



89th Annual International Propeller Club Convention

Savannah, GA

Overview for Port – Jacksonville

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Day One: Call Order, General Meeting – Key Highlights:

- List of 2015-2016 Officers reviewed for vote scheduled on 10/30. Nominations had no change – a list of the Board of Governors and Officers of the International Propeller Club on a separate email for your files.
- Review of 2015-16 Standing Committees of the International Propeller Club
 - Budget & Finance
 - Membership Development
 - Communications
 - Convention
 - Merchant Marine & Maritime Industry for Conference
 - Position & Resolution
 - By-Laws
 - Student Ports

Any member of the club interested in joining a committee was encouraged. They are looking specifically for more participation with Communications and Student Ports. If anyone is interested, please connect with writer for next steps.

A detailed outline of each committee has been provided via individual email.

- Regional Vice Presidents Reports: Each region has a VP representative who manages 11 regions international. Richard Tremayne is the SE Regional VP. Some club highlights include:
 - 4,000 attendees for the Baltimore Crab Feast
 - 1,000 attendees twice per year for the Norfolk Oyster Roast
 - Ohio Valley – hosted in 2014 – have added 5 clubs since last year's convention
 - Western Europe added Liverpool chapter with 150 members
- Student Port attendees included the following University/Maritime Academies:
 - King's Point
 - Texas A&M
 - California Maritime Academy
 - Fort Skylar

Texas A&M sends their own representatives – covering their own costs. Maritime academies were sponsored by local clubs.

- Financial Report – in good standing. We will owe International Dues by January 31 2016 for Membership as of December 1 2015.

- International Club's Website – GO LIVE for Q1 2016. Key points:
 - Will contain club-wide database for networking
 - All members will have a User ID and password
 - The SE region as asked for additional training-time with developer in order to best understand the scope of the site.
 - SE region has volunteered to the BETA tester
 - Individual clubs can build their own site off the internationals – no charge in current. Jacksonville's is more robust – will bring up in upcoming meetings after GO LIVE occurs for input/team thoughts.

Day Two –Various Speakers in our Industry:

- The most notable speaker – Paul “Chip” Jaenichen, Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration. Please note, the presidents asked for a copy of his presentation to share with our clubs. Once obtained, writer will forward. Additionally:
 - The National Maritime Strategy Report is due out to Congress soon. Chip will be providing his team's copy and prior to presenting to Congress, will be asking for our maritime professionals to read through, make recommendations, changes. Key focus for the administration are:
 - Expand Capacities of U.S. Gateways
 - Ensure Maritime Capacity to Guarantee Economic & National Security
 - Marines – Education/Invest in People via Education, Recruitment & Training
 - Leverage Waterborne Transportation in National Transportation – i.e. maritime highways
 - Drive Marine Technology

Please note, Port – Savannah did a great job bringing Georgia Port Authority, Private Sector (LNG Plant for Fueling Shell) and Rear Admiral Paul F. Thomas of the USCG.

All were attended by the writer, should anyone want to further discuss their presentations, please connect writer for further discussion.

Day Three – SE Regional Meeting & Closing Government Remarks of the International Club

Highlights from Southeast Regional Meeting – Regional VP – Richard Tremayne

1. New Annual Dues Structure for SE Region:

- Current structure is as follows:

Member Count	Annual Payment for Port Club Dues
1 to 49	\$150.00
50 to 200	\$300.00
201 to 300	\$500.00
301 and over	\$600.00

Host port for SERAC does not pay

JAX did not pay for 2015

Next Due Payment for JAX to SERAC - Due January 31 2016

- Proposed change for 2016 based on per person charge with ranges from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per person.
 - If \$3.00 per person, for JAX increase by \$225 based on 175 members
 - If \$2.00 per person, for JAX increase by \$50 based on 175 members
 - At \$1.00 per person, proposed decrease.
 - Current structure showed JAX for \$300.00
 - SERAC treasury has over \$10K after minimal travel for Regional VP
 - Motion was made to have \$3.00 per person by Port Manatee; Jacksonville Port countered at \$2.00 per person for the following reasons:
 - \$2,500 donation to EL Faro families
 - Christmas Gala expense
 - UNF scholarship payment (\$500 spring 2016)
 - SERAC Treasury in good standing
 - Pending Sponsorship of SERAC – Charleston, SC – April 2016
 - After position made by Jacksonville and Port Canaveral – all in favor for \$2.00 per charge.

- Payment due to Regional by January 31 2016 based on Membership as of December 1 2015.
- 2. \$1,000 SE Regional Donation made to Port-Charleston for SERAC conference in April 2016
- 3. Dates for SERAC – April 20-22, 2016
 - Tammy Emerson to attend
 - Anticipate Sponsorship letters by early 2016 from Charleston
- 4. Proposed Scholarship Fund discussed – further conversation at SERAC.
 - Jacksonville Port proposed EL Faro donation – no motion or vote, pending for SERAC discussion in April
- 5. All in favor for more education-training on new international website.
- 6. All in favor for SE Region to be BETA group for International Website.
- 7. Minutes of the Meeting and Current Club Presidents/Secretary information pending to Jacksonville Port. President to forward to Board upon receipt from Regional VP.

Day Three Continued with Various Guest Speakers:

Government Affairs were represented by:

Notes from C. James Patti, President, Maritime Institute for Research and Industrial Development

1. Mr. Patti pleaded with the group that our clubs must be active voters in our local communities and stress the importance of waterway funding not only for dredging but for inland waterway refurbishment; i.e. lock replacements
2. Senator John McCain's repeal of the Jones Act; although not successful – still raised eyebrows and questions.
 - a. The Puerto Rico debt crisis now has a scapegoat per Mr. Patti
 - b. Export-Import Bank is vital for US exports

Notes from Matt Dwyer, Director of Government Affairs, Marine Engineer's Beneficial Association

1. Jones Act is supported by both sides of the Hill – reaffirming support by way of education with each club's local political officials is critical
2. Key US exports are starting to aid US economy – i.e. Energy/LNG
3. Maritime Security program critical

Notes from Amy Larson; President/CEO of National Waterways Conference

1. Engagement at all levels is critical
2. Investment for waterways infrastructure is critical for US – 90% of all US cargo moves via waterways
3. Continual support via maritime recruiting/education at local level

Key Take-A-Ways from President, Jacksonville Port:

- Club to send more than one port representative to International and SERAC
- Women's Propeller Club – needs some local representation
- No one from Jacksonville Port is serves on International Board or on any standing committees – international participation highly encouraged
- Over 1/3 of all members come out of the SE region – Tampa Port holds most officer positions
- Jacksonville Port – should consider sponsoring a student or at minimum encourage student port members to attend International Convention
- A local educational program with Middle and High School programs to encourage maritime industry as professional route
- More involvement with Student Port – as many clubs have joint events throughout their calendar year
- Dates for 2016 International Convention – October 17-21 2016 in Nantes, France
- 2017 International Convention being held by Port Canaveral