

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SPRING REGIONAL MEETING
PORTLAND YACHT CLUB, PORTLAND, OREGON
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Gary McGrath at 10:30 A.M., at Portland Yacht Club in Portland, Oregon on Thursday, June 5, 2014.

1. CALL to ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Second Vice President Rosalie Davis Green.

Eight Bells for Past Int'l President Art Theobald: Rung by District 5 Alternate Director Ron Timmerman.

2. ROLL CALL of 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 Excused
Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert	District 1

Mr. President there is a quorum.

4. INTRODUCTION of IOBG INTERNATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS

Past President Ira Nies (1996)	District 5
Past President Jerry Rudd (2009)	District 1
Past President Vern Bendsen (2011)	District 19

3. INTRODUCTION of HOSTS from DISTRICT 5

District 5 Alternate Director Ron Timmerman
District 5 President Duane Westfall
Member Steve Adkins

President Gary McGrath presented to District 5 Alternate Director Ron Timmerman a Plaque of Appreciation for hosting the Spring Regional Meeting.

5. SELF-INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES and GUESTS

DISTRICT 1:

NWVP Mary Nye Meyers District 1 President Lani Lightle Member Al Eiffert
District 1 Vice President Jim Martinson

DISTRICT 7:

NCVP Tony Durieux

DISTRICT 11:

Legal Officer Gary Green District 11 Director Sherry Barone

DISTRICT 14:

SWVP Mike Billington Member Larry Draper

DISTRICT 15:

District 15 President Kathy Smith Past IOBGA District 15 President Gary Smith
US Sailing Rep. Bill Thayer Int'l Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

DISTRICT 19:

District 19 Director John H. Anthony District 19 President Estella McGrath
Member Linda Bendsen Member Lucy Anthony

6. APPROVAL of MINUTES of FALL REGIONAL MEETING

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

7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Two Treasurer's reports have been passed out to you. The first one dated May 11, 2014 is ending for December, 2013 and the second one ending April 30, 2014 shows the first three (3) months. Because we are now having three meetings some expenses have dropped. In 2013 IOC did very well, one of the reason was fewer special projects that also required mailing. For a number of reasons our expenses were lower in 2013 because attendance to the Annual Meeting was lower than past years. Travel was less because some members were unable to attend and we are now holding only three (3) meetings a year. In 2014 we have fewer members but some districts that have not sent in dues this year because of a change of treasurer or some other reason. We are having difficulty processing dues transmittals because of incomplete data, especially in the case of new members. The easiest method is to send a photocopy of the membership application or renewal notice.

We are now working on the 2015 Budget and will be presented to the Executive Board for their approval, which would be voted on at the Annual Meeting by the Membership. We haven't had a dues increase since 2008 and everything is going up.

We thank all the district treasurers for their assistance with dues payment process. The IOC exists to assist all IOBG members. Feel free to call us on the toll free number

(888) 378-2211. The summer season is here for us all to enjoy. Be sure to get your fair share.

Two (2) Reports Submitted.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ROSALIE DAVIS GREEN REPORT:

When I think about IOBG, I like to focus on the major aspects of our mission statement: camaraderie, education of fellow yachtsman about yachting and yachting customs, service to the yachting community and philanthropy. How are we doing in our districts with each of these things?

Districts that are struggling seem to be out of balance with various aspects of our mission, just having fun but neglecting service to the yachting community. Past Commodores are doers and want to be part of a service effort.

Once the service function is omitted, it takes effort by district officers to reinvigorate the district.

The Vice President can assist you by providing encouragement, being a sounding board and problem solving. But you have to do the work. Make use of the chain of command to help you achieve your goals.

Report Submitted.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

Our Organization is subject to certain written rules that govern all such corporate organizations – The Corporate Charter, the By-laws, Rules of Order, Rules of Policy and Procedure and Standing Rules. Our By-laws and our Policy and Procedure Manual are on our website.

He then discussed our Corporate Charter which was filed in the State of Washington on March 20, 1967 with all our Articles of Incorporation.

There are six (6) articles in the Corporate Charter and each one is important.

Article I sets forth “the object and purpose of the IOBG”.

Article II provides that “the Corporation shall be divided into chapters, districts and a headquarters office”.

Article III “The Corporation shall also have the power as is necessary to incur such indebtedness as to finance the affairs of the corporation”.

Article IV “The interest of each member shall be equal to that of any other member and each member shall be entitled to one vote in the election of the officers in accordance with the bylaws of the Corporation. All contracts of the corporation must be executed by the President and attested by the Secretary”.

Article V “The business of the Corporation shall be managed by a governing board of not less than six members who, composed of elected officers and two or more additional elected members, shall manage the affairs of the Corporation”.

Article VI “The principal place of business shall be Seattle, Washington. Meetings shall be held as such are designated by the Secretary with the approval of the governing Board”.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

It has been an interesting year so far, we did not have a Winter Regional Meeting so in order to stay in touch with my Board, I have instituted a monthly conference call among the Executive Board complete with recording secretary and minutes. In January, our NCVP resigned for business purposes and SEVP and Legal Officer both resigned due to health problems, so our first conference call was to vote on their replacements. NCVP is P/C Ernie Odierna from District 26, SEVP is P/C Bud Higginson from District 8, and our new Legal Officer is Gary Green from District 11 and husband of our 2nd Vice President Rosalie Davis Green.

At the Executive Board Meeting this morning we decided to combine our Web Master, Log Editor and Lighthouse Editor and put them all under one title of Communication Director. Also, we decided to expand District 1 to include Idaho.

We are also working on redesigning our IOBG Brochure to be more up to date in regards to our Mission Statement.

We will be changing our Standing Rules to include item 9, sections 9.1 and 9.2 which would allow us to use electronic means to meet and communicate with each other for the purpose of voting on items that need to be decided on prior to next Regional or Annual meetings. The record of an electronic meeting and action shall be recorded by the Secretary and will become part of the Executive Committee's actions to be approved at the next Regional or Annual meeting.

We are investigating O&D insurance and we will be revamping our AVP travel expense to include airfare to Regional meeting.

And last but not least your Treasurer's financial report and budget, and it does not take a genius to figure out that if we are to maintain our operations, we will need to have a dues increase for 2015 so we will be discussing that action in Charleston and Cleveland.

Past President Art Theobald has passed away and he was our Historian, so we need someone to step up and take over those duties. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT ELECTS JOEL KAY REPORT:

This year has been filled with wonderful experiences at various chapters in several districts. Nancy and I started in District 8 (Florida) at a meeting at Naples Yacht Club, invited by First Vice President Joe Dowdell. I was asked to say a few words and invited all to the Spring Regional Meeting and the Annual meeting.

I marched in the St Patrick's Day Parade in beautiful ice cold downtown Cleveland, Ohio.

District 7 got a spot in the parade and members of District 9 and 25 were present marching too.

Also, in March I attended the Inter Lake Yachting Assoc. Annual Meeting and festivities and at their meeting and I was acknowledged and said a few words as President Elect of IOBG.

In April, I gave the invocation at the Edgewater Yacht Club's Commodore's Ball and next day attended a lunch and a cruise on the ship "Nautica Queen", this was District 7 Spring social event.

Nancy and I attended the District's Spring Meeting at the Harbor View Yacht Club, Oregon, Ohio. In attendance were Tony and Sandie Durieux. I urged the District to support the Annual Meeting and the Officers come to Regional Meetings and for all District members to read the "Log" and "Lighthouse".

In the last two months we have finalized the 2014 Annual Meeting to be held at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel in Beachwood, Ohio (Cleveland). We will have all the information for the next issue of the "Log".
Report Submitted.

8. OFFICERS' REPORTS

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARY EIFFERT: No Report.

NEVP ERNIE ODIERNA: Excused.

NCVP TONY DURIEUX REPORT:

The North Central Area has had a respectable year. An unusually harsh winter limited the activities of our northern most districts. Summer is almost here and our members are scrambling to get their boats ready for launch. The year is shaping up for all and I personally am looking forward to a summer of fun. The North Central Area looks to be on the top of their game.

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR PAT McLIWEE REPORT: Given by NCVP Tony Durieux

We have been very busy in District 7. In March the District marched in the Cleveland St. Patrick's Day Parade and our guests joining us from District 9 and District 25.

We had our Sunday Brunch Tours which were very well attended and took us to Erie Yacht Club and Sandusky Yacht Club.

We also had our Blue Blazer which is our only recruiting event of the year and we swore in 6 new members to the IOBG.

District 7 IOBG Auxiliary President Marianne Dempster scheduled a Nautica Queen Brunch cruising on Lake Erie. She has been a terrific asset to our group.

In May District 7 participated at the Memorial Day Service with the Greater Cleveland Boating Assoc.

District 7 is very proud to have our own Joel Kay becoming President of IOBG. The meeting in Cleveland should be very exciting and the fall weather is beautiful in Northeast, Ohio.

Our website has the most current information and can be found at www.iobgdistrict7.com.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 9 REPORT: Given by NCVP Tony Durieux

District 9 held its spring meeting at the Harbor View Yacht Club in attendance was IOBG President Elect Joel Kay and NCVP Tony Durieux. The meeting was very well attended and several topics were discussed. District 9 will again join Districts 7 and 25 in sponsoring the annual happy hour, held at Put

in Bay, Lake Erie, Ohio during the Interlake Yachting Assoc. week at the Bay. This event promotes the Blue Gavel to yacht club members from all over the great lakes.

District 9, 2014 events are still in the planning stage and we feel we have an outstanding summer ahead.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 23: No report.

DISTRICT 25 REPORT: Given by NCVP Tony Durieux

District 25 has had an unusual year, coupled with a tough winter. However, things are looking up. We are in the process of planning our year.

The three IOBG Districts will hold a happy hour at PUT-IN-BAY Yacht Club. The event has been a staple for the three districts for many years it is proven a winning IOBG recruitment tool for all three districts. We plan, work and share the costs at this event,

Report Submitted.

SEVP BUD HIGGINSEN REPORT: Excused. Given by First Vice President Joe Dowdell

Since my appointment as SEVP, most of my time has been trying to familiarize with District 18. I met with District 18 Director and President Buzz Bisanz and discussed how to rebuild the Districts. We will correspond with all members whether or not they are still active and invite them to the Regional meeting in Charleston, SC.

I attended District 8 meetings and working with District 18 Director and President Buzz Bisanz we seem to be on the same page in our efforts to rebuilt District 18.

My plans are to attend the Regional IOBG meeting in August, District 8 meeting in October and IOBG annual meeting in Cleveland in October.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR BUD HIGGINSON REPORT: Given by First Vice President Joe Dowdell

Membership activity in District 18 seems to be picking up especially new IOBG Chapters.

The Dunedin Boat Club has their paper work in and now it just has to be approved by IOBG Executive Board. Also a few more are interested, Lauderdale Isles Yacht Club and Lauderdale Yacht Club both in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Naples Yacht Club made a presentation to BLUE GAVEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. A copy of the presentation is available from genmgr@naplesyc.com.

At the District 8 Summer meeting at Coral Ridge Yacht Club, the Executive Committee voted to set aside \$1000.00 in 2014 and \$2000.00 in 2015 for IOBG VP Joe Dowdell to help defray the cost of the IOBG annual meeting to be held in Marathon, FL, October 22-24, 2015.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 18 DIRECTOR & PRESIDENT BUZZ BISANZ REPORT:

District 18 is pleased to announce the final arrangements for the up coming IOBG August, 2014 meeting at the Charleston Yacht Club and Hobcaw Yacht Club in Charleston, SC.

All is ready and a special thank you to District 18 general organizers of this meeting.

Report Submitted.

NWVP MARY NYE MEYERS REPORT:

My area covers Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. As of this morning Idaho is in District 1, I explained this to President McGrath why Idaho should be in District 1 and this morning the Executive Board voted for it.

It seems every area has their own Opening Day traditions and we are no different in Western Washington...well maybe a bit different because it is usually rainy & wet. We have one huge Opening Day. This is a week long with between 300-400 boats and thousands of spectators. It is the 3rd largest Opening Day in the United States. All converge on the Seattle Yacht Club during the first week of May for this event.
Report Submitted.

SWVP MIKE BILLINGTON REPORT:

I attended San Diego District 15 Management Seminar held at Mission Bay Yacht Club, the speakers covered such topics legal requirement, ABC licensing and rules, club financial considerations and club protocol.
Invited to attend the San Diego Association of Yacht Club's monthly meeting which includes each yacht club and IOBG representative bringing up to speed on what their organization are doing now and for the next year.
Attended openings days in Ventura and Channel Islands Yacht Clubs, which is District 16 of IOBG It was very interesting seeing how different areas in Blue Gavel celebrate opening day.
District 19 had a member appreciation day at the Delta Marina in Rio Vista. All events were very well attended.
Contact information for all Blue Gavel Districts is on the International website at IOBG.org. To get the most out of your IOBG membership use this information to visit other Yachters.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR LaVON PLUMLEE REPORT: Given by SWVP Mike Billington

It is my pleasure to report District 10 members have a lengthy list of activities this year. We now have 83 IOBG members and have just inducted 8 new Past Commodores at their Opening Day.
Our Auxiliary is planning another fashion show this year with the proceeds going the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.
Communication is a vital factor to our success. Our website (www.IOBG-District10.org) is updated monthly by Bill Plumlee.
District 10 is hosting IOBG Youth Regatta, which is a new venture for District 10 this year. We will be inviting youths from all local yacht clubs to participate in this regatta starting on the third Sunday of July, August and September.
We are looking forward to our activities and endeavors this year.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR SHERRY BARONE REPORT:

We started this year with the Port Royal Yacht Club Chapter annual wine tasting fundraiser for King Harbor Jr. Sailing Scholarship Fund.
At Westlake Yacht Club IOBG Chapter we went in an electric boat for a ride on the Lake. Any day on the water is fantastic.
IOBG VP Susana Hernandez set up a wonderful day at the Getty Museum Institute and lunch.
On behalf of IOBG I attended many opening day ceremonies and welcomed 11 new IOBG District 11 members.
Held a membership appreciation lunch at Marina Venice Yacht Club. Afterward we took a ride with the Fire Dept. 110 ending a most enjoyable afternoon.
Our first Windy Q BBQ was held in May as well as the Sundown Friday night sail boat races.
Our webpage (www.IOBG11.ORG) lists all our upcoming events and much more.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT MARGE BOTTARI REPORT: Given by SWVP Mike Billington

District 14 has 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 a Junior Sailing Award Program, funds that will go to any Junior who wishes to take sailing lessons at any of our PICYA clubs or other sail training programs.

We started this year with a joint meeting with District 19 and joined them on the annual cruise to Rio Vista. We had a cruise on a WWII Liberty Ship. We participated with PICYA for Opening Day on SF Bay.

General Membership Meeting will be on July 26th at Oyster Point Yacht Club.

Report Submitted

DISTRICT 15 DIRECTOR MICHELE WOLD REPORT: Given by District 15 President Kathy Smith

This year we concentrated on making the activities of our district more relevant to our members as well as providing service to our community while having fun at the same time.

We had our annual Yacht Club Management Seminar presented by District 15.

District President Kathy Smith and her husband Gary held a welcoming new members and appreciation for our continuing members at their home.

We have once again joined Make-A - Wish Amazing Race held in Coronado under the leadership of Greg Hansen.

We will be holding a miniature golf tournament in August to raise funds for Recreational Boaters of CA.

Our new officers will be installed at the Change of Watch Dinner in October.

Report Submitted.

DIRECTOR 19 DIRECTOR JOHN H. ANTHONY REPORT:

I have visited three Yacht Clubs, Pittsburg, Martinez and Benicia in the last two months, all very welcoming.

We have held our annual Members Appreciation Day and were joined by District 14.

Report Submitted.

Lunch was announced.

President Gary McGrath adjourned the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

President Gary McGrath resumes the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

DISTRICT 1 PRESIDENT LANI LIGHTIE REPORT:

District 1 held its Spring Regional Meeting at Helis Canyon Boat Club, in spite of a long drive we had a good turnout attending this popular location.

The Opening Day in the Pacific Northwest theme this year was TOYS AHOY. We raised the IOBG Flag at the Commissioning Ceremony and then again in the boat parade. In July we plan to have a picnic in historic Port Townsend, WA.

Our Fall Change of Watch regional meeting will be in Everett and the USS Nimitz is home ported there.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT DUANNE WESTFALL REPORT:

Thank you all for attending IOBG Spring Regional Meeting. We have a tradition of over 40 years for holding the IOBG Spring Regional Meeting in with the Rose Festival.

This is an organization of an active community of Past Commodores. For the last five years we have been doing a yearly clean-up at one of the docks on Multnomah Channel. This year we reactivated to

IOBGA for District 5 after a twenty year absences.

Our big news is we have partnered with the US Army Corp. of Engineers, Oregon State Police and Sage Kids to place 209 life jackets at kiosks for their loaner life jacket for Oregon and Southwest Washington on the Columbia River.

Report Submitted.

9. APPOINTED OFFICERS REPORT:

EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT PHIL PROMESSI: Not Present. No Report.

LEGAL OFFICER GARY GREEN REPORT:

Our trademark renewal is coming up June 15, 2015 for the United States. I will prepare the necessary renewal form.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR MARY NYE MEYERS REPORTS:

My positions as Webmaster, Log Editor-in-Chief and Lighthouse Editor have been combined under one title as Communication Director.

The Log deadline is JUNE 21, 2014.

PROTOCOL OFFICER MARSHA LANDRETH: Not present. No report.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER: No report.

SERGEANT at ARMS BILL THAYER REPORT: All members calm and orderly.

10. APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES:

BOAT US MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

We have a reminder in THE LOG giving the IOBG group number and remember we get ½ off on their membership card showing our IOBG Card, be sure to show our card to them.

BOAT US is working to have a common sense law for those boaters who help another boater out in the water and to be sure they are not held responsible for their help. Check with your Insurance Co. on this matter.

IOBGHF PRESIDENT IRA NIES REPORT:

Today IOBGHF meeting will be a discussion; we do not have a quorum. We need more members on our Board; we have no one from East. We have funds, we need requests, need to raise more funds, and we need more members.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION GARY GREEN REPORT:

I have passed out NBF Positions & Actions report; I won't go into all of them. The one that is concern to all is Legislation to Repeal or Reform the Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS). This is something we should all be aware of, one thing is how it affects our marine engines.

Read this report and learn more. Pass this on to all your members.

Report Submitted.

12. AUXILIARY REPORT:

IOBGA PRESIDENT JUNE THACKER REPORT:

We have 301 members in the Auxiliary and we are solvent. We still are looking for pictures of Past Commodores, when they were in their 20s for our calendar. We discussed different ways to raise funds for IOBG in the Districts and Chapters. Any question? Yes, do the pictures have to be a Past Commodore? At this time yes.

10. APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

US SAILING REPRESENTATIVE BILL THAYER REPORT:

The new Adaptive Sailing Center Program was approved at the Annual Meeting. The program will provide exposure to organizations that offer sailing opportunities to individuals with physical or cognitive disabilities.

I was able to attend the Inaugural Sailing Leadership Forum held Feb. 6th thru 9th as we had no meeting in Feb. and it was held at the Hilton San Diego Resort on Mission Bay. They combined it with the ever popular National Sailing Symposium.

USCG has empanelled a Standard/Rubrics Expect Team and has launched a national validation survey. This is your opportunity to impact the development of free recreational paddling and rowing (canoes, Kayaks, rowboats, paddleboards, etc).

Report Submitted.

11. COMMITTEES:

AUDIT PRESIDENT ELECT JOEL KAY REPORT:

The committee has reviewed everything received from the Treasurer's office and is very well satisfied.

BYLAWS and POLICY MANUAL VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

Communication, we would like to put it in the Procedure Manuel a section of how to communicate. It is hard to do and we need to learn how to communicate verbally.

CONVENTION 2014 JOEL KAY REPORT:

Everything is going well and the full schedule will be finalized by the August Meeting and in the LOG. We are trying to keep the expenses low. We will have bus transportation to and from all events.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHUCK BROWNING REPORT: Given by President Elect Joel Kay

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 bylaws)
President Elect Joe 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 15
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 Mike Billington, District 14
Southeastern Vice President B. E. "Bud" Higginson, District 8
District 50 Director (East of Mississippi River) OPEN
District 51 Director (West of Mississippi River) Walt Kadyk, District 51

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Browning Past President & Chairman
Steve Willing Past President
Gary McGrath, President
Eastside Member: Roger Isphording
Westside Member: Eileen Van Winkle
Report Submitted.

13. SUPPLY OFFICERS REPORT: None.

14. OLD BUSINESS: None.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Applications:

President Elect Joel Kay has a new Chapter Application from Ashtabula Yacht Club near Lake Erie, Ohio. The application is being put together now.

16. GOOD of the ORDER:

President Gary McGrath called on Past President Vern Bendsen to discuss the Past President's Award Recipient.

Past President Vern Bendsen announced that this year's recipient is George Knies. I will be giving 2014 Past President's Award next week to George Knies.

Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert asked about getting a Sunshine Officer, there are IOBG Members that the membership doesn't hear about until quite a few months later at times. Discussion followed. President Gary McGrath said that IOBG will be looking for a Sunshine Officer and a Historian Officer. If anyone is interested let us know.

Treasurer Marshall Nemoy discussed the Knighting Ceremony and the Rose Parade schedules. We have two Knightings this year, President Elect Joel Kay and NWVP Mary Nye Meyers.

President Gary McGrath announced that a donation was given to IOBGHF from IOBG in memory of Past President Art Theobald.

Summer Regional Meeting at Charleston, SC, August 14-16, 2014, the information is on our Website.

President Gary McGrath adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary