

International Order of the Blue Gavel

Winter Regional Meeting

New Orleans

February 9, 2019

Call to Order: President-Elect Sherry Barone called the Winter Regional Meeting at 9:00 AM.

Pledge: District 14 Director Liz Allison led the Pledge of Allegiances.

Roll Call of Executive Committee: Present: President-Elect Sherry Barone, Immediate Past President Tony Durieux, 1st Vice President Buzz Bisanz, Treasurer Marshall Nemo. AVPs present: SWVP Kathy Smith, and SEVP Karen Shea. Appointed Officers present: Legal Officer Joe Dowdell, Recording Secretary Marsha Landreth, and Communications Director Mary Nye Meyers. Absent: President Bud Higginson, 2nd Vice President Mark Vadaj, NWVP Lani Lightle, NCVP Steve Hyder, and NEVP Steve Tisack.

Quorum: The Recording Secretary confirmed that a quorum was present.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Chuck Browning, Joel Kay, Joe Dowdell, and Tony Durieux were introduced.

Self-Introduction of members and Guests: Joseph Tringali, Linda Loftis, Lou Dahiello, and Jim Martinson.

Approval of Agenda: Marshall moved to approve the Agenda; Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the Fall Regional Meeting in Venice: Buzz moved to accept the minutes of the last regional meeting; Tony seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: For the year ended December 31, 2018 IOBG had a net income of \$11,470, which was \$19,089 greater than the loss that was budgeted for the year. The results occurred because clerical services were lower than estimate; no legal services were required this year; and travel was \$10,069 lower than estimated. The cash position was enhanced because of the \$8,015 of 2019 dues collected before December 31, 2018. The overall result is that IOBG is in a financially healthy position.

Current Assets - \$188,157.74

Send pictures for the next membership card. Mock-ups will be circulated at the Annual Meeting for voting. The winner will receive free membership for 2020.

Revenues - \$76,520.72. 99% from dues.

Membership – as of February 1, 2019, paid membership totals 732, which is a decrease of 95 from February 1, 2018. However, District 8 has just sent in dues for 120 members.

Taxes for districts – Districts are covered under the group exemption. A 990n form must be filed to keep from incurring penalties if not files for three years.

First Vice President: Buzz Bisanz is responsible for assisting the President and for the Bylaws, Policy Manual, newsletter, and Area Vice Presidents east of the Mississippi River and the Director of District 50. Buzz thanked Karen for her hard work putting on this meeting, and to Joe Tringali for being the local tour guide. Buzz asked everyone to take brochures to the districts and use. Also, he asked the district directors to utilize the IOBG website. He also asked everyone to support the IOBG Humanitarian Foundation.

President Elect: Sherry Barone invited everyone to the Annual meeting in Marina Del Rey, in October. She reported that District 11 has aggressively reached out to past members who have not rejoined IOBG. District 11 has held to fund raisers for the Annual Convention. Mary Nye Myers continues state-of-the-art communications with on-line registration, on-line membership renewal, the Log and Lighthouse. Please get your reports into Mary on time. Sherry reported that the 2019 IOBG Annual Meeting events and activities have been finalized. An on-line flyer has been posted on the IOBG website for the October 16-20 meeting in Marina Del Rey, California. The Marriott Hotel is a short walk to DRYC, where the meetings will be held. Transportation for events at the different yacht clubs and television taping.

Second Vice President: Sherry Barone paraphrased Marks report about his short-term and long-term goals for membership. Thanked Buzz for his effort to increase communications. He is looking into incentives for IOBG members, such as credit cards and West Marine discounts.

Past President: Tony praised the current board for the board's hard work.

President: Bud sends his regards, and thanked everyone for being here and hopes to see everyone at our next Regional Meeting in Portland.

NWVP: Jim Martinson reported for Lani Lightle. They have been busy with monthly video/phone conference calls in order to keep everyone informed.

District 1: Their Spring Meeting will be at Prosser, WA. Prosser is in the center of Wine Country. Besides normal business meetings, wine tasting tours will be on the agenda. Summer Picnic in July will be close to Leavenworth, Washington. Plans are in progress for the Fall Meeting and Change of Watch at Des Moines Yacht Club. District 1 will participate in the Seattle Opening Day ceremonies at Seattle Yacht Club.

SWVP: Kathy Smith reported that the districts in the Southwest Region have spent the winter planning and attending Change of Watch ceremonies. Kathy has attended Change of Watch ceremonies in Districts 10, 11, and 15. All districts are focusing on retaining members, and keeping members involved. Most districts have some form of relevancy projects that give back to their local yachting community. The SW region is gearing up for the DAA competition. Districts are very interested in taking home the prize this year.

District 10: They ended 2018 with a Duffy ride in Huntington Harbor, hosted by Bill Wheeler. Christmas presents brought by the guests were donated to the Children's Clinic of Long Beach. They anticipate at least eight new members. They have donated \$1,000 to help with the cost of the Annual Convention. Their planned outings will include a trip to the LA Winery, a Sunday brunch at Navy Yacht Club, and A Day at the Races.

District 11: Their induction was held at DRYC. The brunch included a presentation on the Indonesia diving adventures of Master Divers Don and Cathy Mueller of PRYC. District 11 is focusing on raising funds to support the Annual Meeting, such as a Wine Tasting Fund, which raised \$700. Eric Hardt is currently updating the District 11 website. The board is planning our annual Members Appreciation Luncheon on April 28th.

District 14: Director Liz Allison reported that membership renewals total 46, including 5 new members. They have retained officers from last year.

District 15: Director Gregg Hansen wrote that the 2019 Change-of-Watch was held at SWYC, where they presented checks to Elderhelp of San Diego. On January 19th they held their annual Yacht Club Management Seminar at Silvergate Yacht Club, where 50 yacht club boards of directors had the opportunity to learn about protocol, organizations, finance, legal issues, and labor laws. They have released a calendar of events for the remainder of 2019.

District 16: Director Marsha Landreth reported that ongoing efforts are underway to recruit and retain members, save recreational boating in Channel Island Harbor, Chowderfest benefitting Maritime Museum, and fundraising for the IOBG Annual Convention.

NCVP: The Districts are involved with Blue Blazer events, raffles, silent auctions, boat rides, and fun social events.

District 7: Joel Kay reported on the activities. IOBG is noted for doing many things and current bridge officers want to be members.

NEVP: Steve Tisack is working to recruit yacht clubs throughout the Northeast.

SEVP: Karen Shea thanked District 8 for paying for the Regional Meeting welcome bags. She reported that District 18 Director Kowert continues to recruit from the Charleston, SC area with hopes of forming a board soon. Karen was scheduled to meet with him at the Charleston Yacht Club, but was rescheduled for December due to Hurricane Florence arrival. It was a productive meeting, and they exchanged burgees. Karen will be inducting Jose Escrich of the Hemingway International Yacht Club in Cuba into District 8 in April. Karen has developed a recruiting display, which she is showing at the Regional Meeting. Karen thanked Joe Tringali for his help with the Regional Meeting in New Orleans.

District 8: Director Karen Shea reported that several Chapters have reactivated. She has given out brochures to reactivate, as well as information on the District's website. They are considering sending the Chapters flags with the number of years they have been active in IOBG.

Appointed Officers

Legal Officer: Joe Dowdell had nothing to report.

Communication Officer: Deadline for the Log articles are due February 23.

Protocol Officer: No report.

Recording Secretary: Marsha Landreth asked those who hadn't signed in to do so.

Past President Liaison Officer: Joel Kay reported that the Past President's committee is looking into inviting past presidents of mariner groups into IOBG. Tony is looking for other Past Presidents to be on the committee, chaired by Tony Durieux. Joel requested the EC-conference-call minutes be emailed to him.

Boat US: Marshall Nemoy reported that Boat US is representing boaters in Washington; members get a discount at West Marine. Buzz added that Boat US has requested members' position on Ethanal 15.

Membership: Buzz reported that they continue promoting District Achieve Award recruiting and retention. They will take a look at the letter on the website, and may create a new one.

Old Business:

District 5: Mary is continuing the meeting in Portland without District 5. Lani will pick up the boxes during the Spring meeting and archive the history. Critical data, such as minutes, treasurer's reports will be stored by IOBG.

Portland Meeting: Marshall spoke about the history of the Portland meeting and the Rosarian Society. Sherry will be knighted by the Rosarian Society in June.

Membership for other organizations: Tony will chair a committee of International past presidents to look into membership for other boating organizations.

Travel Allowance for AVP: Standing Rules revised 6-9-16 6.1 deals with the reimbursement for AVPs attending the Annual and Regional meetings. The 2019 travel budget is based on the GSA tables.

New Business:

Academy of Yachting: Joe Tringali spoke on the Academy of Yachting and their online presence. Joe thanked Tony for speaking of Power Squadron in a positive light. Yacht clubs are paying \$500 a year for a reciprocity guide. So Joe started a project and wrote a two-volume set of books showing the burgees for the yacht clubs and power squadrons.

IOBGA Report – Gary reported that the districts are involved with Blue Blazer events, raffles, silent auctions, boat rides, and fun social events. They are very active in community outreach. District 25 aids a women’s shelter and a Latino Women Empowerment Center. District 7 is actively involved in Book Projects. District 1 is working with Wishing Star, Make-a-Wish and C.A.S.T. for kids. District 15 is actively involved with ElderCare. Personal contacts and visiting of yacht clubs has been successful in gaining interest of potential new members to IOBGA. Helping them start a chapter and then become involved in district activities is our goal. We have a potential of four new chapters from these visits. IOBGA is offering a \$100 donation to any district implementing a Book Project. Districts can apply for this on the IOBGA website.

Announcements:

Annual meeting: Sherry reminded everyone to make reservations now, deadline is 9/15. Highlights: Gardens of the World in Thousand Oaks, Westlake electric boats with dinner at Westlake Yacht Club, Lunch at Del Rey Yacht Club, television taping of Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune, Friday dinner/dance at Del Rey Yacht Club. Every yacht club in area is helping fundraise.

Parade meet at 7 at Frenchman Street tonight.

Adjournment: Buzz moved to adjourn; Marshall seconded the motion. Sherry adjourned the meeting at 11:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Landreth

Recording Secretary