

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order by President Richard Janiszewski at 9:50 a.m. at the Huntington Yacht Club on Saturday, August 9, 2008.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – given by P/C Bill Thayer.
3. INVOCATION - given by District 26 Treasurer Hal Salyer.
4. MOMENT OF SILENCE – President Richard Janiszewski announced two Past Commodores who have passed.

P/C Ed Kantzler of Kingsbridge Yacht Club District 25
P/C Eldridge J. “Bud” Black of Vero Yacht Club District 8

5. ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

President	Richard Janiszewski
President Elect	Jerry Rudd
1 st Vice President	Ray Thompson
2 nd Vice President	Vern Bendsen
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy
Past President	Carol Promessi: Excused

8. Mr. President there is a quorum.

5. SELF INTRODUCTION OF IOBG PAST PRESIDENTS:

P/P Art Garside	District 25
P/P Art Theobald	District 3

6. SELF INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES AND GUESTS:

District 1:	District President Mary Nye Meyers P/P IOBGA Jackie Evans Rudd
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District 3:	NEVP Marc Connelly
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District 8: Member Frank Snedaker	Member Tom Sullivan District President Rich Oakley
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District President Elect Philip Bouckaert Guest Lynne Oakley
IOBGA 2nd Vice President Christine Snedaker Guest Leonard Hecht
IOBGA Southwest Director Susan Sullivan

District 15: Member Bill Thayer
Member Gary Hall District Director Linda Loftis
Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

District 18: SEVP Tom Sullivan

District 19: District Supply Officer John Anthony

District 20: District Secretary Stan Zulinski

District 26: District Treasurer Hal Sayler
District Secretary Martin Egeland District President Ernie Odierna
District Vice President Eliot S. Levine Guest Sara O'Connor
Vice President Thomas O'Connor

District 27: District Director Chuck Browning
Guest Barbara Browning Guest Carol Wilson
BRYC Chapter President Jim Wilson

9. APPROVAL of SPRING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 5, 2008, COLUMBIA RIVER YACHT CLUB

Motion was made to accept the Spring General Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2008.
It was seconded and the motion carried.

10. Reports

A. Executive Committee

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy report:

We are better off than last year. Treasurer Nemoy repeated basically what he said yesterday. The Districts that have the most reduction in membership are District 1, 7, 8, and 9.

September 30th is the last date we accept dues for 2008. Dues submitted after October 1st goes toward the next year. A reminder the dues should be sent to the District Treasurers.

2009 Membership cards will be sent out in late October and or the first part of November.

The LOG can be sent out by E-Mail, just let the I. O. C. know and a notice will be on your E-Mail when it is ready.

U. S. Mail takes a little longer because it goes out as Bulk Mail. If traveling members would let I. O. C. know when they relocate we can get the LOG to them. If not it is

returned at a cost of \$1.34. They will continue to be returned until the member change their address or return home. We have a cut off period of two weeks after today's meeting for all articles to be sent in. After that we get it ready to go to the Printer. It costs about \$150.00 in returned postage.

There was a winter/summer address program to let people tell us when and where to send the LOG, but it just didn't work because they did not change addresses at the same time of year or did not provide the information. Report Submitted.

It seems to be a never ending story to get the members to let us know when they move and where to send the LOG.

Second Vice President Vern Bendsen report:

In this report Districts 2, 4, and 24 are Canadian Districts. District 1 is conversing with the Canadian Districts to hold a joint meeting to share ideas with our "Friends Across the Border".

The Northwest and Southwest Area Vice Presidents have been in contact with everyone in their District Directors trying to get the Districts to join together at each other's functions. Report Submitted.

First Vice President Ray Thompson report:

District Directors are not submitting their reports. We thought the Marketing Program would help but 50% just doesn't respond. We need the District Directors to get involved in getting information out to the Districts and getting the information back. Report Submitted.

Ernie Odierna said IOBG needs a welcome kit to tell exactly what the job description is for each office holder.

A book has been sent out and should be passed on to the next office holder.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy said all the rosters have been sent out to the District Treasurers for them to check the list of paid members and that the addresses are correct for the Annual Meeting.

President Elect Jerry Rudd report:

Passed around the 2009 Budget yesterday, still have some if anyone need one today.

At the Annual Meeting on Wednesday October 22 if you are arriving early, we have set-up a Guided Tour for the Museum of Flight, let me know.

Hope to see you all in Seattle.

President Elect Jerry Rudd introduced Barbara Browning and Carol Wilson of DTE Design This, Inc. and they have brought clothes to look at and catalogs of what else is available.

It will all go thru the Ship Stores in the Districts or the I. O. C.

President Richard Janiszewski report:

What an enjoyable time we have been having, thanks to District 26.

The Executive Committee has a job to do we are working all the time to make a better IOBG organization. Our need from you today is how to get IOBG information to the general membership. There is plenty of room for diversity we are a committee who listens. No room in my organization in Blue Gavel for personal agenda, personal motions, or stagnation. We should all work together.

B. Area Vice Presidents:

2nd Vice President Vern Bendsen report: Northwest and Southwest reports already given.

Northeast Vice President Marc Connelly report:

Many “Thanks” to Mary Nye Meyers on getting interactive Directors and Vice Presidents reports on line and working perfectly.

I have written three letters for recruiting and keeping members. These letters can be posted on the Website.

Excalibur President Jim Catalano asked me to convey a heartfelt “Thank You” to District 3 and to IOBG and IOBGHF for the help and enthusiasm for this project.

Five of six Districts continue to be active. I have had contact with all of them.

We will do a workshop on the Marketing Program at the Annual Meeting.

Report Submitted.

Southeast Vice President Tom Sullivan report:

District 8 hasn't reported this year at all. District 8 has 502 members by the report I got from the District Treasurer last week. We are down 42 members which isn't too bad.

District 18 is only down 1 member. Really it is not looking too bad at all and if a member brought in one new member we would be just fine.

C. Appointed Officers:

Education and Development, Phil Arms: Absent

Legal Officer, George Knies: Excused

Log Editor-In-Chief, Mary Nye Meyers report:

Get the articles in for the LOG two weeks after the Summer Regional Meeting. The date is August 23rd.

If you don't get a response from me when you send it by E-Mail, it means I didn't get it. I will respond to each E-Mail.

Also as Webmaster with Marshall Nemoy we are working on the Website for change of address to go directly to I. O. C. The new form on the web site is forthcoming.

Protocol Officer, Phil Arms: Absent

Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer: No Report.

Webmasters, Marshall Nemoy and Mary Nye Meyers report: Already given.

Sergeant At Arms, Marc Connelly: No Report.

D. Executive Secretary, Mary Eiffert: Absent.

E. Representatives:

Boat US, James Hinckley: Absent.

Auxiliary Liaison, Vern Bendsen: No Report.

Humanitarian Foundation Liaison, Phil Arms: Absent

National Boating Foundation Liaison, Phil Arms and Tom Sullivan report:

Phil Arms is ill and in the Hospital; but happy to report Phil Arms is President of NBF.

US Sailing, Bill Thayer report:

May 8th US Sailing announced the appointment, reappointment and upgrades of Certified Judges and Club Race Officers from throughout the country for 2008 and 2009.

On July 29th President Bush signed S 2766 "Clean Boating Act of 2008".

Report Submitted.

US Power Squadron, BJ Ursin: Absent.

US Coast Guard Auxiliary, Larry Draper: Absent.

Membership and Public Relations, Art Garside and Debbie Banks Skellenger: Absent.

President Richard Janiszewski explained their job is to promote IOBG in Newspapers and Magazines to get the word out on IOBG.

F. Committees:

Audit, Carol Promessi, Chairperson: Excused.

The audit was done that was required by our bylaws.

By-Laws and Policy Manuel, Phil Arms, Chairperson: Absent.

Annual Meeting, Jerry Rudd: Report given yesterday.

Nominating, Carol Promessi, Chairperson: Report given yesterday.

Membership, Richard Janiszewski, Chairperson Report:

My job is to help in the Membership growth of IOBG right now we are working with the Marketing Program.

12. IOBG Historian Art Theobald report:

Gathering information on what IOBG has been doing since 1955. Looking for information any members might have and any ideas to get this job done.

G. District Directors:

District 26:

District President Ernie Odierna representing District 26 report: A good percentage of the time spent by our Delegates & Past Commodores this past year has been devoted to the planning and preparation for the Summer Regional Meeting taking place this August.

We are also trying to help our affiliated Clubs "Go Green" so as to protect our waterways and planet and hopefully save them some monies at the same time. Report Submitted.

District 15:

District Director Linda Loftis report: Looking forward to our Change of Watch in October, then the Seattle Meeting and then our Annual Yacht Club Management Seminar in January.

District 15, San Diego has offered to host the 2009 February Regional Meeting and plans are underway for that event. Dates are still being worked on for Winter Regional Meeting.

President Elect Jerry Rudd announced the schedule for Meetings in 2009.

February: San Diego, CA

June: Portland, OR
August: Cleveland, OH
October: Palm Coast, FL (Ray's House)

District 27:

District Director Chuck Browning's report: We have received many good comments as we traveled around the Chesapeake Bay this year. We attended several Commodore's Balls and Yacht Club Opening Days and we will continue to do so each year.

IOBG Chapter of Bush River Yacht Club raised funds for an Organization called "Vet's on the Bay" where wounded soldiers recuperating are taken out on the water with their families for a day of recreation.

US Navy Sailing Association is now a Chapter of IOBG District 27.

We have lost some members; but we are still growing and adding new members and chapters. Report Submitted.

District 8:

District President Richard Oakley's report: At this time we have 40 active Clubs and 502 Members. The main report was given yesterday. Report Submitted.

District 14:

2nd Vice President Vern Bendsen's report: George Knies was the Parade of Ships Coordinator for the Festival of Sail in San Francisco in July which happens every three years. This year District 14 and 19 provided the "Media Boats".

This Saturday George Knies, Rich Ahlf, and Lynette Harter Breed will be conducting the Pacific Inter Club Yacht Association CHISPA and Youth Regattas as members of the Race Committee. IOBG District 14 provided the Saturday lunch for all race participants. Report Submitted.

District 20:

District President Stan Zielinski's report: We had a get together in June, a function for recruiting new members and getting back old members. The program was for all Chapter Clubs and non-chaptered Clubs.

Some members want to join; but don't have a Chapter to go to, we will have a meeting in September and get help for them. International IOBG will be helping us.

District 19:

2nd Vice President Vern Bendsen's report: District 19 is alive and well. I have been in contact with several Past Commodores in an effort to rejoin IOBG and again be active chapters.

It has been suggested that we might want to consider organizing a committee of advisors with various expertise such as legal, carpenters, electricians, etc that could be called upon

to counsel or advise any of the District 19 Clubs that call upon us to help with their problems. A good idea that needs to be fine tuned and approved by our District. In August we are holding our election for 2009 Officers. Report Submitted.

11. IOBG Auxiliary, Pat Janiszewski, President

IOBGA President Pat Janiszewski report: Filled out 2009 Officers slate for next year. We are down about 200 Members which is not good; but we will be sending a letter out in September reminding former Members about IOBGA. The dues of only being \$5.00 are easy to forget to send in.

Brought up the subject of the cost of the LOG for IOBGA Widows it will still be \$15.00 per year. Some Districts offered to help them.

IOBGA has donated money for Humanitarian Foundation IOBGA Past President Jackie Rudd will purchase items for Humanitarian Foundation Silent Auction.

15. Old Business

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy spoke about Policy Matters:

The following items are a matter of policy which are being submitted for review by the Executive Committee. Each item has impact on the IOBG Policy Manuel. If adopted, the items would have to be voted on by the Board of Directors.

There are three Policies to discuss.

3. Uniform Insignia:

The proposal is to standardize the insignia of rank for the International District Director as three stars arranged at the upper portion of the around the insignia in positions 1, 2, and 6. Refer to page 23 of the Policy Manual. This modification would require the approval of the Board of Directors. I have asked Earl Hohlmayer to make up some samples.

1. Delegate Travel Allowance at the Annual Meeting:

The proposal is to prorate the travel allowance according to the numbers of meetings attended. If a delegate only attended one of the 3 scheduled meetings, they would receive one-third of the stated delegate travel allowance.

2. Assignment of Alternate Director:

The proposal is that the alternate district director must be a dues paying member as of August 1st of the district they will represent. Further, the accreditation statement for the alternate director must show that the individual was elected by the district to serve in that capacity. Report Submitted.

President Richard Janiszewski report:

We discussed these subjects yesterday:

- B. District 8 Voting Proposal
- C. Marketing Report Update
- D. Audit

Two items I will touch on.

E. Code of Conduct:

We should have a Code of Conduct. A recommendation will be discussed with Area Vice Presidents and District Directors asking them to review it and discussed among their members. A cut off date for the return of the information will be assigned so we can get your input.

F. Clothing Supplier:

We have selected three individual suppliers and a fourth individual supplier is coming in. We went over the Legal Document that George Knies drew up. We hope this will meet your needs.

16. New Business

A. Chapter Applications:

Chapter applications come to the President Elect. The Chapter sent a check and Executive Committee sign off. The original application goes to Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert and she draws up the Charter to send to the new Chapter.

B. For the Good of the Order:

Exchange of Burgees will be done now.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary

