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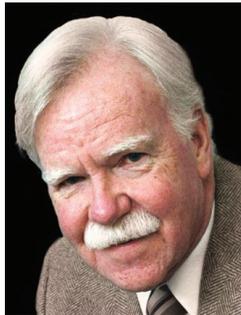
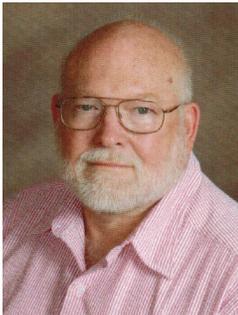
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SPYC ELECTIONS 2019

GOOD LUCK! To all of the Candidates.



**St. Paul Yacht Club
2019 Election of Officers and Directors**

2019 BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF SPYC's BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Annual Meeting February 12th, 2019 at 7 pm at the St. Paul Yacht Club Clubhouse.

If mailed in, use a numbered ballot and send to:
SPYC Election 2019; 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 11, 2019.

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:

Dennis Sando Steve Nelson

VICE-COMMODORE:

Greg Jorgensen Perry Quaal

SECRETARY:

Bill Hohhl

TREASURER:

Ralph Delong

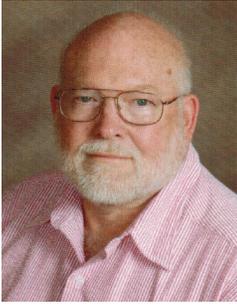
DIRECTORS: You must vote for six directors. If you vote for more than six or less than six, your ballot will be NOT be counted. Check six (6) from the below list:

Lynn Adler Brett Cummings Bruce Johnson
 Mike Patten Annie Stone Stephanie Stoessel

NO WRITE-INS ALLOWED

Remember the 2019 Board Election and Annual General Meeting is Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00pm 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 at the SPYC office no later than 3:00pm on February 4th. All other votes must be cast in person at the meeting.





DENNIS SANDO

Running for Commodore

I'm running for one more year as Commodore of the Yacht Club. I've served for the last three years as Commodore, and for a large number of years in other positions, as a board member at large, club secretary, and Vice Commodore. I've also worked in the yard, participating in flood preparation, boat launch and haul-out. This background has given me a unique perspective in the operation of the club and what it takes to keep it operating as efficiently as possible. Throughout my "career" with the club, I've always strived to keep operating expenses as

low as possible, and to keep the harbor and the boats as safe as we can.

I will continue to keep an even temper, and use my intimate knowledge of the marina infrastructure and its operation to help keep our expenses and fees as low as possible. We are at a serious crossroad with the changes in Corps funding and drastic increases for dredging. I would appreciate the opportunity to keep us on track as we work through these most difficult times. I ask for your vote so I can continue in this and other tasks in the upcoming year.



STEVE NELSON

Running for Commodore

Professionally, I am the Regional Sales Manager for Easiway Systems, (a chemical company in which I cover the central and western states). I am the father of two children Paige and Brett ages 20 and 17 who are, and soon will be, off to college at UMD and NDSU. Myself, along with my fiancé Andi, the kids and our dog Scout, have been boating at the SPYC for most of the past 10 years. The last few years have been aboard our boat Tide Up in the Upper Harbor. Last year I served on the SPYC board here. Throughout that time I have come to find that it's the

people here, the friends we make, that make the SPYC special. In my time at other marinas, either before coming here or while traveling, I have never had quite the same experience. It's unique and it's special. Maybe it's the proximity to the city that brings such a great mix of people together. Where else would that be possible? It is with this in mind that I have become certain that we must protect this club and its harbors. We have likely faced challenges every year for 107 years and today is no different. We have some dock reorganization to contend with. We have to create a plan to move some mud and shore up our banks with rip-rap. Just as important, we need to get back to why we came here in the first place and that is to have fun as a community. We face an election with a lot of new names on the ballot—that should bring an influx of new thoughts and ideas. I am running for Commodore for one simple reason, change. We need to change the way we serve our membership. That means listening to your needs as boaters and as a board. It means finding and attracting the new boaters to fill our slips. It means building a community not just within our harbors but also between our harbors. We need to communicate far better than we have in the past with a vision of what tomorrow's SPYC can and should look like. We have all asked questions in the past about why we do things the way we do here. I thought serving on the board would clear those up. It did not. If you think the board runs this marina you would be mistaken. It runs through the paid staff and the Operations Committee, for the most part. They, in turn, report to the board and more directly to the Commodore. That's how it works. So, until you get involved in those functions nothing happens.

There is a great opportunity to move this club forward with the help of the membership here. But, that change needs the cooperation of the marina management and the Commodore. I intend to fix what needs fixing by being your ears and holding people accountable. We will form committees to solve our most pressing needs. The boaters of the SPYC will be encouraged to contribute in that function with the help and support of the board and the management. We can do better and that isn't a criticism, it simply means that every day we have the chance to make progress. Better docks, cleaner harbors, better and more responsive service. It will take planning, work and money. But that's why we pay dues. Let's figure out a plan to make this better tomorrow a reality. Truth is it's all pretty easy stuff once we find conscientious. That is where leadership and vision come in. We have a lot of talented people in the club. Given the right opportunity to share their ideas I bet we can create a great plan. Let me help bring this together and more important, hold people accountable for executing our vision.

"If you refuse to accept anything but the best, very often you get it." – W.S. Maugham

Respectfully, Steve Nelson





GREG JORGENSEN

Running for Vice Commodore

This will be my 20th year at the St Paul Yacht Club. My first 16 years were in the Lower Harbor until a boat sunk there, forcing us to the Upper Harbor. I was the Treasurer for 3 years. I led the Finance committee into the boatyard, and we identified a number of trailers that should have been paying to stay there. That effort made over \$3,500 for the Yacht Club. This has not been repeated by anyone since. I believe there are other sources of income that is currently untapped. Historically the Vice Commodore has not had any duties attached to the title, and I would like to change that. I am retired and have time to devote to the Yacht Club. I believe in the St Paul Yacht Club and want it to prosper as it should.



JERRY QUAAL

Running for Vice Commodore

Hi, I love boating, I've been on Lake Minnetonka, the St Croix, on the Erie Canal.

The BEST place is here on the historic Mississippi River in Downtown St. Paul and here at SPYC I just love it Here! I just love working on the SPYC Board here. I have a passion for our Marina to be Viable and thriving here in St Paul. Our Marina serves many people in different ways, those who enjoy the River and being on it and those who make their PERMANENT home here. What's important is as we loss some slips and dredging has to be done, to keep us floating both on the water and financially! There is a small increase this year, but affordable boating is still very important.

As we go on there might have to be some increases. I want to hear from more boaters and live aboards, get ideas, your thoughts, your concerns, we need to do what's BEST for all involved. We need to look at the future and now, to work with the great city of St. Paul. [PEOPLE SEE US! WE ARE IMPORTANT TO DOWNTOWN.] We have to look at safety, Facility Maintenance, Replacing Equipment when needed, address club policies, we are doing good at debt reduction! We have an excellent manager in Roger. Who am I, I've been at the club here 19 years, I've been in the lower Harbor and now in the upper Harbor, I have a 36' Carver (Quality Times) I've been Club House Chair 1 year and Treasurer 5 years, and several years on the Board.

I am in the Greenhouse business here in Minnesota and surrounding states. I have 5 passions in order they are! A changed life because of Jesus Christ! (He is alive.), My family and Grandchildren, My Greenhouse Business, My boating and the SPYC, County Fairs of Minnesota. You know now who I am! See you on the River, elected or not, looking forward to serve you!

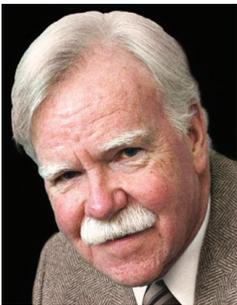




BILL TSCHOHL

Running for Secretary

We have to challenge our ways of thinking and how we operate. Our club made positive strides these past few years with paying down our long-term debt and making slips available for everyone. That work doesn't happen in a vacuum though and I thank the tireless work of all our current and past Board members for their work. My family still feels very fortunate to have been adopted by the SPYC family in 2004. Our children were born river rats and never say no to any excursion on the river. 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. We have some really tough tasks ahead like addressing harbor and dredging issues, but we also need to do better at some of the easy things like communicating issues at every level. I want to be a part of both of those and helping our Marina for tomorrow and the next generation of boaters. I really want to know how things are going and if you need anything and I think the Secretary position is well suited for that. On that same note, I 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.



RALPH DELONG

Running for Treasurer

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; soon to be retired. I managed a department with over 100 full and part-time faculty and a budget of several million dollars for over 15 years. In addition, I ran two successful strategic planning committees in the School of Dentistry. These efforts required 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. If elected Treasurer, I will do my best to maintain a financially stable club and to maintain open communications between the board and the membership through accurate and transparent financial reports.



LYNN ADLER

Running for Board

It was a pleasure to have served on the board the past few years. They have definitely been both challenging and productive ones.

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.

We are a marina, a club and a neighbor. Each harbor is unique, yet we are one marina. I would like to continue to bring our lower and upper harbor together – it still seems too separate. I saw progress with this last year, and look forward to more. I will work on continuing this process, as I believe we need to continue to moving in the direction of being ONE MARINA!! Building a strong club through everyone's involvement is something that we all can benefit from. You can find me at Slip U63 or call 612-599-4545. Thanks for your support the last few years!!





BRETT CUMMINGS

Running for Board

I have been fortunate enough to meet and get to know many of the current members of the SPYC over the last 2 years but for those of you who may not know me yet; my wife Kristina and I along with our 2 dogs (Dakota and Tucker) have spent our summers in the lower harbor aboard our Formula, the Stella Maris.

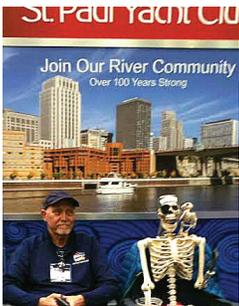
As we all know, there are a number of challenges facing our marina across all of our harbors. With the start of a new season upon us (hopefully sooner than later) we will have no choice but to face these challenges head on and continue striving for a sustainable future for the marina. The sediment problem in the lower harbor which has relocated us, and many others, to the Dahlgren dock motivated me to become a part of the dredging committee last year to do my part in finding a solution to that issue. At the same time, we made a commitment to the marina and became full members of the yacht club and I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving the entire marina as a member of the Board. I am truly grateful for the warm welcome we have received from everyone in the marina since we arrived in 2017. We have a great community of people here and we need to make certain that we can not only stabilize our current conditions but ensure sustainability and renewed growth for the club into the future.



BRUCE JOHNSON

Running for Board

I'm excited to bring a fresh voice to the board and not just represent the liveaboards but all members of the SPYC.



MICHAEL J. PATTEN

Running for Board

Member in good standing with SPYC since 2003

Isn't it amazing how time seems to fly by when you're having fun! While 'FUN' is certainly our primary focus here at SPYC, I do realize that our unique, affordable boating experience is heavily reliant on membership participation in our various social activities and infrastructure needs.

Over the years, my wife Shirley and I have found small ways to pitch in via: Rules Committee, Nomination Committee, Grievance Committees, Social - Club House Committees.

Board experience:

Served two terms (4-years) as a Board Member of a Mid-size HOA (Homeowners Association) last serving in the capacity of Board Secretary. I am subsequently familiar with 'Robert's Rules of Order'.

During the boating season, Shirley and I can be found at Slip 64 - Upper Harbor. Our email is Contactpatten@gmail.com, My cell phone number is in the Membership Directory: 612-423-6265.





ANNIE STONE

Running for Board

I am a liveaboard member, who is also a mental health professional who works collaborating with families, communities, schools, and individuals to ensure that everyone is heard, has their needs met, and is working together to establish a better community. I look forward to the opportunity to bring these skills to the board of the St Paul Yacht Club. I have fallen in love with this community and have found a unique way of life here. I feel truly at home here and enjoy meeting all the many different personalities that this club has to offer. Being a newer member, I come with a different viewpoint, while acknowledging all the past knowledge and wisdom that comes before me. My main goal is to work collaboratively to ensure our beloved community will continue to be vibrant for many years to come.



STEPHANIE STOESSEL

Running for Board

My name is Stephanie Stoessel and I live aboard the City Slipper. I am running for an at-large seat on the board of the SPYC. The City Slipper has been my home for the past two years. I believe the SPYC is facing critical issues now that will affect our future. I want to be a part of helping solve these issues that will preserve both my home and the wonderful community SPYC has become to me.

I am a retired Speech Pathologist from St. Paul Public Schools. I also have many years of experience serving on a variety of boards. I was Co-Chair of a Faith based organization, President of my homeowners' association for over 10 years and served on the Summit University Planning Council for one term. I believe this experience will enable me to be an effective member of the SPYC board. I appreciate your support.





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LOOKING FORWARD TO A BANNER YEAR IN 2019!

