

**INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SPRING REGIONAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SESSION
JUNE 7, 2012, PORTLAND, OREGON**

The Spring Regional Meeting was called to order by President Stephen W. Willing at 9:00 A.M. at Portland Yacht Club on Thursday June 7, 2012.

CALL to ORDER:

President Stephen Willing welcomed everyone. He then called for a moment of silence to honour the men and women of all our military services, we wish them all a safe journey home, and a healing of physical and mental wounds suffered in service to our countries.

The Pledge of Allegiance led by President Elect Chuck Browning.

Marybeth Thayer - Roll call of Executive Committee and Past International Presidents.

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	District 19
Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert	District 1
Past President	Ira Nies – 1996	District 5
Past President	Marion Hughes – 2002	District 1
Past President	Jerry Rudd – 2009	District 1
Past President	Ray Thompson - 2010	District 8

Mr. President there is a quorum.

Self –Introduction of Attendees and Guests:

DISTRICT 1:

Past NWVP Mike Parish Member Roxanne Parish

DISTRICT 5:

District Director Ron Timmerman

DISTRICT 8 & 18:

South Eastern Vice President Joe Dowdell

DISTRICT 11:

South Western Vice President Rosalie Davis-Green District President Sherry Barone
District Alternate Director Julie Albright

DISTRICT 14:

District Director & President Mike Billington

DISTRICT 15:

US Sailing Rep. Bill Thayer Member Gary Hall District Director Eileen Van Winkle
Past District Director Michele Wold Member Dick Wold
Intl Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

DISTRIC 19:

District Director Peter Oswald Member Linda Bendsen District President Ray Mitchell
Intl Legal Officer Herman Meyer District Vice President John Anthony
Member Lucy Anthony District Secretary M. Estella McGrath Member Roger Beebe
Member Glenda Mitchell

DISTRICT 27:

IOBGHF President & CEO Bob Howe

Approval of Regional Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2012, Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from February 3, 2012. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Reported that IOBG is doing well at this time of the year and then passed out the Financial Statements. The financial statements contained in this report are as of April 30, 2012 and the results of operations for the four months then ended.

2012 appears to be continuing the progress we have made in the last two years. Our total liabilities have been reduced and the members equity has improved by last years net income plus the current year's net income. In short, at this time the organization is in a very healthy financial position.

INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTER: Operations are at a normal pace for this time of the year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: The major expense for this period is the travel. The primary reason for the increased year-to-year coast was air fares.

AREA VICE PRESIDENTS: Only two of the five area Vice Presidents have submitted expenses for reimbursement.

ANNUAL MEETING: The host committee has received their budgeted amount.

THE BLUE GAVEL/LOG/LIGHTHOUSE: The newsletter is lower than budgeted and less than last year. The Lighthouse continues to be accepted by the membership. To receive a printed copy there is an extra charge of \$10.00 per year, still there are many members do not know they will not receive a printed copy of the LOG unless they pay the subscription fee.

All members are welcome to his office with their questions. Boating season has begun. Report Submitted.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT JOEL KAY REPORT:

As Liaison Officer for IOBGA, it is easy to meet with IOBGA President Ethel Keith, as she lives near by. We discussed the lack of energy in the membership. President Ethel Keith is looking for ideas that would re-energize the membership.

I attended a District 7 Board Meeting and found that nearly everyone is reading the LOG on-line and the LIGHHOUSE.

I was honored by my Yacht Club to give the Invocation at this year's Commodore's Ball. At the Greater Cleveland Boating Association Memorial Day event District President Marc Vadaj spoke and he made of all who are involved in the Gavel proud.

Boating season is here, everyone have a safe and happy season.

Report Submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

I want to talk about retaining present membership. I have given much thought to this subject and the conclusion that the best way to retain membership is by strengthening the individual chapters. The District Directors go to their district's meeting and have the chapters take a more active role in their yacht clubs. For example, have their IOBG chapter hosting a barbeque or conducting Opening Day of yachting ceremonies yearly. Have a yacht club management seminar conducted by Blue Gavel. Different subjects like yacht club etiquette as well as yacht club rules and procedures.

If we can get our chapters active, it will help increase our district attendance and create more interest in Blue Gavel.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

Recently the editor for the PUT-IN-BAY Yacht Club year book (Ohio), contacted me and asked if the article I wrote for 2011 Blue Gavel Log "The Way We Fly Our Flag"

Could be put in their 2012 yearbook, I agreed. This is the type of publicity we need and it shows that people other than our IOBG members read our LOG.

Report Submit.

PRESIDENT STEVE WILLING REPORT:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the Portland General Membership meeting. Safety and courtesy on the water will make this an enjoyable summer and as Past Commodores we can lead by example.

I am pleased to see that districts throughout the organization are becoming more active. I believe activity, is the key to retaining and increasing membership.

Enjoy the boating season ahead fly your IOBG burgee with pride as you have earned that right as members of the only International Organization, dedicated solely to Past Commodores.

Report Submitted:

PAST PRESIDENT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Where did the time go? As the Immediate Past president I have inducted new members into District 19 and District 14. Attended a retirement luncheon for District 14's Vice president Susan Jacquelin, retired as a civilian worker for the U. S. Coast Guard, in reading her accomplishments it was mentioned that she was a member of IOBG. The Coast Guard Admiral asked, "What is the Blue Gavel?" I was introduced as the Immediate IOBG Past President and explained what IOBG is. Now about 50 Coast Guard know what Blue Gavel is and does.

I want to thank each and every one of you for the privilege and the honor for letting me go up the international line. Thank You!

Report Submitted.

President Steve Willing announced he will do things a little differently on the reports from the Area Vice Presidents and the Directors.

President Willing will announced the Area Vice Presidents and the Directors under that area will then give they reports at that time.

NORTH WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT: Excused.
Given by Past International President Jerry Rudd

Had a Spring Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, WA, well attended and a picnic coming up. Our Recording Secretary, Louise Condon has just passed away and will be hard to replace as an Officer and friend to IOBG.

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR RON TIMMERMAN REPORT:

District 5 continues to work on raising the profile of Blue Gavel through member communication, district events and chapter activities.

District 5 still participated in the "Adopt a Park" program with Oregon State Parks. We do the clean-up a Hadley Landings, 2012 marks the sixth year we have done this service. We had social events that covered plans for hosting IOBG Regional Meeting in June for over 40 years, get together at Tyee Yacht Club and work on the Leukemia Cup Regatta and Power Boat Scavenger Hunt on the Columbia River.

Report Submitted.

SOUTHWESTERN VICE PRESIDENT ROSALIE DAVIS GREEN REPORT:

Districts in the Southwest Region run the gamete from thriving to barely alive.

I have attended numerous opening day ceremonies, choosing the ones the district directors requested I attend as well as others I previously had not attended. I encourage the districts, provide consultation when asked and keep planting suggestions hoping some will germinate.

District 6 Hawaii/Guam District President Bruce Ladeira reports that “Wounded Warrior” day on the water in Hickam Harbor was a great day, hosted 18 wounded warriors, their family members and therapists.
Report Submitted.

District 10 Director LaVon Plumlee reports that IOBG Bridge is on a steady and energetic course, they just inducted 7 new members during Opening Days ceremonies at the local yacht clubs.

Activities are hosted monthly at member yacht clubs and popular recreational venues of interest to our members.

Auxiliary President Sally Cohen is actively encouraging spouses to join the Auxiliary. District 10 was successful in obtaining the Humanitarian Foundation grants for both the Charity Regatta and Huntington Youth Sailing Foundation last year.

Communication is vital to our continued success, monthly newsletter, a website, and E-Mail is enjoyed by our members.

District 10 Board has submitted information concerning upgrading our IOBG membership card to plastic. We hope this information will be helpful.

Report Submitted.

District 16 Director Nancy Rowe reports got off to a slow start this year, but we are moving forward with great enthusiasm. We added an advisory board to help give us new perspective. Plans are underway for our annual BBQ, we will take electric cruises around Channel Islands Harbor. At the Christmas Party this year will have a new twist and have a “Top Chef” theme. Each District 16 Yacht Club will provide a chef for the event and a wine pairing will be included. Canned food items will be collected for our local Food Share.

I went to all the Opening Days in Ventura and participate with District Director Nancy Rowe in the inducting new IOBG Members it was fun and nice to meet so many people. The District is on their way up.

Report Submitted.

District 21 is moving very slowly, they have 51 members up from 36 last year. The problem is the Board is spread pretty thin they are all busy with other projects. They are looking for some members to do some projects, we will see how that works out.

District 51 Director Walt Kadky reports the District remains very small with 5 members the same as last year. I made an effort to keep in touch, but still get no feedback.

I will continue to attend “Opening Days” ceremonies on behalf of Blue Gavel and make sure we are getting the word out.
Report Submitted.

President Steve Willing interrupted the District’s reports to introduced International Order of Blue Gavel Auxiliary President Ethel Keith.

IOBG AUXILIARY PRESIDENT ETHEL KEITH REPORT:

We hope to increase our Membership. Please invite your spouse to attend the IOBGA meeting when you attend these conventions. We wish to improve our relationship with the Gavel.
Report Submitted.

President Steve Willing then continues the reports from the Districts in the South Western Area.

DISTRICT 14 DIRECTOR MIKE BILLINGTON REPORT:

District 14 is still in the rebuilding stage with plans for events in the near future. We assist Pacific Inter-Clubs Association in the Annual Wheel Chair Regatta. More than half the skippers for this event are IOBG members.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT SHERRY BARONE:

District 11 now has 88 paid members. A membership appreciation lunch was at the South Coast Corinthian Yacht Club, an enjoyable get together. We will hold 5 Windy Qs this year, the first at Del Rey Yacht Club. There is a different speaker for each event. We contributed to Jr. Sailing Scholarship Santa Monica Bay Area Foundation \$1000.00
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 15 DIRECTOR EILEEN VAN WINKLE REPORT:

Began this year with our Yacht Club Management seminar, we added a new subject given by Past Director Jim Colburn on California’s ABC Rules (Our Liquor Laws). Also, our IOBGA District holds a seminar at the same time and location. Guests this year was SWVP Rosalie Davis Green and Past President Vern and Linda Bendsen. Our District 15 Secretary Kathy Smith and her husband Gary hosted a party for all at their home to welcome new members and 80 people were in attendance. IOBG District 15 is partnering with the “Make-A-Wish” Charity event with 3 other yacht clubs (CYC, CCYC, & NYCSD) for a fun bicycle ride we entered a team of 10 riders and many volunteers to assist along the way. We have been asked to assist with the U S Sailing Disabled Sailing Championship.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 19 DIRECTOR PETER OSWALD REPORT:

We have a busy year, starting this year with a joint meeting with IOBG District 14.

Our District cruised to the Village West Chapter Yacht Club in May.

We have improved our Website "iobgdelta.19.org". We formed a committee to contact Past Commodores who are no longer members of enticing them to reinstate their membership.

District 19 has committed to raising funds for Gary McGrath's induction to International IOBG President in 2014.

In August we will hold our annual BBQ at Herman and Sue Meyer's Ranch. At this event we hold a meeting to nominate Officers for 2013.

IOBG District 19 is involved in two issues that concern California boaters.

Both Districts 19 and 14 eagerly await the America's Cup in San Francisco Bay Region.

Report Submitted.

NORTH CENTRAL VICE PRESIDENT TONY DURIEUX REPORT: Excused.

Given by First Vice President Gary McGrath

Tony Durieux is not only NCVP but also District 7 Director.

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR TONY DURIEUX REPORT:

District 7 had a fast start in 2012; they attended the spring meeting with Interlake Yachting Association followed by the annual banquet with Greater Cleveland Boating Association (GCBA).

We held our annual Blue Blazer recruitment get together and this year we had as our guests International IOBG President Steve Willing and Lady Shirley.

On Memorial Day District 7 joined GCBA for the ceremony aboard the USS COD, a World War 2 Submarine.

Report Submitted

DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR BECKY VINCENT REPORT:

District 9 IOBG held their spring meeting at Bay View Yacht Club in May. This year we are supporting a Sailing School at North Cape Yacht Club for humanitarian projects. We tried to support 3 or 4 projects a year we add projects thru the year.

Tom Crites a new Member-at-Large hopes to begin a new chapter at Toledo Ice Yacht Club in the future.

District 9 was happy to support International President Steve Willing and pleased to have a very successful IOBG convention close to home.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 23: No Report.

DISTRICT 25 DIRECTOR SAM BILETI REPORT:

We held a general meeting at Wyandotte Yacht Club in April. We are still stressing communication to all our all Vice Presidents. We must contact all the Clubs and encourage interaction with the Clubs and District 25 as well as other Districts.
Report Submitted.

NORTH EASTERN VICE PRESIDENT DAVE GROVE REPORT:

The Officers of District 27 and I have been attending as many Opening Days as we can. IOBGHF President & CEO Bob Howe and District 27 President Dennis Taylor have put together a Fund to support Vets on the Bay and Scholarship Fund for the Queen of the Chesapeake.

Representing our boating interests from National Boating Federation we learned that National GPS System is no longer under threat from Light Squared. The FCC has withdrawn its support.

Have Safe, Fun Summer Boating Season! See you all in October.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR LEWIS W. SMITH REPORT:

Due to the recent loss of District President Warren Schafer's wife Kathy, District 3 has gotten off a slow start this year. Members support continues to be strong and several recent Past Commodores were inducted into the Blue Gavel membership. We have a dedicated slate of offices and I'm sure we will be up and running shortly.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 26 REPORT: Planning a fund raiser for the Wounded Vets Regatta.

DISTRICT 12 and 20: No Reports.

President Steve Willing announced we would be stopping for lunch now at 11:00A.M.

President Steve Willing resumes the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

SOUTH EASTERN VICE PRESIDENT JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

Attended the District 8 Spring Regional meeting at Royal Palm Yacht Club, ten (10) Chapters were represented and it was a pleasure meeting them all.

District 8 Director Lenworth Gordon presented a power point program on the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation and IOBG Auxiliary Treasurer Renee Gordon made a brief presentation on the organization.

June and I hope to attend a party at Venice Yacht Club in June.

Visited Marco Island Yacht Club and planned on going to Naples Yacht Club next month.

Pelican Isles Yacht Club has applied for a Charter Application.
Winter Regional Meeting will be held at the Venice Yacht Club in February, 2013.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR LENWORTH GORDON REPORT:

I have contacted every Yacht Club Chapter within the District by E-Mail requesting an opportunity to meet the IOBG Contact person. Happily I have received a fair number of responses.

As a whole District 8 has adopted the notion to facilitate the cross pollination of ideas which gives greater incentive for individual chapters to become more involved with their own Club development indirectly.

Visiting clubs for the first time is now a priority and its serves well as a promotional tool as well as fostering goodwill for the order.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 18 REPORT: Given by South Eastern Vice President Joe Dowdell:

District 18 consists of five (5) States – Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee. The District 18 membership funds still reside in the International Treasurer hands except for funds that were delivered back to the District 18 Interim Treasurer on March 22, 2010. It has been over two years now and nothing has been spent. Billing is being handled by the IOC. Half of the District 2012 members belong to one Chapter.

They are still interested in the Blue Gavel and are trying to get more members to rejoin or join for the first time.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 50: No Report.

DISTRICT 70 DISTRICT BILL YOUNG REPORT: Given by President Steve Willing:

Wish everyone well at the Portland Meeting. District 19 Members the Walters are presently visiting us on our Boat in Rochester, England and in April District 14 Members Reg Smith and Debriana Madison visited.

Membership in District 70 has had a slight increase and we are working to grow even more.

Report Submitted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARY EIFFERT: No Report.

HISTORIAN ART THEOBALD: No Report.

LEGAL OFFICER HERMAN MEYER REPORT:

There is no Legal activity for the International Board at this time.

At the local level if there is an issue and you would like to run it by me please do. There is no charge and that's better than calling a local lawyer in your District. You will get an answer I'm in the IOBG Directory.

LOG EDITOR in CHIEF MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT: Excused. Given by Treasurer Marshall Nemo.

The deadline for the LOG is June 23rd.

Mary Nye and Mike Meyers are being inducted into the Hall of Fame for the Corvette showings they did at events last year.

PROTOCOL OFFICER MARSHA LANDRETH: Absent. No report.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER: No Report.

REPRESENTATIVES:

AUXILIARY LIAISON - JOEL KAY REPORT:

Just to repeat President Ethel Keith is requesting for more participation from IOBG Members to inform spouses about IOBGA.

BOAT US - MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Remember we have ½ off the price for the annual fee. They are expanding their towing company around the country. Their work on various issues for the boater like the GPS issues and in California they work on our copper bottom paint's bill, which now been dropped.

Question asked: Is Vessel Assist connected to BOAT US?

Answer: Pretty much the same. They will honor the card of BOAT US

HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION – VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

IOBGHF is working very hard and the By-Law is ready for a vote at the Annual Meeting. IOBGHF President Bob Howe challenges each District to raise \$1500.00 for the year for the Humanitarian Foundation. There is a meeting right after this meeting ends, you are all invited to attend.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION – DAVE KUTZ: Absent. No Report.

U. S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY – LARRY DRAPER: Absent. No Report.

US SAILING - BILL THAYER REPORT:

Two Raileys; Two Medals? Paige and Zack Railey will be gunning for gold in two different classes at the same games. That's new.

US Sailing is conducting an independent study of the tragic grounding of the Sydney 37, "Low Speed Chase" during the 2012 Full Crew Farallones Race April 14th. Latitude 38 had a great article by one of the survivors. Brian Chong, that corrected many early myths.

US Sailing will conduct an independent study into the tragedy on the Newport to Ensanada race concerning the Hunter 376 "Agean". Many rumors were published, but their SPOT Track showed that the "Agean" remained on the same SE course at a speed of 6 knots from 10:15 PM April 27th until 1:30 AM the next morning when she apparently hit the North Coronado Island.

Report Submitted.

COMMITTEES:

AUDIT REPORT - CHAIRMAN VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

The Committee consists of Chuck Browning and Gary McGrath. We find after careful study everything is outstanding from Treasurer Marshall Nemo's IOBG records.

BY-LAWS and POLICY MANUAL – CHAIRMAN VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Committee consists of Stephen Willing and Gary McGrath. Everything seems to be working out. Let me know if you do have a question.

ANNUAL MEETING REVIEW – CHAIRMAN VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Committee consists of Steve Willing, Gary McGrath and Marshall Nemo. All agree that President-Elect Chuck Browning is doing a fine job for the meeting this October.

NOMINATIONS – CHAIRMAN VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Committee consists of Ray Thompson, Steve Willing, Tom Ellis (East) and James Coburn (West).

Chairman Vern Bendsen announced the recommendation of nominees:

President	Chuck Browning (Automatic)
President-Elect	Gary McGrath
First Vice President	Joel Kay
Second Vice President	Joe Dowdell
Past President	Steve Willing (Automatic)
Treasurer	Marshall Nemo

Executive Secretary	Mary Eiffert
North Eastern Vice President	Dave Grove
North Western Vice President	Mary Nye Meyers
North Central Vice President	Tony Durieux
South Western Vice President	Rosalie Davis-Green
South Eastern Vice President	
District 50 Director	
District 51 Director	Walt Kadyk

At this time we have no candidate for South Eastern Vice President but we think we might have one for District 50 Director's position.
 By August 1 everyone who wants to challenge for any of these offices, you are welcome to. Just let us know, send a letter to anyone on the Committee.
 Report Submitted.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy informed all Members to have your dues paid by July 31, 2012. August 1 is the date in the bylaws that determines the number of votes allocated to each district.

ELECTIONS – CHAIRMAN CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

Just a reminder, that no nominations will be requested from the floor, because other nominations must be by petition, signed by members from no less than three (3) different chapters.
 Such petition must be filed with the secretary not more than thirty (30) days from the adjournment of the summer meeting.
 Nominations will be with the written concurrence of the nominee.
 Report Submitted.

ANNUAL MEETING – PRESIDENT- ELECT CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

All the groundwork and final arrangements have been completed for the Annual IOBG Meeting, October 18 thru 21, 2012.
 We will have a lot of local participation and by having several members there from out of town will help District 27 with their recruiting and help build a stronger foundation for the IOBG in the Chesapeake Bay area.
 We have a lot planned to keep everyone entertained (i.e. Cocktail Parties, Ladies Poker Run w/prizes, Historic River City visit to Havre De Grace, MD for the men. We will also visit three (3) different yacht clubs and have a free Hospitality Room that will be open each day as needed. The Annual Ball will be held at Maryland Golf and Country Club and there will be an Open Bar.
 We hope everyone will come and enjoy visiting District 27.
 Meetings will be in the morning.
 Report Submitted.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW CHAPTER APPLICATIONS:

President Steve Willing had an application for Pelican Isles Yacht Club in Florida. The Board approved it by E-Mail and right now the paperwork for it is missing. Once the paperwork is found it will be signed and we will have a new Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

President Steve Willing spoke on membership cards- paper vs. plastic cards and asked Treasurer Marshall Nemoy to discuss the situation.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy explained that this will be the last year for the paper cards he has on file and the paper company is out of business. Members Bill and LaVon Plumlee of Navy Yacht Club Long Beach do the plastic cards for their Club and discussed the cost of the plastic cards. The machine to do it runs about \$1425.00, the ribbons about \$800.00 per year, supplies about \$80.00 per year. It breaks down to about .44 cents per year per card and .14 cents over 5 years for the machine. This is just a general estimate. Postage should not be any different. Passed around a plastic card to look at, sent by LaVon Plumlee and asked for everyone's opinion on paper vs. plastic. Discussion followed. Thank you for all opinions and we will look further into all areas of getting a plastic card for our membership.

GOOD of the ORDER:

President Steve Willing thanked our Hosts from District 5 Bill McKinney and Ron Timmerman. As everyone here know what it takes to put on an event like this. Once again a great job, Thank You!

District 5 President Bill McKinney announced what the schedule will be for Friday.

President Steve Willing thanked everyone for coming.
It's great to be here seeing you all and talking to you all.

US Sailing Representative Bill Thayer announced that District 75 Director Keith Wardell and his wife Patsy from New Zealand will be visiting San Diego on June 26th, so if you are in the area they will be at South Western Yacht Club for dinner, so come by and join us there.

IOBG Humanitarian Foundation President & CEO Bob Howe announced that their meeting will be held 10 minutes after the Regional Meeting is closed. You are all are invited to attend.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 2:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary