ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

October 8, 2013
North Little Rock, Arkansas
PRESIDENT’S REPORT
2014

Presented by: Janine Belleque
SOBA’s Mission

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.
Strategic Plan

- Update every 2-3 years
- Used to guide implementation of SOBA’s Mission
- Last updated in Chicago IL, July 2014
Strategic Issues

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

- SOBA Brochure
- Web Site
- Newsletter
- List Service
- American Boating Congress
- Partnerships
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

Steve Miller is SOBA representative to RBFF Board

Pat Harrell monitors and reports to SOBA Board on NASBLA Activities
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

- Each Board Member has the opportunity to represent SOBA at AFWA meetings depending on location; Angler and Boating Sub-Committee

- James Adams, represents SOBA on the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council (SFBPC)

- Janine Belleque is the SOBA alternate on SFBPC and is involved in the BIG and CVA program reviews
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

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Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

- Coordinates Boating Access and Marina related activities and information
- Provides support to CVA program
- Provides support to BIG program
- Pat Harrell 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
Increase/Enhancement of Partner Relationships

- SOBA involved in the Recreational Boating Leadership Council, and a member of the Advocacy and Access Task Group
- Participation at the 2014 American Boating Congress (NMMA)
Enhancing Fishing Access Through a National Assessment of Boating Access

- Awarded a NCN grant (AFWA): Jan 2013, $187,996
- Partners match: NMMA, RBFF, Boat US, AMI, SOBA ($55,000)
- A two year study
- This study focused on the intersection between boating and fishing activities
Enhancing Fishing Access Through a National Assessment of Boating Access

- Analyzed obstacles to boating access and their impacts on participation and recommendations about how to improve access in ways that might improve boating and fishing participation.
- Created assessment tool for boating access that states and regions can replicate to measure their boating access programs and needs.
- Was completed and made public in April 2014.
Accomplishments

2014 American Boating Congress

SOBA Congressional Award
Presented to Congressman Bill Shuster of Pennsylvania
Accomplishments

- Continued the Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force (Craig Walker)
- Continued the CVA Best Management Practices Task Force (Janine Belleque)
- 2015 Conference planning well underway - Basin Harbor, VT (Mike Wichrowski)
- 2016 Conference in Chicago, IL (Bernice McArdle)
- Continuing the Lacy E, “Nick” Nichols Education Fund
SPORT FISH RESTORATION AND BOATING TRUST FUND REAUTHORIZATION

- Authorized through Transportation Bill; now through May 2015.
- SOBA involved with the ABA in support of the reauthorization, information posted on web page.
- Progress difficult due competing Congressional positions.
SOBA Task Forces

- Aquatic Invasive Species – launched at 2014 Conference
- CVA Task Force continuing work – (Janine Belleque, OR)
- Awards (Ron Christofferson, AZ)
TREASURER’S REPORT
Pat Harrell
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SOBA 2013 Financial Statement

FY08    -$7,820
FY09    -$11,699
FY10    +$19,266
FY11    +$15,253
FY12    +$15,512
FY13    +$22,230 (estimated)

Total Equity = $176,316 (August 2013)
Cost Saving Measures

- One less face-face Board Meeting again for 2013.
- Use of the all-volunteer task force to work on the Invasive Species Task Force.
- Reduced printing costs by offering the SOBA publications in electronic format.
Revenue Enhancements

- SOBA is pleased to acknowledge a contribution of $14,000 from our partner NMMA last year (2012).
- Money Market Fund with Harris Bank continues to collect interest on a portion of our funds.
- Sales of our new O&M Manual DVD are out pacing FY13 estimates.
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, but have increased significantly in 2013.

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

James Adams
Past President
Janine Belleque 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 and 2013 SOBA Conferences in Portland, and has presented at several SOBA Conferences. Janine has served on the Board for three years and is currently President and is the alternate member representing SOBA on the DOI Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council.
VICE PRESIDENT
RON CHRISTOFFERSON

Ron is the Boating Facilities Program Manager for the Arizona Game & Fish Department. 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, and he oversees Arizona’s Clean Marina Program and the Aids to Navigation Program. A SOBA member since 2006, Ron served on the SOBA Membership Products and Services Task Force and the SOBA Operations and Maintenance Program Guidelines for Recreational Boating Access Facilities. Ron has served on the SOBA Board for three years and is currently Vice President.
TREASURER-Larry Horan

Larry provides construction management oversight for all Fisheries construction projects and other construction projects for the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife. These projects cover boat ramps, docks, fishing piers, bulkheads and dredging, in addition to small to mid-size office buildings and provides technical assistance in defining and determining the feasibility of construction and renovation projects.

Larry’s experience is in government and private sector construction and project management, environmental projects, renovation projects, and bidding and permitting. His work has been across the United States insuring nationwide compliance with Federal, State and Local Environmental/OSHA regulations and Building Codes.

Larry has served on the Board for one year as an At-Large Member.
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. James hosted the 2008 SOBA conference, presented at several conferences, and Chaired the revision of the Boating Access O&M Guidelines. James is the current Past President of SOBA, has served on the SOBA Executive Board for seven years, including President, Vice President, Treasurer and At-Large member. James and is currently representing SOBA as a member of the DOI Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council.
AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER
PATRICIA HARRELL

Patricia is the Boating Access Coordinator, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program Administrator for Florida, administers the state and federal grant programs, engineering, construction and statewide boating access maintenance program. Pat hosted the 2006 SOBA conference and her staff contributed to the SOBA revised Operations and Maintenance Manual. Pat presents frequently at conferences, has served three years on the SOBA Board and is the current Treasurer.
AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER
CRAIG WALKER

Craig oversees Utah statewide efforts in lake and stream habitat restoration, dam maintenance, boating access enhancement and fisheries research. Craig has been the Utah SOBA voting representative since 2007, has presented at the 2010 and 2011 conferences, hosted the SOBA 2010 Conference, Chairs the SOBA AIS Task Force and served on the SOBA Board two years as At-Large Member.
AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBER- Kathryn Brown

“Kate” is the CT CVA Program Manager, Coastal Programs Grants and Outreach Coordinator, Clean Marina Program Manager, Long Island Sound Fund Coordinator and Legislative Liaison for CT DEEP Commissioner. Kate is a frequent SOBA conferee.