



NMEA Annual Business Meeting Minutes

NMEA Conference, Hilton Hotel, Bellevue Washington

September 27, 2017

Executive Director and President, Mark Reedenauer, welcomed all and thanked them for their attendance. He also made mention of the 2017 Conference Survey that is now available online and all were encouraged to complete by stopping by the Registration Desk.

Tonight's Awards Dinner and Banquet will take place in the Exhibit Hall with 1 hour of open bar prior to the dinner.

Meeting was called to order at 12:28 p.m. by, Mike Spyros, NMEA Chairman of the Board. He welcomed all to the meeting.

Minutes reported by NMEA Secretary Lou Rota. **A motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Katz, seconded by Kevin Boughton, a vote was called and carried with no objections.**

Marilyn Quarders, Treasurer, then gave a brief report on the revenue picture of the current state of the NMEA. She showed a slide breaking down where the income comes from. Membership/Conference/Training/Standards/MEJ. All areas have been increasing in income. 2016 year-end has gone up from 2015. 2017 year-to-date is up from 2016. 3 year training revenue is increasing with the addition of online training and the Advanced NMEA2000 training course.

Mark then gave the President's Report showing a pie chart of where the income comes from. Total number of trained Installers is up from 2015 and 2016. A training slide was shown listing the four main training events. Standards revenue has been increasing since 2016. Membership totals have gone over and above 2016's numbers. The Membership Committee is currently seeking ideas for programs to give increase benefits to the membership. All are encouraged to approach any Board Members with suggestions.

Steve Spitzer, Technical Director, gave a Standards Overview. NMEA 0183 continues to grow with an updated version scheduled for release in Q1 of 2018. There have been 14 new manufacturer codes issued for 0183 in 2017, mostly non-marine.

NMEA2000 – revenue has reached record heights with 129 certified products year to date so far.

The new PGN message database release expected in Feb. 2018. New working groups have been created for thruster, lighting among others with Lee Luft, USCG serving as the Chairperson.

OneNet Modules – Nate Carstons, Garmin, Chairperson. Mr. Spitzer mentioned NMEA is one of the only standards organizations that does beta testing before all standards are released. He also noted that the beta working group and draft OneNet Committee are completely independent of each other.

Mike Spyros made some additional announcements: The NMEA bylaws have been revised. **A motion to accept the new bylaws was made by Lou Rota, seconded by Steve Katz, a vote was called and carried with no objections.**

Mike then made recognition of Marilyn Quarders, Treasurer, for her nine years of serving on the NMEA BOD. Richard Baker, Garmin, was introduced as the new Treasurer.

Adjournment: Prior to adjournment, Chairman Mike Spyros reminded all that the 2018 conference would be held in West Palm Beach at the PGA National Resort and Spa, and hoped to see everyone there. With no further items on the agenda, a **motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Johnny Lindstrom, seconded by Kevin Boughton, a vote was called and carried with no objections.** The 2017 NMEA annual business meeting was officially adjourned at 12:53 p.m.