



International Order of the Blue Gavel

The Association of Past Commodores

Spring Virtual Zoom Meeting
Regional Meeting
June 4, 2020

Call to Order: President Sherry Barone called the Spring Regional Meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. PST.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Mary Nye Meyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Executive Committee: Present: President Sherry Barone, President Elect Buzz Bisanz, 1st Vice President Mark Vadaj, 2nd Vice President Kathy Smith, Treasurer Marshall Nemoy, and Past President Tony Durieux. Auditing: Executive Secretary Mary Nye Meyer, NCVP Steve Hyder, SWVP Shelia Anderson, SEVP Karen Shea, and NWVP Jim Martinson.

Appointed Officers Present: Legal Officer Joe Dowdell and Recording Secretary Marsha Landreth.

Absent: NEVP Steve Tisack

Quorum: A quorum was present.

Introduction of Past Presidents: Joel Kay, Tony Durieux, and Joe Dowdell.

Self-introduction of members and guests: Joyce Coomber Dist. 10, Gisele Ozeri Dist. 11, Liz Allison Dist. 14, Tom Shideler Dist. 16, Rodney Coomber Dist. District 10, and Butch Brown Dist. 1.

Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was moved and seconded. The agenda was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Regional Meeting: Buzz moved to approve the minutes; Kathy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Executive Committee Reports:

Treasurer- Marshall Nemoy reported that the financial statement is incomplete. When the statement is completed, it will be emailed. Marshall thanked the district treasurers, who will be receiving new IRS numbers for 501C7 exemptions. Paid membership stands at 1409 as of today.

1st Vice President- Mark Vadaj hopes everyone reads these reports because importance is at the rank-and-file level. The virus could be called a blessing in disguise for IOBG because it has improved our abilities to use Zoom, etc. Mark hopes that every District will subscribe to a printed Log copy. Mary will add a link on the webpage to allow members to order the printed form of The Log. Mark reported that West Marine has asked IOBG to be patient with them. He has communicated with others, but it is not a good time for them either. Push as many people as you can to attend the convention. Push protocols for flag raising and dress. His written reported: From My Family to Yours, wishing everyone much health and safety during these troubling times our nation is experiencing with the Covid19 restrictions. Changing times, situations and events require adjustments by all of us. Many of you are severely impacted not just in boating life but also in health, economic and personal matters. Although the IOBG has been impacted greatly by the recent health events of Covid19, such as canceling our In-Person June Meeting in Portland Oregon, we are committed to fulfill our necessary responsibilities and duties to ensure IOBG is functioning with operations as usual. I strongly suggest that each Chapter engage and insert themselves

into as many Club and Community events as possible. Many Chapters supplement their Membership Dues by Sponsoring Club Events such as Steak Roast, Raffles, Cocktail Parties, Comedy Nights and more. I am happy to help you with ideas to support your Club and its IOBG Chapter. It is a Win, Win for all. Using Online Computer Communications, we can meet live, every month to serve the Order of our Organization. In Fact, the entire network of Officer from the District Level to the Area Level on to the Executive Level is committed to serve our Membership more thoroughly, and intensely than ever before. Our nation's recent health situation has led us to increase our communications to a level never experienced before in the history of IOBG. This is not just a top down information sharing effort but rather a grass roots information gathering opportunity. However, this is only effective if you the Member participates by providing the valued feedback the organization needs. If you wish to contribute and be heard, we welcome your contributions. I encourage you to reach out to your District President. A complete directory of District and Area Officers is identified in each log. Speaking of our Published Newsletter "The Log" I encourage every Chapter or Club to subscribe to a Printed Hard Copy for all to read, enjoy and learn what IOBG is all about. Please see the Subscription Form in this edition. Through our other Online Publication "The Lighthouse" we welcome you to share what is going on with IOBG in your Club Chapter or District. Please contact me to learn more about sharing your events. Looking into the future both short and long, it is only a matter of 5 months until our annual convention in October. The 2020 Convention will be held in Beautiful Atlanta Georgia otherwise known as the Empire of The South or "Hot Lanta". Please help us celebrate President Elect Robert "Buzz" Bisanz and Lady Nancy. All are invited and all are welcome. I hope to see you there. If you need directions and or assistance, please call me personally as I welcome the opportunity to help you. Travel, Lodging, Events and Schedule Information/details are both online and in this publication. www.iobg.org My Hope is to continue with my journey to serve IOBG and its Members through the role of President Elect. My Goal, however, is to speak directly to every single Member in person or at least via telephone. You, The Member is our greatest asset and necessary element for continued success. I welcome every opportunity to hear from you. My effort to add value to your Membership is my priority. I encourage each member to proudly display their Flag and IOBG Insignia whenever and wherever possible. Please consider contacting me to hear how IOBG can support you and your chapter greater today. Thank you once again for your continued commitment in "Yachting's Most Prestigious Fraternity"

President Elect- Buzz Bisanz showed the schedule: 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 15-18, 2020

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Accommodations:

Hilton Hotel Embassy Suites 620 Chastain Road Kennesaw, Georgia

All Meetings Held at:

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Wednesday, October 14th

No Host Dinner	Restaurant of your choice	6:00 pm
Registration	Hospitality Suite	8:00 - 11:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	Hotel Room # 603	8:00 - 11:00 pm

Thursday, October 15th

Dress – Casual (all day)

Registration	Hotel – Meeting Room Lobby Area	10:00 – 11:30 am
IOBG Executive Committee	Hotel – Meeting Room 1	10:00 - 11:30 am
IOBG Humanitarian Foundation	Hotel – Hospitality Suite	9:00 – 11:30 am
Box Lunch on Bus		
Board Bus for Downtown Atlanta	12:30 pm	
World of Coke, Atlanta Aquarium	1:00 – 5:00 pm	
Rotate (if desired)	Possible College Football Hall of Fame	3:00 pm
Depart for Hotel	Board Bus at your venue	5:00 pm
Dinner	Restaurant of your choice	6:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	Hotel Room # 603	8:00 – 11:00 pm

Friday, October 16th

Dress - Winter Uniform (Grays, Tie & Blazer)

Registration	Hotel Meeting Room Lobby	9:00 – 10:00 am
10:00 – 11:30 am IOBGEC	Hotel – Meeting Room 1	9:00 – 10:00 am
IOBGA Executive Committee	Hotel – Meeting Room 2	10:00 – 11:45 am
IOBGA General Meeting	Hotel – Meeting Room 2	10:15 – 11:45 am
IOBG Board Meeting	Hotel – Meeting Room 1	12:00 – 1:30 pm
Lunch HF	Hotel – Meeting Room 1	2:00 – 2:50 pm
Education Class 1	Hotel – Meeting Room 1	3:00 – 3:50 pm
Education Class 2	Hotel – Meeting Room 1	4:30 pm
Board Bus	Travel to TBD	5:00 – 8:30 pm
Dinner	Open	9:00 – 11:00 pm
Hospitality Suite	Hotel Room # 603	

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Saturday, October 17th Dress of the Day – Winter Uniform (Grays, Tie & Blazer)

Registration	Hotel Meeting Room Lobby	10:00 – 11:45 am
IOBG Annual Meeting	Hotel - Meeting Room 1	9:00 – 11:45 am
IOBG Lunch	Hotel - Meeting Room 1	12:00 – 1:30 pm
IOBG Annual Meeting Cont...	Hotel – Meeting Room 1	2:00 – 3:00 pm
Fall Regional Meeting	Hotel - Meeting Room 1	3:00 – 3:30 pm
Installation Dinner	Dress: Black Tie/Formal Attire	
Cocktails - Cash Bar	Hotel – Meeting Room Lobby	6:00 – 7:30 pm Passed Hors d’oeuvres
Officers Line up for Procession	Hotel – Meeting Room Lobby	7:30 pm
Gala Dinner Dance and		
Installation of Officers	Hotel – Meeting Room 1&2	7:30 – 9:30 pm
Hospitality Suite	Hotel Room # 603	10:00 – 1:00 am

Sunday, October 18th - Thank you for attending & have a safe journey home

Buzz reported that the IOBG Annual Meeting is fast approaching with a starting date of October 15, 2020 in Atlanta. **Get your reservations turned in NOW!** The Annual Meeting Registration Form and the Meeting Schedule has been created and submitted to Mary Nye Meyers for publication formatting and distribution. The room reservation information has been published in the IOBG.org website so you can reserve your room today. Our room rate is \$139 plus tax and fees. This rate is for Queen Bed with breakfast each morning. If you want a King Bed our rate is \$159 plus tax and fees. Our Annual meeting Registration and Room reservation deadline is September 27, 2020 but for planning purposes we need to know if you are attending as soon as possible. You should contact the Hilton Embassy Suites direct for your room reservation. Phone number: 770-420-2505. The address of the hotel is 620 Chastain Road, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Identify yourself as being with the International Order of the Blue Gavel. Check the IOBG.org website for the details of the Annual Meeting Schedule. Meetings will begin with Executive Committee and the Humanitarian Foundation meeting scheduled for the morning of Thursday, October 15, 2020. Our IOBG Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, October 16, 2020 with the General Meeting and Elections scheduled on Saturday October 17, 2020. Officer Installation will take place on Saturday night with a formal dinner at the hotel catered by Ruth Chris Steakhouse. I thank you for your support thus far in our fiscal year and ask for your continued support for the rest of the year. If your District has an internet website please consider including a link to other IOBG sites including IOBG.org, IOBGA.org, IOBG-HF.org and other District sites like D8IOBG.org. **District Achievement Award:** Beginning with the official District membership numbers posted in August 2018, the Executive Committee will be awarding a District Achievement Award pin based on **retention and growth**. This distinctive pin will be awarded to five District executive boards in 2019. Your AVP has detailed information for you. Thank you for your efforts in 2019. Please continue your support of the IOBG

Humanitarian Foundation. Website: IOBG-HF.org. To apply for Humanitarian Foundation funding of a local project access the website and complete the LAP (Local Area Project) application form.

2nd Vice President - Kathy Smith reported that so much has changed in the few months since we were last together in Marina Del Rey in October! Opening Days mostly didn't happen. Dinner meetings? Cancelled. Yacht Clubs providing "Take Out" only, but you can get your Cocktail kit to go! Remember the olden days when you were asked to remove your hat and sunglasses when you entered the bank? Now they require you to wear a mask. A mask! In the bank!

And then there is Zoom. I'd never heard of Zoom last year, let alone used it. Now we are all holding meetings on Zoom; District BOD, International Round Table, Staff Commodore's and Yacht Club BODs, even my Mah Jong group is meeting virtually!

Amazing how we have been able to adapt.

But some things remain the same. The issues facing IOBG haven't changed much. We still want to be relevant, keep in contact with our friends and colleagues, and membership retention and growth are still our goals.

Districts have taken on the challenges due to Social Distancing and persevered. There are Zoom meetings, Cocktail Hours, Concerts, Trivia Games, and even virtual regattas. We have learned a lot.

Thank you to all of you who have gone out of your comfort zone and used your creativity to continue to work for and support IOBG. You are amazing!

As we start making tentative plans for "actual" events, hopefully we will see everyone in Atlanta this October. It will be great to travel again!

Acting Past President – 2018 Past President Tony Dureux reported: You have seen me before. I'm the stand in for Past President Bud Higginson. I'll be the past, past President. Bud needed a little help this year and I was honored to be selected to be his helper. This has been a very trying year for your IOBG Bridge. Everything that was talked about as being part of the 2020 program had to be adjusted, changed or cancelled. We, however, did what was necessary to work through the problems while adjusting to a changing world. Now, as most people know, we are not a group that accepts change easily. Fortunately, we had excellent Leadership and we worked our way through the year. I was proud that this year's Executive Committee found common ground and did what was necessary to move the I.O.B.G forward. We continue looking to the future while remembering our past for guidance. We talked a lot about working outside the box. That's ok. But we must always remember who we are and how we got here! All blue gavel members have a responsibility to work for our continued success. We are a proud organization with history and meaning. Remember, we need to grow our membership for you and me. Talk to your sitting commodore. Get him ready to be part of our organization. With that, I wish you well. It's been an honor to serve you and the I.O.B.G.

President - Sherry Barone reported that as the 2020 President of IOBG her Mission Statement is to cultivate RESPECT for our long-standing traditions and for each other. The time has flown since the annual meeting. Visited Ireland 8 February 2020 and planned the Summer Regional meeting 13-16 August 2020 with Howth Yacht Club and Malahide Yacht Club with dinners, events and attending the Fireball World Regatta. Then came the pandemic and has thrown us all into uncertain and unprecedented circumstances. Our goal is to be proactive and protect the health and safety of our IOBG members. To this end, the Executive Board has made the decision to cancel our Portland Spring meeting. The city of Portland has postponed this year's Rose Festival and festivities. This year's 2020 Spring Meeting will be held via Zoom so come and zoom with us. We start on Wednesday June 3rd with a cocktail hour and meet/greet evening. The Spring Meeting will be held on Thursday 4 June 2020 with summer uniform. Friday 5 June 2020 will be a trivia evening with the executive board AVPs and Area Directors (East, Central and West) competing for the grand prize to be announced as IOBG Trivia Winner. Let's keep active with physically distancing events until we can all meet safely. I attended District 11's wine tasting event to benefit youth sailing prior to the Covid shutdown. Opening days were cancelled as well as many events.

We discussed locally having virtual installations via zoom and welcoming IOBG Jr Staff and Staff Commodores into the IOBG family. We will continue to track COVID-19 updates and directives from federal and local officials and medical experts and will continue to follow their guidance in the days and weeks ahead. On 18 April 2020, I hosted a round table discussion with the executive board, AVPs and 2 representatives from each area. The roundtable discussions are an opportunity for participants to get together via Zoom to examine IOBG membership, increase participation and discuss growth /needs of members were some of the topics discussed. The AVPs will host area roundtable meetings via zoom and report at the Spring Meeting. A breakout session will be held at the Spring Meeting to continue the dialogue. Stay tuned for where the Summer Meeting location will be held on 13-16 August 2020. Ireland was cancelled due to pandemic and Federal, state and local regulations will determine where and if we can meet in the US. Audit committee met and approved the financials. The nominating committee has met on 19 May 2020 and have unanimously selected the slate to be presented at the 4 June 2020 meeting. The committee consisted of Joel Kay, Tony Dureux, Matthew Schmidt and Jeanne Irwin, and Sherry Barone. We have lost Past Auxiliary President 2007 (District 7) Trish Graven to Covid 19 and she will be missed and our condolences to her family and friends. Stay healthy and safe, looking forward to boating, sailing as we venture forward.

Eight Bells – The ringing of eight bells was in memory of Auxiliary Past President Trish Graven District 7.

Area Vice Presidents & Director's Reports

Northwest - Jim Martinson reported: 2020 in the Northwest Area. As we all know, 2020 is the year our country and the world pretty much stopped. As in other geographic area of I.O.B.G, the events that the Districts and Chapters either attend or sponsor have been canceled and the peripheral effect has been felt by us all. This includes Opening Day ceremonies, Festivals, Cruises, and Commodore Balls. We also lost one of our beloved Past Commodores, **Bill Byrn** from Viking Yacht Club to the Covid-19. Technology has helped us to at least be able to communicate and take care of some of our needs for the Order. In District 1 we have continued a now long time monthly Board meeting via conference call and recently 'Go to Meeting Video' meetings. The video meeting has been underwritten by our District Director **Butch Brown**. We all thank the District Director for his contribution. We hope to relieve his contribution and plan to migrate to Zoom to coincide with the International's subscription.

District 1 – Butch Brown reported that they are working to persuade Chapter members to get all Past Commodores enrolled in IOBG. Grand 14 yacht clubs stay away from IOBG. Covid 19 has been a real challenge for them to get around to make in-person calls.

Southwest – Shelia Anderson reported for District Directors 6,10,11,14,15,16,19,21,and 51. As we all know this has been a very difficult time for the entire world. This time has prevented the Opening Day Ceremonies and the gathering of all our members to socialize. Sherry and I attended the PICYA virtual Opening Day – "Opening Day of the Bay" which included The Directors of the South West are doing a good job engaging their members. Below are each districts report.

District 6 – Director Tom Youngblood: Aloha. As reported earlier, we had a Christmas party at Kaneohe Yacht Club with record attendance. In February we had a wine tasting party at Oeno Winemaking in Kailua. Members provided pupu (appetizers), and we sampled various products. This also was well attended, and at the time, we planned on making this a quarterly event. Currently all plans are on hold due to COVID-19.

District 10 – Director Joyce Jackson-Coomber reported: In January, District 10 met at Huntington Harbour Yacht Club for our 2020 Installation of Officers. We had twenty six members and guests present. Our new slate of officers was installed and we proceeded with our regular board meeting. We discussed many future activities for the coming year which have all been placed on hold because of the

Corona Virus. We did not have a February meeting because Rodney and I went to Australia for three weeks to see his family. Our next board meeting was held by telephone conference and unfortunately due to the virus we were not able to discuss any future plans for this year. We still have at least four new member inductions who we will contact to find out if they want to proceed with the ceremony later this year or wait until next year. We hope to move forward with a few activities later this summer which would include a wine tasting and Charity Brunch at Navy Yacht Club. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone to be happy and remain safe.

District 11- Director Gisele Ozeri reported that District 11 goals for this year are to have more events for members to participate and increase membership. We are trying to create a virtual communication network via Zoom with our Membership Appreciation event being the first. Once the racing season has opened we will continue to sponsor the Home Port Regatta. We will follow all guidelines from federal and local officials regarding updates received regarding the pandemic crisis. A few members of IOBG were onboard MYC's winning Boat Parade Float in the Marina Del Rey Holiday Boat Parade December 12, 2019. This year's wine tasting prior to the lockdown was held at SCCYC and was very successful. IOBG President Sherry Barone won the big raffle of winning "29 wines" (which she shared with all attendees) and we were able to donate \$180 to the Boys and Girls Club Sailing program. With the postponement of District 11 Opening Days we have scheduled the inductions for JR. Staff Commodores to be held via Zoom at the 2020 Spring Meeting. Stay safe! See you in the water soon.

District 14 – Elizabeth Allison reported that San Francisco Bay May 22nd, 2020 District Update District 14's Membership stands at 54 current past commodores with more renewals anticipated during this billing cycle. Cash on-hand is \$7,047.00. Less restricted of \$565.00 Net cash on-hand \$6,482.00 District 14's restricted accounts were reduced in favor of providing youth opportunities on the water. In conjunction with the "Call of the Sea" organization and through the use of the Mathew Turner Tall Ship, District 14 awarded scholarships for 11 youths to be on the water. At the end of 2018 and through 2019 one youth experienced a week at sea while 10 others enjoyed day sails on the Tall Ship Mathew Turner. At district 14, 2020 will be a year of fund-raising

District 15 – Director Jim Murtland: We had a zoom meeting on May4th. Cancelled numerous future events including a Member Appreciation BBQ. Appointed Michael Kirchgastner as District Secretary. Otherwise it has been quiet as we are obeying the Governor's direction on meetings.

District 16 – Director Tom Shideler: The pandemic arrived just in time to shut down all yacht clubs and most boating activity just before our Opening Days. We now see "soft openings" of clubs in the near future but this will take some time to get back to any resemblance of normal activity. At this point, all races are on hold but some cruising activity is proceeding with social distancing being observed. The Virtual Roundtable held on April 18 was very beneficial. This method of communication certainly will work until some degree of normalcy is achieved. PCYC is serving meals at the front door. Soft opening of dining room. One hundred people there Friday night. PCYF first shutdown since starting in 1992. Will start a program to teach sailing to whomever wishes to learn.

District 19 – Elizabeth Allison reported that the board of directors for IOBG Delta District 19 held a virtual meeting 5-26-20. Present at the meeting were: President – George Iaconis, Vice President – Jan Cutaia-Iaconis, Treasurer – Ben Blair, District Director – Paul Clausen, Past District Director – Roger Beebe. President George Iaconis reported that due to the shelter in place order our calendar for social events has been placed on hold until further notice. We, like all social organizations are waiting for state and county regulations to become clear regarding social gatherings. Vice President Jan Cutaia-Iaconis reported we did hold our Induction of new members on May 1st. We inducted 12 new members for 2020. District 19 membership renewals for 2020 so far have totaled 131 bringing our membership total to 143 at present. There are still 19 memberships from 2019 that have not renewed. Phone calls will be made to

those 2019 members who have not sent in their dues. Treasurer Ben Blair reported. We moved the bank account with Wells Fargo from Modesto to Pittsburg as that is where most of the board of directors are. All is good, without events we have nothing to spend money on. All monies due International for membership have been sent in. A short discussion was held regarding nominations for 2021. The board did consider holding in place however this will need further discussion and was not decided at this time.

District 21 – No report

North Central - Steven Hyder reported from the great state of Michigan. With the crazy start to 2020 there isn't many activities that went on in Districts 7, 9 and 25. All of the districts had plenty of activities planned however all the activities had to be cancelled and/or rescheduled for fall of 2020. Not one of the districts could have an in-person spring meeting, however we did hold a round table discussion with the districts via zoom. At the round table discussion, we discussed membership and recruitment. Ideas were brought up to recruit members. The Districts discuss what has worked in the past and what they can do in the future to bolster membership. The Districts are planning on having another Blue Blazer event in October. D9 and D25 will hold another joint blue blazer. At this event they will invite Vice Commodores and Commodores to introduce Blue Gavel to them. As part of programming, all the districts will be having a joint wine tasting tour in September. The districts hope that these events will bring in new members and retain our current members. Further at the Round Table the discussion was held, and it was a consensus that the International should curtail their travel and lower International Dues back to \$40.00 vs the current rate of \$50.00. The representatives thought that our International Officers travel too much and the cost is way too high. The Round Table lasted about an hour. All in attendances are optimistic that we will get back to some type of normal soon.

Northeast - Stephen Tisack reported for Districts 3, 12, 20, 22, 26, 27. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the northeast is just starting to enter phase 2 of reopening. Yacht clubs are following the current social distancing guidelines. Marina were allowed to open a few weeks ago. All social gathering and activities are still limited. District 3 has been keeping the status of each chapter and the rule of their respective marines via email. With the slow reopening of the northeast, there are no reports from the other districts

Southeastern- Karen Shea as District Director of 8 reported: As of May, 2020, we have 202 paid members plus 3 Past Presidents (P/Ps Janiszewski, Dowdell and Higginson) compared to 218 in 2019. We now have 20 Chapters. We will continue to try to activate our inactive Chapters especially those who are Florida Council of Yacht Club members. Due to the cancelation of our May regional meeting we have changed to teleconferences. Thanks to Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Hockenberry who coordinated with our Communications Director Mary Nye Meyers who again send out our 2020 Membership Directory. Our District works very hard at keeping our members informed via our website, newsletters and emails. We are one of only 2 Districts with a Membership Roster. I continue to ask our D8 Chapter Presidents to work on several areas within their Yacht Clubs.

1. Add an IOBG tab on their Yacht Club website. Just start off with the IOBG mission statement and who your current Chapter Board is and maybe a few pictures. Also add a link to both our D8 and International website. We have 5 out of 20 YC's who have IOBG info/tabs on their website. (Dunedin Boat Club, Gulf Harbors YC, Isles YC, Pelican Isle YC & Venice YC)
2. Have their Yacht Clubs add IOBG members to their Hospitality Guidelines rules. International has a letter posted on their website under Hospitality Guidelines.
3. Be an ambassador for the IOBG when you have Regattas and other events involving other yachts clubs and set up an IOBG card table with brochures, etc. I've made up an IOBG Display table which can be used. Call me to see if I'm available to join you. The District 8 Winter Meeting was held Feb 21-22, 2020 at Palm Beach Sailing Club hosted by D8 Legal Officer P/C Joe and Mary Lou Tringali, Esq "One Particular Island". There was food, fun and entertainment all weekend. After Saturdays meeting, Joe along with P/C Joe Fields, Esq were generous enough to donate their time to present two classes 1. "Private

Clubs vs. Public Accommodations; the rules you need to know and “Leadership for your Club” and 2. “Americans with Disabilities Act; uses and abuses, how to protect your club”. Both were very educational and from the Academy of Yachting.

We approved presenting our IOBG Chapters with an outdoor IOBG flag (24” X 40”) with the number of years as chapter for hosting a meeting. At our February 2020 Regional meeting which was at Palm Beach Sailing Club we presented them with the IOBG flag with 18 years on it. It always looks good on the outdoor flag poles at Yacht Clubs.

District 18 - District Director Dave Kowert reported an increased membership from 5 in 2018 to 7 in 2019 from 3 Yacht Clubs in two states and one Past President Chuck Browning who resides in Myrtle Beach, SC and back down to 5 in May 2020 I’m sure due to temporary closing of all clubs. Sadly, almost everything has ground to a halt, but as of the end of May they are starting to re-open on a very limited scale with lots of social distancing rules. I think its going to be a good test to see if people can manage this new world. Unfortunately, that has also negatively impacted all our plans to push IOBG forward. Two social functions were canceled and at this point, we have been unable to reschedule. The main focus of everyone at all the clubs seems to be determining if the annual regatta schedule will move forward and if so, how they are going to make it work. Assuming the upcoming weeks provide a solution to that issue, I will engage with the past commodores of the various clubs around getting together during the regatta parties to discuss IOBG membership and possible “giving back” opportunities we will have throughout the summer.

Guest Speaker – District 1 member Marlene Barrington liaison to National Boating Federation reported: Coast Guard information feeds will go to email now instead of just radio broadcasting. Changes in Artic – the routes have changed. USCG – broadcast notices to mariners

The US Coast Guard will begin making broadcast notices to mariners containing locally relevant navigation information accessible by mobile devices and the internet. New methods of information delivery will include Rich Site Summary also known as Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, email, and other means such as web-based graphic interfaces. The Coast Guard believes the internet and mobile availability will allow greater numbers of mariners to access this information, and to do so in a more-timely, reliable, convenient, and customized manner. Currently, the only way to obtain this information is to tune in to local Coast Guard broadcasts that take place on very high frequency (VHF) marine radio two or more times per day. Comments must be received by 28 July. 11619 85 Fed. Reg. 32408 (5/29/20) [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-29/pdf/2020-11619.pdf>].

Know Before You Go: Check the status of the place you want to visit. If it is closed, don't go. If it's crowded, have a plan B. Plan Ahead: Prepare for facilities to be closed, pack lunch and bring essentials like hand sanitizer and a face covering. Stay Close to Home: This is not the time to travel long distances to recreate. Most places are only open for day use. Practice Physical Distancing: Adventure only with your immediate household. Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth and give others space. If you are sick, stay home. Play It Safe: Slow down and choose lower-risk activities to reduce your risk of injury. Search and rescue operations and health care resources are both strained. Leave No Trace: Respect public lands and communities and take all your garbage with you.

"Recreation.gov is often the first stop for visitors as they plan their trips and make reservations on federal land and water locations throughout the country," said Rick DeLappe, Recreation.gov program manager. "During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have supported our participating agencies as they adjust to this quickly evolving situation. As locations begin to reopen and welcome visitors, we feel the Recreate Responsibly coalition is sending the right message at the right time to encourage everyone to safely enjoy our national treasures."

Appointed Officers' Reports

Legal Officer – Joe Dowell reported that he is available by phone and email.

Communications Director- Mary Nye Meyers. President Sherry Baron thanked Mary for her hard work with communications and help with the Marina Del Rey convention. Mary reported that she has updated the website. Log articles are due June 20th.

Protocol Officer - Marsha Landreth suggested that Directors have informational Zoom meetings on clothing and flag etiquette.

Recording Secretary – Marsha Landreth asked if anyone had joined the conference call after roll was taken.

Past President Liaison Officer – Joel Kay reported that he is email accessible and will send Minutes to the Past Presidents.

Auxiliary- Kathy Smith reported for her husband saying that the Auxiliary is supporting District 7's book give away. Looking at bylaw changes. Sending money to 501C.

Boat US- Marshall Nemo – IOBG is a cooperating member. IOBG receives a discount, the number is in Log.

Membership - Mark Vadaj made effort in Upper Great Lakes. Continue effort in the Northeast – thousands of past commodores, and have established a foothold. Steve and Mark have put a great deal of effort in the NE. Marshall – District 9 members have written to Marshall saying that they think they have reciprocity in Florida. Tell them that Florida offers hospitality, not reciprocity.

Old Business

West Marine and Discounts- Mark Vadaj reported that 2020 is not a good launching point for West Marine partnership.

District Achievement Awards – Tony told the AVPs that they needed to send information to him.

New Business

AVPs Roundtable Reports – Shelia wasn't able to find a time for Directors to Zoom. Karen will talk to people in her area.

Slate of New IOBG Officers 2020 - President Sherry Barone reported that the 2020 nominating committee consisted of President Sherry Barone, Past President Tony Durieux, Past President Joel Kay and two IOBG members, Jeanne Irwin from West of the Mississippi River and Matthew Schmidt from East of the Mississippi River. The IOBG nominating committee met by conference call on May 19, 2020 and reviewed all requests for nomination submitted by interested members. The committee thoroughly discussed each request. Our decision reflects the consensus of the committee. Upon approval of the IOBG Executive Committee these nominees will be placed on the ballot to be voted upon by the IOBG Board of Directors at the IOBG Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on October 17, 2020. The 2021 Slate of Officers is as follows: President Robert "Buzz" Bisanz (Automatic) District 18, President-Elect Mark Vadaj District 7, 1st Vice President Kathleen Jo Smith District 15, 2nd Vice President Marsha Landreth District 16, Immediate Past President Sherry Barone (Automatic) District 11, Treasurer Marshall Nemo District 15, Executive Secretary Mary Nye Meyers District 1, Northeast Area Vice President Stephen Tisack District 3, Southeast Area Vice President Karen E. Shea District 8, North Central Area Vice President Steven Hyder District 7, Northwest Area Vice President Jim Martinson. District 1, Southwest Area Vice President Sheila Anderson District 1. **Action taken:** *The slate was approved in the Executive Committee meeting earlier this morning.*

Audit Committee Report for year ending 12/31/2019 – Past President Tony Durieux, chairman of the Audit Committee reported that the audit committee met by conference call on 04/30/2020. All documents prepared by the IOBG Treasurer were reviewed. The very detailed journal entries supported the payments made. It's clear the IOBG revenues were spent on the usual and customary expenses of the organization. The audit committee agreed that financially everything is in good order. Also on the committee were President Elect Buzz Bisanz and 2nd Vice President Kathleen Jo Smith. **Action taken:** *Mark moved to accept the report; Sherry seconded the motion. The Audit Committee Report was accepted.*

Installation of New IOBG Members - installed three members yesterday from District 11.

Announcements:

Upcoming summer and Annual Meeting might be a combination of Zoom and physical meeting. Will have more to come.

Convention must make decisions by July 14. Information is on the website.

The EC will consider Mary's vender as the name tags look hardier.

Sherry thanked Dawn for her help putting together the Zoom meetings. All AVPs are authorized to use the Zoom account. Use Marshall's log in information. Go on Zoom to set up a meeting.

Adjournment: Marshall moved to adjourn the Spring Regional Meeting. Buzz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Sherry adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m. PDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marsha Landreth
Recording Secretary