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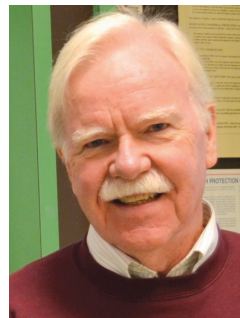
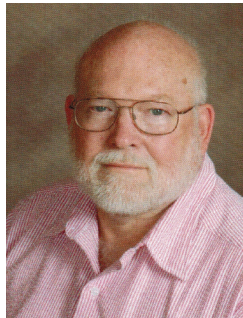
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SPYC ELECTIONS 2015

GOOD LUCK! To all of the Candidates.



**St. Paul Yacht Club
2015 Election of Officers and Directors**

2015 BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF SPYC's BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Annual Meeting February 10th, 2015 at 7:30pm at the St. Paul Yacht Club Clubhouse.

If mailed in, use a numbered addressed envelope to:
SPYC Election 2015; 100 Yacht Club Rd. B-1, St. Paul, MN 55107
Your ballot must be in the SPYC Office no later than 3 p.m. February 10, 2015.

You will be voting for ten (10) SPYC Board members comprised of **four (4) Officers**:
commodore, vice-commodore, secretary and treasurer and **six (6) Directors**.
(The eleventh Board member is the immediate past commodore; no vote required.)

OFFICERS – Please vote for one (1) person in each below listed office:

COMMODORE:

_____ Dave McKusick _____ Dennis Sando

VICE-COMMODORE:

_____ MJ Babcock

SECRETARY:

_____ Ron Brunner _____ Ralph DeLong

TREASURER:

_____ Greg Jorgensen

DIRECTORS: You must vote for six directors. If you vote for more than six or less than six, your ballot will be NOT be counted. Check six (6) from the below list:

_____ Lynn Adler	_____ Bill Gibbs	_____ Lynn Gunstrom
_____ Ron Hilson	_____ Terri Meredith	_____ Dave Nelson
_____ John Senglaub	_____ Bill Tschohl	

NO WRITE-INS ALLOWED

Remember the Elections are Tuesday, February 10th at 7:30pm at the Clubhouse. To Vote you must be a regular member and a current SPYC account, along with paid member dues. There is one vote per membership. Absentee ballots are available BY REQUEST from the SPYC office. Only an official numbered ballot from the office can be used to absentee vote. Contact the office at 651-292-8964 or spyc@comcast.net to request a ballot. Absentee ballots must be in our possession no later than 3:00pm on February 10th. All other votes must be cast in person at the meeting.



JOHN SENGLAUB

Running for Board

Thanks for the opportunity to run for a director at large position on the SPYC Board of Directors. Over the past two years on the board, I have focused on the dredging committee. We have submitted a multi-year plan to the board for dredging and made sure that the fees raised for harbor maintenance/dredging have been set aside for that purpose. I believe we are first a marina business.

For the SPYC to continue forward I believe we must have a balanced budget, fully rented slips, open communication with all members of the SPYC, including those that are not on Facebook or the Internet, and public notice given of board and committee meetings so members can participate and express their views.

You should feel welcome to contact candidates running for the board to fully understand each person's priorities and views. Contact me at 612-599-6830 or sengl006@umn.edu.



GREG JORGENSEN

Running for Treasurer

I love the St Paul Yacht Club and pledge to bring my best as Treasurer. The St Paul Yacht Club is crazy fun and hard work. I am up for both. We have a few different groups, Upper Harbor, Lower Harbor Shore Side, Miller Dock, Dahlgren Dock and Live-a-boards. Each group has their unique issues and need to be heard.

We have limited resources and I promise to bring the clearest financial choices to the board for their review.

Landlubbers think that we are quite well off to have a boat here.

Perhaps some are, but many of us are investing a good part of our personal budget into our boat. Where your money goes, your heart and time follows. The St Paul Yacht Club is a great investment for Denise and I.



MJ BABCOCK

Running for Vice Commodore

I am running for the SPYC Board of Directors because this is my community. As a live-a-board, you are my neighbors. While I know the last couple years have been difficult for the club, I'm also excited to know that we are in a position to make significant changes that will enhance our marina and truly make us a jewel of St. Paul. To that end, here are some of the major issues I see we need to work toward solving: establish and/or continue a good partnership with the City, including the Mayor, City Council, and Parks & Recreation. We also need to address the issues of dredging, marina safety, promoting and boosting our membership just to name a few.

In order to accomplish our goals we also need a thoughtful plan regarding the "how" and that's a strategic plan. Five years ago, when I was a member of the board, I spearheaded a 5-year strategic plan. It's now time for a new strategic plan which we view as a living document and one we use to guide our direction for the future.

I am fully prepared to work diligently on these and other issues facing the club. I consider it a huge privilege not only to live here, but to also be able to serve the membership as a member of the Board of Directors. THANK YOU!





DAVE NELSON

Running for Board

I have been a live-aboard boater now for 27 years and consider the SPYC my home. This past year I served on the board and my assignment was dredging. I did an analysis, which considered the economic impact of losing part of the lower harbor if we do not dredge.

In a nutshell, if we do not dredge the remainder of those in the club will have a fee increase of approximately 20%. For this reason I am a strong proponent of dredging. With our clubhouse we have one of the nicest boat clubs on the inland rivers and we need not sell ourselves short. Let's continue maintaining our marina and eventually our slips will be full again and this will moderate our fees for the goal of "affordable boating".



DENNIS SANDO

Running for Commodore

I'm running for the office of Commodore of the St. Paul Yacht Club. I've served on the board for more than 10 years in a wide range of positions, starting as officer at large through Vice Commodore.

It has been my goal to help keep club expenses as low as possible to allow us to keep our slip fees at a manageable level. In addition, I've worked very hard to make the harbor and the boats as safe as possible.

I have done extensive work in the yard, working in flood preparation, boat haul-out, and launching. This background gives me a unique perspective in the club operation and an intimate understanding of the needs to keep us operating as efficiently as possible.

With me, you will have a Commodore who won't quit, keeps an even temper, and who has an excellent knowledge of the marina infrastructure and operation. I have a great rapport with all the staff, and I work well with each of them. I am straight-forward, and you will always know where I stand on an issue.

My goals for the upcoming year will be to work toward resolving the dredging issues as quickly as practical, and to keep expenses under control. Both of these are very difficult tasks, and I will devote as much time as possible to achieve them.

Thanks for your consideration, and I hope, your vote.



LYNN GUNSTROM

Running for Board

Thanks for the opportunity to run for the board. I'm currently a live-aboard and have been a member of the SPYC for 12 years. My current boat is Bonnie Lee and I'm slipped at the Miller Dock. I certainly know that there are challenges that we as a club are facing, filling slips, dredging and our financial stability are very important issues.

Another issue I'd like to address is the safety and security within our marina. Safety—having ladders placed on dock fingers, boards fixed and cameras for our parking lots. My goal for the upcoming year will be to work hard to accomplish what needs to be done for the good of our marina. It would be a honor to serve as a member of the board. Thanks.





BILL TSCHOHL

Running for Board

It has been a pleasure to serve as a board member of the SPYC in 2014. Our club made positive strides this year with paying down our long-term debt, paying off our short-term debt, planning dredging, and fun planned and spontaneous social events. The sound financial planning done this year will show dividends next year with a continuation of the same themes of debt reduction, dredging and fun social activities.

My family and I are very fortunate to have been adopted by the SPYC family. We're so glad to be a part of the club and life on the river. Sharing our love of the river and boating with family, friends and fellow boaters is what our club is about.

This next year I would like to set three goals for myself, if elected.

1) I want to meet every member and ask them to commit to volunteering for some activity this year. Whether it be involvement in the yard or serving on a committee I think there's something for everyone. The club is stronger when we're all included and I want to do whatever is necessary to get you involved.

2) I want to encourage club members to speak positively about our club and harbors to anyone they meet and have a genuine smile when doing so. To that end, yes we have to finish some tough tasks like addressing dredging and harbor issues, but we also need to do the easy things like communicating issues at every level.

3) I will be calling everyone at least once, if not more this year. I really want to know how things are going and if you need anything. On that same note, I also want everyone to feel free to reach out to me anytime. My cell # is 651-335-1719 and my email is ahandiman1@hotmail.com. Once we're all back in the water, feel free to stop by the Coupe del Rio in UH67 by gate D.

I appreciate the opportunity to be on the board again and ask that you bring me back for another year. I humbly ask for your vote to continue our work in 2015. Call or email me if you have any questions. Thanks, Bill



LYNN ADLER

Running for Board

It was a pleasure to have been on the board this past year. It was definitely both challenging and a productive one. Again, I ask for your vote to continue the work we have done to make our marina stronger.

I have been boating on the river for over 25 years and have been a part of the St. Paul Yacht Club since 2005. Having kept my boat - La Vida Loca - on both the Dahlgren Dock as well as the Upper Harbor, I understand issues that are of concern to our membership as a whole; specifically dredging, safety and a commitment to keeping our membership strong.

As an elected board member, I will listen to your concerns and represent you. As any experienced marketing professional knows - feedback is key to progress, and building a strong club through involvement is something we will all benefit from. I urge you to feel free to contact me with ideas, concerns or stop by for a neighborly visit.

"We are a marina, a club and a neighborhood. Each harbor is unique, yet we are one marina. My goal is to make sure we address our internal club concerns while meeting our external marina commitments. Serving on the board of the St. Paul Yacht Club is both an opportunity and a challenge I look forward to."





TERRI MEREDITH

Running for Board

My husband Steve and I and our dog Finnegan have been in the upper harbor for the past three years. We love being a part of this club and have made some great friends since we've been here. In addition to helping with several club activities, we helped decorate the clubhouse for the Christmas party this past year and I am currently working on the by-laws committee. As I've worked and played side by side with other members, I've heard some great stories about the rich history of our club and I've also learned about some of the current issues our club

needs to deal with – dredging, filling our slips, and the purchase of several other items that we'd like to have.

All of these items come back to the financial health of our club and if I am elected, I would like to focus on not only the prioritization of these items but also ways we can help tackle the financing of these items. The more I've gotten involved with this club, the more I'd like to continue to get involved, and that is why I'd like to serve on our board. I hope you'll consider voting for me.



RON HILSON

Running for Board

My wife, Barb, and I have been members of the SPYC for 20 years. Our boat is the "BARRON" and we are on the Miller dock. I noticed while serving on the operation and dredging committees that there are numerous projects that need attention, i.e., docks, slips, fingers, pump outs, office, yard equipment and harbor entrances. All of these jobs take money. There are two ways to pay for them: raise slip fees or rent more slips.

I am running for the board because I would like to see us get back to where we were a few years ago. We had over 180 slips rented out with an active waiting list. This brought us \$80,000 a year over what we are bringing in now in summer slip rentals. We might not rent out all of our slips, but each additional slip we rent brings in approximately \$2,000, without counting winter storage.

I feel the only way we can accomplish this is by having a dedicated dredging program encompassing both the upper and lower harbors. There are numerous boaters that would like to come to our marina, but the depth of our harbors and entrances is a huge detriment at this time. If you vote for me, I will work diligently on all of the above-mentioned projects.



DAVE MCKUSICK

Running for Commodore

I served on the SPYC board from 2008 - 2011, and have remained active in the club since 2000. I am a business owner. I know what it takes to operate a successful business. Our yacht club is both a business and a social club and each component is critical to our future.

We have become complacent in recent years. We now have an opportunity to recreate the co-op that built this club by electing new candidates to our board this year.

My agenda for 2015: Assign committee chairs for marketing, dredging, operations, membership, clubhouse, social, finance, strategic planning & bylaws. Committees will be responsible for holding monthly meetings and be held accountable for forward progress by me personally. As Commodore I will serve through an open, transparent relationship with all members. I look forward to your input on how we can make our club the best it can be! Dave McKusick, Black Ruby UH #61





RONI BRUNNER

Running for Secretary

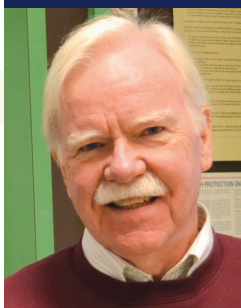
This will be my seventh summer as a member of the SPYC boating community. My husband, Bob, and I have enjoyed meeting new friends while experiencing the richness and fullness that this marina brings to our lives. While we have many compelling issues to deal with over the next 12 months, my immediate top priorities include: creating solutions for the short- and long-term financial health of the organization, and completing the 2015 By-Laws, Standing Rules and Operating procedure manuals.

Since joining SPYC, I've been an active participant in the Social Committee, working major events held at the club for the past six years. I've also served on the club's Membership, Clubhouse, Marketing and By-Laws committees.

Having served on three other non-profit boards, I have extensive experience working on large-scale volunteer efforts that involve fundraising, volunteer coordination and public policy. I believe those specific skills allow me to bring a unique perspective to the club.

I'm currently serving as a State Chair for a national organization that works to preserve our history, educate children, and honor and support our service men and women. In my professional life, I work for two active senior executives at a major medical device company, where I put my organizational and multi-tasking skills to work daily.

I believe my skills and experience, plus, my commitment to volunteerism and a passion for the SPYC boating community will make me a highly efficient Secretary. I will work hard to preserve and protect our marina. It would be an honor to serve as a member of your board.



RALPH DELONG

Running for Secretary

I have been a member of SPYC since 1978. There is a soft spot in my heart for wooden boats (no pun intended); however, my current boat (Dry Martini) is fiberglass with just a touch of teak. I am a professor at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. The majority of my professional time is spent managing a department with over 100 full- and part-time faculty and a budget of several million dollars. In addition, I chair strategic planning, quality improvement, and promotion committees in the School of Dentistry. These efforts require strong management

skills, fiscal responsibility, secretarial skills, and interactions with state governing boards; skills that I would bring to the club.

As a past member of the SPYC Board, I have worked to improve the financial standing of the club, complete the clubhouse without incurring additional debt, and find a viable solution to the silting problems in the upper and lower harbors. If elected, I will do my best to represent the membership of the club, and maintain open communications between the board and the membership through inclusive, accurate and concise minutes for both the board and general meetings of the club.



BILL GIBBS

Running for Board

It has been a pleasure to be on the SPYC Board of Directors for the past three years. I've been a member of the club since 1996. We have a houseboat (Mississippi Pearl) on the upper harbor. I ask for your vote in order to finish business on the By-Laws Committee and to wrap up the work that is being done through the Dredging Committee. Another challenge that our club faces is attracting new members to slip at the SPYC.

Our mission statement of providing "Safe and Affordable Boating" always drives my decision of how to vote on an issue at the club.





LOOKING FORWARD TO A BANNER YEAR IN 2015

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