ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

September 28, 2011
La Crosse, Wisconsin
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
2011

Presented by: James Adams
Strategic Issues

- National Voice
- Expand partnerships with private industry
- Increase/Enhancement of partnerships
- National Assessment of Boating needs
- Continue to meet the needs of members
- Communications
National Voice/Communications

- Reprint of Brochure
- Web Site
- Newsletter
- List Service
- American Boating Congress
- Letter to Wildlife Agency Directors
- Partnerships
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

Wayne Shuyler is SOBA representative to RBFF Board.

Forrest Boe currently sits on NASBLA Waterways Management Committee.

Concurrent Conference in 2012.
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

- Steve Miller is SOBA representative on AFWA Angler and Boating Sub-Committee.
- James Adams, SOBA President, currently sits on SFBPC.
- Coordinate with SOBA to address recommendations from CVA Program Review.
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

- Continued National Support for SOBA Organization.
- Instrumental in staff support for the American Boating Alliance and Reauthorization of the SFR.
- SOBA contract with NMMA to provide organizational leadership.
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

- Coordinates Boating Access and Marina related activities and information
- Provides support to CVA program
- Provides support to BIG program
- Andy Goldbloom is Board contact
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

- UW-Madison's Department of Engineering Professional Development
- *Docks and Marinas Courses*
- SOBA Members will receive a $100 discount when you enroll in any of the Docks and Marinas Courses
National Boating Assessment

- Identify and Secure Funds
- Provide National Baseline
- Adequacy, Availability, Obstacles, Challenges
- Develop Recommendations and Strategies for improving access
- Systematic Approach of Assessing and Evaluating Public Boating Access
Accomplishments

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- Revised the Board Governance Manual (Policies and Procedures).
- Revised the Conference Planning Workbook.
SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND BOATING TRUST FUND REAUTHORIZATION

- Trust Fund has been up for reauthorization since 2009.
- SOBA involved with the ABA in support of the reauthorization.
- Progress difficult due to National deficit and competing Congressional positions.
- Authorized through Transportation Bill; now through March 2012.
2011 SOBA Task Force Updates

- Recreational Boating Access Operational & Maintenance Program Guidelines
- Ramp and Marina Directory (Kent Skaar, MN), www.sobaus.org
- Awards
Task Force Charge and Members

- To revise the Operations and Maintenance Program Guidelines for Recreational Boating Facilities. New product will be offered on CD. First edition was published in 1999.

- Expect a finished product by Conference 2011

- Published and made available to Members, April 2011

- Task Force Members – James Adams (VA) and Lacy Nichols (DE) Co-Chairs, Tim Gilley (FL), John Kirk (VA), Phil Miller (OH), Tom Holman (MS), John Skains (MS), Ron Christofferson (AZ), Kristen Kuykendall (WA), Dennis Kincer (WV)
Chapter Enhancements

- Risk Management
- Maintenance
- Signs
New Chapters

- Power Loading
- Mud and Debris
- Storm Damages
New Appendices

- Risk Management
- Emergency Preparedness
- ADA Article
- Signage
- Rapid Damage Assessment Process
June 17, 2011

Dear State AFWA Director:

On September 26-29, 2011 the States Organization for Boating Access (SOBA) will host its 25th Annual National Boating Access Conference in La Crosse, Wisconsin. This Silver Anniversary Conference presents the opportunity for SOBA to celebrate past accomplishments and focus on the future challenges in providing public boating access in America. As President of SOBA, I want to personally invite you and your staff to our upcoming conference.

Established in 1986, SOBA’s mission is to encourage, promote and support federal and state programs that provide safe, high-quality and environmentally sound public recreational boating access to the waterways of the United States and its territories. Our members are state boating officials from all 50 states and five territories and other boating organizations involved in public boating access. It is likely that at least one member of your staff represents your agency as a SOBA member. During our 25 years, SOBA has been instrumental in helping to secure dedicated federal funding for the acquisition and development of boating access under the Sport Fish Restoration Fund and creation of the Clean Vessel Act and Boating Infrastructure Grant programs to help fund sanitary pump-outs and mooring docks for traveling boaters. The majority of funding for these programs is from the federal gasoline taxes attributed to recreational boating. This is one of the best examples of user generated taxes being returned to states to improve facilities and services for the public.

Please be reminded that federal funding can cover up to 75% of the planning and administration costs related to these programs but only if these costs are specifically requested in the federal grant proposal. A grant submitted through the Sport Fish Restoration Program can include staff training and costs associated with staff attending the National Boating Access Conference and the Membership dues to SOBA.

Current SOBA efforts are to help assure that these critical funding sources are included in the reauthorization of the Highway Bill that distributes federal gasoline taxes. Recently we completed a DVD titled “Construction Techniques for Recreational Boating Access Facilities” and revised the “Operations and Maintenance Program Guidelines for Recreational Boating Access Facilities.” A best practices manual for the Clean Vessel Act Program is also in the works.

Lastly, I want to personally thank you and your agency for its past and future support of SOBA and for providing high quality public recreational boating access. Conference information is available on our website at www.sobaus.org. If I can be of future service, please feel free to contact me directly at 804-367-0183., or by email at james.adams@dgif.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

James Adams, President
States Organization for Boating Access

2011 Executive Board:
President: James Adams (VA)
Vice President: Steven W. Miller (WI)
Treasurer: David Kieffer (OH)
Immediate Past President: Wayne Shoemaker (OR)

Members At-Large: Forrest Dye (WI), Terry Boyd (AL), Andy Goldbrooks (TX)
TREASURER’S REPORT

David E. Kieffer

SOBA TREASURER
## SOBA 2011 Projected Annual Revenue

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## SOBA 2011 Financial Statement

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**Cash balance** $196,025
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FY11  +$ 7,100 (estimated)

Cash balance  $196,025
Cost Saving Measures

- One less face-face Board Meeting again for 2011
- Use of the all-volunteer task force to complete update for the O&M Manual
- Reduced printing costs by offering the O&M Manual and other SOBA publications in electronic format (versus print)
- Our Executive management staff negotiated lower banking fees with Harris Bank by taking advantage of our working relationship with NMMA
Revenue Enhancements

- SOBA is pleased to acknowledge a contribution of $15,000 from our partner NMMA last year (2010).
- Opened a Money Market Fund with Harris Bank to collect interest on a portion of our funds.
- Sales of our new O&M Manual DVD are out pacing initial estimates.
Analysis & Observations

- SOBA continues to experience lower revenues during the downturn in the economy. Membership dues, conference attendance and sponsorships remain below those of the mid 2000’s.

- Our Board will continue to evaluate additional methodologies to improve our revenue flow and reduce costs.
ELECTION OF SOBA OFFICERS AND AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS

Wayne Shuyler
Past President
**PRESIDENT - STEVE MILLER**

Steve is Director of the Bureau of Facilities and Lands for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources where he coordinates Division wide policy development, external relations, strategic planning, budgets, outdoor recreation planning, land acquisition, land management and integrated resource management. Steve also oversees the Bureau’s boating access program. Steve has served on the SOBA Board as an at-large member, Treasurer, and is currently the Vice President.
VICE PRESIDENT - TERRY BOYD

Terry is the Chief of the Engineering Section for the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources where he coordinates all the construction for the State Parks Bond Capital Improvement Program. Terry served on the SOBA Board from 2004 to 2008 and was SOBA President in 2007. Terry also served as a member of the Sport Fish and Boating Partnership Council from 2007 to 2009.
TREASURER - FORREST BOE

Forrest is the Deputy Director of the Parks and Trails Division for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources where he is responsible for securing property and developing accesses across the state as part of the Water Access Program as well as trail planning, acquisition and development. Forrest is currently an at-large member of the SOBA board.
PAST PRESIDENT - JAMES ADAMS

James is the Facilities Director for the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries where he oversees programs responsible for Facility Management, Boating Access Development and Maintenance, and Engineering and Capital Construction Management. James hosted the 2008 SOBA conference, presented and several, and Chaired the revision of the Boating Access O&M Guidelines. James is the current President of SOBA, has served on the SOBA Executive Board for five years, including Treasurer and Vice President. James and is currently a member of the DOI Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council.
AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER

Andy Goldbloom

Andy is the Boating and Trail Program Coordinator for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department where he manages the Boating Access, Clean Vessel Act, B.I.G. and Recreational Trail funding programs for the State of Texas. Andy hosted the 2009 SOBA Conference in Corpus Christi, TX and has been an at-large member of the SOBA Board since 2009.
AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER
JANINE BELLEQUE

Janine is the Grants and Contracts Coordinator for the Boating Facilities Section of the Oregon State Marine Board where she manages state and federal boating-related grants, including Boating Infrastructure and Clean Vessel Act grants, as well as Sport Fish Restoration Motorboat Access grants in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife. Janine helped to host the 1997 SOBA Conference in Portland and has been a presenter at several SOBA Conferences.
AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER
RON CHRISTOFFERSON

Ron is currently employed by the Arizona Game & Fish Department as the Boating Facilities Program Manager where he manages the Arizona Boating Access Program, including all programmatic aspects of the federal grants related to Sport Fish Restoration Boating Access, Clean Vessel Act, and Boating Infrastructure. In addition, he oversees Arizona’s Clean Marina Program and the Aids to Navigation Program. Ron served on the SOBA Membership Products and Services Task Force and the SOBA Operations and Maintenance Program Guidelines for Recreational Boating Access Facilities.
RESOLUTION

Senator Malcolm Wallop
1933-2011
Resolution of the States Organization for Boating Access

September 28, 2011

Whereas, Senator Malcolm Wallop lived from 1933-2011, and served his beloved Wyoming as US Senator from 1977 to 1995; and

Whereas, in 1984, Senator helped create the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund or National Aquatic Resources Trust Fund a landmark user pay, user benefit system; and
Whereas, the Wall0p-Breaux Trust Fund earmarked 10 percent of the federal tax on the sale of gasoline used in motorboats and on sport fishing equipment; and

Whereas, the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund is specifically allocated as aid to States and US Territories for the acquisition, construction and repair of public boat access; and
Whereas, the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund was cause to bring together state and federal government representatives and industry organizations with a common interest in making the most of the new infusion of money for new and improved public facilities nationwide; and

Whereas, due to the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund, the States conferenced in 1986 near Detroit, Michigan which was sponsored by the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Manufacturers Association in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; and
Whereas, due to the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund and the 1986 conference of state boating access program managers a 1987 follow up conference was held in San Francisco, California and the States Organization for Boating Access was formerly organized; and

Whereas, the States Organization for Boating Access awarded Senator Malcolm Wallop the 1994 Outstanding Service Award for outstanding service to all anglers and boaters through co-creation of the National Aquatic Resources Trust Fund; now, therefore, be it
Resolved, the States Organization for Boating Access formerly recognizes Senator Malcolm Wallop for his leadership in Congress and express our appreciation for his lifetime of public service and his dedication to the conservation of our country’s fish and wildlife resources.

Attest: James C. Adams, President