

NACON 2014

Recap

Four Recommendations to the National Board

1. Aux-MU - Passed
 2. Flotilla Streamer authentication - Passed
 3. Financial Integrity – Passed
 4. Permanent Markings on dedicated facilities – Failed - no change in policy.
- Details
 - Allow DIRAUX to authenticate 50 year Anniversary Streamer eligibility when the Original Charter cannot be located – Passed – 24 in favor – 0 opposed
 - Create AUX-MU Qualification – Passed – 17 in favor – 7 opposed
 - Allow permanent markings to be used on a facility owned by an individual member - Failed – 8 in favor – 16 opposed

Awards

- Boat US Award for Best Flotilla in 2013 – District 8CR, Division 6, Flotilla 3-02. FC J. Wayne Kindred
- National Boating Federation Award for the best Flotilla in Public Education – District 11 Southern Region, Division 11, Flotilla 11-05 – FC John Pecora
- Marine Retailers Association of the Americas for the best Flotilla in Vessel Safety checks and Marine Dealer visits – District 1 Southern Region, Division 10, Flotilla 10-13 Flotilla Commander Bruce Pugh

Director's Council Meeting [Staff Collaboration Training]

- **Recommendations:**
 - Revive Directors and DCO's Roundtable at NTRAIN to engage in more effective two way discussion.
 - Standardized Quarter Report format with one page Executive Summary and any additional information would be in Appendix format.
 - All Directors should receive other Directorates Quarterly Reports, NEXCOM comments in a timely manner.
 - OPCOM Format possible change to be Roundtable discussions for 2 hours with two way communication and agenda items for discussion with larger group.
 - Directors and ANACO report should be a short 2 minute report that is **forward looking** and not referenced to what was reported on Quarterly Report and forward up the COLM. NEXCOM Reporting to OPCOM on items from NEXCOM meetings that have impact to OPCOM.
 - Condensed Quarterly Report version to be formatted as two column magazine style with pictures or illustrations and sent out to the membership on a quarterly basis on what program changes are occurring that would be of interest to the membership.
 - Director's Council should continue to meet both virtually and in-person to further

- our collaboration, refine the missions and scope.
 - NTRAIN and NACON: 3 hours schedule time is requested for Directors Council.
 - Virtual training should be developed and delivered on the Google Docs system to better utilize the technology and gain the most efficiency available.
 - Go to Meeting on a monthly/semimonthly basis with agenda being distributed in advance.
 - Directors will appoint a leader for one year that will coordinate with other directors to lead, facilitate discussions and develop agenda for each meeting. DIR-S will pole the directorates to identify leader for 2015.
- **Additional discussion points and potential training items for discussion**
 - Staff expectations development
 - CGAUXNET.US Process and best practices
 - CG budget process and how it effects programs (Steve Minutolo brief)
 - Pain points between directorates and CG-BSX
 - How C-Schools are funded
 - How to effectively communicate with District Staff Officers
- **Conclusion**
 - The response from the Directors and Deputies in having a council was enthusiastic.
 - There is strong support and we request the opportunity to meet at NTRAIN 2015 to further the training and collaboration on projects that cross Directorates. The group has committed to collaborate virtually on specific topics and training during the year as our time at National Conferences is a precious resource. We see significant opportunities to share best practices, train each other, determine needs across Directorates, and better define the roles of the National Staff. NTRAIN 2015 starts a new group of Directors and Deputies and having 3 hours would be the minimum time needed to complete agenda.
- There was a presentation on a National Staff Resources Portal (URL link was sent out by Darren Lewis - <https://sites.google.com/a/cgauxnet.us/staffresources/home>)
 - CGAUXMS which will be a messaging system.
If a problem exists with the AUXOFFICER Org Chart, there is a problem within AUXDATA Staffing
 - There was conversation about the possibility of a request for 8 hours of training at NTRAIN with some of the following possibilities:
 - Quarterly reports
 - Staff Expectations
 - CGAUXNET (Google Drive)
 - Coast Guard Budgeting (Steve Minutolo)
 - C Schools Processes

Elections:

- NACO – Mark Simoni

- VNACO – Rick Washburn
- DNACO-AW – Larry King
- DNACO-AE- Kenneth Brown
- DNACO-PAC – Rod Collins

We had 54 attendees at our NAC Luncheon. The Treasurer's Report was presented along with verification of the successful audit. Commodore Ives discussed our NAC Memorial. One member pledged to match all donations up to \$3,000.00 received by our next NAC meeting in 2015. All attendees were asked to make a donation if possible. Our Treasurer for many years, Geoffrey Stanton-Cooper, is resigning his office effective 31 December 2014. We are in the process of searching for a candidate to take this important office.

The Saturday night Banquet was well attended with the Commandant ADM Zukunft as the keynote speaker. Incidentally, the Commandant and his wife, Fran, are excellent dancers and like everyone thoroughly enjoyed the band.

Semper Paratus

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