situation, since they were not IOBG members in good standing; however, it would set the proper course for our current membership. Report submitted.

PROTOCOL OFFICER:

President Janiszewski appointed George Knies as Intermediary Protocol Officer.

PROTOCOL OFFICER GEORGE KNIES REPORT:

There will be three National anthems sung tonight.

LOG EDITOR AND WEBMASTER MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

The deadline for the LOG is November 8th for all articles and pictures. Pictures are needed first as it takes sometime time to work with them.

If you need help on the website click on “What’s New” like Clothing Suppliers, Membership forms, etc. I will listen to all and any suggestions you might have to make the LOG better. If you are not a computer person, E-Mail me or Marshall Nemo for “HELP”.

President Elect Jerry Rudd made a comment about the LOG. Every 2 to 3 days delay in getting the news to the Editor is not good. I have instructed the Editor to get the LOG out on time and not even to wait for me.

WEBMASTER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

To any E-Mail sent to me be sure to put IOBG in the subject line.

It only takes a couple of minutes to put your District link on the website let Mary or me know. We need your help on keeping the District information on the Website up to date.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS INTERMEDIARY MARC CONNELLY REPORT;

No report.

HISTRORIAN ART THEOBALD :

Absent. No report.

REPRESENTATIVES

BOAT US:

Absent. No report.

AUXILIARY LIAISON SECOND VICE PRESIDENT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Deferred to IOBGA President reported.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION LIAISON MARC CONNELLY REPORT:

I will defer to the Committee report.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION REPORT:

Temporary IOBG Delegate to NBF David Kutz reported that we are a volunteer watchdog and just because IOBG is a member doesn't mean an IOBG member can't be a member too. The passing of NBF President Phil Arms was a time of great sadness. The Clean Boating Act of 2008 signed by President George W. Bush, over 158,000 letters and E-Mails sent to Congress – a great success. Admiral John Currier, Commander of USCG, 13th District a speaker at the Kennewick meeting spoke about the safety and security of the boating world. Out on the water Boaters are the eyes and ears. If you think there is a problem call 1-877-24-WATCH. Report submitted.

U.S. SAILING REPRESENTATIVE BILL THAYER REPORT:

The Paralympics Sailing Regatta bought home GOLD in Skud-18, BRONZE in 2.4 mR and an 8th place in Sonars. Nominations are being accepted for US Sailing Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswomen of the year awards. U.S. Sailing has offered a special discount on IRC Certificate costs. After September 30, 2008 there is a 50% discounts on all new certificates or re-validations issued with US-IRC. A documentary on a high performance 52 foot sloop in the TRANSPAC is in the movie houses now. Report Submitted.

U.S. POWER SQUADRON: No Report.

U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY LARRY DRAPER REPORT:

Let me know if you need any information in the United States and I will send it on to the Auxiliary in your area. Report submitted.

MEMBER PUBLIC RELATIONS ART GARSIDE REPORT:

I will be handing out information on a cruise that will take place right after the 2009 Annual Meeting from Miami to Grand Cayman, Isla Roatan, Belize, Cozumel, back to Miami.

COMMITTEES:

AUDIT:
CHAIRPERSON P/C CAROL PROMESSI
P/C RICHARD JANISZDEWSKI, PRESIDENT

P/C JERRY RUDD, PRESIDENT ELECT

In accordance with the Policy Manuel, Treasurer Marshall Nemoy furnished to the Audit Committee, the financial data of the International Order of the Blue Gavel for the period ending December, 2007.

It is the decision of our Committee to formally approve the Audit Report supplied by Treasurer Marshall Nemoy for the year ended December 31, 2007.

The Committee Members made the following recommendations:

AUDIT:

Richard Janiszewski:

All future audits be conducted by an independent, professional third party.

Carol Promessi and Jerry Rudd:

The above issue of having an outside audit should be tabled until it could be determined what the difference in expenses would be to hire an outsider auditor.

TRAVEL EXPENSE:

Carol Promessi, Richard Janiszewski and Jerry Rudd:

Have a line item added to the Budget under Executive Committee – Travel Expense.

It is recommended that travel expenses for the Executive Committee shall be restricted to those travel expenses where the member/s that has to travel due to extenuating circumstances to discuss issues that are of concern to the District, and be limited to \$1500.00 per year.

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Carol Promessi, Richard Janiszewski, and Jerry Rudd:

Line item added to Operating Expenses.

Officers and Directors Manuel – Printing.

Report submitted.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 2009

Carol Promessi Chairperson and Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers for 2009 to the Board at the Annual Meeting, October 25, 2009. The Past President and President are included on this list for continuity only, as those offices are automatic.

President	Jerry Rudd
President Elect	Ray Thompson
1 st Vice President	Vern Bendsen
2 nd Vice President	Marc Connelly
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy
Immediate Past President	Richard Janiszewski
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert
NCVP	Francis D. Ramsey
NEVP	Chuck Browning
SEVP	Thomas A. Sullivan
SWVP	Larry Draper
NWVP	Art Kovarnik
Director, District 50	Damian Pflighaar
Director, District 51	Linda Lee Loftis

Report submitted.

BY-LAWS and POLICY MANUEL LEGAL OFFICER GEORGE KNIES REPORT:

He and P/C Carol Promessi will go thru IOBG Bylaws section by section in the coming year and with input from all of the Districts we will hope to bring IOBG Bylaws up to date.

Then George Knies talked about a serious safety issue reflecting the overweight/obesity problem on boats. An article written by George Knies was passed around. Report submitted.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW REPORT GIVEN BY PRESIDENT RICHARD JANISZEWSKI:

Everything is going quite well.

ELECTIONS:

First Vice President Ray Thompson again talked about the election on Bylaws. If there is a question and it can't be answer by our Bylaws we will go to Robert's Rules of Order.

President Richard Janiszewski adjourned the meeting for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The IOBG Annual Meeting resumed called to order by President Richard Janiszewski at 1:30 p.m. at the Marriott, Seattle Airport Hotel.

IOBG AUXILIARY:

IOBGA PRESIDENT PAT JANISZEWSKI REPORT:

IOBG has sent or given to every District the book from U.S. Power Squadron on Boating Water Safely. IOBGA has updated their manual and it is on the Website.

I want to thank Shirley Willing for many years, first as IOBGA President and for the past eleven years as our Webmaster. Mary Nye Meyers has agreed to take the position as we continue to look for an IOBGA Webmaster.

May I introduce our 2009 IOBGA Board:

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| President | Audrey Hall |
| President Elect | Lucille Anthony |
| Vice president | Ann Knies |
| Vice president | Chris Snedaker |
| Secretary | Deanna Tomei |
| Treasurer | Susan Sullivan |

IOBGA will be giving to the LOG \$800.00.

We have asked the IOBG Executive Committee to lower the price of the LOG for the widows and have been informed the LOG still will be \$15.00 a year. So I'm asking for each IOBGA District to think about helping their widows on the price as District 3, 8 and 26 is doing.

It's been a pleasure to serve as 2008 IOBGA President.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION:

Marc Connelly was asked to serve out Humanitarian Foundation Liaison P/C Phil Arms term. The election has taking place and new Board will be announced at the dinner tonight.

RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

OLD BUSINESS:

MARKETING PLAN – PERIOD 2008:

Report given by 1st Vice President Ray Thompson and 2nd Vice President Vern Bendsen:

We worked very hard to keep it on track and it does work.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

President Richard Janiszewski report:

Code of Conduct for the International is required to address some actions taken by members that is detrimental to the organization. We have drafted up a proposal and distributed it to the Area Vice Presidents and District Directors.

CLOTHING SUPPLIERS:

President Richard Janiszewski report:

P/C Earl Hohlmayer resigned just from the Clothing Section. The Executive Committee has approved four new Clothing Suppliers (all listed on the Website). If a District has another supplier that they think would benefit there District, notify the Executive Committee on the particulars and ask for approval.

SCHOLARSHIP:

President Richard Janiszewski report:

This is a scholarship for children and grandchildren of IOBG Members. It is still being looked into and the Executive Committee has asked for input from the Area Vice Presidents and District Districts. This scholarship program would include the IOBGA and Humanitarian Foundation.

These are the activities taken by the Executive Committee.

The motion was made and seconded to approve the ratification of action of Executive Committee during the past year. The motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTE:

President Richard a check from IOBG to District Director Bill Young for Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

District Director Bill Young spoke a little about how the Lifeboats are funded. No government funding, entirely by donations. All Volunteers to run it, except for the coxswain and engineers (they are paid personal).

APPROVAL OF BUDGET for 2009:

President Elect Jerry Rudd asked for approval of the Budget for 2009. The motion was made and seconded to approve the 2009 Budget. The motion was passed.

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES:

ASSIGNMENT OF ALTERNATE DIRECTOR:

President Richard Janiszewski talked about the Assignment of an Alternate Director proposal. We explained this at yesterday at the pre-meeting. Any questions?

From the Floor: Could you read the language of the Bylaw?

Answer: This proposal is only to see if the Board of Director wants one. If not approved, no further action is needed. If approved this will be correct wording.

President Richard Janiszewski read the recommendation:

“It is the interpretation of the Executive Committee that to be an accredited Alternate District Director the member would have to be a primary member of the District they are to represent, be elected or appointed by the District with such action duly noted in the minutes of a District meeting and have paid dues to the International by August 1 of the year of the Annual Meeting. A primary member is defined as from the District that submitted his or her International dues. The Alternate Director must be registered with the First Vice President by the time noted in the notification of Annual Meeting. A copy of the minutes of the meeting showing the appointment should be attached”.

Question from the Floor: Can a Past President be an Alternate Director?

Discussion followed.

Answer: If the person is a member of the District and is so authorized by said District.

Motion was made and seconded. The motion was passed.

UNIFORM INSIGNIA:

President Richard Janiszewski read the proposal:

“Officially change the insignia of rank for a District Director to three stars in a triangular formation. For the sleeve patch, the positions are #1, #2 and #6 as shown in the Policy Manual. For the shoulder boards, the stars shall be at the outer end with the top star pointing towards the wearer’s head”.

Any questions? None.

Motion was made and seconded. The motion was passed.

PRORATION OF THE DELEGATE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE:

President Richard Janiszewski read the proposal:

“Each voting delegate to the Annual Meeting shall have their travel allowance prorated according to the number of business session attended. Example: A delegate who would receive a \$300 travel

allowance misses the Friday meeting but attends the Thursday and Saturday scheduled meetings. In this instance they would receive \$200 (\$300 X 2/3). This procedure would be effective with the 2008 Annual Meeting in Seattle”.

Any questions? None.

Motion was made and seconded. The motion was passed.

This motion takes effect at this 2008 Annual Meeting in Seattle.

President Richard Janiszewski called on District 8 Director Jack Kennedy.

District 8 Director Jack Kennedy said after much discussion yesterday. I would like to amend the Bylaw change proposal we submitted yesterday.

Article VII Section 2(a): Each International Director’s number of votes shall be determined by the number of paid membership in their District (s) as follow:

“Delete everything after line 2 and replace with 1 to 50 members – 1 vote
51 to 100 members – 2 votes
101 to 150 members – 3 votes

For each additional 50 members, one additional vote with no top limit”.

Discussion followed:

District Director Jack Kennedy explained the change. It is simply for each additional 50 members – 1 vote

2009 District 19 Director Peter Oswald stated we discover in our Bylaw a simply one word change that could take care of the problem and we were informed that we could not deal with that issue because we had a due notice to advise our members. So I don’t see how we can revise a voting proposal without due notices back to our member.

President Janiszewski called upon District 16 Director Marsha Landreth to inform the members on IOBG Bylaws.

Director District Landreth said on page 11 Article XIII our amendment states:

“These Bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the IOBG called for that purpose, or if authorized by circulating said amendments to the members of the Board of Directors authorized to vote and shall be passed by two thirds (2/3) majority”.

Question from the floor: Does this mean all the discussion we have at the District level was just lobbying?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Is there a motion on the floor?

Answer: No.

District Director Jack Kennedy put forth the new District 8 proposal’

“I propose to amend the proposal by District 8 on Article VII Section 2 (a) to keeping the first two lines in place with 1 to 50 – 1 vote

51 to 100 – 2 votes

the changes starts with 101 to 150 – 3 votes

151 to 200 – 4 votes

and so on with no additional limit”.

The motion was made and seconded.

Discussion followed.

Question from the floor: Are you going to change the whole motion or just this item or are you asking for a total vote?

Answer: District Director Jack Kennedy stated everything we discussed yesterday is gone and I move to this one item.

Question from the floor: What is the bonus of this amendment?

Answer: District Director Jack Kennedy stated the bonus of this vote is working to get more member reward and for all Clubs to get more votes.

Past President Harvey Sussel stated he is opposed to this proposal, it gives too much weight to the larger Districts, we have been voting as a group but now we will be giving the largest Districts more control.

Question from the NEVP Marc Connelly: District 8's proposal dated September 16, 2008 is multi-parts. I'm asking now if your section on each Past President is still a part of the Bylaw change?

Answer: District Director Jack Kennedy stated the proposal we discussed yesterday has been amended – only the proposal put forth today is what we will be voting on.

Question from the floor: Everyone came to this meeting after much discussion yesterday and at their own District. What does this do to the person who has a "yes" or "no" from their District? This is a concern. This is a difficult problem for members here.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy: I'm proposing an amendment to the amendment at this time to make an effective date, should it pass, to January 1, 2009.

Motion was made and seconded.

More discussion followed.

Point of Order

Call for the question.

The motion was passed.

The original motion that has been amended is still on the floor and motion on the date (that just passed) is put with the original motion.

More discussion followed.

Every one is talking and these are some of the comments.

Everything we had put before us from District 8 yesterday is deleted and the new amendment presented today from District 8 is the only one to vote on.

Tried to explain how vote is counted. The way it is voted now if you have 101 to 200 = 3 voted, on this proposal it would be 101 to 150 = 3 voted or any number in between 101 to 150 would be 3 votes.

More discussion followed.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy made a motion to table the motion. The motion was seconded.

No discussion. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009:

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT RAY THOMPSON IN CHARGE OF THE ELECTION:

For 2009:

President Jerry Rudd

Immediate Past President Richard Janiszewski

(The Past President and President are included on this list for continuity only, as those officers are automatic).

President Elect Raymond Thompson

Move nominations be closed

Approved

First Vice President Vern Bendsen

Move nominations be closed

Approved

Second Vice President Marc Connelly

Move nominations be closed

Approved

Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert

Move nominations be closed

Approved

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy

Move nominations be closed

Approved

North Central Vice President Francis D. Ramsey

Move nominations be closed

Approved

Northeastern Vice President Chuck Browning

Move nominations be closed

Approved

Southeastern Vice President Thomas A. Sullivan

P/C Jack Kennedy nominated from the floor Joe King for SEVP.

Move the nominations be closed.

Call for a secret ballot. Instructions were given on how to proceed with the secret ballot. They must be signed by District Directors and Alternate District Directors. Ballots were passed out and vote allocations were issued. All the ballots have to be marked with their District on them.

Vote is taken.

Ballots counted out of the room.

Ballot Committee was P/C Mike Parish, P/C Phil Promessi and P/C Jim Hinckley.

P/C Joe King announced 2008 Olympic Medal Winner was Zach Railey was supported by IOBG of the Clearwater Yacht Club. A T-Shirt is at the Silent Auction to be bid on.

Point of Order

Return back to the voting:

Southwestern Vice President Larry Draper

Move nominations be closed

Approved

Northwestern Vice President Art Kovarnik

Move nominations be closed

Approved

District, Director #50 Damian Pfliegaar

Move nominations be closed

Approved

District, Director #51 Linda Lee Loftis

Move nominations be closed

Approved

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy moved we accepted all the nominations be accepted by acclamation except for the Office of SEVP.

Motion was made and seconded Motion was passed.

P/C George Knies stated "I would like to give our Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer a hand".

NEW CHAPTER APPLICATION:

President Elect Jerry Rudd asked for approval on Chapter applications.

Motion made and seconded. Motion was approved.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

First Vice President Ray Thompson announced the election results for Thomas A. Sullivan as SEVP for 2009.

President Richard Janiszewski: Congratulations to every new Officer and to wish Jerry Rudd Good Luck and a full measure of success. The gavel was then presented to President Jerry Rudd.

President Jerry Rudd adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary