

INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL
SUMMER REGIONAL MEETING
CHARLESTON YACHT CLUB, CHARLESTON, SC
AUGUST 16, 2014

President Gary McGrath opened the meeting at 9:08 A.M. and called for everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eight Bells for the passing of IOBG and IOBGHF Past Legal Officer George Knies.

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

Mr. President there is a quorum confirmed by Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer.

INTRODUCTION of PAST PRESIDENTS:

Past President Stephen Willing (2012) Past President Vern Bendsen (2011)

SELF-INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES and GUESTS:

District 7: NCVP Tony Durieux IOBGA Vice President Sandi Durieux
IOBGA Secretary Nancy Kay

District 8: SEVP Bud Higginson IOBGA President June Thacker

District 11: Legal Officer Gary Green

District 14: SWVP Mike Billington

District 15: US Sailing Rep. Bill Thayer District President Kathy Smith
IOBGA Member Gary Smith Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer

District 18: District Director & President Buzz Bisanz District President Dave Kowert

District 19: District Director John Anthony District President Estella McGrath
Member Linda Bendsen Guest Diane Billington

District 26: NEVP Ernie Odierna

District 50: District Director Mark Vadaj

APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the SPRING REGIONAL MEETING:

The motion was made and second to accept the minutes from June 5, 2014.
Motion passed.

TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

The membership statistics report attached to this report shows the number of paid members as of August 1, 2014. The results shown by districts clearly point out the problem areas. Declines in membership means the cost of operations must be borne by a fewer number of members. The budget for 2015 year shows that in general costs have gone up over the past few years and we have not raised the dues for various reasons. I think this year we will have to face reality. This recommendation of the Executive Committee will go to the full Board of Directors for a vote at the Annual Meeting in Cleveland,

Membership Card Pictures Contest: The IOC is again soliciting photos that may be used as a background for the 2015 membership card. The winner will receive a free 2015 membership. Send your photos to the IOC and the Executive Board will pick one (not knowing who sent it).

Any question? None.

Report Submitted.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT ROSALIE DAVIS GREEN REPORT:

I want to thank everyone for your Southern Hospitality.

Questions have come to me about what are we doing to prompt IOBG in other Foreign Countries. I realize that we do not have a welcome packet to have when we travel abroad. The Executive Board agreed for me to have a Committee to formulate ideas on how to approach this. At this time I have on my committee Past Presidents Stephen Willing, Vern Bendsen and District 50 Director Mark Vadaj. If anyone is interested let me know after this meeting. It will be done by Email and maybe some conference calls.

FRIST VICE PRESIDENT JOE DOWDELL REPORT:

Every organization benefits from formal rules. We work under our Bylaws and Standing Rules. We need to work on getting some of our rules and Standing Rules voted on and moved to our Bylaws so they will be permanent, like the Standing Rule of having the District Director and Area Vice President must be in a Club in the districts they represent.

To have a quorum at the annual meeting we need two-thirds of the total eligible of Board of Directors present. The Past President have a vote but they are not included for quorum purposes. To have a quorum requires 2/3 present. Since the Executive Committee has recommended a dues increase, it is now incumbent on each area vice president to notify their members of the proposed dues increase and to poll their members for their feelings about the proposed increase to enable the district directors to cast their representative vote on this issue.

Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT ELECT JOEL KAY REPORT:

One of the questions always asked is why should I join the Blue Gavel or why should I continue my membership. I have compiled some answers.

It is an honor to belong to such a prestigious organization that has members from around the globe.

It provides an association for men and women who are connected to boating and have served their respective yacht clubs as Commodore.

It provides an opportunity for members to provide experience and information to yacht clubs requesting such information.

It subscribes to and stimulates interest in yachting traditions, ceremonies, customs, ethics and etiquette.

It encourages and promotes the continuing interest and service of qualified and proven Past Commodores to their own yacht clubs and their activities without in any way usurping the authority and responsibilities of the incumbent officers, for the best interest of the club.

And, it increases members' knowledge in yachting programs of boating activities at our yacht clubs.

I could write more, this is a good summary of answers to the questions,

Please make your hotel reservation for this year's Annual Meeting. ASAP!
There are three other events scheduled for the weekend of October 16-18 and rooms are going fast. The Annual Meeting is full of wonderful events,
Report Submitted.

PRESIDENT GARY McGRATH REPORT:

My report today centers on two areas that need to be addressed for Blue Gavel to grow in the future, the two are membership recruiting and retention.

In my estimation membership is simple compares to sales. We must find out what is the motivating force in each area of the Blue Gavel to properly recruit new members.

The only way you Directors can find these motivational factors is to visit your area Yacht Clubs. Join some of their activities and talking to them, you can get a feel what motivates each Chapter. Its little things like this we need to be doing as Directors and AVPs so that we make recruiting easier and more effective.

The other area we need to improve on is Retention. We need to be aware of different member needs in different areas. The closer we (Directors and AVPs) are to our members and Chapters, the easier it will be to retain those members. We are also lax in are renewals. Your Treasurer or membership chair should send out renewals at least three different times, starting in October and again on November and lastly in January. Most do this by email but should send at least one renewal by snail mail. You might be surprised by the results.

Report Submitted.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

NEVP ERNEST ODIERNA REPORT:

We are still recovering from "Sandy;" it has been a struggler. A lot of boats were destroyed or damaged beyond repair and the clubhouses, a million dollars or more to rebuild some of them. We

need more enthusiasm from our members and our members are getting older and have given up boating all together with all the problems and some have moved out of the area. We still are having Veterans Appreciation Day at individual Clubs set up on their Club schedule.

NCVP TONY DURIEUX REPORT:

Finally, the ice has melted off Lake Erie and the boating season has begun. It was a late start this year but boating is now in full swing.

Districts 7,9,25 make a point to be active with all the local boating organizations in their area. Even with a late start, events in North Central and membership have stayed stable and even growth in some districts.

District energy and enthusiasm is high and all are looking to a strong future.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR PAT McIIWEE REPORT:

We have been very active and our membership is very strong. As we reported we marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and afterward we had a hospitality room in the Hyatt Arcade. We are doing the same next year, so if you are not vacationing somewhere warm, please plan on attending.

We have had one of the most brutal winters in recent memory and everyone is launching their vessels and enjoyed some needed good weather. It was a late start this year but boating is now in full swing.

We are redoing our scheduled events. As every year we are teaming up with Districts 7-9-25 for the cocktail party in conjunction with ILYA. This event brings boaters together from all over the Great Lakes.

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

Our website is www.ilbgdistrict7.com with the most current information.

Report Submitted:

DISTRICT 25 DIRECTOR GREG LOWE REPORT:

2014 has proven to be a very challenging and low-keyed year for District 25.

Our Treasurer Jack Berry has almost single handedly kept our membership above 100 this year. Two District 25 Great Lakes clubs Boat Club and Sun Parlor Boat Club when holding their events will be donating a percentage of their profits to District 25.

Report Submitted.

SEVP BUD HIGGINSON REPORT:

District 8 continues with its efforts to establish new chapters. With Dunedin Boat Club approval in place and the Lauderdale Yacht Club Board of Directors approved the application for a Blue Gavel Chapter and the final approval at the IOBG Cleveland meeting in October. P/C Bill Pittman will become the District 8 President in October.

Plans are being made for a renewed to boost the membership in District 18. District 18 Director and President Buzz Bisanz is to appoint a Secretary/Treasurer to begin to handle the function of the District. With that in place, we will begin a concentrated effort to recruit new members and chapters.

A lot of effort was made to host this event in Charleston and my thanks to all who participate in the planning.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 18 DIRECTOR ROBERT P. BUZZ BISANZ REPORT:

Welcome to Charleston and IOBG District 18. We appreciate your effort to come to our District for this important IOBG meeting.

We are using this meeting to garner interest and support from local Past Commodores from the numerous Yacht Clubs in the area.

One of our volunteers with the IOBG planning of this IOBG meeting is District 18 Vice President Dave Kowert and IOBG Past President Chuck Browning have worked very hard in organizing for this meeting. Charleston Yacht Club Commodore Brian Swan and his staff also worked very hard in hosting these meetings at Charleston Yacht Club.

We continue to brainstorm on methods to revive and increase the membership in District 18. The district includes the states of Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

Report Submitted.

NWVP MARY NYE MEYERS: Excused. Reports given by 2nd Vice President Rosalie Davis Green:

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR ANDRE' GANO REPORT:

District 1 was honored to attend the Rose Festival with the Royal Rosarians recognizing President Elect Joel Kay and NWVP Mary Nye Meyers for their hard work and dedication at the annual knighting ceremony.

Our annual summer picnic was held at Port Hudson Marina in WA. This was great place for a view of the waterfront and the Canadian shoreline over 30 members in attendance.

Our Change of Watch in Sept. and invite any IOBG Districts who would like to attend.

District 1 will continue to keep our lines of communication open to our members and grow stronger in years to come.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT DUANE WESTFALL REPORT:

We are now known as the Life Jacket people. It is a good way to tell the story of the Blue Gavel.

We have been supplying life jackets to 19 Kiosks for a loaner program. We are being featured in news and a magazine.

Thanks again for attending the Regional Spring Meeting and your helping toward our goal for getting more Life Jackets and looking forward to see you again.

Report Submitted.

SWVP MIKE BILLINGTON REPORT:

Most of the Districts in the Southwest have been busy since the last meeting for the International.

DISTRICT 6 has not submitted a report.

DISTRICT 10 has number of activities lined up for August.

DISTRICT 11 has varied events including a National Night Out event.

DISTRICT 14 continues to build membership and has had some great events. District 14 is rebuilding and membership and has had some great events. The problem with the District is the distance and heavy traffic in the Bay area and that splitting the district into more districts might solve the problem. Further input from the members is necessary before any action is taken.

DISTRICT 15 is working on supporting 3 charities and even forming a bike team. They are looking forward to hosting the Winter Regional Meeting in 2015.

DISTRICT 16 is having meeting at Channels Islands Harbor and at the Ventura Marina. They are also working with the Maritime Museum in the Channel Islands Harbor.
DISTRICT 19 has not submitted a report as of this writing.

DISTRICT 21 is working on reviving the district and is visiting local yacht clubs to generate interest.

The annual meeting is in Cleveland in October.
Report Submitted.

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

District 10 membership continues to expand. Our board meets monthly and they strive to ensure, that we not only host social events, but also activities that promotes the mission of IOBG and humanitarian functions.

Charity Regatta for Long Beach Children's Clinic, a fashion show for IOBG Humanitarian Foundation and a new venture an IOBG Youth Regatta and invited the youths from all local clubs to participate in support in this Regatta.

Communication is a vital factor. We publishes a monthly newsletter and also have a website. We have monthly activities on our calendar for the remainder of the year.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 11 DIRECTOR SHERRY BARONE REPORT: Given by SWVP Mike Billington

We continue our windy Q, a BBQ with guest speakers.

A number of our members helped with the CFJ national event with 120 juniors from all over the country at DRYC in Santa Monica Bay.

Attended the L. A. Sheriff Dept. "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" this event has feature speakers, and tours of the Sheriff, Lifeguard and Fire Dept. boats.

District 11 and Westlake Yacht Club Chapter members will be going on a 7-day cruise from Los Angeles along Pacific coast including Ensenada.

Report Submitted.

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

After next week's inductions of Barbary Coast Boating Club District 14 will have 70 regular members and 8 associate members' in 2014. We have been working hard to find the balance of purpose, philanthropy as well as fun activities that will attractive to our District members, both current and future membership. We have created and raised funds for a Junior Sailing Award Program. We have wine tasting and will have additional fund raising events to raise money for these sail training applicants.

District 14 has done a Memorial Day cruise on the SS Jeremiah O'Brian, a WWII Liberty Ship. We also participated with PICYA on the Hornblower Yacht the California and the annual cruise to Rio Vista.

We will be surveying our membership to see what they would like to see in the way of District 14 activities for 2015.

2015 Installation of Officers and Directors will be on November 8th at the Encinal YC.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT KATHLEEN SMITH REPORT:

The IOBG District 15 supported three charities this year.

At a Winter Holiday Party we collected and donated toys to Toys for Tots.

Member Greg Hansen formed a Bike Team for the Make a Wish event and raised over \$1200.

Our Summer Party hosted by District Director Michele and Dick Wold held our annual fund raiser to Elder Help of San Diego.

The IOBG Executive Board has accepted our invitation to host the Winter Regional Meeting in February 5-8, 2015. We look forward to seeing you there!

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 16 DIRECTOR NANCY ROWE REPORT: Given by SWVP Mike Billington

We had a talk at the Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club from Lt. Chris Miller, Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Station-Channel Islands about the on going problem with drugs coming into all local areas and when in doubt or suspicious of something, it's best to notify your local Coast Guard.

We are planning to work with The Maritime Museum, this is in a new location and how we can be of assistance in their educational programs.

We will be having our annual BBQ at The Ventura Yacht Club in September.

District 16 continues to move forward....trying to attract new members from our local clubs.

Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 21 DIRECTOR LEO VORTOUNI REPORT: Given by SWVP Mike Billington

We are slowly reviving District 21's activities. We had a wonderful week-end at Lake Arrowhead YC last month where we inducted four Staff Commodores into the District.

We are planning a BBQ at Lido Island YC and making plans for our annual Lobster dinner/meeting in October.

Staff Commodores Ron Wood and Richard Prices located IOBG Perpetual Trophy and is having it updated all the names of the Past Directors and Presidents prior 2015.

It will be stored at Lake Arrowhead Yacht Club for the remainder of the summer afterward it will go back to District 21 to display at other yacht clubs in the district.

Report Submitted.

President Gary McGrath called for a break at 10:35 A.M.

President Gary McGrath resumed the meeting at 10:55 A.M.

DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT ESTELLE McGRATH REPORT:

IOBG held their annual Appreciation Day with good food and good conversation among the members. We will be having at the end of the month our annual Herman Meyers BBQ, always a good turn out. At Pittsburg Yacht Club we will have dinner and vote for the new District Officers in September.

DISTRICT 51 DIRECTOR WALT KADYK REPORT: Given by SWVP Mike Billington

Best wishes to all. District 51 had one (1) member last year. I have not seen a recent roster so I may be without anyone at this point. I keep attending various yacht club functions representing IOBG. I try to recruit members where and when I can in person, by email or letter but have little success. Most folks are not interested in joining District 51 and they keep ties with the original District they belong to. While District 51 does present an alternative to IOBG members it does not appear to have an attraction or a need any longer but would be interested for feedback. I will keep doing what I am doing as long as I can serve IOBG and open to suggestions.
Report Submitted.

DISTRICT 50 DIRECTOR MARK A. VADAJ REPORT:

District 50 has enjoyed much success in retaining Membership from Maine to Florida to the Mississippi River. We have made great improvement with our communications in effort to contact each and every Member by Phone, Email and U.S. Mail. My purpose is not to solicit Membership Dues or Donations but rather an effort of providing our Membership with information on District, Regional and International IOBG Events.

Details can be found on our Web Site at www.iobg.org.

I personally extend an invitation to all of our District 50 Members to join us in Cleveland, Ohio for the Annual International IOBG Convention starting October 15th and concluding October 18th with a Black Tie Ball and Officer Installation.

Report Submitted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS REPORT:

LEGAL OFFICER GARY GREEN REPORT:

In 2015 our Trade Mark will expire in the United States and I will be working on the renewal and in 2017 our Trade Mark in Canada will expire, so there is time for that.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR MARY NYE MEYERS: Excused.

PROTOCOL OFFICE MARSHA LANDRETH: Not Present.

RECORDING SECRETARY MARYBETH THAYER: No Report.

SERGEANT at ARMS BILL THAYER REPORT:

The morning is going smooth. The aisles to the restrooms are still open.

APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES:

BOAT U.S. MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

We just renewed to continue our membership with them (we do this once a year). With this IOBG gets 50% off their membership. They are like the Auto Club; they do a very good job in helping advise members of what is going in their State and in WASHINGTON DC.

IOBGA LIAISON 2ND VICE PRESIDENT ROSALIE DAVIS GREEN REPORT:

At this time instead of my report, I will introduce IOBGA PRESIDENT JUNE THACKER.

IOBGA PRESIDENT JUNE THACKER REPORT:

IOBGA is alive and well. The membership is running consistently as it has in the past. We have tried two (2) difference ideas one is a calendar of Past Commodores, pictures of them from ages 20 to 25. This is still being worked on, very slow in getting pictures from you. At this time it looks like no one is into baking right now, so no Bake Sale. We are formulating a new plan, a committee to look into having a member from where the meeting will be held pick out a children's organization that needs help and a major collection would be set up to help them.

IOBGHF LIAISON OFFICE VERN BENDSEN: No Report.

NATIONAL BOATING FEDERATION GARY GREEN REPORT:

NBF is a group working on two major projects. One is the mandate that was voted into put Ethanol 15% in our gasoline. A nation wide Congressional study found out that this would increase our corn, gas, green house emissions. It is also very bad for our Boat engine and it is being looked into getting more information on it.

2nd the Coast Guard wanted to reduce the visionary aid to our Southern CA ports. It would reduce or stop all together the navigation markers in areas like Channel Islands and the U. S. Coast Guard decided not to do that because of concerns for the safety of the Boaters. You should be aware of this if it comes into your areas. NFB works on behalf of the interests of all recreational boaters. It represents no commercial interests or sells any products; it relies on the support of membership from all Boaters.

US SAILING BILL THAYER REPORT:

With a new generation of athletes pushing established veterans to higher levels of performance, the team is coalescing around a single goal: getting the United States on the podium. US Sailing now offers a new PHRF Support Service designed to manage sailboat data and rating information for fleets.

The 2014 Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to Nov.30. The Growing Group recommends you all prepare by visiting the Growth Sever Storm Center to assess our resources.

Report Submitted.

IOBG HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION VICE PRESIDENT ESTELLA McGRATH REPORT:

Started the report with some questions? Who is the Liaison Officer for IOBGHF?
President Gary McGrath said Past President Vern Bendsen was appointed and the IOBG President appoints one each year.

IOBGHF Vice President Estella McGrath said that neither President Nies nor she was asked for a report.

We are looking for a representative from the East; please let President Ira Nies or I know who would like to join us on the IOBGHF Board.

At the meeting there were letters presented to the Board about each person qualifying for the IOBGHF Board. I need the original letters. President Gary McGrath will give them to IOBGHF Vice President Estella McGrath.

IOBGHF President Ira Nies is setting up to have conference calls.

We need ideas to get funds into the Foundation, so we can do the work the Foundation is set up for.

We need a Legal Officer to be sure we are doing the Foundation work correctly. There must be in the IOBG a lawyer who could help us.

We are setting up the responsibility for each Officer and Director.

Also, asking for a monthly report on what is going on in your position and it will be sent to me.

We are asking that IOBGHF meetings be held before or after so we all can attend the IOBG meeting.

Discussion followed on how IOBGHF funds were used in different IOBG locations.

It was asked to put out a guideline on how IOBGHF Pins are obtained. This is being worked on and we just receive new pins.

COMMITTEES:

FINANCIAL & BUDGET TREASURER MARSHALL NEMOY REPORT:

Yesterday at the Executive Meeting we talked a lot about our finances and how we managed the funds.

There are two (2) parts: One that affected the operation and we haven't changed that part in years. Our costs keep going up and our dues are \$40.00 Dollars a year

We agreed to the recommendation by our Legal Officer Gary Green to have an Insurance policy for the Board.

We agreed to have AVPs have travel expenses to come to the meeting that includes Air Fare and per diem just like the Executive Board. The reason for that is the AVPs have been historically the resource the nominating committee has used to select to go up the change of command. It beholds us to train out future Officers to go up the ladder. Sometimes some information is only heard at the Executive Committee meetings.

We would like to raise the dues by \$10.00 per member per year. We also agreed to increase the funds to the Executive Committee who have come to Annual Meeting and up it to \$100.00 Dollars more at each level. On this we shouldn't have to raise the dues, we have a incremental stipend that is put in every years funds for everyone for the Executive Committee and for those who do show up, we have funds for that.

A vote was taken to approve the budget increase for our dues for 2015 to be raised to \$50.00 Dollars.

We took into account we could loose some members. There are various motivations for being a member of Blue Gavel. We have to remind all members prices in every area have gone up. We have gone to three (3) Meetings a year and now send out the LOG electronically and only 37 members asked for it to be sent by mail and they are charged for the service.

The Executive Committee is purposing to the Board of Directors that the Membership dues be raise to \$50.00 a year.

A package will be sent out by September 18th on this proposal. Also, a notice will be sent to the District President and District Treasurer about the proposal to be aware if it is approved, it would

be \$50.00 Dollars for 2015. So if a member paid early of just \$40.00 Dollars, they would still need to add \$10.00 Dollars more to get a 2015 membership card.

The Executive Committee is recommending to the Board of Director we purpose a \$10.00 increase.

A total package will be sent out by September 18, 2015 to all. This conformed to the 30 days notice.

Discussion followed. Many ideas were put forth on how this proposal would go over with membership. The main thing was to let the membership know it is coming up at the Annual Meeting, to let every member know so we can get good feed back from all and those who pay early would know ahead of time there could be an extra \$10.00 charge to be paid for their card, if this proposal is passed.

AUDIT PRESIDENT ELECT JOEL KAY REPORT:

After a most thorough review of the Treasurer's submissions dated May 14, 2014 with additional explanation, we fully support Treasurer's report.

Submitted by Past President Chuck Browning, President Elect Joel Kay and 1st Vice President Joe Dowdell. We asked for approval of the Audit Report.

Motion made to accept the Audit Record by SWVP Mike Billington and seconded by Past President Vern Bendsen. Motion passed.

Report Submitted.

BYLAWS and POLICY MANUEL REPORT VERN BENDSEN REPORT:

In June, 2010 there was some grammatical errors in Article 7, Section 2 and there will be a mail in ballot to correct the wording.

Report Submitted.

COVENTION – 2014 PRESIDENT ELECT JOEL KAY:

The Annual Meeting will be held on October 16th thru 18th at Double Tree Hilton in Beachwood, Ohio. The Airport is about ½ hour to 45 minutes to the Hotel, There is no scuttle service to the Hotel but you can get a shuttle to the Hotel or if you rent a car, it is free parking at the Hotel. We have transportation to all our schedule events.

The weather could be a little cold, but beautiful.

There are rooms for all our meetings, IOBG Annual Meetings, Executive Board, IOBGA and IOBGHF.

See you all there.

Report Submitted.

NOMINATING 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 office. So there will be no nominating from the floor. If anyone wants to run for an office he/she will have 30 days 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 the 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 the IOBG, to tell your Chapter President and Districts your choices for each office.

Your Director must vote the way you tell them.

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

Report Submitted.

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 26
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
Director 50 Director (East of Mississippi River)	OPEN
Director 51 Director (West of Mississippi River)	Walt Kadyk District 51

Respectfully Submitted:

Chuck Browning, Past President & Chairman

Gary McGrath, President

Steve Willing, Past President

Eastside Member: Roger Isphording

Westside Member: Eileen Van Winkle

SUPPLY OFFICE REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS REPORT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Chapter Applications

President Gary McGrath said there are four (4) applications for Chapter Applications and all the paper work has been approved. Call for vote on:

1. Ashtabula Yacht Club, District 7
2. Barbary Coast Boating Club, District 14
3. Commodore Cruising Club, District 7
4. Dunedin Yacht Club, District 8

Motion to accept the applications was made by Past President Vern Bendsen, seconded by SWVP Mike Billington. Motion passed.

GOOD of the ORDER:

Betty Theobald, Wife of Past President & IOBG Historian Art Theobald asked to send the IOBG Historian collection to IOBG. President Gary McGrath asked if anyone was interested or knew of someone to take over the position or have space for the collection.

At this time no one was available. President Gary McGrath asked Recording Secretary Marybeth Thayer to write to Executive Secretary Mary Eiffert to see if she had space to hold the collection until a Historical Representative can be founded.

Motion by Past President Vern Bendsen to adjourn and seconded by SWVP Mike Billington. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marybeth Thayer
Recording Secretary