

# INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE BLUE GAVEL

District 1 Fall Regional Meeting  
September 19, 2020



Fall Meeting & Change of Watch via ZOOM Video Conferencing

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## DISTRICT 1 GENERAL MEETING

The Fall 2020 IOBG General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Neil Kelly at 0900 via ZOOM Video Conferencing.

The Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Executive Secretary Mary Nye Meyers. President Kelly then welcomed members to the very first District General Meeting to be held on line virtually as a video conference.

“Sail Away” was recited by Past President and Trustee, Robert Weber in memory of District 1 members Bill Byrne, Jim Davidson, Arthur Hinckley, Stephen Hyman.

We then proceeded with Roll Call of all in attendees and participants.

Neil Kelly	President	Des Moines Yacht Club
Jeanne Gordon	Recording Secretary	West Seattle Yacht Club
Ullrich Marquardt	Treasurer	Spokane Yacht Club
Mary Nye Meyers	Exec.Secretary Dist. 1/ Intl.	Corinthian Yacht Club Tacoma
Butch Brown	District Director	Kingston Cove Yacht Club
Jim Martinson	NW VP / Trustee	Tacoma Outboard Association
Keith Younker	Trustee	Spokane Yacht Club
Robert Weber	Trustee / Past Pres.	Des Moines Yacht Club
Kenneth Quimby	Trustee	Spokane Yacht Club
Charles Havens	Past Pres.	Hells Canyon Boat Club
David Kutz	Past Pres.	Kingston Cove Yacht Club
Mary Eiffert	Past Intl. Exec.Secretary	Carver Cruisers
Roxanne Parish	Member	Member- at Large
Mike Parish	Member	Member-at Large
Dean Smith	Member	Member-at-Large
Paul Hunter	Member	Seabacs Boat Club
Wayne Weber	Member	Des Moines Yacht Club
Peggy Weber	Member	Des Moines Yacht Club
Buzz Bisanz	Intl. President Elect	Atlanta
Marlene Barrington	Int'l Rep/ NBF	Delta Sailing Club

Many of these members have held too many positions to list. Thank you for your service to IOBG. In all, twenty members participated in the video meeting. Ten yacht clubs were represented.

New members Doreen Rupprecht of West Seattle Yacht Club and Shane Amodei of Seabacs Boat Club were not present to be inducted.

## **Recording Secretary's Report: Jeanne Gordon**

A motion to accept the minutes of the September 21, 2019 Fall meeting in Des Moines as published and e-mailed was seconded and passed. Meeting minutes are available for download by members prior to each meeting.

## **Dist.1 & Int'l Executive Secretary's Report: Mary Nye Meyers**

Mary told us about the new District Achievement Award (DAA) given by International. Our District has worked very hard on member retention. Our retention percentage numbers have fluctuated from 90% in 2018, then dipping to 86% in 2019, however, for 2020 our retention rate was 93% and we therefore won the DAA Contest and the Board will be receiving District Achievement Award pins. More members equal more International votes.

Mary will be sending out hard copy dues letters with return envelopes after October 1, 2020. This will be followed by an e-mail for dues at a later date.

## **Treasurer's Report: Ullrich Marquardt**

Ullie reported total income of \$7,786.00 and total expenses of \$7,176.94 which leaves us with a positive net income of \$749.06. Our current bank balance is \$5,225.40. Secretary Jeanne Gordon requested that a copy of the complete report be sent to herself and President Neil Kelly for the records.

Ullie reported that we have 66 paid current memberships.

## **President's Report: Neil Kelly**

Neil told us that he truly missed all of our in- person meetings, picnics, and gatherings over the past year. He felt that our monthly tele-conference board meetings have helped us stay somewhat connected. Today's ZOOM meeting is also helping us stay connected. He is definitely looking forward to pandemic recovery when we can all meet again.

## **1st Vice President's Report: Open**

This position remains open. If you know of anyone who would like to fill this position, please contact any board member for more information.

## **2nd Vice President's Report: Chris Heide**

Chris was unable to attend due to a memorial service commitment.

## **District Director : Butch Brown**

Butch reported that we are still looking to fill the vacant 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President position. He is happy that our member retention is good despite us not being able to meet in person. ZOOM meetings are definitely the safest way to meet in the interim . He is proud that District 1 received the District Achievement Award. He knows of a few members that will be returning to our fold including Pete DeBoer of Kingston Cove Yacht Club.

## **International Report / NW Area VP : Jim Martinson**

Jim is hoping that the 2021 International meeting will be able to take place in Ireland. He said that the International Change of Watch meeting in October will also be via ZOOM which involved by-law changes for voting ,etc. Precautions have been taken so the meeting will be secure and not hackable. He was also told that if the Portland Rose Festival is able to take place in June 2021 that our current International President and our incoming President will be knighted at the Rose Ceremony. Jim is also very proud of the District Achievement Award received by District 1 for retention of members. District 1 is Second to None ! Unfortunately, District 5 now has only five members.

Also, proudly, our Mary Nye Meyers has received a much deserved Outstanding Service Award from International.

## **Supply Officer / Ship's Store : Anita-Louise Cressy**

Butch Brown is currently filling in for Anita-Louise. Inventory is currently low since we are not having meetings. New stock will be ordered when we return to regular meetings. Let Butch know if you need anything. Mary Eiffert offered her unused IOBG burgees to the store.

## **Recreational Boating Association of WA (RBAW) and National Boating Federation (NBF) Report: David Kutz**

Dave reported that RBAW memberships have slowed with the effects of COVID and cancelled events such as the Seattle Boat Show. The legislative session went well and as a result copper bottom paint will still be allowed. Although the Canadian border still remains closed, most of our U.S. marinas remain open.

The Lake Bay Parks Project has also stalled as a result of the pandemic. The amount needed for the purchase is 1.2 million plus more to reclaim and refurbish the property. Only about half of the needed funds were raised by the deadline and now we are hoping for an extension.

A new legislative proposal is asking for a new boundary distance between boaters and whales of 1000 yards. This is much too far...imagine ten football fields. Hopefully, this proposal will go nowhere.

Dave was happy to report that there is now a new mobile pump out service in Gig Harbor. Terry & Sons Mobile Marine Pump Out was funded by Federal, State, and Local funds and will be available at no cost to boaters.

The RBAW annual meeting to be held in November will be via ZOOM. Hilary Franz of DNR will be the main speaker.

Dave reported on NBF with notes received from Marlene Barrington, IOBG Int'l Representative to NBF. Marlene had a previous commitment, but appeared on Zoom briefly to say hello. Dave reported that the U.S.Coast Guard has a new strategic plan involving grants for promoting recreational boating safety which will be funded by tax imposed on diesel fuel and fishing equipment sales.

## **Old Business:**

President Kelly told us that because we have had no in person meetings in the past year that we still have some alcohol left in the IOBG bar. As was previously discussed and decided, when the bar stock runs out we will revert to BYOB for events.

Jeanne Gordon and Ken Quimby told Mary Nye Meyer that they did not receive the e-mailed membership roster. She agreed to resend a copy.

## **New Business:**

Due to the fact that the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President position remains open, the current officers and board member have agreed to remain in office for the coming year. We were privileged to have Buzz Bisanz ,the International President Elect, join our Zoom meeting to give the Oath of Office and swear in the Officers and Board that were present for the coming year.

Officers and Trustees for 2020-2021:

President Neil Kelly, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Open, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Chris Heide, Recording Secretary Jeanne Gordon, Treasurer Ullrich Marquardt, Executive Secretary Mary Nye Meyers,

East Trustees : Keith Younker (2022), Ken Quimby (2020) ,Paul Boeckman (2021)

West Trustees: Jim Martinson (2021), Alan Kester (2020), Bob Weber (2022)

A discussion was opened on the date and venue for the District 1 Spring Meeting. The usual date would be the April 16-17, 2021, the third weekend of April. Chris Heide is looking into Fidalgo Bay as a venue. Mary Nye Meyers said there may be a date conflict with Regional.

It has been decided that the future District 1 monthly Board Meetings will be held via International Zoom. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 7

## **Good of the Order:**

President Neil Kelly welcomed new member, Dean Smith, who transferred to our district from Hawaii.

With no further business, the General Membership Zoom meeting adjourned at 1034.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Gordon

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Recording Secretary