

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Vern Bendsen at 9:03 A.M. at the Art Gallery of Windsor in the Betty Wilkinson Room on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

President Vern Bendsen welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: Given by Roxanne Parish

MOMENT of SILENCE:

To honor our military men and women who keep us safe.
Canada does not have Pledge of Allegiance; in fact the United States of America is the only Country that does. If you wish to say it silently, please do.

ROLL CALL:

President	Vern Bendsen	District 19
President Elect	Stephen Willing	District 25
First Vice President	Chuck Browning	District 27
Second Vice President	Gary McGrath	District 19
Treasurer	Marshall Nemoy	District 15
Past President	Raymond Thompson – Excused	District 8
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert	District 1

Mr. President there is a quorum.

SELF INTRODUCTIONS:

PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS:

Past President Louie Key (2000)
Past President Marion Hughes (2002)

ATTENDEES & GUESTS:

DISTRICT 1:

North Western Vice President Mary Nye Meyers Past Northwestern Vice President Mike Parish
Member Roxanne Parish

DISTRICT 5:

District Director Ron Timmerman

DISTRICT 7:

North Central Vice President Joel Kay District Director Tony Durieux District President Mark Vadaj

District Supply Officer Debbie Banks-Skellenger Member Gene McKeon Member Nick Romano
Member Alfred Gebhardt

DISTRICT 8:

South Eastern Vice President Thomas "Joe" Dowdell

DISTRICT 10:

District Director George Demos

DISTRICT 11:

District Director Rosalie Davis Green Alternate District Director Gary Green

DISTRICT 14:

International Legal Officer George Knies District Director Lenworth Gordon

DISTRICT 15:

District Director Eileen Van Winkle US Sailing Rep. Bill Thayer IOBGHF Director Gary Hall
Past President IOBGA Audrey Hall Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

DISTRICT 16:

Protocol Officer Marsha Landreth

DISTRICT 19:

District Director Herman Meyer U. S. Coast Guard Rep. Larry Draper Member Linda Bendsen
District Treasurer M. Estella McGrath Member Lucy Anthony District Secretary John Anthony
Member Linda Bendsen

DISTRICT 25:

District President Bill Woods District President Elect Greg Lowe Member Sam Bileti
District Treasurer Jack Berry Member Ralph Pennybacker Member Russell C. Skitch

DISTRICT 27:

North Eastern Vice President Bob Howe

APPROVAL of the AGENDA:

The motion was made and seconded to accept the Agenda. Motion was passed.

APPROVAL of the ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES of OCTOBER 23, 2010:

The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from October 23, 2010. Motion passed.

RATIFICATION of ACTIONS of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE for 2011:

The motion was made to accept the Ratification of Actions of the Executive Committee and seconded.
Motion passed.

REPORTS of OFFICERS:

A. DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR ROBERT K. WEBER REPORT: Given by LOG Editor Mary Nye Meyers

District 1 began the year with the Annual Spring Meeting with over 80 Members attending held at the Hells Canyon Boat Club. At this meeting we approved an electronic newsletter, The Cascade Connection that is saving the District money

In May District 1 Officers represented IOBG at the annual and historic Seattle Opening Day Ceremonies and parade. Past Commodore Wayne and Peggy Weber provided their vessel Boonedocker for the traditional and historic boat parade.

We had our annual picnic hosted by Kingston Cove Yacht Club.

Our Fall Change of Watch held at Poulsbo Yacht Club with seven (7) new members and Phil Osterli, our incoming President, were inducted

In summary, District 1 had a year of great successes and memories for a lifetime. We increased our membership and more attendees at our events. District 1 will continue to thrive and grow.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR LEWIS W. SMITH REPORT:

Due to the unexpected illness of President Elect Marc Connelly the International Annual Meeting had to be canceled here. We thank everyone who had worked so hard in preparing for the event. Our prayers continue to go out Marc and his family.

The District's Summer Sail party was held at the LaSalle Yacht Club and very well attended. Marc and Cathy Connelly attended and he said his prognosis is better. Our holiday party in December is under way.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR RON TIMMERMAN REPORT:

We had a good year with a strong membership building year of 2010 to begin 2011 with 54 members.

Our Columbia Current newsletter and District Roster produced by Vice President Bill McKinney have been effective marketing tools.

Our Annual "Cruise & Clean-up" of Hadley's Landing is a project carried out under the auspices of the Oregon Parks.

We look forward to seeing you all at the June Regional Meeting and hope you will enjoy the Rose Festival activities in conjunction with Portland Royal Rosarians.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR TONY DURIEUX REPORT:

This has been a busy year for District 7 we started our year by moving our executive board meeting to different chapter clubs in the district. In March we had the Blue Blazer North Social with potential members representing 20 chapters. Doing these kinds of functions bring a larger pool of prospective Area VP's for the board to consider in the future. The Blue Blazer is an annual social event sponsored by District 7 inviting the current Commodores and Vice Commodores in the district, to an overview of the Blue gavel.

We get together with District 9 and 25 sponsoring a cocktail party for the Inter-Lake Yachting Assoc.

In May, District 7 District President Tony Durieux was part of the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc. annual Memorial Day event held on the USS COD, a World War II Submarine giving a speech on "How Freedom Isn't Free".

District 7 is getting new members and by going to the different chapters gives them a chance to see the District Executive Board in action.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR THOMAS "JOE" DOWDELL REPORT:

District 8 as of August 1, 2011 had 220 members and the IOBG Auxiliary has 20 members net gain over 2010 of 5 Auxiliary members.

Have visited numerous Clubs as IOBG District Director and at all their meetings and contacts the one thing I heard was the complaint about the travel expenses for the Executive Committee. This is not going to go away, in my opinion.

Anyone that didn't come to a District 8 Regional Meeting this year held at Isles Yacht Club, Lighthouse Point or Gulf Harbors, missed a lot good food and fun. The last one will be at Palm Coast Yacht Club.

Isles Yacht Club hosted the IOBG Winter Regional Meeting in February and was wonderful.

Coming up at our Annual Meeting on the agenda will be a proposal to reduce the number of regional meetings and supplement the quarterly, The Gulfstream with an electronic version distributed via email.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR PATRICK M. SLEE REPORT: Given by North Central Vice President Joel Kay

My year as District Director is about to come to a close. It has been interesting office to hold with a lot of material to read on the internal workings of The International Order of the Blue Gavel. I have written articles about the District to IOBG. We keep the membership advised of the efforts and activities put on by local boat or yacht clubs and their own International Blue Gavel organizations.

District 9 members with District 25 promote our organization with fund raising activities with Associated Yacht Clubs.

We will be working with District 25 and possibly District 7 at the upcoming I-LYA Fall Meeting in December. We will be serving free pizza and will be 50/50 tickets on sale with proceeds going to Steve Willing to help set off some of his on going costs that he will experience as the 2012 IOBG President. We are working on fund raising ideas to keep our operational activity costs on the books in the black.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR GEORGE DEMOS REPORT:

We have had a very successful year, we have lost some of our membership; but we are building it back up and we are all excited about that.

In the first six months of this year we have raised one thousand dollars for the Foundation and throughout the year we gives free books to The Children's Clinic in Long Beach, CA, been doing that for the last 15 years. We partner with other Yacht Clubs and help at different charity activities in the Long Beach area.

For social activities we went to the Hollywood Bowl Spectacular this last July 3rd. and we hold different functions at our Chapter Clubs.

We publish a newsletter each month publicizing our current events in a local magazine "Harbour Lights" and a website.

Combine all of this with an active Board and an active Auxiliary and we continue to grow our membership.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 11 DRECTOR ROSALIE DAVIS-GREEN REPORT:

Despite smaller member numbers this year we contributed \$2300.00 to support Jr. Sailing in Santa Monica Bay.

The summer windy-Ques (BBQ's) had lively participation.

Upcoming is the annual meeting and change of watch in December.

The reduced membership is due in part to the economy, declining health and death.

We plan improving our communications and consistent written news about the upcoming activities.

Regular consistent communication reminds everyone of the camaraderie and service they will enjoy.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 14 DIRECTOR LENWOOD GORDON REPORT:

Events in 2011 paled in the comparison in 2010, when we welcomed the IOBG Annual Conference and Sir Vern Bendsen, President, IOBG received his papers and the great commission for 2011.

District 14 supported and participation in all the annual programs for 2011. Renee and I were honored as Judges for the South Bay Opening Day Parade.

District 14 remained true to the cause of filling the mission of the Blue Gavel. We had ten (10) members signed in 2011.

Report Submitted.

At this time Director 10 Director George Demos presented HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION President Bob Howe a T-Shirt from the Charity Regatta with the Logo of IOBG and Foundation to thank him for the Grant that was given by IOBGHF.

DISTRICT 15 DIRECTOR EILEEN VAN WINKLE REPORT:

Staying with tradition District 15 held our Annual Yacht Club Seminar. This year we were honored having two special guests, Vern Bendsen President of IOBG and his wife, Linda Bendsen, President of Recreation Boaters of California.

We held an Ice Cream Social with IOBGA at the home of IOBGA District Vice President Karin Colburn and Jim Colburn Past District 15 Director, all the funds raised at this event went to the HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION.

Had a Burger Bash at the home of District President Michele Wold and Dick Wold. The funds raised from the event went to Recreational Boaters of California.

Oct 1st held our Installation of 2011 Officers for IOBG and IOBGA at Chula Vista Yacht Club.

The two new Presidents from IOBG and IOBGA wasting no time and are holding a joint calendar planning dinner on Nov. 3rd.

District 15 is alive and well and plans are shaping up for an extraordinary 2012.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 16 ALTERNATE DIRECTOR MARSHA LANDRETH REPORT:

District 16 began 2011 with an excellently attended breakfast at Harbour Island Yacht Club. Ten new members were initiated, eight past Commodores coming from Pierpont Yacht Club.

The June BBQ was hosted by Ventura Yacht Club. The Christmas Dinner/Dance will be help at the Channel Islands Yacht Club. Admission to the Christmas party is a bag of food and Christmas presents for local needy families.

This year we hope to award six (6) sailing scholarships.

This year has been a good one for District 16 and 2012 should be even better.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 18 INTERIM DIRECTOR JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

District 18 covers the States of Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. The combined membership is down to approximately 20 members. All the Officers are interim appointees and the treasury is being held in an escrow account and administered by IOC.

This large district seems better suited to be divided into smaller geographic districts. A problem with this idea is the perceived difficulty in getting volunteers for office in each district.

I am trying to encourage having officer's elections by a mailed ballot to all members. District President Barbrow agrees, and plans to have a ballot ready to mail this month.

Different Clubs get together at least once a year and District 18 is still active.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 19 DIRECTOR HERMAN C. MEYER REPORT:

The summer started with a BBQ at the Meyer Haven Ranch in Oakdale, CA. In September we went to Marina West Yacht Club for the nominations of officers for 2012, District Director Peter Oswald and District President Ray Mitchell.

October 23rd we will gather at the Ebony Boat Club for the 2012 calendar planning meeting.

November 5th will be our change of watch at the Benicia Yacht Club.

We are pleased to announce a new chapter, Capitol City Yacht Club in Sacramento, California.

Report Submitted.

District 19 Director Herman C. Meyer introduced District Treasurer M. Estella McGrath.

District Treasurer M. Estella McGrath presented a check of \$1070.00 to President Bob Howe for the Humanitarian Foundation.

DISTRICT 21 DIRECTOR LEO VORTOUNI REPORT: Given by South Western Vice President Gary McGrath

District Director Leo Vortouni told me they are having a rough time securing new members and also keeping Officers but is determined to install a new Board and create more enthusiasm and energy in 2012.

DISTRICT 23 DIRECTOR FRANCES "DE" RAMSEY REORT: Given by North Central Vice President Joel Kay

District President Bob Sapita resigned his presidency of the District due to other ongoing commitments to the local community. During the past year, the District formally approved its By-laws and International IOBG approved them. I had talked to Bob Sapita about attending a district board meeting; but there were none to attend. With only 21 members in this District and only 2 members renewed their membership for 2011. Accordingly, it is recommended that the International handle membership dues beginning in 2012. I recommend this be part of the agenda of the next Area VP.

Letter of Resignation Enclosed Submitted.

DISTRICT 50 DIRECTOR JOEL KAY REPORT:

I received a telephone call from President Elect Marc Connolly last May, regarding a communication from a Past Commodore in Mississippi whose club received funds from IOBG for help in rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina.

I had two interesting and informative discussions with P/C John O'Shaughnessy of Ocean Springs Yacht Club. These discussions along with visits by then 1st Vice President Stephen Willing and 2nd Vice President Chuck Browning with P/C O'Shaughnessy and P/Cs of nearby yacht clubs is the goal to make a new district along that part of the Gulf of Mexico and the Mississippi River Delta.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 51 DIRECTOR WALT KADYK REPORT: Given by North Central Vice President Joel Kay

Sorry, I'm unable to attend due to business commitments.

I continue to reach out to Past District 51 Members in an effort to see what their status is. I hear nothing back. I have no replies to letters to a number of Yacht Club Past Commodore's that would appear to be prospects to seek membership in District 51.

Houston Yacht Club request to legal on an inquiry regarding membership for "Honorary Past Commodores" has been acted on by George Knies. I offered to visit Houston Yacht Club and other District 51 Members in Texas in May, 2011 but was cancelled. President Vern Bendsen and I continue to offer to visit with the Houston Yacht Club folks but no serious taking of the offer is pending. Still working on it.

I continue to attempt to make contact with Past Commodore's in District 51 who may have made good "Invitees" for IOBG membership.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 75 PRESIDENT RON STEPHENSON REPORT: Given by 2nd Vice President and South Western Vice President Gary McGrath

District President Ron Stephenson sent the Annual Meeting minutes.
Announcement that Baron Ralph Von Kohorn and his wife Baroness Jill Von Kohorn passed away. Baron Von Kohorn was the instigator of New Zealand to join IOBG.
On the Christchurch Earthquake damage, some Yacht Clubs are so badly damaged they will have to be rebuilt and some will never be rebuilt. John Dove spoke to the President of IOBG USA; they are busy fund raising to help Christchurch Yacht Clubs and gave him a better understanding of the situation.
Our membership is declining and we need to have a major recruitment drive for Blue Gavel.
IOBG needs to support more the Disabled and Blind Sailing to lift our profile.
It was suggested that we put a note on the Subs (dues) renewal invoices advising members that they can make a donation towards the Christchurch Yacht Clubs.
Report Submitted.

B. AREA VICE PRESIDENTS:

SOUTH WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

My report from the South Western area will be brief because out of my eight (8) Districts, six (6) are here and have made their own report. Director 21 Director Leo Vortouni's report I have already given. District 6 Director Stanley Radio had been having some medical problems and I have been unable to connect with him since just before the Transpac in July.
We have chartered two new chapters this year the Sea Gate Yacht Club (Huntington Harbor) In District 10 and the Capital City Yacht Club (Sacramento) District 19.
I congratulate both Rosalie Green and Mary Nye Meyers on their upcoming positions of South Western and North Western Area Vice Presidents respectively.
I now look forward to working with the Area Vice Presidents and Directors in the other half of the country.
Report Submitted.

NORTH CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT JOEL KAY REPORT:

Districts 7,9,23 and 25 have all made their reports this morning,
District 7 President and I traveled to Pittsburgh, PA, met with P/C Bob Stanley, District 7 Member who is looking for some one to begin the search to create new chapters in District 7.
Thanks to the help of 2011 District Director Matt Schmidt, Sandusky Yacht Club moved to District 7 from District 9 during 2011. Nearly all the members lived in District 7.
Report Submitted.

NORTH EASTERN VICE PRESIDENT BOB HOWE REPORT:

The North Eastern region of the IOBG (Districts 3, 12, 20, 22, 26 and 27) moved through the boating season without much involvement from me. President Elect was unable to attend the meeting in June because of illness. From the reports I have received he is doing much better and hopes to get back together with friends as soon as possible. In my own case I suffered a personal tragedy that I am still feeling the results. However, that does not mean things were not getting done.
District 3: I have tried to make contact with them, but hear nothing. Treasurer Marshall Nemoy heard from them asking if the HF might match a donation that was made to a program in their area. I asked Marshall to have them contact me as HF President. To date I have heard nothing back.
District 12: This year they hosted their Annual Meeting as part of an evening cocktail reception and in August their fourth fundraiser for their "Friends of Southern Sailing" program. They also increased their membership.

Report Submitted.

District 20 and 22: Have been unable to contact anyone in these Districts I have nothing to report.

District 26: The Harlem Yacht Club sponsored the 2nd Annual "Veteran's Appreciation Day" in September. This event is the District's "Give Back" to the military men and women who are trying to keep our Nation safe.

I have offered to resign as North Eastern Vice President in order to devote more time to the IOBGHF. I would love to continue as NEVP but the position needs a more "Hands On" person

Report Submitted.

SOUTH EASTERN VICE PRESIDENT JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

I have reported on District 8 and 18 earlier.

In summary on District 18 in 2009 the Treasurer asked for return of some funds which were needed to form an operational base and to get the District revitalized. According \$1500.00 was sent to the Treasurer on March 12, 2010. There was a misunderstanding regarding the allocation of funds. None of the money was spent while waiting for a list of District 18 members. We have finally obtained a list and are now working hard to bring back Chapters that have dropped out.

In District 8, Gulf Coast Yacht Club expressed an interest in joining IOBG. We found out that the Club already had a Charter issued in December, 1993. Found out from Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert that District 8 has some dormant chapters. I will check on these clubs and get them back in.

Report Submitted.

C. APPOINTED OFFICERS:

LEGAL OFFICER GEORGE KNIES REPORT:

After serving seven years I am stepping down as International Legal Officer. It has been an honor to serve our Presidents, Executive Committee, Districts, Chapters and General Membership.

During this tenure we up-dated our Bylaws and everything involved with IOBG Trademarks, "Code of Conduct" Bylaw for the first time...etc.

I have served as an IOBG Officer for more than fourteen years and will continue to do so as Legal Officer for the Humanitarian Foundation and as a District 14 Chapter Officer.

I am pleased that P/C Herman Meyer, District 19 Director will be assuming my duties as International Legal Officer.

Report Submitted.

WEBMASTERS MARY NYE MEYER & MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

The information from yesterday's meeting was briefly discussed. We planned to put the LIGHTHOUSE out at least every four (4) weeks. If you have a brief article let Marshall Nemo's office know and if you have a District Website let me know and I can put a link to it on the Website.

LOG EDITOR-IN-CHIEF MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

The LOG deadline is October 29th..

PROTOCOL OFFICER MARSHA LANDRETH REPORT:

Passed out a paper on Nominations and Elections and explained it.

Record Submitted.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER REPORT: None.

President Vern Bendsen adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:28 A.M.

President Vern Bendsen resumed the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

D. APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES:

BOAT US REPRESENTATIVE MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

A lot of good information in their magazine and website about boating and what is happening in different sections of the country. Remember we (IOBG Membership) get half off on their membership. Use our IOBG membership number that is in the LOG.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION LIAISON OFFICER PRESIDENT BOB HOWE REPORT:

I explained yesterday that we are opening up our meeting to everyone. We are going to pre-approve projects that meet our standards. This will help the Districts to discuss the project coming up and getting the funds from members to help. It will not mean all funds will go to the one project in your area. Everyone who sends in funds will receive a letter of thanks. Will be glad to talk to anyone one on one. We will have a pamphlet to give out and promote the Humanitarian Foundation.

President Vern Bendsen presented to IOBGHF President Bob Howe a check of thanking and honoring my 2011 Committee Chairs and Representatives.

US SAILING REPRESENTATIVE BILL THAYER REPORT:

Safety at Sea Seminars for the period were held at Shoreline Yacht Club in Long Beach, California and at Strictly Sail Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

The US Sailing Roadshow is in full swing for the summer. The Roadshow visits sailing venues, observing sailing programs gives advice and introduces new equipment and spreads the ideas and accomplishments throughout the sailing community.

US Sailing Board of Directors has approved 12 submissions to the ISAF for changes to the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing.

The 2012 National Sailing Programs Symposium will be held at the Hilton Long Beach and Executive Meeting Center, Long Beach, California January 11 to 14, 2012.

Report Submitted.

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY REPRESENTATIVE LARRY DRAPER REPORT:

There are many things the Auxiliary does all over the United States. One of the things we did in San Francisco Bay was kept track of boats in San Francisco Bay during Fleet Week. Our main purpose was to observe "The Box" a 15,000 x 3000 sq. ft. safety zone to keep boaters from entering and crossing when the Air Show was on and when we observed a boater encroaching, radioed Patrol Commander to intervene with Coast Guard and Police Boats. USCGA is now preparing for the involvement in the American Cup. The website for all the events is www.cupinfo.com.

Report Submitted.

E. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARY EIFFERT REPORT:

This past year there were four (4) new chapters approved in 26, 10, 50 and 19 Districts.

Several charters in District 1 found that they did not have a charter displayed, if you find this problem at your yacht club send me an email and I can reissue a charter.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Executive Secretary for another year.

Report Submitted.

TREASURE MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

We are doing better than last year. The financial statements in this report are as of September 30, 2011 and the results of operations for the nine months then ended.

So far the 2011 year is continuing the pattern of recovery from the events that occurred in 2009. With one regional meeting eliminated from the schedule and the creation of the news bulletin, "The Lighthouse" as a vehicle for delivery of an electronic edition of the "The Blue Gavel Log", we have been able to reduce costs to avoid raising the dues.

Some questions have come up concerning the members who belong to more than one Chapter in the same District. The member pays both chapter dues but only paid one District Membership dues from the chapter he or she chooses.

Another one is if the member wants dual membership in two different Districts, he or she must choose where he or she wants his or her IOBG Membership card to come from and that District will get the vote count. He or she will still pay the Chapter dues but the IOBG dues will be from the District he or she chooses according to the Bylaws. International will count only one vote for the member and that member must make the decision of which District he or she wants.

Another is a Member At Large whose Club is not a member of IOBG, in the IOBG Bylaws, Article III state what must be done, and has to be a Commodore of a Club that would qualify as a chapter defined by IOBG and not a member of another District. You must send a letter to his or her Club if that person did serve as Commodore in a creditable manner and if the reply is approved. Then you have the opportunity to grant membership to that person.

Another question is which Districts get bills from IOC. District 50 and 51 are administered by IOC. We also send bills out to District 18, 20 and 22 memberships.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email us.

Report Submitted.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

I have made a presentation to the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation for the New Zealand earthquake assistance.

Our objective should be to get at least 50% of our members at any function or meeting and when we achieve 50% we should strive for 75%. Communication is the name of the game, the more communication we have the stronger we will become.

Report Submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

I have been reviewing our membership throughout the Northeast, Southeast and Midwest and there are things that need to be discussed.

Over a period of time IOBG has been forgotten in many of the Yacht Clubs. I contacted many Yacht Clubs and they didn't know that their yacht clubs had an IOBG Chapter Charter. We need to get involved and re-introduce the Yacht Clubs to IOBG. They have links to a lot of organizations but not one to IOBG. If we send them something from their website and display it in "The Lighthouse" they will see we are interested in their club.

The last thing is why we don't set up one of our meetings in one of the areas that the district is dormant.

This might spark new interest and approve membership.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT ELECT STEPHEN WILLING REPORT:

Thank you all for coming to Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

This year has been a very eventful year of accomplishment and sadness,

We had a very interesting meeting in Florida.

Portland, Oregon was a great time. Marc Connelly had an ATV accident unable to attend and shortly after the meeting. President Elect Marc Connelly then informed the Board of his illness and resigned from the Board. We wish both Marc and Cathy our best.

Our goal for 2012 is to increase our Membership and reach out to many eligible Past Commodores. Remember IOBG membership is the only organization dedicated to Past Commodores; it should be the goal for every Boat Club and Yacht Club Commodore.

PAST PRESIDENT RAY THOMPSON REPORT: Given by President Elect Stephen Willing

Having served on the Executive Committee for the past five years, I find this final report most difficult to write.

It is hoped that in review, much of the machinations of the Executive Committee during my tenure will prove beneficial to the organization.

My sincere best wishes go to the newly elected officers who are faced with a poor economy and an ever more insightful membership.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on the Executive Committee.

Thanks to all who took the time to help me on this pilgrimage.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

As one is finished with his terms, he looks back to see what affect he has made on the organization. As I look back, I see that we have become more members oriented, because we are communicating more with each other on all levels, with more members involved.

We now have a system in place that lets us communicate better, more members' involvement, less negativity and more members input such as the Bylaws changes, updated Policy and Procedures Manuel.

As you can see, we have made progress in building a stronger positive IOBG by letting negative members go, who opposed our position changes. As I pass the the Gavel, I leave with this, the Members is important, is the owner, is the purpose, is not a cold statistic, is deserving of courtesy, is not dependent and is the life blood of the organization.

Thank you for letting me be your President

Report Submitted.

IOBG AUXILIARY PRESIDENT LUCY ANTHONY REPORT:

I have enjoyed my Auxiliary tenure and meeting everyone and learning about what the different chapters are doing. The Auxiliary has worked hard in the chapters to earn funds for the Humanitarian Foundation.

In names of Carol Roman Howe, Nancy Jeane Oswald and my IOBGA Board I have presented a check to the Humanitarian Foundation,

SUPPLIERS: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. APPROVAL of the 2012 BUDGET:

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy passed out the Budget and explained it. The only controversy was the fee for printed copy of the LOG. It was decided by the Executive Committee that a charge of \$10.00 per year to only the member who wants a printed copy of the LOG. District Treasurer will be ask to put a line on their renewal form for this. This is the only way so we don't have to raise the dues for all.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the 2012 Budget. Motion passed.

b. COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE NOMINATION FOR IOBGHF:

President Bob Howe announced the nominations for IOBGHF Board:

Chairman Bill Thayer
President & CEO Bob Howe
Vice President Lenworth Gordon
Secretary Lucy Anthony
Treasurer Renee Gordon

Motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations for the IOBGHF Board. Motion passed.

c. NEW CHAPTER APPLICATIONS: None

d. RATIFICATION of SANDUSKY YACHT CLUB'S BLUE GAVEL CHAPTER TRANSFER FROM DISTRICT 9 TO DISTRICT 7:

Motion was made and seconded to accept the Ratification. Motion was passed.

OPERATIONS MANUAL:

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy explained the mail ballot results on the Amendment to the Operations Manual. It was approved by a majority.

Motion was made and seconded to the Amendment to the Operations Manual. Motion passed.

ELECTION of the 2012 OFFICERS:

President Elect Stephen Willing announced the nominees for IOBG:

Past President Vern Bendsen
President Stephen Willing
President Elect Chuck Browning
First Vice President Gary McGrath
Second Vice President Joel Kay
Treasurer Marshall Nemoy
Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert
North Western Vice President Mary Nye Meyers
North Eastern Vice President Bob Howe
South Western Vice President Rosalie Davis Green
South Eastern Vice President Joe Dowdell
North Central Vice President Tony Durieux

President Elect Stephen Willing announced that the International Past President and President elections to the Board according to the Bylaws are automatic.

President Elect Stephen Willing then read each name with the words of All those signify by saying "aye". All those oppose "nay"
Mr. President, the International Board for 2012

President Vern Bendsen asked the new Board to stand and accept the congratulations from all.

President Vern Bendsen congratulated and welcomed President Stephen Willing and presents him with the gavel.

GOOD of the ORDER:

President Stephen Willing announced the Bus Service for this evening Ball.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Appointed Officers, Representatives and Committee Chairs for 2012.

President Stephen Willing announced the slate for 2012.

Appointed Officers:

Legal Officer: Herman Meyer
Supply Officer: Commodore Insignia
Protocol Officer: Marsha Landreth
Recording Secretary: Marybeth Thayer
Web Master & LOG Editor in Chief: Mary Nye Meyers
Historian: Art Theobald

Representatives:

IOBG Auxiliary Liaison: Joel Kay
Boat U. S.: Marshall Nemoy
IOBG Liaison: Vern Bendsen
Committee to Receive Nominations from IOBG-HF: Bill Thayer, Chairman
National Boating Federation: Dave Kutz
US Sailing: Bill Thayer
U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary: Larry Draper
Membership & Public Relations: Chuck Browning

Committees:

Audit: Vern Bendsen, Chuck Browning and Gary McGrath
By-Laws & Policy Manual: Vern Bendsen, Stephen Willing and Gary McGrath
Annual Meeting: Chuck Browning
Annual Meeting Review: Vern Bendsen, Stephen Willing, Gary McGrath and Marshall Nemoy
Elections: Chuck Browning
Finance Committee: Vern Bendsen, Stephen Willing, Chuck Browning, Gary McGrath, Joel Kay and Marshall Nemoy
Nominating: Vern Bendsen, Ray Thompson, and Stephen Willing
We do not have IOBG Eastside member or IOBG Westside Member; we need a member from each side not holding any IOBG Office at this time.

President Stephen Willing adjourned the meeting at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary