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District 7 Spring Conference 2022 Seat Packet 2 April 2022

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Agenda for Spring Conference Meeting 02 April 2022

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Introduction of C/C and District Bridge

Introduction of Past Commanders and guests

Determination of a Quorum

Explanation of Voting Rules & Role of Conference: **Section 4.1** The Conference shall be composed of the Council, the squadron educational officers, the past district commanders of this district who are active members of district squadrons, and the delegates, which persons shall be the voting members of the Conference.

Approval of Minutes

In accordance with a motion adopted in Fall 2014, the designated committee approved the minutes of the D7 Council Meeting held on 14 March 2022 and no further action is required. The minutes are included in the seat packet.

Presentation of the Consent Agenda

Reports of District Officers

Executive Department

Education Department

Administrative Department

Secretary's Department

Treasurer's Department

Commander's Department

Reports of the General Committees

Auditing committee

Planning committee

Rules committee

Crossing the Bar Ceremony

Chief Commander remarks

Unfinished Business

New Business

District Commander's Final Remarks

Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers for 2022-2023

If there is no further business to come before the conference, this meeting is adjourned.

2022 Spring Conference Consent Agenda

1. That the agenda be adopted.
2. That the District Commander alter the agenda as needed to facilitate the meeting of the Conference.
3. That the Conference approve the 2022 Boat Show East report. (item A)
4. That the Conference approve the final report of the 2021 Fall PENTA conference hosted by five districts. (item B)
5. That the Conference approve the District send \$250 each to 8 squadrons within the district to be used for educational purposes. (item C)
6. That the Conference approve the District use \$500 toward funding the 2022 District 7 Rendezvous in order to reduce cost to participants. (item D)
7. That the Conference approve the budget for the 2022 District 7 Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin. (item E)
8. That the Conference approve the proposed District budget for 2022-2023. (item F)
9. That the Conference approve a committee of the following: the District Commander, Executive Officer, and the Administrative Officer, to approve the minutes of this meeting.



D7 Council Meeting Minutes, 14 March 2022

D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN called the meeting to order at 2005.

Roll call was taken

Attendees: D/C Larry Spraggins, D/Lt/Cs Wayne Spraggins, Roger Hall, Jim Mason, Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, and Tom Hancock; D/1/Lt Margo Holmes; Cdrs Jan Holmes, Harry Barnes, Fred Nolte, Lynn Brockman, Fred Spring, and Jean Verlotti; Most recent P/D/C Lynda Leque; General Committee Chairs: P/D/C Dave Bialorucki and P/C Cathe Radabaugh.

Guests: P/D/Cs Barb Spraggins, Brian Logan, and Jane Brandenstein; P/Cs Kathy Barber and David Kastl; P/Lt/C Susan Stebner.

Unable to attend: Cdrs Marge Zitnik (Berea), Jay Wells, (Mansfield), and Michael Bush (MOV); General Committee Chair P/V/C Robert Brandenstein; and D/1/Lt Ken Leque.

The Secretary verified a quorum was present then read the Consent Agenda. (All items will be in the Seat Packet.)

1. That the agenda be adopted.
2. That the Council allows the District Commander to alter the agenda as needed to facilitate the meeting of the Council.
3. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the 2022 Boat Show East report. (item A)
4. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the final report of the 2021 Fall PENTA conference hosted by five districts. (item B)
5. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the District send \$250 each to 8 squadrons within the district to be used for educational purposes. (item C)
6. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the District use \$500 toward funding the 2022 District 7 Rendezvous in order to reduce cost to participants. (item D)
7. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the budget for the 2022 District 7 Rendezvous at Huron Boat Basin. (item E)
8. That the Council recommends the Conference approve the proposed District budget for 2022-2023. (item F)
9. That the Council authorizes a committee of the following: the District Commander, Executive Officer, and the Administrative Officer, to approve the minutes of this Council meeting.

D/Lt/C Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Cdr Fred Nolte, AP second. There was no discussion. Motion approved.

Department Reports:

Commander: D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN provided brief recap of Annual Meeting, thanking everyone who had helped with and enjoyed the hospitality room.

He notified council members that Mid-Ohio Valley Sail and Power Squadron has requested a dissolution. He has worked extensively with Cdr Michael Bush, AP and several of the seven steps required for completion of the dissolution have already taken place. In fact, the membership had held an End of Watch dinner very recently. D/Lt/C Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P moved that the statement "That the Conference approve the dissolution of Mid-Ohio Valley Sail and Power Squadron in accordance with the USPS Operations Manual" be added to the Spring Conference Consent Agenda. Cdr Harry Barnes, AP second. There was no discussion. Motion approved.

P/D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN stated that instead of being added to the Conference Consent Agenda, it would be more appropriate to bring this up in New Business during the Conference. P/D/C Lynda C Leque, SN concurred and moved to negate the previous motion and instead target this for discussion within the Conference New Business. Cdr Fred Nolte, AP second. There was no discussion. Motion approved.

Executive: D/Lt/C Roger Hall, SN stated some of the highlights from the Annual Meeting included discussions regarding reorganization of USPS; the Chief Commander will be discussing this at upcoming Spring Conference. He noted the Cleveland Boat Show will be March 17-20.

D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN stated District VSC Chair, P/D/C Garry Schroeder, SN, had tallied totals and awards would be presented at conference. The full report will be in the seat packet. Co-Op Charting: R/C S Thomas Hancock, P announced that our district and Stark County Power Squadron ranked first nationally. He noted this year there are already several members on Honor Roll status and Mansfield Power Squadron has also made Honor Roll.

Education: P/R/C Wayne Spraggins, SN encouraged nomination of instructors for the Chapman Award. He stated that District will vote on those submissions and forward one name to National, who expects to honor a total of five instructors with the award.

Administrative: D/Lt/C James E Mason, SN reported he has distributed cyber member and non-renewal member listings to squadron commanders promoting re-connecting with these individuals. He noted he has read many squadron newsletters as a judge for the District 7 Publication Award and has found many of them to be outstanding.

Spring Conference: Spring Conference 2022 will be April 1-April 3. Room rate is \$99/night; the location is Doubletree Hotel by Hilton in Independence Ohio.

P/C Kathy Barber, AP and P/D/C Barbara A Spraggins, SN noted registrations are coming in slowly. Encouraged folks to sign up knowing that their checks to pay for the event will not be cashed until the event is held. Members must call the national Doubletree number to successfully get through to make a reservation.

Friday Icebreaker will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, and a band. Members are encouraged to wear USPS/ABC apparel and bring beverages and snacks to share later in the hospitality room. District will provide dessert and paper products.

Saturday will have Officers' meetings at 8AM followed by various seminars. Lunch will follow and the Conference business meeting will be at 2pm. Attire is polo shirts/sweaters.

Saturday dinner will be blazers with a tie or appropriate attire.

Sunday will have 9AM meeting for incoming squadron commanders and district officers.

Instructor re-certification class will be held from 10AM-noon.

Summer Rendezvous: P/D/C Brian M Logan, SN stated a block of 10 rooms are being held at Comfort Inn. Dockage cost is \$1.50/foot with a deadline of July 1. Sign-up for dockage will be via D7 registration form so members will not need to call the marina separately. Activities will include co-op charting, corn hole, a golf outing, possible trivia contest and a Motown oldies band is scheduled to be at the boat basin on Saturday evening of the rendezvous.

P/D/C Lynda C Leque, SN stated a revised event flyer is in process and will soon be distributed.

Membership: P/D/C Brian M Logan, SN noted there still seems to be a glitch regarding new 18 month members and encouraged squadrons check to ensure the members have received credit for the ABC class.

Secretary: D/Lt/C Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P stated the district roster is complete and will begin distribution at Conference. She reminded members the deadline for Seat Packet items is 3/24/2022: this is a tight deadline. Reading and judging of squadron newsletters is in process for the Outstanding Publication Award—which may be one of the deeds of grant which is expired. This is a work in process and she hopes to obtain all Deeds of Grant from Trophy/Awards chair, Susan Harris, prior to Conference, so that they may be electronically stored.

Treasurer: R/C S Thomas Hancock, P reported he is under the same tight deadline as the secretary for closing the books of the D7 year. He urged individuals to quickly submit proofs for expenses which require reimbursement. Other discussion included need for bills to be sent from district to squadrons for any new member, who upon joining, directly paid dues to the squadron rather than National. The bill from district will be for the district portion of dues.

D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN reported he'd received notification from National that Stark County and Vermilion squadrons had not taught any ABC classes recently, to which it was clarified that Vermilion is currently holding a class.

General Committee Reports:

Auditing: Cdr Lynn Brockman, P summarized the Auditing report noting that the District financial records are accurate and in excellent condition. The full report will be in the seat packet.

Planning: No report

Rules: No report

Nominating: P/D/C Dave Bialorucki, SN stated the committee was able to fill every position on the bridge. The full Nominating report will be in the seat packet.

Squadron Commander Comments:

Akron: Jan Holmes noted the squadron has recently accrued five 18 month members and will likely attain 4 cyber members soon. He encouraged individuals to sign up for the 3/24/2022 reception for new C/C Craig Fraser, SN, who is a member of Akron. He briefly noted several other events scheduled in April.

North Coast: Harry Barnes reported they already acquired seven new members in 2022. . A recent ABC class had 20 students and there are 2 more classes scheduled. Marine Navigation class is in progress with nine students. NCO COW will be 4/24/2022 and they are planning a rendezvous to Vermilion in July. He reminded squadrons to submit their activities to him in his capacity as Boating Activity Chair so that he can compile them and forward them for posting on D7 website.

Pittsburgh: On behalf of Fred Nolte, Jane Brandenstein reported they had participated in recent open house at Fox Chapel Marine but due to weather, not many attended or used the BSVT. The squadron has three ABC classes scheduled and they are focusing on Jump Start.

Stark County: Fred Spring stated the squadron has scheduled four functions for the summer. He is hopeful numerous members will attend.

Ten Mile: Lynn Brockman stated the squadron has 3 ABC classes scheduled. She noted a recent report issued by the State of PA cited 56 boating accidents in 2021 (2 less than in 2020) resulting in 9 fatalities.

Vermilion: Jean Verlotti stated the squadron recently had three member reinstatements. They have three students in current ABC class.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2110

Respectfully Submitted,
D/Lt/C Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P

Approved by:

D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN

Date: 03/18/2022

D/Lt/C Roger Hall, SN

Date: 03/17/2022

D/Lt/C James E Mason, SN

Date: 03/17/2022

Commander's Department - D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN

It is my pleasure to present my report for the 2021 – 2022 watch year. When my term began, we were still hunkered down in our homes and conducted the Change of Watch through Zoom. Spring 2021 was the second year in a row for a COW via Zoom. At that time, we hoped that the pandemic would be over soon, and we would be back to boating, attending classes, and socializing at squadron activities which essentially would bring us back to “normal”. However, we now know the “normal” we had hoped for does not exist any longer. We have changed and now we are all working on changing various aspects of our squadrons and its activities.

Despite the challenges brought on by Covid, such as losing membership and limited in person activities, our District still had many accomplishments over the year.

Last April, I challenged all the squadrons to meet three goals:

1. To grow membership by at least three net members;
2. To increase the number of Vessel Safety Checks completed by at least ten over the number completed in 2019 and
3. To increase by at least one, the number of ABC classes offered over the year.

I am reporting that while we didn't meet all the goals that were established, the squadrons worked hard to achieve them.

While the membership decreased to 576, there are signs that it is leveling off if not increasing. In fact, since Jan. 1 of this year, District 7 has gained 23 new members.

In 2019, District 7 conducted 1,168 VSCs with 54 examiners and last year collectively we did 932 VSCs with 55 examiners. Though not an increase, that still represents almost 1,000 boats which had the required safety equipment and hopefully avoided accidents and injuries on the water last summer because of the inspection.

While some of our squadrons did increase the number of ABC classes and increased attendance in those classes, other squadrons were not able to do so. Holding ABC classes is a critical piece of our mission to educate and train boaters. I encourage all the squadrons to continue to hold classes and utilize the many options now available including the online programs that R/C Eileen Rickard told us about in her work at the National level.

We had an exceptionally large turnout at the D7 Rendezvous and Cruise in July on Middle Bass Island, held a very successful Reverse Raffle as a fund raiser, (even if it was virtual) and the majority of the D7 Bridge and many of our members attended the Governing Board meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina. I am also happy to report that District 7 finished first among all the districts in the Cooperative Charting Program. This accomplishment was possible because of the commitment of our members and the leadership of Tom and Joanne Hancock.

Any accomplishments this year could not have been possible without the support and work of all the members of the Bridge. I would like to thank each and every one of them for stepping up to the plate to not only do their job but assist when asked with other jobs. This is also true of many other members of our district. Our success has been because of all these efforts

Congratulations to Roger Hall who I know will do a great job as Commander next year. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Commander.

Mid-Ohio Valley Sail and Power Squadron

In early February, Cdr Mike Bush, AP, contacted me to discuss the squadron's request to dissolve. This squadron celebrated their 50th year in 2021. I obtained the seven step process required by National (see below) and explained this to him over a number of phone calls. In mid-February the secretary mailed a statement of intent to all 12 members and requested they respond by March 4. The statement included an explanation of possible dissolution process, a vote "ballot" to dissolve, and an option to request to transfer membership to another squadron or cyber. Eleven of 12 members responded, all voting to dissolve. Two members requested membership transfer to specific squadrons (one to Berea and one to Akron). The remaining members will become cyber members.

On March 12, I attended the squadron's Change/End of Watch dinner at Parkersburg Country Club. It was a bittersweet event where members enjoyed camaraderie, shared memories, fun stories, and expressed hopes that they will continue to keep in touch with one another via picnics and holiday parties. The squadron returned the Prince Henry the Navigator statue award and Cdr Mike Bush, AP sadly dismissed his bridge for the final time.

Basic steps to follow for squadron dissolution:

1. Squadron votes to dissolve. It must be 2/3 of eligible members present after proper notice of meeting agenda has been given to all members. (completed via statement of intent responses received)
2. Notification of the results of the vote must be sent to the District Commander who then shares same with National Executive Officer. (D/C received statement responses in mail and informed NXO)
3. At the next District Conference, the Conference (not Council) votes to dissolve the squadron.
4. All assets of the dissolving squadron should either follow the remaining members to their transfer squadron(s) or to the district. (MOV has depleted all assets and has nothing left to transfer)
5. All remaining members are to be transferred into another squadron of their choice, whether a local or cyber squadron. (this will be done after step 3 is complete)
6. The Charter is to be returned to USPS/ABClub Headquarters. (several members have searched but have been unable to find it. NXO stated that will be acceptable.)
7. The USPS/ABClub Board of Directors then votes to dissolve the squadron (once all of the above has occurred).

Clearly, most of the steps required for dissolution have been completed. We expect the final step will be completed by our fall conference.

D-7 District Commander's Challenge – 2021 Final Report

D-7's District Commander's Challenge is meant to recognize squadron excellence. It compares each squadron's performance to the previous calendar year in six different areas: Membership, Member Retention, ABC Registrations, Member Education (both Advanced and Elective Grades), VSC, and Coop Charting. Details of the award and criteria are on D7 web site.

By looking at performance as a percentage of the previous year, the D-7 Commander's Challenge "levels" the playing field for both small and large squadrons. Past winners include Ten Mile, Stark County, Kanawha, Akron, Mid-Ohio Valley, Berea, North Coast, Vermilion, and Mansfield.

We were unable to have an in-person spring conference in 2020 or 2021. I'd like to recognize those winners now. For 2020 (for the 2019 year), the winner was Mansfield. In 2021 (2020 year) was Akron. Those interested in the details can refer to the Seat Packet for those years – 2020: <https://d7usps.org/images/Conference/Meetings/2020SpringSeatPacket-reduced.pdf> 2021: <https://d7usps.org/images/Conference/Meetings/2021SpringSeatPacket-reduced.pdf> **Congratulations to 2021 winner Berea Sail and Power Squadron, and second place North Coast Ohio Sail and Power Squadron.**

I encourage each squadron to review this summary of their performance for 2021, and use it to set goals for improvement in 2022. Please refer to the spreadsheet summarizing this data in the seat packet.

The effects of the pandemic were still with us in 2021. While covid had let up by the summer, ABC classes, Advanced and Elective grades, VSC's, and Coop Charting, while generally higher than 2020, were still below pre pandemic (2019) levels.

Category 1. Membership

Comparing Membership December 31, 2021 to the previous year, **North Coast** grew 12%, Mid Ohio grew 10%, and Berea grew 8%. **Akron** continues to be the largest squadron in D7, and at the end of 2021, was the eleventh largest squadron in USPS.

Overall, District membership declined 4%. This is about half of the average loss for the past five years.

D7 recruited 49 new members in 2021. This is 40% more than in 2020 (35), and nearly as many in 2019 (52). Here is a summary of the sources of new members in 2021 (including reinstatements, whose membership lapsed at least one year).

Akron – 14	(2 – ABC, 6 – Class, 4 – other, 2 – reinstatements)
Berea – 16	(5 – ABC, 1 – Class, 2 – Family, 5 – other, 3 – reinstatements)
Mansfield – 2	(2 – Friend)
Mid Ohio – 1	(1 – Reinstatement)
North Coast – 9	(3 – ABC, 2 – Jump Start, 2- cyber, 2 – other)
Pittsburgh – 3	(2 – Class, 1 – Reinstatement)
Stark – 1	(1 – Reinstatement)
Ten Mile – 1	(1 – Relative)
Vermilion – 2	(2 – Reinstatement)

Category 2. America's Boating Course registrations

Boating Course registrations had a significant increase over 2020. However, it's still down about 25% from pre pandemic 2019. Squadrons **Berea, North Coast, Pittsburgh and Ten Mile** had significant growth over 2020. Both Pittsburgh and Ten Mile taught more students than they had members.

Ten Mile, with only 17 members, taught 29 students. This is the fourth time in five years that Ten Mile has taught more students than members, and they are the only squadron in recent years to do that. In fact, Ten Mile has taught nearly 200 students in the last five years. Imagine if they could recruit just 10% of their students as members!

Category 3. Member Education, both Advanced and Elective grades

Advanced and elective grade classes grew over 2020, but were still not up to pre-pandemic levels. Akron taught 5 classes with 31 students. Berea taught two classes with eleven students. Again, covid had a major impact on Advanced and Elective Classes.

Category 4. Member Retention

Despite the impact of covid on our classes and activities, Member Retention was not significantly lower than in the past. Mid Ohio had 100% retention, N Coast 99%, and Stark and Berea had 92%.

Category 5. Vessel Examinations (VSC)

Vessel Inspections had a significant rebound over 2020, but are still only about 60% of pre pandemic levels. **Ten Mile, Mansfield, Akron, Berea, Mansfield, North Coast, Pittsburgh, Stark County, and Vermilion** all had significantly higher inspections than 2020. Vermilion had the most VSCs in D7, with 191.

Category 6. Cooperative Charting

In 2021, **Stark, Berea, and Mansfield** exceeded 2020 performance. **Akron, Berea, Mansfield, Stark, and Vermilion** made Honor Roll status.

As in previous years, Stark County led D7 by a wide margin. Stark led USPS in Overall Squadron ranking. D7 led all districts in USPS.

The summary for the D-7 Commander's Challenge for 2021:

Ranking, Final 2021					
rank	points		rank	points	
1	42	Berea	3	21	Stark County
2	35	N Coast	7	20	Mid Ohio
3	21	Akron	7	20	Ten Mile
3	21	Mansfield	9	9	Vermilion
3	21	Pittsburgh			

Commander's Challenge
Report

Respectfully submitted,
P/D/C Brian Logan. SN

District 7 Commander's Challenge																		
Final 2021																		
Total Active Membership				ABC Students				Educational Program Graduates				Member Retention (12 months)						
Goal # 1				Goal # 2				Goal #3		Goal #3		Goal #4						
Squadron	12/31/20	12/31/21	%	Pts.	12/31/20	12/31/21	%	Pts.	2020	2021	Pts.	2020	2021	Pts.	12/31/20	12 mo	Ret.	Pts.
	Total	Total	Goal		ABC	ABC	Goal		AG	AG		EL	EL		Member	Renewa	%	
Akron	196	182	93%	0	35	8	23%	0	6	13	4	0	18	3	196	174	89%	5
Berea	86	93	108%	10	21	42	200%	10	3	6	2	0	5	1	86	79	92%	6
Mansfield	71	63	89%	0	5	0	0%	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	71	64	90%	6
Mid Ohio	10	11	110%	10	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	100%	10
North Coast	74	83	112%	10	0	20	>120%	10	0	0	0	1	1	1	74	73	99%	8
Pittsburgh	54	47	87%	0	28	51	182%	15**	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	45	83%	0
Stark County	38	34	89%	0	1	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	35	92%	6
Ten Mile	17	14	82%	0	29	48	166%	15**	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	15	88%	5
Vermilion	45	39	87%	0	14	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	37	82%	0
D7	591	566	96%		133	169	127%	20	9	19	6	12	24	5	591	532	90%	46
Vessel Safety Checks				Coop Charting								Final Ranking, 2021						
Goal # 5				Goal # 6														
Squadron	12/31/20	12/31/21	%	Pts.	12/31/20	12/31/21	%	Pts.	Tot. Pts.	Overall Rank	rank	points						
	VSC	VSC	Goal		Credits	Credits	Goal											
Akron	63	104	165%	6	2684	2238	83%	3*	21	3	1	42	Berea					
Berea	0	52	>110%	6	563	604	107%	7*	42	1	2	35	North Coast					
Mansfield	5	14	280%	6	61	500	820%	9*	21	3	3	21	Akron					
Mid Ohio	0	0	0%	0	31	29	93%	0	20	7	3	21	Mansfield					
North Coast	30	177	590%	6	96	33	35%	0	35	2	3	21	Pittsburgh					
Pittsburgh	11	69	627%	6	185	21	11%	0	21	3	3	21	Stark County					
Stark County	1	122	12200%	6	7499	8684	116%	9*	21	3	7	20	Mid Ohio Valley					
Ten Mile	23	18	78%	0	38	24	63%	0	20	7	7	20	Ten Mile					
Vermilion	21	191	910%	6	1217	1066	88%	3*	9	9	9	9	Vermilion					
D7	154	747	485%	42	12374		0%											

* 3 bonus points for Honor Roll status
** 5 bonus points - more ABC students than members

Executive Department - D/Lt/C Roger Hall, SN

Over the winter, things were up and down with COVID 19. Sometimes it seemed we were about to be done with the pandemic -- activities and in-person meetings were planned. Some in-person activities or meetings were held, but some were canceled or changed to virtual. As we moved into January and February 2022, it appeared more and more that the pandemic was over. Let's hope we are moving toward a more in person lifestyle.

During the past bridge year, I attended and participated in all district council meetings. At the invitation of P/D/C Ken Leque, SN, CGAUX Liaison, my wife and I attended a recognition brunch on November 6th at Lakeside Yacht Club. The brunch recognized a number of active members of the Coast Guard and Auxiliary. I attended several holiday parties and changes of watch within the district.

I attended my first USPS/ABC Annual Meeting held at Marriott Sawgrass Resort. There were many interesting meetings and activities held during the week. I commuted from Naval Air Station Jacksonville at the Navy Lodge. The lodge was on the banks of the St Johns River and my windows looked out on the deck of the lodge and river. The base had 27 holes of golf. I was able to play a round with three friendly and lovely ladies from the local area who had been nurses and doctors on the base.

The DC/DXO meeting was held on Thursday. The meeting/discussion was led by, then, V/C Craig Fraser. The Re-Organization Ad-Hoc Committee was introduced. Each member explained their primary area of responsibility/interest. A schedule was presented which includes Town Hall meetings with districts and squadrons. This proposal has moved from being titled "Regionalization" to "Restructure" and now to "Reorganization". According to the current plan, the reorganization should be completed by June 2023. I forwarded information to squadron commanders and others in the district on where and how to find the latest reorganization proposal.

My most enjoyable event was seeing our district's Craig Fraser elected Chief Commander! The ceremony, dinner and receptions were outstanding. Everything was done with flair and in a manner fitting for the occasion. Well done to everyone who had a hand in the planning. I am extremely proud to be a part of the district and USPS/ABC. Congratulations to Craig, Liana and their family!!

VSC report:

Time is almost here when District 7 Vessel Examiners will be hitting the marinas and boat ramps. The district has 55 examiners registered. Last year, the District examiners performed 932 exams; 851 passed the VSC and received a decal.

Great Work Examiners! Please keep up the good work. Squadrons in the district are setting up new marinas to provide vessel safety checks as well as keeping the marinas they have already serviced. Marinas are seeing that this program is important to them as well as the boater customers. I want to thank squadrons for working with examiners of other squadrons to be able to provide vessel safety checks on different outings. Squadrons, who need assistance at their event, should ask other squadrons for their help. It works; many marinas are setting up safety days.

During her tenure, C/C Mary Page Abbott, SN-IN asked the Safety Committee to re-instate all Vessel Examiners who were disqualified last year due to not completing five VSC's. Reasoning for this action is self-evident; members should not be penalized for issues not under their control. Covid-19 has caused many VE's to stand down, be cautious, and therefore could not perform the requirement for retaining qualification. The Safety Committee approved this. All Vessel Examiners who were qualified last year (2021) retain that qualification for this year (2022). This was the correct thing to do.

I hope all squadrons have received their decals. If you haven't received them by now, it shouldn't be long. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

District 7 has one examiner who achieved Century Club Status for a 3rd year—that is completing 100 VSCs. P/D/C David Bialorucki, SN from Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron accomplished this.

All vessel examiners are urged to go to the USPS.org. website/Executive Department/ Safety Committee and view the 2022 Vessel Examiners Workshop, prepared by the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Not all the items relate to USPS, however, you will learn a lot and it is well worth your time and effort.

I will note a couple items. This is not intended to be a summary of the 80+ slides of the power point presentation—just a few highlights. All examiners need to review the workshop on their own to get the information required for the upcoming year.

1. The “I want a VSC” form is now back online with a new look.
2. The Coast Guard aux has a Virtual VSC exam. It is not an official exam, and no decal will be awarded. It is a supplement due to Covid-19.
3. The USCG Safety App is described.
4. Vessel examiners are not qualified to perform an exam on vessels that carry passengers for hire. It’s not the vessel, but what it does. Examiners should ask the boat owner if they think they might be on a boat that is used for chartering.
5. Float Plan information.
6. The Coast Guard is amending fire extinguishing equipment regulations. If older than 12 years, the extinguisher is considered expired and can not be counted toward required number of extinguishers. If the required number of extinguishers are not present, do not issue VSC decal.
Make sure disposable fire extinguishers are not more than 12 years old from date stamp on bottom. They must be removed from service on 31 December of the 12th year.

Effective 4-20-2022

UL Classified 5-B:C/10-B:C (or greater)

Marine Type USCG Type B:C size 1 or size 11 are only acceptable on vessels built model year 2017 or earlier.

Less than 26’, 2017 or older: B-1 or B-11 disposable OK. When no longer serviceable or have reached 12 years of age since manufactured, they must be replaced.

Less than 26’, 2018 and newer must carry 5-B/10-B/20-B. Unexpired older B-1 and B-11 type do not meet the new carriage requirement.

Greater than 26’, (1) 10-B does not equal to (2) 5-B.

Only a 20-B meets the requirements to carry (2) 5-B extinguishers

	No fixed System	with approved Fixed system
Less than 26’	(1) B-1/5-B/10-B	-0-
26’ to less than 40’	(2) B-1/5-B/10-B Or (1) B-11/20-B	(1) B-II/5-B/10-B
40’ to 65’	(3) B-1/5-B/10-B Or (1) B-II/20-B And (1) B-1/5-B/10-B	(2) B-1/5-B/10-B or (1) B-II/20-B

(This information came from a Boat US article. New U.S. Coast Guard Fire Extinguisher Regulations. I have abbreviated the document for this report. Vessel Examiners shall visit the article and familiarize themselves with all the information provided.)

7. Engine Cutoff Requirements, Effective; April 1, 2021. Examiners **must not** ask the owner to demonstrate under any circumstances. PDF version of Form 7012 with the new ECOS information will not be posted on WOW Forms Warehouse until the current supply of ANSC is depleted.

8. Level 100 Inherently Buoyant Life Jackets. Coast Guard Policy Letter, 02-21 obtaining approval on Level 100 lifejackets information.
9. Paddle Craft Require Distress Signal Devices.
 Paddle boards are the same as a kayak or canoe and have the same responsibilities.
 PFD's, sound producing device and light are required.
 Boat registrations – check state requirements.
 Sounding device, e.g., whistle, attached to a USCG approved life jacket.
 Vessel Conditions: as applies, see form 1012A for other requirements.
10. Paddlecraft Decal Aids information.

The Sirius Signal Light has now been out for a couple years. The price is beginning to come down. However, my experience is that the boating community still doesn't know about it. I suggest that examiners either carry one while doing inspections or have information on them to share with the boater. Due to the expense of flares and the fact that they are only good for 42 months from the date of manufacturer, the Sirius Signal is well worth the investment for the younger or more experienced boater.

Who will win the D7 VSC Award? The award will be presented at the Dinner Saturday Night, during the Spring Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
 P/D/C Garry Schroeder, SN
 District 7, District VSC/Safety Chair

2022 Spring D7 Co-op Charting Report:

For the 2021 year, member participation was 46 (100% squadron participation). District 7 ranked 1st nationally, with 3,200 points, and achieved Honor Roll status. Squadron participation: Akron [11], Berea [9], Mansfield [8], Mid-Ohio Valley [1], North Coast [2], Pittsburgh [2], Stark County [7], Ten Mile [2], Vermilion [4] Akron, Berea, Mansfield, Stark County and Vermilion achieved Honor Roll status

Respectfully submitted by:
 D/Lt Joanne Hancock, SN
 R/C Tom Hancock, P

Education Department - P/R/C Wayne Spraggins, SN

This information is from the Consolidated Educational Department Report from the Annual Meeting.

BASIC PUBLIC EDUCATION (BPE Com) – R/C Wes Koplitz, AP

2022 Ongoing Actions.

1. Renewal of three-year (2022, 2023 & 2024) ABC3 with NASBLA and participating states/territories.
2. Continued support of ABC3 EVC (Emergency Virtual Classroom) action as required during COVID-19 pandemic.

3. Continue use and improvement of HQ800 for education.
4. Continue efforts of blended learning and online educational offerings.

America's Boating Course 3rd Edition (ABC3) public education course 2018 printing.

This USPS ABC3 eighteen-section basic boating knowledge education course is presented in two programs.

1. Short / 8-hour course – ANSI/NASBLA approved course was additionally approved by each state after state-specific material has been imbedded in section eight. The short “NASBLA Course” is comprised of sections one through sixteen and presented in an eight-hour classroom course.
2. The whole 16-hour course continues by including sections seventeen and eighteen which introduce students to piloting with charts and electronic navigation. Use of Open CPN software which is used throughout the USPS continuum of recreational boating education is included. The whole course provides the student with a foundation for the USPS continuum of recreational boating education. The short eight-hour course is approved by ANSI/NASBLA and 39 states as conforming to their standards and meeting their basic boating knowledge education requirements. Nine states limited their approval to classroom only, excluding on-line certifications. The ANSI/NASBLA course approval includes: 2018 Instructor Manual; 2018 course and supplemental state examinations with answer keys; and, course and state approved 2018 instructor PowerPoint (updated with new America's Boating Club logo and with the respective state educational material imbedded) and a downloadable supplement for new USCG regulations. Student manuals and examination answer sheets are procured from the USPS Materials Catalog. Stocks of ABC3 Student manuals identified on the spine as 2017 printings may be used to supply depletion then replaced with the 2018 printings of ABC3 student manual. The three-year approval is for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Summary: The whole course has 18 sections plus Section 18 Supplement. The 2022 approval includes 39 states (including DC and PR) 9 of whom denied approval for the online course (AZ / CT / MI / NH / OR / PR / RI / TX / VA). The denial by PR was the course length did not reach the 20-hour statute course length, and others because the courses lacked a “proctored final examination”. Eight of the nine recognized the need for the COVID19 distance learning and despite not including a proctored exam, approved the COVID19 emergency measure. NASBLA has granted a 60-day time period (January-February) for re-approval of ABC3 state-specific materials for 2022, 2023 and 2024.

The following states are not included in ABC3 renewal: Arkansas, Hawaii, Idaho, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Kansas, South Dakota, Montana and Utah. Major reasons for non-participation are due to lack of USPS representation or lack of ABC3 instruction for the past three year period.

A. EMERGENCY COVID-19 VIRTUAL CLASSROOM AND TESTING AUTHORIZATION

(EVC) Extensions in 2022--In response to continued social distancing mandates preventing classroom classes, the USPS Education Department reached agreement with NASBLA and individual states to implement a variation to our approved ABC3 classroom program; **we launched an Emergency Virtual Classroom (EVC) methodology. Action included:**

1. Frame a viable Virtual Classroom program using established procedures in HQ-800, NASBLA and State approved ABC3 educational material.
2. Present the proposed Virtual Classroom methodology for approval to the BLAs in each of the states in which we have current NASBLA approval. The 2022 extension is dependent upon each state's approval. The original EVC extension expired 31 December 2021.

3. Process approvals from the states and territories to extend a NASBLA approved Emergency COVID-19 Virtual Classroom Authorization.

4. Upon receipt of a final NASBLA approval, relay approved methodology and activation procedures to the DEOs having squadrons in state approving the program. Implementation information and material will be sent to the respective DEOs to relay to and assist the SEOs when conducting the approved class. The approved 2022 ABC3 PowerPoint is the primary teaching aid and facilitates student activity such as following along in the Student Manual, highlighting items, taking notes, and asking questions. The two approved final examinations, 2018 ABC3 1A and 1B, continue in use. To mitigate against compromise, each was modified by scrambling into 5 variations. The resultant TEN exam versions, in PPT format for virtual presentation, will prevent improper use of completed student answer sheets by follow-on classes. The instructor adds the appropriate state supplemental exam to the selected version of the ABC3 50-question exam. At exam completion, an image of the answer sheet with student name and UU ID number boldly written across the face will be electronically transmitted (use I-phone image or similar device) to the instructor for grading.

5. All DEOs have been emailed the documents needed for teaching the EVC. Copies can be procured by emailing R/C Wes Koplitz at wkoplitz@aol.com

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO NOTE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN “VIRTUAL” AND “INTERNET” BASED COURSES. VIRTUAL CLASSES ARE INTENDED TO DUPLICATE THE CONTENT, AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE OF A TRADITIONAL IN-PERSON NASBLA APPROVED CLASSROOM COURSE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE USING VIRTUAL PRESENTATION TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS. THE NASBLA VIRTUAL CLASSROOM AUTHORIZATION REQUIRES A LIVE INSTRUCTOR TO BE PRESENT AND AVAILABLE TO THE STUDENTS AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CLASS. IN CONTRAST, A NASBLA APPROVED INTERNET COURSE DOES NOT INCLUDE NOR REQUIRE ANY ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTION BETWEEN THE STUDENT AND HUMAN INSTRUCTOR.

Administrative Department - D/Lt/C James E Mason, SN

I would like to start by bragging, just a little, on behalf of NCO. They just finished an ABC Class with 28 students. They are also planning in March or April, another ABC Class where they already have 20 students lined up. Nice Job.

Cyber Members:

Twice last year I sent emails to various squadrons containing the names of Cyber members in their area. Cyber members are a major source for new squadron members. NCO has found some success with Cyber members by not even asking them to join. Instead, we just started to invite them to some of our fun events. Let them find out for themselves what the benefits of actually joining a squadron are.

Non-renewals:

I would like to thank V/C Ralph Bernard, AP (NAO) for helping me supply the names of non-renewals for District 7, which in turn I forwarded to the appropriate squadrons. It is always easier to keep members, than having to have to replace them.

Below is Data for Non-Renewals of Members and Cyber Members

April 26, June 14, July 14, Aug 4, Sept 13, Oct 17
Nov 13 & Jan 13

May 15th and Sept 20th

Non-Renewal Reminders		Cyber Members	
28	Akron	11	Akron
5	Berea	4	Berea
11	Mansfield	27	NCO
2	Mid-Ohio	7	Pittsburgh
4	NCO	10	Vermilion
6	Pittsburgh	59	Total
3	Stark		
3	Ten Mile		
8	Vermilion		
70	Total		

Jump Start:

Sorry, cannot finish an article without discussing Jump Start. I am a huge advocate of the program. I encourage all squadrons to get involved in Jump Start. It is a great marketing tool. Over the years, I have streamlined many of the forms that are in the Jump Start Manual, and I would be willing to share them with anyone. I have also developed a Power Point Presentation to help start up a Jump Start Program in your squadron which can also be yours at the low, low price of an email.

I would like to thank everyone in the Admin Department and all the membership for your confidence in me and your assistance last year. 2021 was a tough year & I thought Cdr Larry Spraggins, SN did an excellent job as Commander. 2022 does not look to much easier, but I have full confidence that Cdr/Elect Roger Hall, SN will also do an excellent job, and I feel honored to be able to assist him as his Executive Officer.

Membership Report:

2/28/2022	2/28/2022	vs	% of
	members	1-Jan-22	1-Jan-09
Akron	179	-3	88%
Berea	98	5	52%
Mansfield	63	0	32%
Mid Ohio Valley	10	-1	43%
North Coast	86	3	59%
Pittsburgh	49	2	48%
Stark County	35	1	32%
Ten Mile	14	0	30%
Vermilion	42	3	51%
		0	
D-7 Total	576	10	43%

Look at the membership statistics above. The second column of numbers shows growth since the beginning of the year. The District has 10 more members since the start of the year. A longer term trend, vs Jan of 2009, shows that most squadrons have lost significant membership over time.

We are fighting several trends. As our members get older, they are getting out of boating. The solution is to recruit new and younger members. In fact, in our squadron, our new members are considerably younger than our traditional "old guard".

What can you do to appeal to younger members? Have classes, events and activities that appeal to them. The speaker at your next meeting should discuss preparations for a North Channel Cruise, for example. Forget about the speaker who covers the benefits of "funeral insurance"!

Looking at our upcoming ABC classes, we've got 10 classes that have not yet finished. Make an "in-person" recruiting pitch at the classes – tell them about your exciting activities, upcoming classes, and on-the-water events. Offer the 18 month membership deal. Good luck recruiting !

Update: New Members since Jan 1, 2022:

Akron: 10 (5 – 18 month / ABC, 1 – class, 4 – cyber)

N Coast: 6 (2 – 18 month ABC, 4 – other)

Berea: 6 (5 – 18 month / ABC, 1 other)

Ten Mile: 1 (1 other)

18 Month Membership

I've been warning you about this for several years. If you use the national process to enroll students as "18 Month Members," they are not automatically credited with having passed ABC. (I know, they can't be an 18 month member unless they passed ABC!) The problem seems to be that the student does not have an E# when passing the exam. When the E# is issued, credits for the class have already been issued.

Make sure your 18 month members get credit – check DB2000, under grade, and sort under the class "BC". If they don't have the credit, contact National HQ – Kathy Kersterton has helped in the past.

Make you squadron Exciting! Don't be "America's Boring Club"

P/D/C Brian Logan, SN, D7 Membership Chair

2022 D7 Rendezvous Report P/D/C Lynda Leque, SN, committee member

Grab your sombrero & get set to plot a course to the Huron Boat Basin for the 2022 D7 Lake Erie Rendezvous, 15-17 July 2022.

- Enjoy a " South of the Border-On the North Coast" themed event including Friday night pizza party, dockside donuts & coffee breakfasts Saturday & Sunday mornings, and a Southwest/American buffet dinner on Saturday
- All meals are BYOB
- Fun, Trivia game, Co-op Charting Poker Walk, and surprises
- Music on the Huron Basin dock Saturday evening
- Dress yourself and/or your boat in Southwestern style attire

Registration will be available at the D7 Spring Conference, in your squadron newsletter, and on the D7 website. Please volunteer when asked to help. A sign up sheet will be available at the Conference. See Brian Logan for details.

- All dock registrations and event registrations will be handled by D7 treasurer, RC Tom Hancock.
- Landlubber accommodations are available at the Huron Comfort Inn, a short walk from the docks. Call (419) 433-8000 to reserve a room on your own, but mention D7.
- Information is available on the D7 website for a golf outing. Tee times have been reserved. Transportation to the course is on your own.

Weekend package is \$45.00; Friday only, \$12.00; Saturday only, \$40.00. We are looking forward to a fun time South of the Border on Lake Erie's North Coast. Dust off your maracas and your sombrero and register today!

Secretary's Department - D/Lt/C Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P

It is vital for us to have current accurate mailing address, email address, and telephone numbers for our members. For many years the DB2000 program was the stand alone application we downloaded and used for all of that and more. Initially we had to request roster information by an email process that didn't always function quickly. Then a new program was developed to enable us to instantly download and upload any changes in any membership data like rank or boat info as well as address and telephone number changes. DB2000 is an old program and we still submit Historian Reports through it. It DOES STILL WORK for us—at least it does on my computer. Best way to explain it is that if/when it breaks on your computer or you have difficulty in some way, USPS will not invest time and effort into developing a fix. In essence, the program will continue to work for you....until it doesn't!

The same type of membership data and means to update it is now housed within the Information Center on our national site. It is immediately accessible to you after login. The Info Center tab is across the top of all pages within usps.org. It is rather vast and you can find all sorts of information such as members, squadron officers, or district information. Everyone has the ability to update their own personal information. Your ability to input any updates for other people or your squadron is driven by your USPS pin permissions with the position you hold within your squadron. To learn more about it, login to www.americasboatingclub.org then link to <https://www.usps.org/departments/15000/15600/presentations/information-center> for helpful how-to video presentations. Check it out!

Treasurer's Department - R/C S Thomas Hancock, P

At the end of our financial year, March 31, 2022, District 7 is solvent with a treasury balance of \$29,829.00, an increase of \$4,111.76 from March 31, 2021. This is the largest increase since 2016. This increase is the result of our Reverse Raffle, greater than expected attendance at our MBI Cruise and the generous donations from our Life members.

2021 marked the eleventh consecutive year with declining dues receipts for D7. For the calendar year 2021 dues receipts were \$3,612.50, a decrease of 1.4% from 2020 and a 59.66% decrease since 2009. This is the result of declining membership and increase in the number of "Life" members.

The Ohio USPS licenses plate program for the calendar year 2021 generated \$600.40. These funds were distributed to the Ohio squadrons in February.

A reminder to squadron treasurers to file IRS form 990, your state return, and TR-1.

A copy of the financial report and proposed budget can be found in the Attachment section of this document. Please note that the expenses on the proposed budget exceed our projected income.

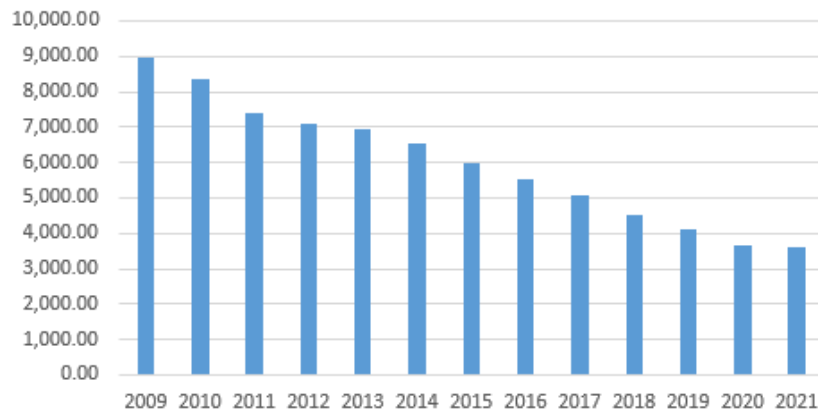
District 7 - USPS Financial Report For the Year Ended March 31, 2022

Current Year		
Description	Actual	Budget
Membership Dues	3,672.50	3,930
D7 Cruise	1,613.50	0
Conference Rebate	712.36	0
Donations	892.50	0
Reverse Raffle	3,100.00	0
Ohio Plates	600.40	0
Miscellaneous	50.00	0
Total Income	10,641.26	3,930

Description	Actual	Budget
D7 Conferences	500.00	0
Commander Allotment	1,000.00	1,000
Exec Allotment	400.00	400
Admin Allotment	400.00	400
DEO Allotment	400.00	400
Treasurer Allotment	400.00	400
Secretary Allotment	234.70	400
Newsletter	0.00	450
Governing Board	75.00	600
Postage & Delivery	(39.19)	100
Printing & Copies	131.47	100
Supplies	0.00	100
Website	442.00	150
Annual Meeting	816.72	600
Change of Watch	254.46	250
Boat Shows	22.47	0
License Plate Payout	600.40	0
Penta Conference	841.47	577
Miso/Unknown	50.00	0
Total Expense	6,529.50	5,350
Gain/(Loss)	4,111.76	

Proposed Budget
2022-23
4,644
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
4,644
2022-23
0
1,000
400
400
400
400
400
400
450
800
25
150
100
200
800
250
0
0
0
0
5,775
(1,131)

Dues Collected by Year



Account Balance:	
Ending Balance	29,829.00
Beginning Balance	25,717.24
Gain/(Loss)	4,111.76

Auditing Committee Report

Audit of the D7 treasury as maintained and presented by Treasurer R/C S Thomas Hancock, P was performed 5 February 2022. The audit was conducted by Cdr. Lynn Brockman, P and D/Lt Jeffrey Evans, AP and examined records/statements for the period 1 February 2020 to 31 December 2021. The date of this audit covered a twenty three month period as no audit was performed last year due to COVID. All questions were answered clearly and thoroughly. The financial records are found to be in excellent condition and accurate. The committee is pleased to report District 7 is solvent and operating efficiently. There are no recommendations for changes from this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
The Audit Committee
Cdr. Lynn Brockman, P – Ten Mile Power Squadron
D/Lt Jeffrey Evans, AP - Berea Sail and Power Squadron

Report of the Committee on Nominations 2022-2023 Bridge Year

The Nominating Committee of District 7, as required by the bylaws of the District, does hereby place in nomination the following members who have been notified and, if elected, are willing to serve in accordance with the duties and responsibilities prescribed by the USPS® Operations Manual and the District 7 Bylaws. The term of office is for one year, unless otherwise indicated.

Bridge Officers:

Commander:	Roger Hall, SN	(Akron)
Executive Officer:	James E. Mason, SN	(NCO)
Educational Officer:	Wayne G. Spraggins, SN	(Berea)
Administrative Officer:	Joseph H. Jopheny, JN	(Berea)
Secretary:	Susan Stebner, AP	(Akron)
Treasurer:	S. Thomas Hancock, P	(Stark)
Assistant Educational Officer:	Kenneth T. Leque, SN	(Akron)
Assistant Secretary:	Cathe E. Radabaugh, N	(Verm)
Assistant Treasurer:	Margo Holmes, AP	(Akron)

Standing Committees:

Nominating Committee:

Member 3 years (Term to 2025) Lawrence Spraggins, JN (Berea)

Rules Committee:

Member 3 years (Term to 2025) Harry J. Barnes, AP (NCO)

Audit Committee:

Member 3 years (Term to 2025) Marge A. Zitnik, JN (Berea)

Planning Committee:

Member 5 years (Term to 2027) Kathleen M. Barber, AP (Berea)

The following members of the standing committees are continuing in office from previous elections to a multi-year term. Each has indicated a willingness to continue serving in accordance with the duties and responsibilities prescribed by the USPS® Operations Manual and the District 7 Bylaws. The number of years remaining in their terms of office are indicated.

Standing Committees: (continuing)

Nominating Committee:

Member 1 year (Term to 2023) Barbara A. Spraggins, SN (Berea)

Member 2 years (Term to 2024) Lynda Leque, SN (Akron)

Rules Committee:

Member 1 year (Term to 2023) Sidney C. Foster, P (Akron)

Member 2 years (Term to 2024) Robert B. Fish, SN (MOV)

Audit Committee:

Member 1 year (Term to 2023) Lynn A. Brockman, P (Ten Mile)

Member 2 years (Term to 2024) Jeffrey A. Evans, AP (Berea)

Planning Committee:

Member 1 year (Term to 2023) Greg Arnold, JN (Akron)

Member 2 years (Term to 2024) Joanne Hancock, SN (Stark)

Member 3 years (Term to 2025) Steve P. Neumann, AP (Akron)

Member 4 years (Term to 2026) Sam E. Insalaco, SN (Berea)

It is the recommendation of the nominating committee to the District 7 Conference that the following standing committee members be approved as the Chairman of their respective committees.

Nominating Committee:

Chairman Barbara A. Spraggins, SN (Berea)

Rules Committee:

Chairman Sidney C. Foster, P (Akron)

Audit Committee:

Chairman Lynn A. Brockman, P (Ten Mile)

Planning Committee:

Chairman Greg M. Arnold, JN (Akron)

Respectfully Submitted:

David A. Bialorucki, SN

Barbara A. Spraggins, SN

Lynda Leque, SN

P/D/C David A. Bialorucki, SN

P/D/C Barbara A. Spraggins, SN

P/D/C Lynda, Leque, SN

ITEM A

Boat Show East report for Council and Conference 2022

The Pittsburgh Boat Show previously held at Monroeville Convention Center was cancelled in 2021 and was not scheduled for 2022. We did apply for a free booth at the Pittsburgh Outdoor Show that was scheduled for weekend of Feb 18, 2022. This show has been postponed with no reschedule date. Pittsburgh and Ten Mile Squadrons will man a booth including the virtual trainer at an Open House scheduled at Fox Chapel Marine on Saturday March 12, 2022. We will have fliers with ABC classes scheduled for this spring. The only expense predicted is for printing of the fliers. We have money remaining in the D7 Treasury from previous years, so will not collect additional funds for the event.

We expect cost to be \$100.00

P/D/C Jane S. Brandenstein, SN

ITEM B

PENTA Conference, Fall 2021, Final Report

The PENTA, 5-District conference, held 8-10 October 2021, yielded 97 registrations, with a total of 173 room nights, Thursday through Sunday. The following chart indicates the membership per each of the 5 Districts, the donated “seed money” and the percent of the total “seed money” collected per District membership. After all registration fees were collected and all budgeted moneys paid out, a balance of \$528.99 remained to be dispersed to each District based on their percentage.

Submitted by PDC Lynda Leque, SN
PENTA Committee member

District	Dollars in	Seed money	%	2783.99
7	577	received	25.6%	712.36
9	929	received	41.2%	1146.93
11	95	received	4.2%	117.29
24	265	received	11.8%	327.17
29	389	received	17.3%	480.25
	2255		100.0%	2783.99

ITEM C

Proposal to distribute \$250 each to 8 squadrons in D7 for Educational purposes

Last year, the overall balance of D7 was over the maximum of \$25,000 allowed by the state of Ohio which required the District to be charged taxes. Currently, the District balance is over \$31,000. In order to reduce the balance in the district's general fund account, I would like to use some of it to enhance the mission of USPS.

Also, at the time we held the Reverse Raffle, we advertised that any proceeds would be used for expenses relative to the Chief Commander's reception, education programs and other goals of the district. The profit from the Reverse Raffle was \$3,100. The Chief Commander's reception cost us less than \$1,000. Thus, there are sufficient funds to apply to educational expenses. Squadrons could use this money to pay for room rentals to hold classes, pay some of the cost of the books, or other supplies. The squadrons are open to determine on their own what to spend this money on relative to education purposes.

D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN

Please note that Mid-Ohio Valley Sail and Power Squadron is in the process of disbanding, thus there will soon be only 8 squadrons within District 7.

ITEM D

Proposal to use \$500 of District funds toward the 2022 D7 Rendezvous

Last year, at the D7 Rendezvous, we made over \$2,000 profit. When the budget was prepared for the weekend, we wanted to make sure all the costs were covered. It was not the intent to make any profit. We were able to save money by purchasing some items prior to the weekend and the planned entertainment was canceled due to illness. Because of these two items, and the fact that attendance was double than what was anticipated, we were able to make the profit of over \$2000.

I have received a lot of feedback from our members and potential members that the cost for some of our events is too high. Therefore, in an effort to encourage more people to attend our 2022 District Rendezvous I would like to keep the cost as low as practical while still having all the amenities that the committee has already planned by making a one-time donation of \$500 to this event. This donation will only reduce the cost to each participant by a few dollars, but I think it is a good use of our district funds to encourage boating activities and friendships.

D/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN

ITEM E

Proposed Budget for 2021 D7 Rendezvous to Huron Boat Basin – version 2

Estimated Expenses

• Pizza Friday (70)	\$ 840.00
• Coffee/Donuts Sat and Sun (75)	600.00
• Southwestern Dinner (catered) Sat (75)	1875.00
• Paper products for Fri (cups, plates, napkins, misc)	75.00
• Games & Prizes	100.00
• Printing/packets	50.00
• Water/ice	75.00
• Tablecloths, Misc	75.00
• Contingency	<u>135.00</u>
	<u>3,825.00</u>

Estimated Income

• 60 - Weekend pkgs @ \$ 50	3,000.00
• 10 - Fri only @ \$ 15 (cost \$12)	150.00
• 15 - Sat only @ \$ 45 (cost \$33)	<u>675.00</u>
	<u>3825.00</u>

ITEM F

USPS District 7 proposed budget for 2022-2023

District 7 - USPS
Proposed Budget

Description	Proposed Budget 2022-23
Membership Dues	4,644
Total Income	4,644
Description	2022-23
Commander Allotment	1,000
Exec Allotment	400
Admin Allotment	400
DEO Allotment	400
Treasurer Allotment	400
Secretary Allotment	400
Newsletter	450
Governing Board	800
Postage & Delivery	25
Printing & Copies	150
Supplies	100
Website	200
Annual Meeting	800
Change of Watch	250
Total Expense	5,775
Gain/(Loss)	(1,131)