

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL  
FALL REGIONAL MEETING  
SEATTLE, WA  
OCTOBER 26, 2008

The Fall Regional Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Rudd at 8:15a.m.at Marriott, Seattle Airport Hotel in Seattle, WA on Sunday 26, 2008.

ROLL CALL of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President	Jerry Rudd
President Elect	Ray Thompson
First Vice President	Vern Bendsen
Second Vice President	Marc Connelly
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert
Immediate Past President	Richard Janiszewski

Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer stated “Mr. President there is a quorum”.

SELF INTRODUCE OFR MEMBERS ATTENDING THE FALL MEETING:

DISTRICT 1:	District President Jim Hinckley
P/P IOBGA / Member	Jackie Evans Rudd
District 5:	District Supply Officer Joe Crawford
District 11:	District Vice President Rosalie Davis-Green
District 15:	Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer
District 16:	District Director Marsha Landreth
District 19:	SWVP Larry Draper
P/P Carol Promessi	Past District Director Phil Promessi
Past Dist Director George Trefz	
District Director Peter R. Oswald	
Member	Linda Bendsen
District 21:	Member Russell Libby
District 23:	NCVP Francis D. Ramsey

President Jerry Rudd stating: We need to come up with a voting system that is good for the entire organization.

Question: What happens when in some areas the thought is, if it is not broken you don't have to fix it.

Answer: We need to look at things like that.

A frank and open discussion followed on procedural problems we are experiencing due to the Bylaws amendment on our voting procedures requested by District 8 and the total lack of any decorum at yesterday afternoon meeting.

At this meeting many thoughts, ideas, suggestions and possible solutions were expressed. The need for an assigned Parliamentarian was very evident when District 16 Director Marsha Landreth was introduced and was able to set the record straight on parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules Of Order. We should adhere to Robert's Rules of Order more and have someone well versed at every meeting.

The District 8 voting proposal and the tabling of it was discussed quite thoroughly. District 8 Director was concerned that he would have nothing to take back to District 8. He was informed the issues is not dead and that District 8 has accomplished something by focusing attention on a voting anomaly and mechanism is already in place and something should be finalized for presentation at the August meeting.

A letter needs to go out to every member of District 8 explaining what happened at the meeting. Our IOBG Bylaws definitely say that each District is allowed to have their own Bylaws but must conform to IOBG Bylaws. District 8 does not conform in some parts and must be put right.

The letter should be sent to every member after being agreed on by the Executive Committee.

And a date on the communication of what the Executive wants done. This has been talked about for five years – let's get it done. This letter should go to every District 8 member and they have a choice, to stay with IOBG or Florida. They can start their own Districts with in IOBG.

We need to state our position. Here our facts and where we are going and here's what we are going to do to get there. This would be a positive letter.

A valid concern of members at the Annual Meeting is that they want to check with their Districts because of the Motion Amendment change. Some had binding votes on the motions presented before coming to the meeting.

First Vice President Vern Bendsen: I make a motion that the Executive Board write a letter to every member of District 8 that we explain the things we just discussed. That we can explain how the dates for voting process the meeting process is going to go. And because if the statement that didn't go their way, quote this section: "they are going to be forming their organization". That the Executive Board must consider pulling their Charter, not saying they are going to pull it, considering it. Get a letter out ASAP.

More discussion followed.

A letter will be construction and sent to the Executive Committee for the final approval and then will be sent out by President Jerry Rudd in a short period of time.

Motion was made and seconded. Motion was passed.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT:

Code of Conduct was discussed, there is a proposal that was sent to the Executive Committee, Area Vice Presidents, and District Directors by President Richard Janiszewski but many here at the meeting didn't receive it. So a cover letter from President Jerry Rudd with a proposed Code of Conduct attached with a date on it to have responses back to the Executive Committee by the February Meeting.

P/P Carol Promessi has provided the list of Appointments and will add Marsha Landreth as IOBG Parliamentarian.

Further discussion on the Code of Conduct:

Question: If a motion is given to the IOBG Bylaw Committee and they don't approve of it. What else can be done?

District 16 Director and IOBG Parliamentarian Marsha Landreth answer: The member can go to Floor of any meeting and ask for a hearing.

The Executive Committee also said any member can go to any member of the Executive Committee from the President on down and should get a letter stating the reason it is turned down and what action the member can take.

President Jerry Rudd asked if there was any further discussion.

Answer: None.

P/P Carol Promessi presented from the Roundtable Discussion in Marina del Rey two recommendations from District 6 and District 21 to present to President Jerry Rudd to look at and pass on the Bylaw Committee if needed.

President Jerry Rudd "Thank you all for coming and I look forward to this coming year. Like I have said after our Regional Meeting we can walk away with conclusions not items pending. Let's deal with them and then move on".

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marybeth Thayer  
Recording Secretary