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## District 7 Spring Conference 2021 Seat Packet 10 April 2021

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## **Agenda for Spring Conference Meeting 10 April 2021**

### **Call to Order** - D/C Lynda C Leque, SN

Invocation

Introduction of Chief's Representative

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of District Bridge

Introduction of Past Commanders

Parliamentary Advisor

Chief Commander's Message

Guest Speaker Intro

Crossing the Bar Ceremony

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 15 March 2021 and no further action is required. The minutes are included in the seat packet.

### **Presentation of the Consent Agenda**

#### **Reports of District Officers**

District Treasurer

District Secretary

District Administrative Officer

District Education Officer

District Executive Officer

District Commander

#### **Reports of the General Committees**

Auditing committee

Planning committee

Rules committee

#### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

#### **District Commander's Final Remarks**

#### **Nominating Committee Report/Election of Officers for 2021-2022**

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

## 2021 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 budget for the 2021 District 7 Rendezvous to Middle Bass Island. (item A)
4. That the Conference approve the proposed District budget for 2021-2022. (item B)
5. 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.

Please note that due to Covid-19 there was either no live event or no District participation in either Boat Show East or West. Therefore there are no "Final Reports" regarding them. Due to same issue, the Fall Conference was held virtually-thus no "Final Report" for that event.



## D7 Council Meeting Minutes, 15 March 2021

D/C Lynda C Leque, SN called the meeting to order at 1905.  
Roll call was taken.

Attendees: D/C Lynda Leque, D/Lt/Cs Larry Spraggins, Wayne Spraggins, Roger Hall, Liana Mihalca, Janice Vitucci-Ehrman; D/1/Lts Tom Hancock, Ken Leque; Cdrs Lisa Thompson, Marge Zitnik, Jay Wells, Harry Barnes, Fred Nolte, Lynn Brockman, Fred Spring; General Committee Chairs Jan Holmes, and P/D/Cs Jane Brandenstein, and Bob Fish. Most recent P/D/C Barb Spraggins.

Unable to attend: Steve Holekamp (MOV), and Kerry McCullough (Vermilion); P/C Dave Barber (Auditing).

The Secretary verified a quorum was present then read the Consent Agenda.

**D/Lt/C Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P moved to accept the Consent Agenda. Cdr Fred Nolte, AP seconded. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that #4 (District 7 2021-2022 budget) be removed with associated item B. The motion was then approved.**

### Department Reports:

**Executive:** D/Lt/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN talked about the D7 Rendezvous at Middle Bass Island July 30-August 1, and alerted members to call the state park directly to reserve a dock for that event. He noted that Membership is Job 1 and encouraged outreach by any means to members who have not been heard from in some time. With the boating season soon upon us, he encouraged squadrons to be sure to obtain decals for VSCs.

**Education:** P/R/C Wayne Spraggins, SN announced there are 6 new SNs in the district. He noted 2 squadrons had not yet submitted the names for their SEOs for the new bridge year. He described the Chapman Award and expressed hope/encouragement for squadrons to submit names of deserving individuals to receive this award.

**Administrative:** D/Lt/C Roger Hall, JN recommended 2 particular videos originally presented at the virtual national annual meeting and still available for viewing. He wholeheartedly thanked all members who served within this department. He noted he was inspired by their efforts. He noted member retention and recruitment continue to be important goals as well as embracing diversity in these areas.

**Secretary:** D/Lt/C Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P reported the district is no longer doing bulk mailing of the newsletter; the spring issue was mailed to 50 individuals. She reported that the upcoming District roster will be emailed to all listed in that roster. She noted this was a cost-saving measure due to the proposed budget. In that light, she urged squadrons to ensure current correct email and contact information so all receive relevant USPS correspondence.

**Treasurer:** D/Lt/C Liana F Mihalca, SN had computer audio issues so did not give a report.

**Commander:** D/C Lynda C Leque, SN gave reminders of the dates for Spring 2021 Conference, Fall PENTA Conference, Governing Board, and National Annual Meeting. There is no date set yet for Spring 2022 Conference.

P/D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN volunteered to send a letter to Life Members to solicit a contribution to District 7.

There was some confusion regarding dues collection and the Educational Fund. This issue was not fully clarified by the end of the discussion.

D/C Lynda C Leque, SN announced that there is a new law effective 04/01/2021 requiring engine cutoff switches for boats less than 26 feet long and built 2019 or later.

### **General Committee Reports:**

Auditing: No report

Planning: P/D/C Bob Fish, SN stated his committee addressed the issue of \$2 increase in dues initially presented in Spring 2020. He stated the committee recommended the District implement a \$2 dues increase but not earmark it for any particular item for ease of audit trail. The committee recommends the money raised from the \$2 dues increase go into the district's general fund for use wherever needed.

Rules: No report.

Nominating: P/D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN noted the list of elected officers has been published in the D7 NEWS and so did not read it aloud. She encouraged anyone who may be interested in helping out with a task to reach out to any member of the Nominating Committee.

### **Squadron Commander Comments:**

Akron: Lisa Thompson stated Akron's COW was held virtually in 02/2021 and she will be focusing on membership. The squadron has obtained VSC stickers and has virtual classes scheduled for Boat Handling and ABC. The squadron has a 10 day cruise planned, with the final 3 days being the D7 Rendezvous.

Berea: Marge Zitnik stated the squadron will hold virtual COW 04/17/2021. They will have 1 ABC in-person class limited to 10 people. They are looking to schedule virtual ABC classes and Boat Handling class.

Mansfield: Jay Wells stated they'd had their annual meeting and will hold a virtual COW 04/13/2021. They have 2 people in online ABC class with guidance from squadron instructor. They're planning a full schedule with picnics and meetings with possible cancellations.

Mid-Ohio Valley: speaking on behalf of Steve Holekamp, Bob Fish reported they are holding an in-person COW 04/17/2021 and all are invited. This will be the squadron's 50<sup>th</sup> year and they are unveiling a new, special burgee for the occasion.

North Coast: Harry Barnes reported they held a virtual COW 03/10/2021. The squadron is scheduling a welcome back picnic in May, a rendezvous in July and their Steak and Lobster bake in September. He requested all squadrons email him a list of their events for posting on the D7 website so all district members can see the schedule and attend.

Pittsburgh: Fred Nolte reported the squadron has 50 members. They are receiving VSC requests from different marinas. They have 3 in-person ABC classes scheduled. They will offer Boat Handling class in late April-adding in a locking thru seminar with that class. The squadron is working with local marinas and the Pittsburgh Safe Boating Council.

Stark County: Fred Spring noted the squadron held a virtual COW 03/06/2021. They are scheduling a meeting with members to solicit ideas to determine the activities for this year.

Ten Mile: Lynn Brockman stated the squadron is holding a virtual COW 03/27/2021. She stated they already have 10 students for their 2 ABC classes. She is working with other venues for additional ABC classes. She is hoping the squadron may be able to hold a picnic around Memorial Day.

### **Old Business:**

Revisited the following which had originally been presented Spring 2020: D/C Lynda C Leque, SN moved that in order to fund the upcoming District 7 Fall Five-District Conference, otherwise known as the PENTA Conference, to be held 2-4 October 2020 at Kalahari Conference Center, a two-dollar assessment be added to District dues, effective with the next dues payment. This

two-dollar assessment is to be used solely for the purpose of offsetting the expenses to put on the D7 Fall Five-District Conference.

In addition, I move that this assessment be re-addressed following the Fall 2020 Conference by the Conference & Planning Committees, to determine whether this should be continued as a way of supporting future D7 Conferences.

P/R/C Wayne Spraggins, SN second. Motion passed.

In light of the Planning Committee recommendation regarding this topic, D/C Lynda C Leque, SN moved that the previously approved motion be amended to state there will be a \$2.00 per member increase in the District dues beginning with the next dues year after Spring Conference 2021. Cdr Fred Nolte, AP seconded.

Discussion ensued. Clarification made that National must be informed of any dues increase before end of January in any given year, therefore the earliest this would be effective is 2022 upon approval of this at Conference. If it is approved, incoming Treasurer R/C S Thomas Hancock, P will send letter to National regarding same. Motion passed.

### New Business:

D/C Lynda C Leque, SN reviewed the District 7 2021-2022 budget which had been removed from the Consent Agenda. Noted the proposed budget stated:

Current Year				Balance Sheet					Proposed Budget	Budget					
Description	Actual	Budget	Notes:	3/31/20	3/31/19	3/31/18	3/31/17	3/31/16	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Membership Dues	3,780.00	4,480	(700.00)	4,070.00	4,687.50	5,280.00	5,875.00	5,905.00	3,930	4,480	4,725	5,450	5,865	6,455	8,200
D7 Cruise	322.20	0	322.20	565.83	459.33	193.20	310.00	1,474.72	0	0	100	100	100	100	100
Merchandise	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.91	25.00	0	0	0	100	100	100	100
Conference Rebate	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,493.14	1,134.79	819.70	0	0	400	400	400	400	200
Donations	25.00	0	25.00	2.00	360.00	425.00	525.00	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio Plates	214.49	0	214.49	221.73	184.20	229.03	221.45	240.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boat Show	0.00	0	0.00	562.32	757.26	572.22	1,297.57	480.46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	0.00	0	0.00	7.56	2,120.00	0.00	0.00	5,547.12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,341.69</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>(138.31)</b>	<b>5,429.44</b>	<b>8,668.29</b>	<b>8,192.59</b>	<b>9,415.72</b>	<b>14,492.00</b>	<b>3,930</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>5,225</b>	<b>6,050</b>	<b>6,465</b>	<b>7,055</b>	<b>8,600</b>

  

Description	Actual	Budget	Unused	Notes:	Actual	3/31/19	3/31/18	3/31/17	3/31/16	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Advertising	0.00	150	150.00		0.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0	150	150	150	150	150	50
D7 Conference	26.99	1,000	973.01		(397.20)	1,473.45	1,150.00	800.00	500.00	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	600
Council/Telephone	0.00	0	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.70	0	0	0	0	0	225	225
Commander Allotment	0.00	1,000	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	987.06	1,000.00	764.18	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Exec Allotment	0.00	400	400.00		400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	300	400	400	400	400	400	400
Admin Allotment	0.00	400	400.00		400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	167.00	300	400	400	400	400	400	400
DEO Allotment	0.00	400	400.00		400.00	400.00	260.05	398.39	399.90	300	400	400	400	400	400	400
Treasurer Allotment	0.00	400	400.00		400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	300	400	400	400	400	400	400
Secretary Allotment	0.00	400	400.00		174.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	300	400	400	400	400	400	400
Newsletter	573.39	1,000	426.61		888.75	1,673.26	808.04	1,318.26	1,966.30	450	1,000	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,000	1,000
Governing Board	0.00	800	800.00		267.94	364.68	796.39	800.00	299.83	300	800	800	800	800	800	850
Photography	0.00	0	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	0	25	25	25	25
Postage & Delivery	93.76	250	156.24		68.70	153.42	208.68	387.21	716.88	0	250	250	400	400	700	400
Printing & Copies	0.00	200	200.00		126.23	79.33	160.22	133.40	165.32	40	200	200	200	200	400	400
Sunshine Fund	0.00	75	75.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	75	75	75	75	75	75
Supplies	0.00	200	200.00		0.00	142.60	120.07	50.00	133.44	40	200	200	200	200	200	200
Website	62.00	200	138.00		62.00	364.00	44.00	36.00	166.20	150	200	200	200	200	200	50
Annual Meeting	0.00	800	800.00		336.63	194.64	493.30	738.06	285.61	300	800	800	800	800	800	800
Change of Watch	50.00	325	275.00		282.70	218.10	153.95	149.90	469.62	250	325	325	325	325	325	325
Membership	0.00	100	100.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	100	100	100	100	100	100
Roster	0.00	300	300.00		289.60	184.00	182.80	184.60	508.22	0	300	200	200	200	200	500
Boat Shows	0.00	0	0.00		587.29	777.35	497.44	1,108.99	181.41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
License Plate Payout	214.44	0	(214.44)		221.76	184.14	229.04	221.48	239.96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poster Contest	0.00	0	0.00		65.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	0	0	75	75	75	75	0
Bank Fees	0.00	0	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.20)	9.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc/Unknown	0.00	0	0.00		0.00	25.00	32.28	0.00	32.01	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,020.58</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>7,379.42</b>		<b>5,573.40</b>	<b>9,033.97</b>	<b>7,798.32</b>	<b>9,001.09</b>	<b>8,041.64</b>	<b>3,930</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>8,775</b>	<b>8,950</b>	<b>8,950</b>	<b>10,275</b>	<b>8,600</b>
<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>3,321.11</b>	<b>(3,920)</b>	<b>7,241.11</b>		<b>(143.96)</b>	<b>(465.68)</b>	<b>394.27</b>	<b>414.63</b>	<b>6,450.36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3,920)</b>	<b>(3,550)</b>	<b>(2,900)</b>	<b>(2,495)</b>	<b>(3,220)</b>	<b>0</b>

The group discussed specific areas where the budget was very different than recent past years and justifications for various changes in that proposed budget as follows:

Adjusted Budget/Increases		
D7 Conf	\$800.00	(hotel deposits/reimbursed by profits from Conf)
Bridge Allotments	100.00 (X6)	(help defray cost of attending National Meetings)
Gov Bd	300.00	(hospitality room/refreshments)
Postage	100.00	
Print/Copies	60.00	
Supplies	60.00	
Annual Meeting	300.00	(hospitality room/refreshments)

P/D/C Barbara A Spraggins, SN moved to accept the proposed increases to the budget line items as shown in the green box. P/C Jan Holmes, SN seconded.

Discussion ensued. P/D/C Bob Fish, SN amended the motion to remove the top line item of adding back \$800 to the D7 Conference – restating the motion to accept the proposed increases to the District 7 2021-2022 budget for the other 6 items listed in green box above. Motion approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2039.

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

Approved by:  
D/C Lynda C Leque, SN                      Date: 03/21/2021  
D/Lt/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN              Date: 03/27/2021  
D/Lt/C Roger Hall, JN                         Date: 03/28/2021

### Commander's Department - D/C Lynda C Leque, SN

When was the last time we met in-person for our Spring or Fall D7 Conference? Perhaps you will recall Fall 2019. The Conference was held at the Holiday Inn in Independence. Our theme was "Fall Football Weekend". P/D/C Barb Spraggins, SN, was installed as our new District Commander and P/V/C Ben Coons, SN, traveled from Minnesota with his wife Marie to be our Installing Officer. A great deal has happened since Fall 2019. By March of 2020, eager to hold our Spring Conference, everything seemed to come to a standstill! We were confronted by the Covid-19 pandemic! Our first on-line conference and the installation of our new bridge took place in April 2020 and I became the first District 7 Commander to be installed virtually. Life as we knew it changed dramatically! Since then, we have proven our resilience and flexibility as we proceeded to learn new ways to hold on-line squadron meetings, classes, and conferences. I am so proud of the work of each of our squadron Commanders, officers and members for the work they have done over the past year to keep D7 viable and productive. I want to offer a big thank you to the D7 Bridge Officers and department chairs who have worked behind the scenes to make the 2020-2021 Bridge Year a success, despite the many challenges. Our District Secretary Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P, and our Membership Chair P/D/C Brian Logan, SN, have continued to put in countless hours for the well-being of D7. We are extremely grateful for their dedication. A special thanks to my Aides-to-the-Commander, P/D/Cs Barb Spraggins, SN, and Jane Brandenstein, SN, and P/Stf/C Ken Leque, SN, who have offered their expertise and guidance throughout the year.

Congratulations to D7 P/D/C, V/C Craig Fraser, SN, on being installed as National Executive Officer for the second of a two-year term. We in D7 will be extremely proud to have one of our own as the National Chief in 2022!

At the February Board of Director's meeting, P/C/C Baldrige stated that squadrons need assistance on how to recruit and retain members. He congratulated the Board for ending the 2020 fiscal year on a positive note, saying that it was due primarily to eliminating a national meeting, reducing travel expenses, reducing hours and personnel at headquarters, and receiving the Payroll Protection Program loan. He noted that while providing The Ensign in a

digital-only format saves money, the only communication that some members now receive is a dues invoice. All the more reason to reach out to your members!

V/C Bernard reported a net gain of 54 members in January 2021, with 149 new members, 118 renewals, 227 non-renewals, and 28 deaths. He noted that in 2020, there were approximately 400 fewer new members than in 2019, most likely due to the lack of public boating courses taught. V/C Bernard stated that District Administrative Officers are provided contact information for non-renewals in their respective districts to encourage personal contact. He noted that reversing the downward trend of membership requires squadrons to contact non-renewals and keep them involved in their squadrons and district.

As we look ahead, there are many things to look forward to...especially getting back to "normal". A great D7 MBI Rendezvous is being planned for late July. Many squadrons are filling their calendars with picnics, classes, and rendezvous. The United States Power Squadron, America's Boating Club, is continuing to promote national events and provide information regarding membership, benefits, and much more. Stay involved with your squadron and district. Stay vigilant as we continue to pull through this pandemic. Follow current protocols at each of your events. Stay healthy and stay well, but also enjoy your boating experiences, wherever they may take you! Thank you for allowing me to be your District Commander for the past year and congratulations to the 2021-2022 D7 Bridge!



### **D-7 District Commander's Challenge – 2020 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 the D7 website.

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.

2020 was a difficult year for squadrons. With the covid “shut down” in March, squadrons had to postpone or cancel classes and other activities. Some squadrons moved to online classes and meetings, and were able to stay in contact with their members.

**Congratulations to 2020 winner Akron Sail and Power Squadron, and second place Vermilion.**

I encourage each squadron to review this summary of their performance for 2020, and use it to set goals for improvement in 2021. Please refer to the spreadsheet summarizing this data in the seat packet.

**Category 1. Membership**

Comparing Membership December 31, 2020 to the previous year, **Vermilion** grew 7% and Akron grew 3%. Vermilion won a “Growth Award” from National. **Akron** continues to be the largest squadron in D7, and is the tenth largest squadron in USPS.

District membership declined 8% overall. **Here is a summary of new members in 2020 (including reinstatements, whose membership lapsed at least one year).**

<b>Akron – 24</b>	<b>(9 – ABC, 4 – Classes, 6 – other, 5 – reinstatements)</b>
<b>Berea – 5</b>	<b>(2 – ABC, 1 – Cyber, 2 – USPS University)</b>
<b>Mansfield – 1</b>	<b>(1 – Reinstatement)</b>
<b>Vermilion – 5</b>	<b>(5 – ABC)</b>

**Category 2. America’s Boating Course registrations**

Boating Course registrations declined by 40% last year. Again, a large part of this decline was due to class cancellations due to covid. Several squadrons tried to reschedule the classes online, later in the year.

In 2020, **Vermilion had an increase of 56%** (5 students) and **Akron had an increase of 35%** (9 students) over 2019.

**Ten Mile**, with only 17 members, taught 29 students. This is the third time in four 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 about 175 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

Again, covid had a major impact on Advanced and Elective Classes. The largest class in 2020 was **Mansfield’s** Navigation Systems, with 9 students (they also had two Weather students). Akron had 3 small classes with six students; Berea had one class with 3 graduates; and North Coast had one.

**Category 4. Member Retention**

Despite the impact of covid on our classes and activities, Member Retention was not significantly lower than in the past. Vermilion led the district with 93% retention, with Akron, Mansfield, and Pittsburgh also having retention of 90% or more.

## Category 5. Vessel Examinations (VSC)

Due to Covid, the USCG put a hold on Vessel Inspections, until a safety protocol was developed. As a result, VSC's were not performed for the majority of the 2020 boating season. No squadron exceeded 2019's totals, but **Ten Mile had the highest percentage of 2019's inspections, with 72% of last year. Akron had the most VSCs in D7, with 63.**

## Category 6. Cooperative Charting

In 2020, **Akron, Mid Ohio, and Vermilion** exceeded their performance over last year. Akron, Berea, Pittsburgh, Stark, and Vermilion made Honor roll in at least one area.

**Stark County led D7 by a wide margin. Stark led USPS in Nautical ranking and was second in Geodetic rankings. D7 was first in both Nautical and Geodetic ranking.**

### The summary for the D-7 Commander's Challenge for 2020:

Ranking, Final 2020					
rank	points		rank	points	
<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>Akron</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Mansfield</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>Vermilion</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>North Coast</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>Stark County</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Mid Ohio Valley</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Ten Mile</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Berea</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>			

District 7 Commander's Challenge Final 2020																		
Total Active Membership					ABC Students				Educational Program Graduates				Member Retention (12 months)					
Squadron	Goal # 1		%	Pts.	Goal # 2		%	Pts.	Goal # 3		Goal # 3		Goal # 4					
	12/31/2019	12/31/2020			12/31/2019	12/31/2020			12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	12/31/2020	12/31/2019	12 mo	Ret.	Pts.
	Total	Total	Goal	ABC	ABC	Goal	AG	AG	Pts.	EL	EL	Pts.	Paid Mbr	12 mo	Renewal	%		
Akron	190	196	103%	10	26	35	135%	10	15	6	4	15	0	0	190	18	91%	6
Berea	106	86	81%	0	51	21	41%	0	14	3	2	12	0	0	106	23	78%	0
Mansfield	78	71	91%	0	28	5	18%	0	2	0	0	12	11	2	78	6	92%	6
Mid Ohio	13	10	77%	0	0	0	0%	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	13	3	77%	0
North Coast	85	74	87%	0	30	0	0%	0	13	0	0	1	1	1	85	10	88%	5
Pittsburgh	59	54	92%	0	32	28	88%	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	59	6	90%	6
Stark County	49	38	78%	0	0	1	>120%	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	7	86%	5
Ten Mile	19	17	89%	0	45	29	64%	5**	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	89%	5
Vermilion	42	45	107%	10	9	14	156%	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	3	93%	6
D7	641	591	92%		221	133	60%	30	46	9	6	43	12	3	641	78	88%	39
Vessel Safety Checks					Coop Charting				Tot.		Overall		Final Ranking, 2020					
Squadron	Goal # 5		%	Pts.	Goal # 6		%	Pts.	Tot. Pts.	Overall Rank	rank	points						
	12/31/2019	12/31/2020			Credits	Credits							rank	points				
Akron	312	63	20%	0	2,259	2,684	119%	9*	39	1	1	39	Akron					
Berea	102	0	0%	0	1,255	563	45%	3*	5	9	2	35	Vermilion					
Mansfield	35	5	14%	0	765	61	8%	0	8	6	3	18	Stark County					
Mid Ohio	0	0	0%	0	0	31	>110%	6	6	7	4	10	Ten Mile					
North Coast	195	30	15%	0	250	96	38%	0	6	7	5	9	Pittsburgh					
Pittsburgh	49	11	22%	0	349	185	53%	3*	9	5	6	8	Mansfield					
Stark County	245	1	0%	0	18,822	7,499	40%	3*	18	3	7	6	North Coast					
Ten Mile	32	23	72%	0	117	38	32%	0	10	4	7	6	Mid Ohio Valley					
Vermilion	178	21	12%	0	681	1,217	179%	9*	35	2	9	5	Berea					
D7	1148	154	122%		24498	12374	51%		136			136						

\* 3 bonus points for Honor Roll status

\*\* 5 bonus points - more ABC students than members

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

## Executive Department - D/Lt/C Lawrence Spraggins, JN

I know everyone is looking forward to summer and fall this year as we begin to bring some of our activities back from the shutdown. My family and I are happy that we will enjoy boating this year, like all of you.

Power squadrons at all three levels have had to adjust and/or cancel classes, outings, and other activities due to the shutdown. Despite all the changes we have had to make, I am happy to let you know that the squadrons in D7 are still offering classes, members are participating in the Cooperative Charting Program and gearing up for the 2021 season of Vessel Safety Checks to ensure boaters have the required safety gear in working order. My thanks to all the Squadron Educational Officers throughout the District, who have continued to schedule classes, either online or in person and to continue to encourage boating education.

One of the activities we can continue to do this year is participate in the Cooperative Charting Program. This is where our members help the US Coast Guard in locating both Geodetic markers on land and "Aids to Navigation" (ATONS) along the waterways. Greg Shay at National and Tom and Joanne Hancock of our District, are happy to help any member get started in this program. It is rewarding and fun to locate these markers knowing that they will help others in navigation.

The Vessel Safety Check Chair in each squadron should have the 2021 decals and paperwork in their possession and will be distributing them to the certified examiners who can start doing exams as we get into spring. This program is especially important as it helps keep boaters and their families safe when on the water. It is also a great way to meet other boaters who are not members of a squadron and encourage them to join. If you are interested in becoming a vessel safety examiner, please let your Commander know.

Maintaining our membership is of critical importance if we are going to be able to continue to offer all the activities and programs we have in the past. Unfortunately, some of our members have not renewed their membership this year. It is especially important that we continue to stay in contact with our members. I am asking all squadron Commanders to review the list of people who have not renewed and give them a call to encourage them to do so. I am hopeful that by the middle of this year, we will be able to gather and enjoy boating and social activities once again. Our members will not want to miss out of these activities.



## VSC report:

What a difference a pandemic makes. The VSC program in 2019 was alive and well. D7 was 5<sup>th</sup> place in USPS. The Ninth District Coast Guard closed the program down in the spring and the last official information released was issued July 24, 2020 that became effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. I am told that each Coast Guard District has their own directives on how they are dealing with the pandemic. I advise all vessel examiners to go to the USPS Website, Executive Officer Department, Safety Committee section to read the letter I noted and if you are working in a different District, that District information will be there as well. It is my understanding that USPS has drawn up VSC regulations specifically for USPS and the document is being reviewed by the Law Officer at this time. Until we receive any directions, we examiners are to follow the regulations of the Ninth District Coast Guard District or any jurisdiction having authority. Even though the District Examiners were locked down and later released on August 1 with stipulations, the District conducted 154 safety checks, 142 passed and we presently have 47 examiners in the District. In 2019 the District Examiners performed 1,158 exams, 1032 passed with 54 examiners. Examiners are ready to move forward and get this pandemic behind them. However, we are operating under the guidance of the Ninth District Coast Guard Letter Dated July 24, 2020. We must protect ourselves and our fellow boater even though we think this pandemic is winding down. The USPS Insurance policy will not cover items related to the pandemic. Examiners are to only participate if they feel comfortable. (You assume all responsibilities.) Examiners are encouraged to wear masks, gloves, social distance, sanitize writing instruments, and follow local rules from any all agencies having jurisdiction.

While preparing for this report, I noticed the following:

1. United States Power Squadron, on its website has Brochures and VSC forms available, and several of the items are free.
2. P/D/C Jane Brandenstein, SN forwarded me an email about the following. Published on March 10, 2021 Washington, DC: Operators of recreational vessels less than 26 feet in length and manufactured since January 2020 will be required to use an engine cut of switch (ECOS) and associated ECOS link (ECOSC) as of April 1, 2021. I am sure we will be hearing more about this item in the future.
3. Speaking about laws and regulations, visit again the Safety Committees Page and read up on this:
  - a. Federal Laws
  - b. Federal Regulations
  - c. Coast Guard Directives
  - d. State Boating Laws
  - e. State Guidance
  - f. Navigation Rules
  - g. Federal Register -Proposed Regulation and other USCG Actions.
  - h. Boat Builders Handbook and Regulations
  - i. Vessel Determinations
4. New Life Jacket Labels – Traditional “Type” categories are going away. The new labeling system relies more on icons and less on wording. Older Jackets and flotation aids labeled by “type” still meet regulatory requirements until no longer serviceable. Two categories: Wearable & Throwable have been established. Wearable life jackets will be divided into five buoyancy categories: 50, 70, 100, 150 and 275 Newtons metric to harmonize with Canadian standards.
5. eVDSD = New Electronic Visual Distress Signal Devices. We have seen them already. Now there are more manufacturers and brands.
6. Safe Boating Campaign.

7. Finally, we are still dealing with the Recall of Kidde extinguishers which we have seen for the last couple of years. Get the serial number, check the Kidde website and it will say whether the extinguisher has been recalled. Examiners cannot hold back the decal if the extinguisher has been recalled. Advise the boater to return the extinguisher and they will receive a replacement.

The Akron Vessel Safety Check trophy is not being presented due to the virus and how it affected the program. We will award the trophy again when all squadrons are able to participate. Some of the squadrons did not participate in the VSC program last year because of Covid. We look forward to presenting it at the 2022 Spring Conference. USPS National did not present awards in the VSC program this year.

Respectfully Submitted:  
P/D/C Garry Schroeder District 7, Safety/VSC Chairman.

### **2021 Spring D7 Co-op Charting Report:**

Member participation: 40 (100% squadron participation)  
Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> nationally, 12,372 points, achieved Honor Roll status  
Squadron participation: Akron [14], Berea [6], Mansfield [4], Mid-Ohio Valley [1], North Coast [2], Pittsburgh [4], Stark County [4], Ten Mile [2], Vermilion [3]  
Akron, Berea, Pittsburgh, Stark County and Vermilion achieved Honor Roll status  
Tom and Joanne Hancock were ranked 1<sup>st</sup> nationally.

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

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

#### **Honor Your Instructors with the Chapman Award**

Our instructors are the key people in our educational efforts. It is important that we show our appreciation for their efforts. All squadrons and district 7 are urged to participate in this year's Chapman Award program. The 2021 Chapman Award covers the three-year period ending June 30, 2021, and it will be awarded at USPS's 2022 Annual Meeting. Squadrons submit their candidates to their DEO, who will choose a candidate to submit to the national organization. Up to three national honorees are selected by a Chapman Award Selection Group of the Instructor Development Committee. National honorees will receive a recognition plaque, a gold Chapman Award lapel pin, and a four-year certified instructor wallet card; also, their names will be inscribed in a permanent Log Book kept in the Chapman Memorial Library at USPS headquarters in Raleigh. Each honoree's squadron will receive a gift to further its educational programs, underwritten by the USPS Educational Fund and given in the honoree's name. District nominations are due to USPS headquarters by September 1, 2021; each District Educational Officer (DEO) will establish an earlier deadline for squadrons in his or her district to recommend candidates, so that the district nominee can be selected before September 1. The process and documentation have been redesigned to make it easier for all to participate. A link to the Chapman Award information can be found on the Instructor Development page of our web site, or copy/paste [www.usps.org/departments/13000/13000-educational-](http://www.usps.org/departments/13000/13000-educational-)

[committees/13290/13290-chapman-award-for-excellence-in-teaching](#) into your browser after logging into USPS.org.

On that page you will find links to the guidance and forms that each squadron needs to recommend an instructor and each district needs to nominate one of its squadrons' recommended candidates for the National award, including:

1. Award Rules for squadrons and districts.
2. Guidance and suggestions for Squadron Educational Officers
3. Squadron Recommendation Form.
4. District Endorsement and Nomination Form.

In addition, we have added a DEO Checklist for Chapman Award Nomination Packages, to help DEOs verify that nomination packages are complete. Now is the time to select a candidate from your squadron and start preparing your nomination package.

Berea Sail & Power Squadron scheduled Weather as a distance learning class via Zoom this fall, when a small number (5) of squadron members requested the course. By our first Weather Class, 3 of these students would not have commuted to an in-person course, had we been able to offer such a class, but distance learning made it practical for them to attend. The class was enriched by the students. With several engineers in the class, we had lively discussions. In addition to showing slides, we conducted demonstrations. Berea is planning additional remotely taught courses for the winter and spring, and, considering the impact on participation and membership, we will continue to offer this option.

### **Administrative Department - D/Lt/C Roger Hall, JN**

During 2020, I attended all virtual meetings called by V/C Ralph A. Bernard, AP, National Administrative Officer. I attended all scheduled district meetings and the scheduled virtual meetings and presentations of Akron Sail and Power Squadron.

I attended the 107th Annual Meeting of the Governing Board. I attended all of the meetings in the Administrative Dept. and most of the meetings for other departments. I found all of the meetings to be interesting and informative. I found the financial report prepared by R/C Gary L. Baker, AP-IN to be particularly interesting. R/C Baker also prepared a presentation that can be found on YOU TUBE at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mT3t9spNnQY> I encourage everyone to read and/or view R/C Baker's report, if you haven't. It should inspire all members of USPS/ABC.

Members were encouraged to review The Commanders Kit to learn about the benefits of membership and the tools that are available to foster good communication and participation. Members were encouraged to download and use the ABC Mobile App. It is available to members and non-members of USPS/ABC.

D/Lt Elizabeth Dysart updated Operations Training and has pared it down to 3 hours. Limiting this course to 3 hours will encourage more members to take the class. This will be put on the National website.

I appreciate the efforts everyone made during the past year to maintain our members. The National Administrative Officer sends "well done" in his message. Recruiting and retention will

continue as major interests in the near and distant future. Everyone can make a difference. Continue to recruit and retain!!!

The below quote was sent from the National Administrative Officer, V/C Ralph Bernard, AP, "This will be probably the last time I send you a list of all the non-renewals. Personally, I want to thank you for all the time and effort you put forth trying to remind members to renew and keep our organization moving forward. Any steps in our attempt to stem the tide of our declining membership are due to your diligence and work to have members stay with us. It is apparent that if members communicate with people who have not or forgot to pay their dues, we can make a "dent" in the retention numbers. For the year we are 45 members to the good....that is a positive we did not have last year."

### **Membership Report: Growth Opportunities in 2021**

During the pandemic, **boating sales hit record levels** – because boating is a great way to "socially distance." Some families are "first time boaters," while others are "moving up" to larger boats, that are more difficult to operate. **Our classes and on-the-water events meet the needs of these boaters.**

**Do all you can to promote your classes, since new boaters have a definite need for education.** This is also an opportunity for "jump start," with the right covid safety protocols in place.

**Consider holding an in-person ABC class this summer to train the new pool of boaters.**

Try holding one in an outdoor pavilion, where fresh air helps mitigate the spread of covid. Don't forget to post all your classes and seminars to the **USPS ED-800** web pages. Anyone can search for our classes online, by going to America's Boating Club – but they won't find your class if it isn't listed.

When you're offering ABC, take advantage of the "**18 month membership.**" It gives them 6 months of additional, "free" membership in USPS, so they don't have to worry about renewal for 18 months. "**Six months free**" is a great deal for our new members.

### **Make Joining Easier**

In the last 20 years, there is a common trend in business – companies are making everything **easier**. There are apps on your phone, one-click purchases, and cashless transactions. You can even buy or trade-in your car online!

However, **most squadrons are stuck in the last century**. They require a new member to fill out a membership application, write a check, and mail it to the membership chairman or treasurer – who then mails the application in to National, where someone enters the data. And you've still got to go to the bank and deposit the check!

**Wouldn't it be great if the new member could sign-up and pay online?** Well, there's a way you can!

Have the new member go to the "**Membership Online Processing Tools,**"

[https://www.usps.org/php/membership/im\\_process.php](https://www.usps.org/php/membership/im_process.php), and complete the application, paying by credit card.

The only "hitch" is that the new member has now joined the "**USPS Cyber Squadron,**" so you have to transfer the member to **your** squadron. This is done at

<https://www.usps.org/php/membership/membership.php> . It's an extra step for you, but a whole lot easier for your new member! And, your squadron gets a share of the dues – \$29 for single or \$40 for a family.

You can't offer the 18 month membership this way, but for almost every other situation, the online application is the way to go. In the last year, I've signed up twelve new members with the online application process.

As always, email ([bats\\_wings@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bats_wings@sbcglobal.net)) or call me (330-864-2820) if I can answer any of your questions.

### **More on Cyber Squadron and USPS University**

USPS is advertising online and in print media. As a result, we are getting new students (who join "USPS University" to take a class or seminar) and new "Cyber members," who don't belong to any squadron. There are more than 1300 Cyber members in USPS. Maybe even in your neighborhood! Contact Cyber Members in your area and tell them the advantages of joining your squadron.

Go to <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/pages.cgi?cyber:Y> and you'll see

- 7 cyber members in Beechwood
- 6 in Cleveland
- 5 in Bay Village
- 4 in Amherst
- 2 in Vermilion

These Cyber Members have already paid their dues, so it costs them nothing to transfer to your squadron. In addition, as I said above, when they transfer, USPS credits your squadron with \$29 or \$40.

There is a similar list of 25,000 "USPS University" Students, at <https://www.usps.org/cgi-bin/nat/tools/pages.cgi?students:Y>. The website allows you search for students near your squadron. These are boaters who have shown an interest in Boating Education – prime prospects for membership. However, they are not members, so you would sign them up in the regular way.

### **Membership Recap – 2020**

Despite covid, the District's 2020 **Membership retention** (88%) and **overall membership decline** (8%) were about the same as in previous years. You can see in the Commander's Challenge report, D7 membership has dropped below 600. This is a trend we want to reverse. **Recruiting was down in 2020.** Four squadrons added 35 new members – **Akron (24), Berea (5), Vermilion (5), and Mansfield (1)**. This compares with 2019, when seven squadrons recruited 52 new members.

**In spite of these trends, there are many factors in our favor, as I mentioned above. Let's make 2021 our year to grow!**

Respectfully submitted,  
P/D/C Brian Logan, SN  
Membership Chair



## **Benefits of Membership**

Membership in America's Boating Club brings many benefits, from supporting a great boating organization at a local, district and national level, to taking boating classes, and working with other members to support fun and safe boating. There are financial benefits, too, in several categories.

Here are the categories, with a recent example of each listed –

Squadrons and Districts can take advantage of a 40% discount on banners and other FedEx copy center products

Individuals can:

- Enjoy advancing their Education with the Great Lakes Cruising Club; on line cruising-related webinars are available to USPS members at reduced registration rates.
- Get discounts on Goods and Services. We can save on printing, cleaning and furniture needs at Office Depot; and save on SmartPlug shore power connectors.
- Under Health Benefits, we enjoy a discounted price on the HeartSine AED.
- Insurance Benefits include the America's Boating Club Boat Insurance. This program is exclusive to our membership and is premised on our being a class of 'preferred risk' boaters. This is underwritten by Travelers Companies, Inc.
- Marine Benefits include Hamilton Marine, which offers a 10% discount on products in their online catalog of marine hardware and supplies.
- Travel Benefits' most recent addition is DAN Boater, a tremendous benefit to any of us when we travel. They offer a 24/7 Emergency Hotline, Medical Information Line, coverage for Medical Evacuation expenses, Search and Rescue Expenses and more.
- And naturally, there are benefits directly from membership in USPS. Please check out the America's Boating Channel on YouTube for videos on boating safety and boater education.

To see these and other benefit listings, simply log into usps.org. The Member Benefits link is the top-most button on the left of the Members' home page.

Respectfully submitted,  
P/C Cathe Radabaugh, N  
Member Benefits Chair

## **Vermilion Wins Dobler Membership Award, Spring, 2021**

On 23 March, 1979, the "G Francis Dobler, United States Power Squadrons D-7 Membership Award" was established by the Pittsburgh Power Squadron on the occasion of the elevation of G Francis Dobler, N, to Rear Commander, USPS, Membership. R/C Dobler served as Cdr, Pittsburgh Power Squadron; Cdr, D-7 (1968 – 70); Stf/Cdr, USPS; and R/C, USPS. The trophy is awarded to the Squadron with the highest percentage of members on the last day of February, compared to the same date the previous year. As such, it recognizes squadron growth and retention over that 12 month period.

Congratulations to the winner, **Vermilion Sail and Power Squadron**, whose membership on Feb 28, 2021 was 7% higher than the previous year. Second place is Akron at 97% of the previous year, and third is Mid Ohio at 92%.

<b>Dobler trophy:</b>							
<b>use national records, as published on national site, for total squadron members</b>							
<b>Retention = (membership Feb 28 2021) / membership Feb 28 2020)</b>							
		<b>membership Feb 28 2020</b>	<b>membership Feb 28 2021</b>		<b>membership growth</b>		
Akron		198	193		97%	Vermilion	107%
Berea		106	82		77%	Akron	97%
Mansfield		78	71		91%	Mid Ohio Valley	92%
Mid Ohio Valley		13	12		92%		
N Coast		86	78		91%		
Pittsburgh		59	50		85%		
Stark County		47	39		83%		
Ten Mile		19	17		89%		
Vermilion		42	45		107%		
<b>D-7</b>		648	587		91%		

P/D/C Brian Logan, SN  
D-7 Membership Chairman



### **Vermilion wins National Membership Committee Growth Award!**

The “USPS Membership Committee Growth Award” is earned by Squadrons having a retention rate of 87%, plus showing an increase in membership year over year.

Squadron awards are awarded by like size divisions:

Division 1: 114 members and more

Division 2: 75-113 members

Division 3: 45-74 members

Division 4: 44 members or less

The Top Four in each size division are recognized at the Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to Vermilion, which finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 3, with 5% growth.

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

The ravages of Covid-19 and our dwindling funds in the district brought significant changes to the Secretary's department this past year. Used to be printed Seat Packets given to all delegates and extras printed, too. Used to send out our D7 NEWS publication out to at least 200 households to get the bulk mailing rate for non-profits. Used to be we printed District rosters and those were distributed in person at spring conference. Well, my friends, those days are gone.

Virtual conferences led to Seat Packets sent by email to all delegates. In order to keep connected with all District 7 members, yet still reduce costs, only 50 copies of the D7 NEWS Fall issue were printed and mailed to households where we did not have any valid email address. We still sent a blast email out to all members containing the link to where the issue could be seen on our website but unfortunately some members don't receive blast emails, so individual emails were sent to better ensure delivery of the newsletter. We only received rejected delivery to 13 email addresses and 5 paper newsletters. That's not too bad considering our membership. Keep up the good work updating all member contact information! Shortly after this Spring Conference, the District 7 rosters will be emailed to all individuals listed in that roster. We have not yet decided if we'll print a few paper copies.

Speaking of the newsletter and roster, here's a shout out to my crack crew P/D/Lt/C Irene Rodriguez, SN, and P/Lt/C Sandy Vielhaber, JN. Sandy is a morale boosting sounding board and outstanding proofreader for the newsletter. Irene spent hours and HOURS patiently training me on how to compile and create the district roster. She is so darn smart! Gratitude and appreciation also go out to fellow bridge members and more who have graciously answered all my questions, supported me, and tolerated my periods of email insanity. Thank you everyone so VERY much!!!!



## Treasurer's Department - D/Lt/C Liana F Mihalca, SN

At the end of calendar year 2020, the district's primary source of income decreased by 11.4% from the same period last year and by 59.1% since 2009. With this decrease our expenses will exceed our revenue for the upcoming year.

As of March 31, 2021, the end of our financial year, D7 had a bank account balance of \$25,782.44. That reflects an increase of \$3,011.90 for the year. Our postal permit account has a balance of \$45.57.

The D7 share of the Ohio USPS licenses plate for the calendar year 2020 was \$214.44. These funds were distributed to the Ohio squadrons in February.

A reminder the 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.

Also, starting April 1, 2021, your dues notice will no longer include an automatic \$ 1.00 squadron Educational Fund contribution line item. However, this does not mean the Educational Fund is not taking donations anymore. You can still donate by adding a dollar amount of any size when paying your dues. If paying on line, use the column marked "Educational ". The donation amount that qualifies your squadron for Honor Roll status remains the same, and all donations to the Educational fund of \$ 1.00 or more will be counted toward your squadron's Honor Roll status. The only change is that the headquarters will no longer be collecting the traditional \$ 1.00 squadron donation.

This is my last Seat Packet letter, as I served on the District 7 Bridge for the last three years. I wish the best for the incoming bridge and smooth sailing.



## Report of the Committee on Nominations

### 2021-2022 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: → → → Lawrence Spraggins, JN → → (Berea)¶  
 Executive Officer: → → → Roger Hall, JN → → (Akron)¶  
 Educational Officer: → → → Wayne G. Spraggins, SN → → (Berea)¶  
 Administrative Officer: → → → James E. Mason, SN → → (North Coast Ohio)¶  
 Secretary: → → → Janice Vitucci-Ehrman, P → → (Akron)¶  
 Treasurer: → → → S. Thomas Hancock, P → → (Stark County)¶  
 Assistant Educational Officer: → → → Kenneth T. Leque, Jr., SN → → (Akron)¶  
 Assistant Secretary: → → → Open → → ¶  
 Assistant Treasurer: → → → Margo Holmes, AP → → (Akron)¶

**Standing Committees:**

**Nominating Committee:**

Member 3 years (Term to 2024) → Lynda C. Leque, SN → (Akron)¶

**Rules Committee:**

Member 3 years (Term to 2024) → Robert B. Fish, SN → (Mid-Ohio Valley)¶

**Audit Committee:**

Member 3 years (Term to 2024) → Jeffrey A. Evans, AP → (Berea)¶

**Planning Committee:**

Member 5 years (Term to 2026) → Samuel E. Insalaco, SN → (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 2022) → David A. Bialorucki, SN → (Vermillion)¶

Member 2 years (Term to 2023) → Barbara A. Spraggins, SN → (Berea)¶

**Rules Committee:**

Member 1 year (Term to 2022) → Cathie E. Radabaugh, N → (Vermillion)¶

Member 2 years (Term to 2023) → Sidney C. Foster, P → (Akron)¶

**Audit Committee:**

Member 1 year (Term to 2022) → Gilbert Lorenzo, AP → (Vermillion)¶

Member 2 years (Term to 2023) → Lynn A. Brockman, P → (Ten Mile)¶

**Planning Committee:**

→ Member 1 year (Term to 2022) → Bob Brandenstein, SN → (Pittsburgh)¶

Member 2 years (Term to 2023) → Greg M. Arnold, JN → (Akron)¶

Member 3 years (Term to 2024) → Joanne Hancock, SN → (Stark County)¶

→ Member 4 years (Term to 2025) → Steve Neumann, AP → (Akron)¶

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 → → → David A. Bialorucki, SN → → (Vermillion)¶

**Rules Committee:**

Chairman → → → Cathie E. Radabaugh, N → → (Vermillion)¶

**Audit Committee:**

Chairman → → → Gilbert Lorenzo, AP → → (Vermillion)¶

**Planning Committee:**

Chairman → → → Bob Brandenstein, SN → → (Pittsburgh)¶

Respectfully Submitted:

*Jane S. Brandenstein, SN* ¶ *David A. Bialorucki, SN* ¶ *Barbara A. Spraggins, SN*

P/D/C Jane S. Brandenstein, SN → ..... David A. Bialorucki, SN → → Barbara A. Spraggins, SN ¶

**Item A**

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2021 D7 RENDEZVOUS TO MBI**

This proposed budget is based on 50 attendees.

**Estimated Expenses**

Meal Costs - includes Fri. & Sat., two breakfasts (Sat & Sun)	\$53.00 /pp	\$2,650.00
Complimentary pizza for MBIYC members in lieu of rental fees		\$125.00
Paper products (cups, napkins, misc.)		\$75.00
Games & Prizes		\$100.00
Printing / packets		\$50.00
Coffe, creamer, cups, tableclothes		\$75.00
Water / ice		\$75.00
Rental MBI state park pavilion/Saturday		\$200.00
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		\$3,350.00

**Estimated Income**

Weekend package	\$67.00 /pp	\$3,350.00
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(Fri. & Sat. dinner, Sat. & Sun. breakfast)

**Item B**

District 7 - USPS  
 Financial Report  
 For the Year Ended March, 31, 2021

Current Year			Proposed Budget
Description	Actual	Budget	2021-22
Membership Dues	3,800.00	4,480	3,930
D7 Cruise	322.20	0	0
Donations	25.00	0	0
Ohio Plates	214.49	0	0
Boat Show	0.00	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,361.69</b>	<b>4,480</b>	<b>3,930</b>
Description	Actual	Budget	2021-22
Advertising	0.00	150	0
D7 Conference	26.99	1,000	0
Commander Allotment	0.00	1,000	1,000
Exec Allotment	0.00	400	400
Admin Allotment	0.00	400	400
DEO Allotment	0.00	400	400
Treasurer Allotment	0.00	400	400
Secretary Allotment	0.00	400	400
Newsletter	820.00	1,000	450
Governing Board	0.00	800	600
Postage & Delivery	93.76	250	100
Printing & Copies	0.00	200	100
Sunshine Fund	0.00	75	0
Supplies	0.00	200	100
Website	62.00	200	150
Annual Meeting	0.00	800	600
Change of Watch	132.60	325	250
Membership	0.00	100	0
Roster	0.00	300	0
Boat Shows	0.00	0	0
License Plate Payout	214.44	0	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,349.79</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>5,350</b>
<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>3,011.90</b>	<b>(3,920)</b>	<b>(1,420)</b>

**Account Balance:**

Ending Balance	25,782.44
Beginning Balance	22,770.54
<b>Gain/(Loss)</b>	<b>3,011.90</b>

Postal Permit account 45.57