

National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

Preparedness and Response Committee

Conference Call December 13, 2011

Spencer Cole (LA), Chair
Kurt McKean (OK), Vice Chair
Jim Graybeal (DE), Ex-Board Liaison

John Fetterman, Staff
Mark DuPont, Staff

Members present:

Spencer Cole - LA
Kurt McKean - OK
Jim Graybeal - DE
Rodger Norcross - OH
Mike Baron, USCG

Committee participation was very light on this “first conference call” however, Chairman Spencer Cole proceeded with the understanding that an additional call will be scheduled to brief those members that did not call in today.

A full review of the 2012 charges was presented by the Chair and Charge assignments were made based on a previous call held between the Chair and Vice Chair. Spencer Cole and Kurt McKean wanted to identify and assure the best talent, within the committee, was properly assigned. Assignments as of this conference call will be as follows:

Charge 1 – Advance “Partners on the Water”

Jim Graybeal (leader)

Bill Engfer

Jeff Mayne

Jim Graybeal volunteered for this charge based on his proximity to Washington and his expertise in this charge area.

Charge 2 – BOAT Advisory Board and cross charge with Enforcement Committee

Rodger Norcross (leader)

The members present felt that because Roger is a law enforcement committee member and one of their goals is the adoption and implementation of the boat program as well, this will support collaboration between the two committee’s and also prevent any work duplication in this area. Rodger agreed and felt it was a good fit for this year – in addition to his membership on the BOAT Program Advisory Board.

Charge 3 – Model Acts to strengthen preparedness

John Sellers (leader)

We think a lot of the items that this committee will report out on relating to this charge will involve the entire committee. To include any one-pagers, the national TOC, etc.

Charge 4 – Website development

Tommy Roam

Jeff Parish

This charge will work to develop and enhance both the Committee web-page w/ resources and information – but also the re-design of the BOAT web-site

Charge 5 – 5 year Strategic Plan for the Committee and charge development for 2013 committee year.

Kurt McKean

Angel Rodriguez

Spencer and Kurt agreed that while they will be involved with all the charges, having the vice chair as charge leader will show the importance of this charge. Further development of the committee strategic vision and the development of the process by which future charges are identified and included in the end of year committee report should show the executive board that the committee is efficiently and effectively working towards the committee vision (which was accepted by the executive board).

The next agenda item covered was planning for the Committee meeting scheduled for Washington DC. Travel day will be January 31, 2012 with a full day meeting on February 1st. (Location TBD) and a one half (1/2) day meeting on February 2, 2012 at USCG Headquarters. Jeff Wheeler of the Office of Boating Safety has reserved conference room # 5-0622 with a reservation code of: (5-0622-1056).

It was agreed upon to forward any agenda items to John Fetterman no later than December 21, 2011 so that a tentative agenda may be posted before January 1, 2012 to give members adequate time to secure travel authorization. Proposed agenda items discussed were:

Day 1:

Committee Charge review and status

Presentation from NMLEA

National TOC planning session

Boat Advisory Board – Mission statement and charges (Presentation by Kurt McKean)

Day 2

Presentation CG 5

Presentation CG 7

Admiral Thomas

The next agenda item focused on the March 2, 2012 scheduled meeting of the BOAT Program Advisory Board. The Committee is sponsoring this Board and decided that the entire committee does not need to attend the scheduled meeting in March. Spencer Cole, Kurt McKean and Jim Graybeal will represent the committee and will attend to launch is new initiative with clear expectations and guidance.

Having established the need for guidance and focus for the Board the committee identified the need to draft a charter outlining;

1. Terms of membership
2. Identify new course offerings based on criteria
3. Solicit feedback from NASBLA owners/ members
4. Develop a Strategic Plan
5. Consider consolidation w/ CPAP – invite Mike Fields and Chris Moore to make a presentation.

Kurt McKean and Jim Graybeal will work with John Fetterman and Mark DuPont to outline and present a recommendation to the committee at the February meeting.

Finally John Fetterman gave the committee a short update on the National TOC which will be offered in Washington DC the week of May 14, 2012.

1. Paul Niepling has committed to use of his marine unit facility, training room and boats, and In exchange will receive 3 seats in the class
2. The local Coast Guard unit would like to participate and with the offer of a vessel for training they will be offered (X) number of seats
3. This scheduled week is the same week as the NASBLA/NSBC Congressional reception and all students and instructors will be invited to attend.
4. Additional logistics need to be worked out and Jim Graybeal has volunteered to work with John Fetterman and Mark DuPont and report progress back to the committee in February for final planning.
5. A draft application for student scholarship is posted on the committee basecamp site. Members agreed to forward any suggestions to improve the application to John Fetterman no later than December 21, 2011 so that the application can be distributed to all BLA's no later than January 1, 2012 with a submission deadline of February 15, 2012.

The Committee conference call ended and Chairman Cole stated that he would schedule a follow-up conference call to inform those members that didn't call in today. The next conference call has not been scheduled.