

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
ANNUAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012** **EDGEWOOD, MARYLAND**

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Stephen W. Willing at 9:00 A.M. at the Hampton Inn in Edgewood, Maryland on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

CALL to ORDER:

President Stephen Willing welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and called the meeting to order.

MOTION of SILENCE: To honor the men and women of all our military services, we wish them all a safe journey home.

THE PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Led by Second Vice President Joel Kay.

ROLL CALL OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The following individuals were present:

President Stephen Willing	District 25
President Elect Chuck Browning	District 27
First Vice President Gary McGrath	District 19
Second Vice President Joel Kay	District 7
Treasurer Marshall Nemoy	District 15
Past President Vern Bendsen - Excused	District 19
Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert	District 1

VERIFICATION of a QUORUM:

Mr. President there is a quorum.

President Stephen Willing introduced the two (2) Past Presidents present:

Past President Louis Key	District 7
Past President Marion Hughes	District 1

SELF-INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES and GUESTS

DISTRICT 3:

District Director Lewis Smith

DISTRICT 5:

District Director Ron Timmerman District President Bill McKinney

DISTRICT 7:

North Central Vice President Tony Durieux District Director Mark J. Vadaj
District 1st Vice President Warren Dempster

DISTRICT 8:

South Eastern Vice President Joe Dowdell District Director Lenworth Gordon

DISTRICT 11:

South Western Vice President Rosalie Davis-Green Alt District Director Gary Green

DISTRICT 14:

Past South Western Vice President Larry Draper

DISTRICT 15:

IOBGHF Chairman of Board/US Sailing Rep. Bill Thayer Past District Director Gary Hall
Int'l Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

DISTRICT 16:

Protocol Officer Marsha Landreth

DISTRICT 19:

District President John Anthony District Vice President Estella McGrath
Past Commodore Sue Olsen Past Commodore Pam Allen

DISTRICT 25:

District Director Bill Woods

DISTRICT 26:

District Director Ernie Odierna

DISTRICT 27:

North Eastern Vice President Dave Grove IOBGHF President Bob Howe
District Director Russ Bowser District President Dennis Taylor

President Stephen Willing: Thanked everyone for coming, it is great to see everyone today and to see a nice turn out.

APPROVAL of ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 15, 2011, WINDSOR, CANADA

The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from October 15, 2011. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Passed out and discussed the 2013 Budget yesterday and asked is there any further questions that needed to be answered today.

From the report it shows we have good financial strength in our balance sheet as of September 30, 2012.
All questions were answered from the members in attendance yesterday.
Report submitted.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JOEL KAY REPORT:

It has been my honor to have served as the Gavel 2nd Vice President. President Willing's leadership has moved the Gavel this year to a new high. He has taken personal responsibility for every issue coming before the organization, resulting in significant accomplishments and no real unresolved issues.

As the Liaison Officer to the Auxiliary, I have met with President Ethel Keith. There are serious issues before the Auxiliary and it will take more than one year for it to function properly.

It has been a busy, yet successful year. We tried to appeal to other organized districts and we have learned our efforts into the better-organized districts will create a communications system whereby our members can engage those from lesser-organized ones and create within these districts members more engaged in the organization.

Report submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

Have passed out a flyer on the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord CA where we will be staying next year for the Annual Meeting. Close to everything. There is a planned boat ride on the Delta which should be very pleasant, and for those not going to any meetings, close to San Francisco and shopping in the bay area.

I want to talk about membership. Two areas we can help to regain our membership. Over the last five (5) to six (6) years I notice the ups and downs directly equate to the effort the treasurer puts into sending out the renewals.

At our Club we send out four (4) pages, a letter from the Commodore, Calendar of events for the District, renewal letter and a new Commodore sign-up sheet for the members at the Chapter to vote on and mail it back to the treasurer to follow up. We send out four (4) mailings on the renewals. E-Mails, phone calls don't work as well as direct mailing.

Another area we have found that we are seeing a lot of retreads, so these are members we don't have access to. The main thing we have to do is RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!

PRESIDENT ELECT CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

In the past I've heard many comments about improving our membership.

I am a firm believer that in order for us to retain our membership we need to have more contact with our Chapters and Districts, and one way is to rotate our Winter and Summer meetings, we could use the summer meeting to visit chapters that have never sponsored an International Meeting.

We need to look at the District Directors to see if we can get more involvement from them especially at the annual meeting. We have 29 Director positions and for the past five years, we have had an average of 8 attend each annual meeting.

We need to work together and get more involved in districts that are struggling to survive.

We need to look again at the IOBG Seminar that was given in the past and possibly record a session that we could pass along to Chapters that request our assistance.

Let's grow together in 2013.

Report submitted.

PRESIDENT STEPHEN WILLING REPORT:

I would like to thank all for attending our final meeting of 2012. It is always great to see so many friends and new friends attending our annually meeting.

In 2012 this board and previous have worked very hard to make the International Order of the Blue Gavel more accountable to you, our members. Our new By-Laws and Policy and Procedures manual, in Vern Bendsen's year, have given the members a clear understanding of how the organization works.

Two new positions on the nominating committee, a member from east of the Mississippi and one from the west, were added to make the decision making more open to the members. These positions are for two years, and are staggered so there will always be a new member in this position. For the 2013 year I will be looking for a volunteer, from east of the Mississippi. Remember this member can't hold a position in the District. They do not have to write a report, all the information on the nominees will be sent to them.

Our electronic blast called the Lighthouse has been well received. It is for your districts to avail themselves of this system to advise of upcoming events in your area, to encourage more participation. We have cut as much as we can in the budget. We eliminated one Past President position from the board. We eliminated a Regional Meeting; we started to send our LOG to the members electronically. These savings have kept us in the black, but we are as close as we can be. There is a solution.

We need more members. We must work hard to become more relevant to the PC's, by providing more fun events to keep them active. More communications, locally, by e-mail, district log, or phone calls. Encourage all members to check out our website www.iobg.org to get the latest news and to read the Lighthouse.

I started in the IOBG 16 years ago. It has been an amazing experience. The people at the head table will carry on to make this organization bigger and better. I thank all of you for making my year "a piece of cake" and it has been. I expected some turbulence and heated exchange, but there has been none. This is the way it should be. This is a great organization with great people. While we may not always agree, let's talk our differences through, then have a party. I thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your President for 2012.

Report submitted.

PAST PRESIDENT VERN BENDSEN REPORT: Given by President Stephen Willing

My first meeting as your 2nd Vice President, Linda and I were on a cruise to Hawaii. Now it is my last meeting as your Immediate Past President and I am not here. Linda and I are on a cruise to Europe. During my tenure as an International Officer, our Blue Gavel organization has come from negativity and fragmentation, to a positive and solid organization.

We are now communicating at all levels. All our members can get in touch with any District or International Officer. We are listening to each other. We are working for what is best for our whole organization, not for what is best for a specific person or group.

I want to thank you each and everyone for the privilege and honor for letting me go up the International line, and for your friendship throughout the years.

Report submitted.

AREA VICE PRESIDENTS and DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS:

NORTHWESTERN AREA VICE PRESIDENT MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT: Excused: Given by Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert.

I was at the District 5 Change of Watch and to meet the new Board and shared a few ideas for the upcoming year.

District 1 had their Change of Watch in September and at that meeting five (5) new inductees were sworn-in.

District 1 had previously gone to an all electronic newsletter and has now committed to a policy of totally paperless organization by voting to develop a new web site. The new web site will enable the District to utilize On-Line Dues Renewals, On-Line Registration for meetings and events and On-Line Merchandise purchasing. On-Site credit card processing will also be available for the members to renew their dues or make merchandise purchases.

For those 3 or 4 members who we have identified as not having internet or computer access, their Chapters have been volunteering to print anything that is needed for them to remain active and informed in the District.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR RON TIMMERMAN REPORT:

District 5 Director Ron Timmerman introduced 2013 District 5 Director Bill McKinney.

The Executive Board developed a very active calendar beginning with a "Mid-Winter Happy Hour" in February. Blue Gavel Cooks cooked dinner on the first Thursday of each month, this is a way to bring Blue Gavel to the attention of the CRYC members.

Two (2) events in April with the annual "Clean Up Cruise to Hadley Landing on the Willamette River. At the end of April we hold our annual Spring Social.

June brings us the IOBG Spring Regional Meeting linked with the Portland Rose Festival. Our Change of Watch was held in September. Report submitted.

SOUTHWEST VICE PRESIDENT ROSALIE DAVIS-GREEN REPORT:

Membership held steady averaging out the plusses and minuses of the various districts. We can't rest on our laurels. The districts which are the most active demonstrate the regular consistent communication which generates interest in participation. Providing activities the members want increases participation. Having a group purpose, supporting a cause and provide a service to the boating community also increases participation.

District 6 HAWAII/GUAM: The members are very active in the local community. I attended a sailboat regatta chaired by a blue gavel member as well as several of her committee. The big event for them is a beach barbeque and beach boating activities for the recovering wounded warriors.

DISTRICT 10 LONG BEACH: District Director LaVon Plumlee reported that the District is a very active district holding one activity a month. They have a monthly newsletter, keeping regular consistent communication with the membership. They raised funds for the Humanitarian Foundation as well as other charities. They have started a Membership Ombudsman, which they select a team of two to serve as Membership Ombudsman and we believe these two persons will aid in extending our membership and attendance at our functions.

DISTRICT 15 SAN DIEGO: District Director Michele Wold's report stated this past year they concentrated on making the activities more relevant to our members as well as providing service to our community. Our District President Blanche Gunther arranged for us to attend several plays and we had an open house hosted by District Secretary Kathy and Gary Smith.

We held our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar. We raised funds for the Make-A-Wish Amazing Race, US Disabled Sailors and the Humanitarian Foundation.

We had our Change of Watch and under the leadership of New President Dave Lancaster we are moving forward.

DISTRICT 21 NEWPORT: District has been struggling the last few years. I had discussions with the District Director but they are moving forward with an improvement on sending out dues invoices, which resulted in 14 new members. The new incoming President Mary Keller is enthusiastic about IOBG. They are moving in the right direction.

Reports submitted.

DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR GARY GREEN REPORT:

Our District has had a busy and productive year. We held or supported three fundraisers to promote junior sailing in our district. These functions benefited junior sailing in Santa Monica, Marina del Rey and Westlake. Through these programs, children learn sailing, rigging, boat maintenance and racing small boats.

We hold 5 BBQs for our district wide membership – which we call Windy-Ques. At these events we have a featured speaker. This is a great way to promote camaraderie among our District members.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 14 DIRECTOR MIKE BILLINGTON REPORT: Given by Past SWVP Larry Draper

District 14 is working very hard to revive itself. We had a well attended District meeting arrange by Deanna Tomei and Larry Draper to hear Past President Vern Bendsen and First Vice President Gary McGrath speak about the fun and benefits of going to IOBG Regional meetings. Past International Legal Officer George Knies discussed the America's Cup races being held in San Francisco. Members discussed what kinds of activities they would like District 14 to have in 2013.

District members will help again with the Pacific Inter-Club Yachting Assoc. Wheel Chair Regatta. District 14 plans a joint induction meeting with District 19, a general meeting, a day cruise on the Bay and joint cruise with District 19 on the Sacramento River. We also will be assisting PICYA with the Wheelchair Regatta.

We look forward to an active future. We will be bolstered by District 19 members becoming associated members of District 14.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 16 DIRECTOR NANCY ROWE REPORT: Given by Protocol Officer Marsha Landreth

District 16 has been working to strengthen ties in our harbors, and plan events that allow all of our clubs to take part in. We had a summer BBQ and are now planning an amazing Holiday event. We will have a "Top Chef" cook-off at the Channel Island Yacht Club. Each guest will be asked to bring either a gift for a young child or canned items that will be donated to our local food bank.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 19 DIRECTOR PETER OSWALD REPORT: GIVEN BY ALTERNATE DIRECTOR/FIRST VICE PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH

We had our Change of Watch with District 14 attending the event. We have three (3) functions thru the year, a cruise, BBQ and the Change of Watch.

We are a little down in membership but we have plans to build it up.

SWVP Rosalie Davis-Green was able to come to our Change of Watch event.

President Stephen Willing announced a 15 minutes intermission at 10:08 A.M.

President Stephen Willing resumes the Annual Meeting at 10:23 A.M.

NORTH CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT TONY DURIEUX REPORT:

DISTRICT 7: Started its summer activities by hosting a cocktail party for the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc. (GCBA) rendezvous at Port Huron on the shores of Lake Erie.

Then moved on to host a cocktail party with Districts 9 and 25 for the Interlake Yachting Assoc. power and sail regatta held at Put in Bay, on Middle Bass Island, Lake Erie, Ohio.

Our next events are to attend the annual meeting of GCBA and Change of Watch.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR BECKY VINCENT REPORT: Given by NCVP TONY Durieux

They are having the fall meeting and election of officers for 2013 at Monroe Boat Club.

For the past several years District 9 has been having an Ohio State/Michigan football pool. This is a game everyone looks forward too. This is the major fundraiser for District 9.

The October meeting is when the membership votes in which humanitarian project or projects we support with the funds that have been raised.

District 9 with District 25 and 7 provide pizzas for the ILYA fall meeting. We have a 50/50 raffle raising funds for our respective districts or in support of a mutually agreed to program or project.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 25 DIRECTOR SAM BILETI REPORT: Given by NCVP Tony Durieux

District 25 continues to stress communication with Officers, members, other clubs especially those who have been losing members and other Districts. We have had limited success on our effort so far. We have some successful meetings and social events; a good time was had by all. Our current District President Bill Wood will be the new District Director.

DISTRICT 23: Given by NCVP Tony Durieux

No report.

Information from Treasurer Marshall Nemoy that there are seven (7) Members in the District. IOC sent out renewal notices to Districts 18, 20, 22, 23, 50 and 51.

One problem from District 23 is the members do not like to travel to far from their own area.

NORTH EAST VICE PRESIDENT DAVE GROVE REPORT:

Welcomed everyone to District 27 and introduced two people who have spear headed this year's Annual Meeting, Dennis Taylor and Russ Bowser. District 27 Change of Water is next month.

District 27 in conjunctions with IOBGHF President Bob Howe sail into Annapolis Harbor for the 200 years celebrates of the War of 1812 with Tall Ships from around the world along with our United States Ships. From the Walter Reed Hospital we put together a cruise for the veterans to sail into the Harbor for the celebration.

My Wife and I attended District 26 Change of Watch thanks to an invitation from District 26 Director Ernie Odierna. It was the most well attended I have been to this year.

DISTRICT 12 DIRECTOR VINCENT J. CORE REPORT: Given by NEVP Dave Grove

District 12 hosted a fundraiser for the 5th consecutive year for the Friends of Southern Sailing Foundation (FOSS) which supports the Southern Regional High School Sailing Team. A special guest President of US Sailing Gary Jobson was very generous with his time and support. What made this event unique is that everyone attending is requested to bring an hors d'oeuvre, while all the other food and refreshments are donated; so all the money raised goes directly to FOSS.

Thanks to the support of all members of District 12 we've had another very successful but short 2012 summer on Long Beach Island, New Jersey.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 27 DIRECTOR RUSS BOWSER REPORT:

Welcome everyone to District 27 and hope you are taking advantage of all the historical sites to see in the surrounding areas. Baltimore Harbor has as many visitors as Disneyland per year. President Elect Chuck Browning is from District 27 and we have worked very hard on the Annual Meeting and hope you all are having a good time.

District 27 President Dennis Taylor spoke on how instrumental IOBGHF President Bob Howe was in getting the Veterans on the Eagle Ship for the sail into the Harbor.

Hope you are enjoying your stay here. There is a lot to see all around the area.

DISTRICT 26 DISTRICT ERNIE ODIERNA REPORT:

This year several of the Clubs in District 26 participated in our 'THANK-A-VET-DAY' event. Over 400 veterans and family members enjoyed a day on the waters of Long Island Sound and were hosted at our various Yacht Clubs for breakfast and lunch.

Discussions at the recent District 26 meetings have revolved around how we can best assist our various clubs. We have reached a consensus that one specific topic at each meeting. The plan is for the PCs from each Club to invite their current Club Commodore and any Board Member associated with that particular topic. It seems like a good way for the PCs to pass on some of their knowledge and experience in an informal "roundtable" type of setting where one-on-one questioning is encouraged.

It is felt by the PCs that in order to be successful in attracting more Clubs and PCs to join The Blue Gavel, we need to demonstrate what we are doing and how we can be of some value to them. We are trying some good solid answers to the "Proverbial" often asked questions, "How is this going to help my Club?" and "Why should we join?"

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR LEWIS SMITH REPORT:

District 3 has had a difficult past year. Starting with the illness of IOBG President Elect Marc Connelly which resulted in his resignation and the cancellation of our plans to host the International Meeting. We then lost District President Warren Schafer and his wife Kathleen and Blue Gavel supporters PCs James Huggins and Frank White.

I'm pleased to report that Marc Connelly is doing quite well. P/C Paul Schneeberger stepped up to fill our President Position and P/C's Steve Tisak and John Bruno have become Vice President and Secretary. Under their guidance we had a very successful summer party and plans for our annual meeting have been made and the holiday party is a work in progress.
Report submitted.

SOUTHEAST VICE PRESIDENT JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

Southeast area consists of six (6) states, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Two (2) Districts 8 and 18.

In July, IOBG President Steve Willing and President Elect Chuck Browning were invited to visit Robert P. "Buzz" Bisanz and other Past Commodores of Allatoona Yacht club to look at them for one of IOBG upcoming meetings. There were thoughts about having a meeting there and also how IOBG needs their participation and involvement to get District 18 back in operation.

Venice Yacht Club Blue Gavel Chapter devised a program to help their yacht club by undertaking the sponsorship of three special dinner parties during the year with a raffle for a prize at each dinner. The funds raised at these raffles, were given to club's kitchen for needed items.

I was the installing officer at District 8 annual meeting at Isles Yacht Club in Punta Gorda, Florida. At this annual meeting, President George Eichman announced the formation a committee to study and recommend the system to best modernize membership communication.

President Elect Chuck Browning wanted to have a February meeting in the Southeast area and Venice Yacht Club will host that Winter Regional Meeting.

June and I visited Marco Island Yacht Club, Naples Yacht Club, Bird Key Yacht Club, Venice Yacht Club and Isles Yacht Club in Florida.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR LENWORTH GORDON REPORT:

District 8 had a promising start for 2011-2012 under the leadership of Frank Hutchinson, who retired due to illness. President George Eichmann stepped in and carried on the task by delivering D8's newsletter, "The Gulf Stream" via the internet.

President George Eichmann reported that he has three goals for 2013: (1) Member participation (2) Electronic communications (3) increased support for the philanthropic arm of the Blue Gavel, IOBG Humanitarian Foundation. The district was pleased to forward a check to IOBGHF representing \$1.00 for every member in good standing with District 8.

Report submitted.

DISTRICT 70 PRESIDENT RONALD T. JUDD REPORT: Given by President Stephen Willing

Just a short email to wish you well and the members of The International Order of The Blue Gavel Committee, The President Elect and Members a successful and enjoyable AGM. I am only sorry that Carolina and I will be unable to attend this time. Please give my apologies at the Meeting. I will be on a planned visit to Canada then on to Mexico shortly after the date of your AGM.

I have just returned from sailing across the English Channel in my Dutch Cabin cruiser MV Nepos to Calais. I had my Nephew (he is the youngest Major in the British Army) and his son as crew. We had a good trip although a rough sea passage on the return. The son, James was not a bit concerned as long as he could play with his latest "Blueberry". How times have changed.

Report submitted.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARY EIFFERT REPORT:

I have a short report. There was only one new charter, District 8 Pelican Isle Yacht Club approved this year. Please let me know if your charter has been lost or destroyed, so I can reissue the charter for you to post in your club house.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Executive Secretary.
Report submitted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

HISTORIAN ART THEOBALD REPORT: None.

President Stephen Willing said that Past President / Historian Art Theobald asked if he could get a list of Clubs and dates of all the Clubs charters dates. Executive Mary Eiffert will send him the list.

LEGAL OFFICER HERMAN MEYER: Excused.

President Stephen Willing announced that Legal Officer Meyer is in the Hospital and we are all waiting to hear how he is doing.

LOG EDITOR in CHIEF MARY NYE MEYERS: Excused.

Treasurer Marshall Nemo announced the Deadline for articles in the LOG is NOVEMBER 3rd. Also, the LIGHTHOUSE will have a slight different look about it.

PROTOCOL OFFICER MARSHA LANDRETH REPORT:

Passed out order of precedence rules for those who would need them.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER:

Just a reminder to be sure to turn in your reports and sign-in, it is very important.

REPRESENTATIVES:

AUXILIARY LIAISON JOEL KAY REPORT:

Second Vice President Joel Kay was asked to read a letter from International Order of the Blue Gavel Auxiliary President Ethel Keith.

This year – 2012 has been very successful in as much as we have grown in memberships. We have 130 new members. The 100 Year Anniversary of the Rosarians in Portland was outstanding with 2 of our IOBG Officers being inducted.

I will be giving my reign over to new elected President Rene Gordon. I would like to thank as a neighbor and friend Joel Kay for the support and advice on many issues this past year have been helpful. This has been a great year for me. Thanks to all.

Report submitted.

BOAT US MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Boat US annual fee is half for Blue Gavel members. They have Boat Insurance and a growing list of Towing Co. depending on where you live. They are like the Auto Club of Boating. They have a very good service and on their website you can find most everything on information for boats. They tried to send their magazine electronically and are back to mailing out the hard copy, a good magazine to read. There is also a discount using their Boat US card at West Marina.

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION VERN BENDSEN: Excused.

IOBG Humanitarian Foundation President Bob Howe spoke at this time and thanked all who have contributed last night and this morning.

We are going to revise our pamphlets and are expanding our message.

I want to thank the planners of this Annual meeting for allowing the Foundation to have a separate meeting so we are not conflicting with this meeting like IOBG Auxiliary President Ethel Keith is now. I would asked that future planners for these meetings to think about giving these two groups separate meetings so they can be part of this group (we are all members of IOBG).

The Foundation is in a good cash position as of the end of fiscal year 2012 and going into 2013. We are trying to dispel the matching grant request perception. We can't operate that way; it is not physically or humanly possible. We still are concerned about the lack of fundraising in the Regions, Districts and Chapters. We had a request from District 21 and we gave them a pre-approval and put them on our list. We did look at our financial records and we found out District 21 has never contributed any funds to IOBGHF. The President will send a letter explaining the logic.

We are looking at all the ideas we have now. We have the envelopes for the Memorial Service. We are always open to new ideas; remember we only meet three (3) times a year. We discussed a wide range of subjects.

A few: 1) a rewrite of the By-Laws, 2) better communications with IOBG Members, Districts, and Regions, 3) A more open HF, 4) better marketing tools, 5) a "Pre-Approved" project that all Districts could get behind, 6) set of criteria for approving LAPs to better align with the overall IOBG mission, 7) a better defined LAP process. Report submitted.

First Vice President Gary McGrath presented a check to IOBGHF from District 19 Membership. They collect five (5) dollars from each membership dues for the Foundation.

President Stephen Willing thanks IOBGHF President Bob Howe and Vice President Lenworth Gordon for their hard work for the Foundation.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION DAVE KUTZ: Excused

Dave Kutz is stepping down next year and IOBG International Officers are looking for a new Representative.

U.S.SAILING BILL THAYER REPORT:

With the 2012 hurricane season officially here, it is important to review and refresh your club's response plan for hurricane and severe weather.

There will be an ISAF Measurers Seminar and refresher Clinic held in conjunction with the J/24 World Championship at the Rochester Yacht Club (NY) on September 9-12.

The nominations are out for Directors. Charlie Arms us up for one of the two Director slots.

US Sailing's 2012 Rolex Yachtsman and Yachtswomen of the Year Award Nominations are now being accepted. Report submitted.

COMMITTEES:

AUDIT VERN BENDSEN: No report.

BY-LAWS and POLICY MANUAL VERN BENDSEN: No report.

ANNUAL MEETING 2012 CHUCK BROWNING:

I think we covered that earlier, if there is any more information needed for tonight let me know.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW VERN BENDSEN: No report.

President Stephen Willing discussed the last year's Annual Meeting in the short time we had to put it together we ended up in the black. Some members contributed extra funds and at the end we were able to give it back to them. Our book was balanced.

President Stephen Willing called on Treasure Marshall Nemoy to pass out the Delegate Forms.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:55 A.M.

President Stephen Willing resumes the meeting at 1:00 P.M.

President Stephen Willing had Past President Louis Key and Past President Marion Hughes hand out the ballots for the vote. Treasurer Marshall Nemoy will read off the number of votes for each district that the District Directors or Alternates will place on the ballot.

After everyone has voted, Past President Louis Key and Past President Marion Hughes will pick up the ballots and count the vote.
There is a quorum.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW CHAPTER APPLICATIONS: None.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS – PAPER vs. PLASTIC CARDS:

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy reported that the idea of having members submit a photo for the background of the new cards is a good one. He will give out the specs for the photo and work out a way to decide which one is best, probably the Executive Committee will decide. We will change the picture each year and you will be able to spot the new card right away.

GOOD of the ORDER:

District 8 Director Lenworth Gordon wants there to be more time set aside for a workshop for general discussion. President Stephen Willing liked the format that District 15 gives and it is like a blueprint and can be converted to your area and people who use it will know their subject matter.
Discussion followed.

President Stephen Willing called on First Vice President Gary McGrath to present the vote.
First Vice President Gary McGrath announced seventy-two (72) votes for the slate as presented, no negative.
The slate is accepted.

President Stephen Willing called for a motion to destroy the ballots. So moved.
First Vice President Gary McGrath will destroy the ballots.

President Stephen Willing: For the good of the order I would like to turn the gavel over to our new International President Chuck Browning.

President Chuck Browning adjourned the meeting at 1:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary