INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL ANNUAL MEETING THE DOUBLE TREE HILTON HOTEL, BEACHWOOD, OHIO SATURDAY 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Gary McGrath at 9:08 A.M. at The Double Tree Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio on Saturday, October 18, 2014.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Pledge of Allegiance

2. ROLL CALL of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

President Gary McGrath	District	19
President Elect Joel Kay	District	7
First Vice President Joe Dowdell	District	8
Second Vice President Rosalie Davis Green	District	11
Treasurer Marshall Nemoy	District	15
Past President Chuck Browning	District	27
Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert	District	1

Mr. President there is a quorum

President Gary McGrath called for a quorum for Voting.

Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer called each District.

Districts present are Districts 1,3,5,7,8,9,11,15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 50 & 51. Not present were Districts 6,10,14,20,21,22,23, 26, 27, 70 & 75.

Mr. President there is a quorum.

3. INTRODUCTION OF IOBG INTERNATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS

1996 Past President Ira Nies	District 5
2000 Past President Louis Key	District 7
2007 Past President Carol Promessi	District 19
2012 Past President Steve Willing	District 25

4. SELF-INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES and GUESTS

DISTRICT 1:

NWVP Mary Nye Meyers District Director Lani Lightle Member/CFO IOBGHF Jackie Evans Rudd

DISTRICT 3:

District Director Lewis Smith

DISTRICT 7:

NCVP Tony Durieux District North East Lloyd Boque District Pennsylvania VP Charles Miller

Member Bill Brello District NWVP Debbie Light District President Elect Warren Dempster Member Alfred Gerhardt District Director George McKeown District Treasurer Dave Zmek District 1st VP Clifford Gabriel District Cleveland West V.P. Bill Blakeslee Member Nick Romano Past District VP & Secretary John P. Sukis Member Dominic A. Logalbo

DISTRICT 8:

SEVP Bud Higginson

DISTRICT 9:

District Director Stephen Barry District President Elect Larry Inguagiato Member Kris Miller

DISTRICT 11:

SWVP & District Director Sherry Barone Legal Officer Gary Green District VP Susana Hernardez Arcico

DISTRICT 15:

US Sailing Rep/Sgt. at Arms/Alt. District Director Bill Thayer Past District Director Gary Hall Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

DISTRICT 16:

Protocol Officer/Alt District Director Marsha Landreth

DISTRICT 18:

District Director Buzz Bisanz

DISTRICT 19:

District Director John Anthony District President/IOBGHF Secretary Estella McGrath Education Officer Phil Promessi

DISTRICT 25:

District Director Greg Lowe President Elect Harold Weaver Past Dist. Director Russell Skitch

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING:

The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from October 19, 2013. Motion passed.

6. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

TREASURER MARSHALL REPORT:

The financial statements presented in this report are as of September 30, 2014 and the nine months then ended. IOBG is organized into five operating activities. They are: The International Operations Center (IOC), Executive Committee, the Annual Meeting, Area Vice Presidents and Communication which includes the Blue Gavel Log, the Lighthouse and our web site. All statements except for the Balance Sheet are presented in the budget comparison format.

Summary: For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, with our revenues being lower than expected we also have spent less on expenses than we had budgeted. The results is our members' equity continues to present a strong financial position.

We thank all the district treasurers for their assistance during 2014 and look forward to a smooth 2015 year. All members should feel free to call us with their questions. Use the toll free number shown in this letter. Remember our web site and the Lighthouse for up to date information. Report Submitted.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT ROSALIE DAVIS GREEN REPORT:

It was an honor to serve as IOBG 2ndVP this year.

The mission of the Blue Gavel is to recognize past commodores and unite them to promote yachting. How did we do?

Did we set goals and objectives for our chapters or districts? Are we seen as a vital resource in our local community? Are the newest members participating in our activities? If the answer is yes, keep up the good work

The future of yachting requires involving young people in yachting. Over time the needs of our members and local boating communities change. Talk with your members, vice presidents and area vice presidents, contact us, use us to help you actualize the mission of Blue Gavel.

Report Submitted.

1st VICE PRESIDENT JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

With the passing of our Historian & IOBG 2005 Past President Art Theobald, the archives that has been collected and will be sent to Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert for safe keeping. I had a chance to read some of the letters in the collections dating back to 1955. We have quite a history and I would recommend to the future IOBG Historian, it would be good if the information that is received be reduced and scanned and be available for all to read.

The Annual meeting in 2015 will be held in Marathon, Florida on October 22, 23, and 24. There is so much of history in my area and there is so much to see and do.

Air transportation into Miami or Ft. Lauderdale is best, although there is an airport in Key West

We will have the hotel selected and more information to announce at the San Diego Meeting in February Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT ELECT JOEL KAY REPORT:

What a year this has been, my memories of the knighting ceremony and Masked Ball Saturday night will be with me forever.

The organization through the Executive Committee has tackled some issues such as modernizing the bylaws, dealing with better communication "up the ladder and down the ladder" with our members, better relations between districts within areas and how districts and areas handle similar situations, such as membership and social activities, maintaining a recognizable place in their respective boating communities and the relationship to the general communities in which the districts and chapters reside.

Nancy and I have been working toward making the 2014 Annual Meeting a really meaningful set of experiences.

I'm happy to welcome all of you to our 2014 Annual Meeting.

Report Submitted.

PAST PRESIDENT CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

Nominating from the floor, does not give the membership an opportunity to advise their Chapter Presidents and District Directors their choice for each officer. So, there will be no nominating from the floor. At the Summer Regional Meeting, the Nominating Committee will, as always, announce the slate of officers for the following year. If anyone wants to run for an office he/she will have 30days in which to send the IOBG Secretary, a petition for the office he/she is running for. That person's name shall appear on the ballot with the Nominating Committee's recommendations. This will give all members of IOBG a chance to see all the candidates for each office, and let their Directors know who to vote for.

It is up to you, the individual member of IOBG, to tell your Chapter President and District Directors your choices for each. Your Director must vote the way you tell them.

All the nominations shall be with written concurrence of the nominee. Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

The past year has flown by so fast. It was a good year even though we had some stumbling blocks to overcome. We had to replace 3 AVP's and then add 2 Directors to fill their positions, we initiated the phone conference program. We had both Mary Nye Meyers and Joel Kay knighted, and we had a great summer Regional Meeting at Charleston for which we would like to thank both Buzz Bisanz and Dave Kowert.

This coming year will be challenge as there are Budget issues that must be addressed. Your Executive Board had proposed a dues increase and it is a fact of life, prices have gone up since our last increase in 2007.

If we are to remain a Premier Organization, we need to approve the dues increase of \$10.00 a year. That amounts to about \$.85 per month, so come on be realistic and support your Executive Board proposal.

My personal thanks for all the members who assisted me throughout the year, I am eternally grateful. I know you will support Joel Kay and his Board with the same enthusiasm. Report Submitted.

7. OFFICERS REPORTS:

EXECUTIVE SECETARY MARY EIFFERT REPORT:

We had four new charters approved. District7: Ashtabule YC and Commodores Cruising Club, District 8: Dunedin Boat Club and District 14: Barbary Coast Boating Club.

Apparently all of your chapters have their charters, if not, let me know so I can reissue the charter for you.

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

NWVP MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

District 1 and 5 both had their Change of Watch in September which seems earlier than most Districts.

In the past few years District 1 and 5 have lost members. It was a wake up call for everyone.

The Districts both have the same goals in mind for 2015.

- 1. The "R & R" of membership (retaining & recruiting)
- 2. Explaining the District's relevance to their members and their yacht club...answering the question "Why should I join or stay in Blue Gavel?"

I've encouraged the use of "Conference Calling" and when everyone is ready...Skype or some other means of video & audio conferencing. It is important to find alternate ways to keep communications open...other than the preferred "face to face".

Report Submitted.

President Gary McGrath adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

President Gary McGrath resumed the meeting at 10:30 A.M.

President Gary McGrath continued the meeting with District 1 report.

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR LANI LIGHTIE REPORT:

District 1 held its annual summer picnic at Port Hudson Marina in Port Townsend, Wash.

District 5 held its Fall Change of Watch at the Kingston Cove Yacht Club. Bob Lee is the President of District 1. We were honored to have District 5 President Duane Westfall join us this year.

Our Spring Meeting in 2015 will be held at the Spokane Yacht Club located in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

One of the things I look forward to is working with the board and trustees on a plan to maintain and build our membership. There are opportunities to reintroduce dormant chapters and bring in new chapters. Record Submitted.

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR DUANE WESTFALL REPORT: Given by IOBG Past President Ira Nies

The Life Jacket Program has been very successful and we are working on a way to raise more funds for more life jackets. In our 20 kiosks there has been no drowning. But in other areas there were 33 drowning. We would very much like to help this number go way down by working at supplying more life jackets this year.

We have a new District President Mike Kondrat who will help in getting our District to grow and keep membership.

1996 IOBG Past President Ira Nies then spoke about Kurt Lightner who has passed away, but he was the one who got IOBG into the Royal Rosarian Knighting program. He was IOBG Legal Officer and Royal Rosarian Legal Officer, so that's how the Knighting came about.

Report Submitted.

NEVP ERNEST ODIERNA: Not Present.

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR LEWIS W. SMITH REPORT:

Under the leadership of President Paula Schneeberger, the District has stabilized in membership numbers and seems on an upward direction. Vice President Steve Tisack arranged a successful dinner cruise on the "Miss Buffalo" tour boat which was attended by over 80 people. The current officers and director agree to remain for another term. With sadness I report the passing of P/C Richard Dobmeler. Dick was a staunch supporter of the Blue Gavel having served as chapter president at the Buffalo Launch Club for over 20 years.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 20,22,23,50 DIRECTOR MARK A. VADAJ REPORT:

I have been busy speaking with as many of the Districts as possible. It is my intention to ensure that all Members are informed of the issues and events that have passed, as well as the issues and events of today and tomorrow.

Past Commodore David Welles of District 20 is planning a District event for IOBGHF. If this idea is of interest to you, I will guide you and assist you through the process as a District Director.

Thank you once again for your renewal in "Yachting Most Prestigious Fraternity".

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 51 DIRECTOR WALT KADYK REPORT:

District 51 remains alive with two (2) paid up members.

I will continue to "recruit" candidates for IOBG for those that would fall under District 51. I will continue To attend "Opening Day" ceremonies on behalf of Blue Gavel and make sure we are getting the word out. Report Submitted.

NCVP TONY DURIEUX REPORT:

2014 has turned out to be a very positive year. This has to do with the hard work and dedication shown by the e-boards in all districts that make up the North Central Region.

All districts have shown sustained or positive growth in membership.

Their planning of district activities and continued close contract with their chapters results in high membership retention.

The districts recognized the opportunity to increase their base by adding new chapters.

I take my hat off to all North Central districts and say "Well Done".

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT GENE McKEOWN REPORT:

First Congratulation to Joel Key for being sworn in as President of the INTERNATIONAL ORDER of the BLUE GAVEL.

We put out a calendar with about 20 items so there is something always going on for the membership. It's easy to put on their schedule.

We host two cocktail parties a year one for the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc. and one for Interlake Yachting Assoc. Regatta along with District 9 and 25. We consider these people are customers.

We are already making plans for 2015. We will be marching for the 3rd year in the St. Patrick Parade and if you are in the area you are invited to join us. We have our Blue Blazers event where we invited all the Commodores in the area to join us for a lovely evening.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 9 DIRECTOR STEPHEN BARRY REPORT:

The officers and members of District 9 have always been active and supportive of the gavel as well as other organizations and events. This year upcoming we see the focus coming back to more participation in district wide events.

Currently we are in the middle of a fundraiser built around the Big 10 and specifically Ohio State and Michigan. This is a big deal in this area. Its run about 14 weeks and provides a lot of communication and interaction between Blue Gavel members and as well as other members at the clubs.

We held our annual meeting last Sunday and the new officers are already making plans to move the district forward.

The district is working closely with IOBGA on events and support of each other.

Local chapters at the clubs have raised funds which can then be channeled into charities or back into the clubs.

The new president has some goals for the up coming year and is planning at least 4 events this year to increase participation and strengthen our district.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 25 DIRECTOR GREG LOWE REPORT:

2014 has proven to be a very challenging and low keyed year for District 25. In spite of the fact that there has not been District events planned, our membership remains steady. I would like to thank our current treasurer, Jack Berry for his hard work, Because of Jack's diligence and determination he has most single handedly kept our membership above 100 this year. Our District 25 Secretary Shawn O'Neil is resigning as District 25 Secretary after many years. Shawn's services surely will be missed.

District 25 was in the St. Patrick Parade for the second year. Along with District 7 and District 9 we helped with our annual IOBG cocktail party for ILYA.

Two Districts 25 chapters, Great Lake Steel Boat Club and Sun Parlour Boat Club extended an invitation for assistance. GLSBC held their annual Zukin's Ribs Dinner, while SPBC hosted a Chicken dinner (all on the same day) A great event and more food than you can eat at one seating, so be ready to take some home. The chapters are donating a percentage of their profits to District 25.

It has been my pleasure serving as District Director for this past year. I wish the best of luck to the new 2015 President Harold Weaver and his Board.

Report Submitted

President Gary McGrath made an announcement that IOBGHF donations usually presented when you give your report. We will be doing the donation to IOBGHF at the luncheon today.

SEVP/DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR BUD HIGGINSON REPORT:

District 8 is pleased to announce that it has added two new chapters this year. They are the Dunedin Boat Club and Lauderdale Yacht Club.

At the Annual Meeting for our District 8, I will remain as District Director and President William Pittman, President Elect Shaun Graser, 1st VP Peter Franck, 2nd VP Leonard Tower, Secretary Heather Wood and Treasurer Robert Pease. IOBG 1st Vice President Joe Dowdell did the honors of swearing in the Elected Officers at the Evening Dinner Event.

In a poll of the membership, the majority in favor of the proposed increase in the IOBG annual dues. Many expressed concern that we lose some members while one to two chapters stated they may drop out of IOBG as a result of this increase. Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 18 DIRECTOR BUZZ BISANZ REPORT:

District 18 successfully hosted the IOBG Board in Charleston SC at the Charleston Yacht Club in August. Our hosts at CYC and Hobcaw Yacht Club were very hospitable and welcomed our Officers with open arms.

At our District Meeting in Charleston, SC reelected was District 18 Director Buzz Bisanz and our new District President is Dave Kowert.

Our next step is to name a District Treasurer. So we can transfer our District funds currently being held by IOBG Treasurer office District back into District 18.

Effort will continue to plan events in the near future to built and recruit Blue Gavel members from this area. The District consists of the states of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Report Submitted.

SWVP SHERRY BARONE REPORT:

I am the newly elected Southwestern VP and look forward to serving, visiting districts and getting to know/District Members...My area covers from Guam, Hawaii to California. It is 5803 miles from San Francisco to Guam, a straight line. I looked that up. Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR RICHARD DENTON REPORT: Given by SWVP Sherry Barone

BBQ and Election held at the Kaneohe Yacht Club with the election of President Bill DeRego, Vice President Ellis Abram and I will remain as District Director. Thank you to Sterling Lau who has served District 6 for the last three years.

Installation and dinner will be on Nov. 5th, at the Hawaii Yacht Club.

Also, at Hawaii Yacht Club our Christmas Party, enjoying our traditional IOBG gift exchanged. There's no charge for the meal.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR LaVon PLUMLEE REPORT: Given by SWVP Sherry Barone

2014 continues to be a busy and very enjoyable year for our District 10 members. We meet monthly.

We will host a fashion show in November and all the proceeds will benefit the Humanitarian Foundation.

District 10 continues to stress communications as a vital factor to our success. We have a monthly newsletter and we have a website (http://www.iobg-district10.org).

In December Christmas lights aboard electric boats at Huntington Harbor and enjoying our annual Christmas hors d'oeuvres potluck.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 11 SWVP SHERRY BARONE REPORT:

We finished the summer windy q BBQ with various speakers as well Sundown Friday sailboat races, all in September.

Attended the LA Sheriff's Dept. "National Night Out" at Del Rey Yacht Club this is a nationwide events.

Our change of watch and installation of the 2015 election of officers is scheduled on December 7th at Del Rey Yacht Club.

IOBG District 11 and chapter Westlake Yacht Club is on a 7-day cruise from LA, San Francisco, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Ensenada and back to Los Angeles.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 14 DIRECTOR MARGE BOTTARI REPORT: Given SWVP Sherry Barone

After recent inductions of Barbary Coast Boating Club we will have 70 regular members and 8 associates members in 2014. We have been working hard to find the balance of purpose, philanthropy as well as fun activities that will be attractive to our current and future membership. We have created a Junior Sailing Award Program for any Junior to apply to any of our PICYA Clubs for sailing program. We have events to raise funds for this program.

District 14 has done a Memorial Day cruise on the SS Jeremiah O'Brian, a WWII Liberty Ship. We held events with PICYA. Opening Day on the San Francisco Bay, Cruise to Rio Vista and held our Annual Meeting at the Oyster Point Yacht Club.

2015 Installation Officers and Directors is for Nov.15th at the Encinal Yacht Club. They will be District Director Marge Bottari, President Susie West, Vice president Susan Jacquelin, Secretary Mike West, Treasurer Vern Bendsen.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 15 DIRETOR KATHY SMITH REPORT: Given by Alt. District Director Bill Thayer

Our goal is to have fun, and do some good. We accomplished these goals last year, we had three parties, raised funds for 3 charities, and presented our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar. It is a formula that works for us.

At our Change of Watch Dinner and Ceremony, October 11th our new officers were installed by Past President Jeanne Irwin: District Director Kathy Smith, President Jim Jenkins, Vice President Bill Edwards, Secretary Ned Knight and Treasurer and Supply Officer Marshall Nemoy.

Our first event is our Yacht Club Management Seminar it is designed to address areas of Finance, Legal, Alcohol and Beverage Control, Protocol and Yachting Organizations.

Our members look forward to our Annual Members Thank You Party, when new Members are welcomed and honored.

Our new Website should be up and running soon. Thanks to President Jim Jenkins for taking on this task. Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 16 DIRECTOR NANCY ROWE REPORT: Given by Alt. District Director Marsha Landreth

District 16 had their annual BBQ at the Ventura Yacht Club. At this event we were happy to have not only Ventura Yacht Club's Commodore in attendance, but every yacht club in both of our harbors represented. At this event Mike Solomon, General Manager of the United States Conservation District discussed the Ventura County water conditions, the title of his talk was "How Will the Drought Affect Local Water Usage". We wish the news would have been better. It seems that California is in for anther dry year.

Plans are still underway to work with the Maritimes Museum in the Oxnard harbor, the membership is looking forward in participating in an educational exhibit, volunteering their time.

District will have their Holiday party at Channel Islands Yacht Club in Dec. New officers will be elected then. We continue to try to increase our Membership.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 19 DIRECTOR JOHN ANTHONY REPORT:

District 19 has been very busy with boating activities this summer season.

We have lost two distinguished Past Commodores and Legal Officers George Knies and Homer Meyer.

District 19 election of officers was held at Pittsburg Yacht Club in Sept. There are Director Estella McGrath Alternate Director John Anthony, President Elect Sandee Clark, Vice President Roger Beebe, Secretary Lucy Anthony and Treasurer David Camp.

Marina West held their first "Make A Wish" cruise for the Sacramento Make A Wish chapter and Pittsburgh Yacht Club also had a "Make A Wish" event, both very successful events for both clubs to make wishes come true.

Delta District 19 is looking forward to change of watch in Nov. and another great year for Delta District 19.

Report Submitted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS REPORT:

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT PHIL PROMESSI REPORT:

Yesterday I gave the report on IOBG Marketing Report and why the "BLUE GAVEL". I have extra copies of those reports here, if you want one to take back with you.

LEGAL OFFICER GARY GREEN REPORT:

We have acquired Protective Liability Insurance for Officers and Directors and also looking into General Liability for next year. We will be renewing our Logo, due June, 2015 and in 2017 IOBG Copyright in Canada.

COMMUNICATION OFFICER MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

Deadline for the LOG is Nov. 1st. We are going to start doing more information electronically, going to create a system that when you have new information like new officers you can put it on the website and it would go to the IOC Office (Marshall Nemoy) and to me. Just have to do it one time. It will save time postages and printing.

We are going to do the 2015 Directory electronically that go Officers and District Directors and Presidents. This will also cut down on expense.

PROTOCOL OFFICER MARSHA LANDRETH REPORT:

First of all, let me take this opportunity to thank the Past Presidents of IOBG for awarding me their prestigious award.

This year was smooth sailing. Only a few protocol and parliamentary inquires were made, most of which came the nights before Opening Days.

You will find parliamentary procedure handouts, please take whatever you need.

Report Submitted.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER REPORT: No Report.

SERGEANT at ARMS BILL THAYER REPORT: No Report.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES:

BOAT U.S. REP. MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

A quick comment first, I will be passing out Traveler Allowances forms today. If you came to yesterdays meeting and today, you will get 100% of reimbursement and if you came only today you will get 50% reimbursement.

Now to BOAT U. S., this is a cooperate organization, it has insurance for your Boat and now Mechanical Ins. plus you get your membership ½ off and their stores have practically everything you would want on a boat.

US SAILING REP. BILL THAYER REPORT:

The US Sailing Resource Center has collected a significant amount of educational content over the years from forums, symposiums and sanctioned courses and seminars. The center helps all types of sailors improve their abilities and provide new ideas for local sailing centers and yacht clubs.

RS Sailing has changed the name of the game for Adaptive Sailing. The Venture Keel has a whole range of "plug and play" adaptive sailing options which compliment her self righting capabilities which can be added or removed as required to allow the same boat to be used for able bodies or adaptive sailing.

Report Submitted.

IOBGA PRESIDENT JUNE THACKER REPORT:

We had more people at our meeting today than we have had in the past two (2) years. District 7 was wonderful and we have a good discussion with a lot of ideas to help the communities around us and make money for our treasury and made us more visible to the general public. We are working on our master list of members and set goals for this year and we are going to make them.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION REP. GARY GREEN REPORT:

This is an advisory group representing you thru out the United States of projects that would be of interest to you.

One of the projects concern Lake Erie and the amount of gasoline and ethanol mixed together and the harm it is doing to our marine engine.

They are working on a number of issues to protect us.

COMMITTEES:

ANNUAL MEETING – 2015 2ND VICE PRESIDENT JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

You heard my first report and I am not going to improve on that one.

NOMINATING PAST PRESIDENT CHUCK BROWNING REPORT:

The IOBG Nominating Committee has made the following nominations for Officers for the year 2014-2015.

The Nominations Are:

President Joel Kay	District 7 (automatic as per bylav	vs)
President Elect Joel Dowdell	District 8	
First Vice President Rosalie Davis Green	District 11	
Second Vice President Tony Durieux	District 7	
Immediate Past President Gary McGrath	District 19	
Treasurer Marshall Nemoy	District 5	
Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert	District 1	
Northeastern Vice President Ernie Odiema	District 27	
Northwestern Vice President Mary Nye Meyers	District 1	
North Central Vice President Mark Vadaj	District 7	
Southwestern Vice President		
Southeastern Vice President B.E. "Bud" Higginson	District 8	
Director 50 Director	OPEN	
(East of the Mississippi River)		
Director 51 Director Walt Kadyk		
(West of the Mississippi River)		
Report Submitted.		

President Gary McGrath explained why SWVP position was open. The resignation came under 30days prior to the elections and there is no way we could send a new one out and get it back in time. So by the bylaws the Executive Committee appointed a SWVP.

BYLAWS and POLICY MANUEL VERN BENDSEN REPORT: Excused.

President Elect Joel Kay read the change in the Bylaws Article 7, Section 2 that was voted on and approved.

Any questions? None.

SUPPLY: No Report.

President Gary McGrath adjourned the meeting for lunch at 11:45 A.M.

President Gary McGrath resumed the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Protocol Officer Marsha Landreth handed out the ballots for the elections of Officers and then will pick them up to tabulate them with District 9 President Elect Larry Inguagiato and report back.

President Gary McGrath announced while the votes for the Officers were being counted, we would now handle the Dues and Budget vote on two (2) separate votes. We will have Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer call each District and the Officers for their votes. Will call out how many votes each District has and the Officers each have one. We tabulate up here. The first vote will be for the dues increase. Proceed to a voice count.

After the voice vote was taken and being tabulated, President Gary McGrath called for the Budget vote.

1st Vice President Joe Dowdell asked a question "I don't see anything in the Bylaws that the Directors have to approve the budget. It says it has to be presented to them and it already has".

Legal Officer Gary Green said the vote for the Budget vote should be presented after the Dues increase vote has been tallied.

President Gary McGrath "we will tally the vote for the increase before we go any further".

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy made the announcement of the tabulation of the Dues Increase vote.

The vote tally by Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer was compared with a separate tally maintained by Treasurer Marshall Nemoy and observed by Immediate Past President Chuck Browning and the final vote is 43 in favor and 33 against.

The motion passed.

Report Two (2) Separate Vote Tally Submitted.

President Gary McGrath replied to 1st Vice President Joe Dowdell's question "Currently the Executive Board presented to the members yesterday the budget and it was passed by the Board and the Financial Committee.

It was approved.

Point of Order called for from Legal Officer Gary Green who read from the IOBG Bylaws Article 7, Section 4, Subsection A.

Discussion followed. Decided that the Bylaws were followed, but will have the Bylaws Officer look into maybe changing the wording next year. Also it was decided to have it approved by the members.

Past President Louis Key made a motion "I make a motion to approve the Budget presented by the Board and Financial Committee and seconded by Past President Carol Promessi.

Any discussion? None.

Vote was taken. Motion passed.

Protocol Officer Marsha Landreth announced votes were cast for the slate of the 2015 Officers.

The votes cast were: 73 Yes One No vote for District 51 and all the rest yes.

The slate was approved.

Motion to destroy the ballots made by Past President Louis Key and seconded by Past President Carol Promessi. Any questions? None. Motion passed. President Gary McGrath will make sure the ballots are destroyed and appointed Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer to shred them.

GOOD of the ORDER:

At this time I present the Gavel to IOBG 2015 President Joel Kay.

President Joel Kay adjourned the meeting at 2:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer Recording Secretary