

Minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting
Luis's Garden Grill Restaurant, Tampa, Florida
6 January 2024

Meeting called to order at 1725.

ExCom members present: Cdr John A. Orr III, S; P/R/C Frank E. Penny, SN; Lt/C Scott Morris, P; Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP; and R/C Anna Morris, SN.

General members present: Lorella Fazio and P/D/C Alta M. Mullins, SN.

Associate Members present: None.

Guests present: None.

A quorum was declared. Cdr. Orr reserved the right to change the order of business to expedite the meeting. No objections were voiced.

Secretary Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Anna stated that the minutes of the 25 November General Membership Meeting had been posted to the website and mailed with the 3 December Call to Meeting. Motion made to accept the minutes by Frank Penny; seconded by Scott Morris; passed.

Anna thanked R/C Pat Antoni, SN, for the successful relaunch of the Short Blast; Cindy Geske, Frank Penny, and Judy DeMeglio for photography; Tom Thompson for the Ship's Store and Scott Morris for the squadron website and social media pages along with the continuing work on MuVIT.

Treasurer Report - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Anna reviewed the financial activity of the December transactions, declaring that the financial state of the Tampa Squadron is sound and that the checking account is solvent.

Administrative Officer Report - P/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP -

Tom noted that while two members crossed the bar this year - P/C Roger Champagne, JN and Dr. Margaret Hewitt along with associate P/D/C Bob Morris of St. Petersburg - he also noted that eight new members (Judy DeMeglio; Lorella Fazio; Jim and Cindy Geske; Graciela Hirigoyen; Jason Smitke; Stephanie (Steph) Thomas; and Shaunna Wood) and two new associates (Al and Pat Antoni) were welcomed into Tampa Power Squadron during the 2023 Watch Year.

Tom asked for a moment of silence for the recent passing of associate Al Antoi of Skokie Valley.

Tom recapped the 2023 squadron activities including the trolley and water taxi excursion from Ybor to Rick's on the River; pontoon cruising on the Homosassa River; cruise from the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks down for Anclote River; cruising Silver Springs in the glass-bottom boat; cruising with the Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron aboard the Calypso Queen from Clearwater, the merriment of the Annual Pizza Party; and the off-shore fishing trip where five members caught a total of 15 fish.

Tom reviewed the 2024 calendar, noting the following activities and dates:

- A Lake Tarpon cruise with a luncheon rendezvous at the Tarpon Turtle Restaurant was announced and scheduled for Saturday, 13 February.
- The 75th Change of Watch will be held at 1300 on Sunday, 21 January 2023 at the Columbia Restaurant, 2117 E. 7th Street in Ybor. Attention was called to the earlier time.

UOD is polo shirts or other similar attire. R/C Pat Antoni, SN will be officiating.

- A Hillsborough River Cruise with a luncheon rendezvous at the Armature was announced and scheduled for Sunday, 18 February with the Lakeland Sail & Power Squadron.
- Future plans include a cruise and rendezvous to Ft. DeSoto with a picnic and kite flying.

Educational Officer Report - Lt/C Scott Morris, P - Scott discussed plans to hold an ABC class in March at the FOP. Scott also discussed upcoming changes to the Florida State portion of the ABC test, increasing the number of questions from 10 to 15. New slides for the Florida state chapter of the ABC and tests will be distributed soon.

There were two ABC classes conducted and one Advanced Piloting course completed during 2023. Scott thanked Jim Greenhalgh, Anna Morris, Millie Nasta and Frank Penny for instructing students throughout the year, with a special gratitude to Tom Thompson for facilitating the hospitality of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 27, for classrooms and luncheons.

Executive Officer Report - Lt/C Frank Penny, SN - Frank noted the dates of the upcoming national and district meetings:

- 19 - 26 February - the Annual Meeting of the Governing Board at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. Hotel reservations and activity registrations are active on the USPS website.
- 12-13 April – the D22 Spring Conference at the Charlotte County Event Center in Punta Gorda.
- 22 - 30 September - the Governing Board Fall Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel at Station Square in Pittsburg, PA.
- 4 - 6 - the D/22 Fall Conference at the Charlotte County Event Center in Punta Gorda.
- 1 - 10, 2025 - the Annual Meeting of the Governing Board at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando.

Commander Report - Cdr John A. Orr, III, S - John thanked everyone for their commitment and service during the 2023 Watch Year.

The Calendar of Events for 2024, distributed in the 3 December Call to Meeting, was announced with one correction and the caveat that additional details would be published on the squadron's website calendar. Scott made a motion that the corrected calendar be approved, Alta seconded, and without discussion the calendar was approved.

Rules Committee - R/C Anna Morris, SN – Anna reminded the meeting attendees that the proposed bylaw changes were included in the 3 December Call to Meeting notice. The Report of the Rules Committee was read. Anna explained that the purpose of the proposed bylaw changes was to remove binding restrictions, permitting the Tampa Squadron flexibility in its structure and operation. In particular, the general committees are no longer required as long as the duties of those committees - updating bylaws, nominating officers for election, and auditing the financial records - are proceduralized in the bylaws. Also, the proposed bylaws provide the option of combining the Administrative and Executive Departments into a single department or elect to leave one or both committees vacant. Finally, requirements that bridge officers hold an educational grade were eliminated. Motion to accept the new bylaws was made by Frank Penny; seconded by Scott Morris; and was passed unanimously.

Nominating Group - ExCom and General Members of 25 November - Anna Morris, representing the Nominating Group, reminded the meeting attendees that the slate of candidates was included in the 3 December Call to Meeting notice. The Report of the Nominating Committee was read. The floor was opened for nominations to fill the vacancies on the slate.

Motion to add Grace Hirigoyen to the slate as a member at-large was made by Tom Thompson, seconded by Frank Penny, and the motion passed without discussion. There being no further nominations, the motion to elected the nominated candidates on the amended slate was made by Frank Penny; seconded by Tom Thompson; passed unanimously.

New Business:

Motion to authorize P/D/Lt/C Richard Holcomb, SN, to continue as the agent for Tampa Power Squadron, Inc., to file the Annual Report with the State of Florida, Division of Corporations and to be reimbursed for the required filing fees at a cost not to exceed \$80 - made by Scott Morris; seconded by Tom Thompson; passed.

Motion to appoint P/D/Lt/C Richard Holcomb, SN, to chair the Budget and Finance Committee in 2023 made by Anna Morris; seconded by Lorella Fazio; passed.

Old Business:

Motion to approve the Officer and Committee Appointments made by Tom Thompson; seconded by Lorella Fazio; passed.

Motion to finalize the 2024 Squadron Calendar made by Tom Thompson; Seconded by Scott Morris; passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1804.

R/C Anna Morris, SN, Secretary

/attachments

1. Call to Meeting
2. Report of the Rules Committee
3. Report of the Nominating Committee
4. Officer and Committee Appointments
5. 2024 Squadron Calendar

Minutes of Tampa Squadron Annual Meeting are posted in the Members Area of the Tampa Power Squadron website.



Tampa Power Squadron, Inc.
Secretary's Department
R/C Anna Morris, SN



3 December 2023

NOTICE OF SQUADRON ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Tampa Power Squadron, America's Boating Club of Tampa Bay, will be held at Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W. Hillsborough Avenue, Tampa, 6 January 2024, at 1600.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes of the General Membership Meeting of 25 November 2023.
2. Reports of Bridge Officers
 - Cdr John A. Orr, III, S - Squadron Commander
 - Lt/C Frank E. Penny, SN - Executive Officer
 - Lt/C Scott Morris, P - Educational Officer
 - Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP - Administrative Officer
 - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Treasurer
 - R/C Anna Morris, SN - Secretary
3. Reports of General Committees
 - Rules - R/C Anna Morris, SN
 - Nominating - ExCom and Member Attendees of the 25 November Meeting
4. Nominations from the floor
5. Election to fill positions of the 2024 Watch Year.
6. Approval of the 2024 Squadron Calendar.
7. Consideration of any other matter which may come before this meeting.

R/C Anna Morris, SN
Secretary



Tampa Power Squadron, Inc. Rules Committee



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To: All Tampa Power Squadron Members

Pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.9 of the *Bylaws of Tampa Power Squadron*, the following update proposals are brought forth for concurrence with the *Model Bylaws for USPS Squadrons*, editions September 2021 and October 2022.

Attached is a summary of the sections being updated.

Also attached are the details of the updates. For revisions, the existing section is printed in black italics, followed by the revision and new sections in red. The *Bylaws of Tampa Power Squadron, Inc.*, were last updated on 23 February 2021 from the *Model Bylaws for Squadrons* of February 2020.

R/C Anna Morris, SN
Chairman, Rules Committee

/Attachments (2)

PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE BYLAWS OF TAMPA POWER SQUADRON, INC.

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SUMMARY OF UPDATES

1. Revised Section 1.1 to define the squadron trade name.
2. Revised Section 2.3 to conform with *Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons* Section 1.5 as revised September 4, 2021.
3. Marked Section 5.1.2 “*Reserved*” to conform to the *Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons* Section 7.9 as revised September 4, 2021.
4. Section 5.1.7 satisfies the requirement that squadron bylaws describe how vacancies in elected and appointed offices will be filled.
5. Revised Section 5.2 to define members of the squadron bridge as the commander and lieutenant commanders.
6. Revised Section 5.2 to allow squadrons the option to have the offices of secretary and treasurer held by the same person.
7. Revised Section 5.3 to allow for the authorization of election of an assistant for each lieutenant commander.
8. Revised Sections 5.5, 5.9.9, and 6.8 to provide squadron with options in how nominations are made.
9. Revised Sections 5.6, 5.9.10, and 6.9 to provide squadron with options in how bylaws are amended.
10. Revised Sections 5.7, 5.9.11, and 6.10 to provide squadrons with options in how squadron finances are audited.
11. Revised Sections 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7 to make all elected (general) committees optional.
12. Revised Sections 5.8, 5.8.1 and 5.8.2 to make all standing (appointed) committees optional.
13. Revised Sections 5.9, 5.9.1, 5.9.2, 5.9.3, 5.9.4, and 5.9.5 to make certain standing committees optional to allow for more squadron flexibility in its structure.
14. Added Section 5.9.9 to specify the required procedure for nominating candidates for elected offices.
15. Added Section 5.9.10 to specify the required procedure for amendment of the squadron bylaws.
16. Added Section 5.9.11 to specify the required procedure for review of the squadron’s financial records independent of the squadron bridge.
17. Revised Sections 5.10 and 6.7.9 to allow the law officer to be optional.
18. Revised Section 6.1.5 to clarify that the commander is *ex officio*, a member of all appointed committees, but not of the elected committees which have traditionally been Nominating, Auditing and Rules.
19. Revised 6.2, adding sections 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, and 6.2.4 for clarity.
20. Added Section 6.2.5 to allow the Executive Committee or the squadron the option of electing or leaving vacant the position of executive officer at the time of election.
21. Revised 6.3, adding sections 6.3.1, 6.3.2, 6.3.3, and 6.3.4 for clarity.
22. Added Section 6.3.5 to recognize educational officer as a member of the National Educational Department.
23. Added Section 6.3.6 to allow educational officer to perform the duties of the commander in the temporary absence of the commander and executive officer.

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24. Revised 6.4, adding sections 6.4.1, 6.4.2, 6.4.3, and 6.4.4 for clarity.
25. Added Section 6.4.5 to allow the Executive Committee or the squadron the option of electing or leaving vacant the position of administrative officer at the time of election.
26. Added Section 6.5.11 to conform to the *Bylaws of Tampa Power Squadron, Inc.* Section 5.2 as revised January 6, 2023.
27. Revised Section 6.8.2 to make it clear that Bridge members are not prohibited from serving on the Nominating Committee.
28. Added Section 6.11 to clarify that no squadron rank shall be authorized or conferred except as provided for in the squadron bylaws.
29. Revised Section 9.6.2 to provide for general and special meetings of the squadron by electronic means; removes the limit on the number of electronic meetings.
30. Revised Section 9.9.2 to provide for means of voting at electronic meetings.
31. Revised Section 11.2 to conform with USPS Bylaws Section 4.6 as amended September 4, 2021, providing that squadron educational officers and assistant squadron educational officers need not be approved by the National Educational Officer or designee.
32. Revised Section 11.5.3 to provide for a means of casting ballots in an election if the meeting is electronic.

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DETAILED CHANGE COMPARISONS

1.1 The name of this organization shall be Tampa Power Squadron, Inc. After notice in accordance with these bylaws, by vote of the voting members of the squadron at any regular or special meeting, and in accordance with the requirements of the Bylaws of the United States Power Squadrons, the Squadron may adopt a d/b/a name for doing business, provided that any state requirements for registration of a d/b/a are met.

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5.1.2 All bridge officers shall have been awarded at least one advanced grade and at least one merit mark. This requirement may be waived by the district commander for good cause in accordance with USPS bylaws Section 7.9.

5.1.2 [Reserved]

5.1.7 A vacancy occurring in any elective office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of this squadron, and a vacancy occurring in any appointive office shall be filled by appointment by the appointing authority. ~~Persons selected to fill vacancies in the offices of educational officer and assistant educational officer must have their qualifications approved as provided in 11.2 herein.~~

5.1.7 A vacancy occurring in any elective office shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of this squadron, and a vacancy occurring in any appointive office shall be filled by appointment by the appointing authority.

*5.2 The **bridge officers** of this squadron shall be the commander, who shall be the ranking officer, the executive officer, the educational officer, the administrative officer, the secretary and the treasurer, which officers shall be elected by the members qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting each year. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person ~~if so authorized by the Executive Committee.~~*

5.2 The elected bridge of the squadron shall be comprised of the commander, who shall be the ranking officer, and the lieutenant commanders. The lieutenant commanders shall be an executive officer, an educational officer, an administrative officer, a secretary, and a treasurer. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person.

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5.3 *The **Executive Committee** may authorize election of an assistant ~~educational officer, an assistant administrative officer, an assistant secretary, and/or an assistant treasurer.~~ If authorized, these assistants shall be elected, and serve with the rank of first lieutenant. Any such officers shall assist their principals and, in the absence or incapacity of their principals, act in the principals' stead.*

5.3 The Executive Committee may authorize election of an assistant for **each lieutenant commander**. **If the supervising office is vacant at the time of election, the corresponding assistance office shall also be vacant.** These assistants shall be elected and serve with the rank of first lieutenant. Any such officers shall assist their principals and, in the absence or incapacity of their principals, act in the principals' stead.

5.5 *There shall be a **Nominating Committee**, consisting of a chairman and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by the members, qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, each year for a term of three years.*

5.5 There **may** be a Nominating Committee **or Nominating Officer**, consisting of **one or an odd number** or members, each of whom may be elected by the members, one of whom shall be qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, for a **term of one year**.

5.6 *There shall be a **Rules Committee**, consisting of a chairman and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by the members, qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, each year for a term of three years.*

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5.7 *There shall be an **Auditing Committee**, consisting of a chairman and two other members, one of whom shall be elected by the members, qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, each year for a term of three years.*

5.7 There **may** be an Auditing Committee **or Auditing Officer**, consisting of **one or an odd number** of members, each of whom may be elected by the members, one of whom shall be qualified to vote and present at the annual meeting, for a **term of one year**.

5.8 *Certain **standing committees** shall report to the Executive Committee:*

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5.8.1 *The **Planning Committee** shall be composed of a chairman (preferably a senior member), who shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee. He shall study matters concerning the general welfare of this squadron and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. Items for study may be referred to him by the commander, the Executive Committee or the membership, or may arise within the Planning Committee chairman himself. He shall file an annual report with the Executive Committee at its meeting preceding the annual meeting.*

5.8.1 There **may** be a **Planning Committee**, composed of **one or an odd number of (preferably senior) members, all of whom** shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee **for a term of one year**. It shall study matters concerning the general welfare of this squadron and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee. Items for study may be referred to it by the commander, the Executive Committee or the membership, or may arise within the Planning Committee itself. It shall file an annual report with the Executive Committee at its meeting preceding the annual meeting.

5.8.2 *The **Budget and Finance Committee** shall be composed of a chairman, who shall be appointed annually by the Executive Committee. He shall work in close cooperation with the treasurer, prepare the budget and, in general, plan the overall financial affairs of this squadron. He shall present a budget annually to the Executive Committee for approval prior to its being presented at the annual meeting for adoption.*

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5.9 *Certain other **appointed committees** shall report to the commander or their respective department heads as required or directed.*

5.9 Certain other **appointed committees may be authorized by the Executive Committee and appointed by the commander**. **Such committee[s]** shall report to the commander or their respective department heads as required or directed.

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5.9.1 *The **Membership Committee** shall be composed of a chairman appointed annually by the commander. He shall be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the current edition of the USPS Membership Manual. He shall process all new membership applications and present to the Executive Committee an evaluation of every person applying for squadron membership. Additionally, he shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service and social activities of this squadron and ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities.*

5.9.2 *The **Member Involvement Committee** shall be composed of a chairman appointed annually by the commander. He shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service, and social activities of this squadron and shall work closely with the Membership Committee to ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities.*

5.9.1 The **Membership Committee** shall be composed of **three members** appointed annually by the commander. It shall be familiar with the policies and procedures outlined in the current edition of the USPS Membership Manual. It shall process all new membership applications and present to the Executive Committee an evaluation of every person applying for squadron membership. Additionally, it shall ensure that all members are kept aware of the educational, service and social activities of this squadron and ensure that new members become quickly involved in squadron activities.

5.9.2 *[Reserved]*

5.9.9 In lieu of an elected **Nominating Committee or Nominating Officer**, the Executive Committee shall appoint a temporary committee to perform the prescribed duties at a general membership meeting convening no later 90 days prior to the annual meeting. This temporary committee shall include the Executive Committee and the general members at said meeting. The temporary committee openly discusses each position to be elected and formulates the slate of candidates. The appointed committee shall be dissolved once the slate of candidates is presented and voted at the annual meeting.

5.9.10 In lieu of an elected **Rules Committee or Rules Officer**, the Executive Committee shall appoint a temporary committee to perform the prescribed duties at a general membership meeting lead a discussion with the general membership to perform the prescribed duties as soon as the need for bylaw amendments become apparent. Members of the Executive Committee may be appointed to the temporary Rules Committee. One member shall be selected to be the scribe and to perform necessary bylaw edits. The remaining committee members review the proposed document, ensuring that bylaws are ready for submission to the National Committee on Rules. The temporary committee shall be dissolved after the proposed amendments are adopted by the general membership. The squadron secretary shall complete the certification of adoption and notify the membership of the new bylaws.

5.9.11 In lieu of an elected **Auditing Committee or Auditing Officer**, the Executive Committee shall appoint either a temporary Audit Officer independent of the Bridge or an outside auditor to review the squadron's financial records.

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6.1.5 *Be, ex officio, a member of all committees and boards of this squadron except the Nominating, Rules, and Auditing Committees.*

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6.2 *The **executive officer** shall: (1) assist the commander; (2) have general supervision of the Executive Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the Executive Committee; (3) be, ex officio, a member of all committees of the Executive Department; and (4) in the temporary absence or incapacity of the commander, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the commander.*

6.2 *The **executive officer** shall:*

6.2.1 *Assist the commander;*

6.2.2 *Have general supervision of the Executive Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the Executive Committee;*

6.2.3 *Be, ex officio, a member of all committees of the Executive Department;*

6.2.4 *In the temporary absence or incapacity of the commander, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the commander.*

6.2.5 *The **Executive Committee** or the squadron at the time of election, may choose to leave this office vacant.*

6.3 *The **educational officer** shall: (1) assist the commander; (2) have general supervision of the Educational Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the Executive Committee; and (3) be, ex officio, a member of all committees of the Educational Department.*

6.3 *The **educational officer** shall:*

6.3.1 *Assist the commander **and advise the commander on all squadron educational matters and appointments;***

6.3.2 *Coordinate, **in conformance with national educational policies and procedures, the educational activities within the squadron;***

6.3.3 *Have general supervision of the Educational Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the Executive Committee;*

6.3.4 *Be, ex officio, a member of all committees of the Educational Department;*

6.3.5 ***Be a member of the National Educational Department.***

6.3.6 ***In the absence of the executive officer and in the temporary absence or incapacity of the commander, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the commander.***

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6.4 *The **administrative officer** shall: (1) assist the commander; (2) have general supervision of the Administrative Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the Executive Committee; (3) be, ex officio, a member of all committees of the Administrative Department; and (4) in the temporary absence or incapacity of the executive officer, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the executive officer.*

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6.4.2 Have general supervision of the Administrative Department as directed by the membership, the commander, or the Executive Committee;

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6.4.4 In the temporary absence or incapacity of the executive officer, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the executive officer.

6.4.5 *The Executive Committee or the squadron at the time of election, may choose to leave this office vacant.*

6.5.11 *The office of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person.*

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6.7.9 *Invite the law officer to its meetings when legal expertise is desirable. The law officer shall be entitled to speak at such meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.*

6.7.9 Invite **an attorney at law** to its meetings when legal expertise is desirable. The **attorney** shall be entitled to speak at such meetings but shall not be entitled to vote.

6.8 *The **Nominating Committee** shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chairman and members of each elective committee provided for herein and shall submit its written report to the secretary at least 40 days prior to the annual meeting.*

6.8 The Nominating Committee **or Nominating Officer, whether elected or appointed**, shall select a candidate for each elective office and for the chairman and members of each elective committee provided for herein and shall submit its written report to the secretary at least 40 days prior to the annual meeting. **If vacancies remain on the slate at the time of the annual meeting, they may be filled through floor nominations.**

6.8.2 *No member of this committee may also serve on the bridge; nor may a member be nominated by this committee for assumption of any bridge office commencing less than one year after the member's service on this committee ends; nor may any members serve again on this committee for at least one year after their service on this committee ends. For the purposes of this section a year shall be deemed to be the normal watch of bridge officers.*

6.8.2 *[Reserved]*

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6.9 *The Rules Committee shall be the guardian of adherence to the USPS bylaws, USPS policy and squadron bylaws. The committee members shall remain familiar with the current edition of Model Bylaws for Squadrons of USPS and prepare recommendations as necessary to keep this squadron's bylaws consistent with USPS policy. It shall prepare the wording of proposed amendments as may be directed by the Executive Committee, the membership or proposed on its own initiative.*

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6.10 *The Auditing Committee shall examine all records of the treasurer as of the last day of the squadron fiscal year and submit a report of its findings for action by a membership meeting not more than 60 days after the end of the fiscal year. An additional audit shall be performed and reported to the membership within 60 days should a different individual assume the office of treasurer prior to the end of the fiscal year.*

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6.11 **No rank shall be authorized or conferred except as provided for in this article.**

9.6.2 *Meetings of the Executive Committee may, when necessary, be conducted by electronic means, as defined by the currently available technology, provided that all other applicable sections of Article 9 are adhered to. Such meetings must be announced to all involved members and provision shall be provided for any member who wishes to monitor the proceedings and comment to the meeting any questions or concerns as if they were meeting in person. ~~Electronic meetings shall not exceed 25 percent of the Executive Committee meetings in any calendar year and shall not be used for general membership meetings.~~*

9.6.2 Meetings of the Executive Committee **and general or special meetings of the squadron or the annual meeting of the squadron** may, when necessary, be conducted by electronic means, as defined by the currently available technology, provided that all other applicable sections of Article 9 are adhered to. Such meetings must be announced to all involved members and provision shall be provided for any member who wishes to monitor the proceedings and comment to the meeting any questions or concerns as if they were meeting in person.

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9.9.2 *Voting shall be by voice unless a poll is demanded by a member duly qualified to vote, in which event votes shall be cast by a show of hands. Upon a motion supported by at least one-fifth of the voting members present a roll call vote shall be held. The presiding officer may require that voting be by secret ballot if circumstances warrant.*

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11.2 *The educational officer and the assistant educational officer (if any) are members of the USPS Educational Department, and shall be nominated and elected only after their qualifications have been approved by the national educational officer's designee.*

11.2 *[Reserved]*

11.5.3 *Election to a contested office shall be by secret ballot, unsigned and cast in person. Such elections shall be determined by a judge of election and not less than three tellers, all of whom shall be appointed by the commander. The secret ballots shall be delivered to the judge of election and opened and inspected by the tellers, and the final results shall be tabulated and announced to the members before the close of the meeting.*

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Tampa Power Squadron, Inc. Nominating Report



25 November 2023

To: All Tampa Power Squadron Members

Pursuant to Article 5, Section 5.9.9 of the *Bylaws of Tampa Power Squadron*, the following members have been nominated and have signified a willingness to serve in 2023 if elected.

Commander	R/C Anna Morris, SN
Executive Officer	P/R/C Frank E. Penny, SN
Educational Officer	Lt/C Scott Morris, P
Administrative Officer	P/C James R. Geske, AP-IN
Secretary	Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP
Treasurer	Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP
Immediate Past Commander	P/C John A. Orr, III, S
Ass't SEO	R/C Anna Morris, SN
Ass't Secretary	Lorella Fazio
Ass't Treasurer	Lorella Fazio
Member At-Large	Cindy Geske
Member At-Large	<u>Graciela Hiriogoyen</u>
Member At-Large	_____
Nominating	_____
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Rules	R/C Anna Morris, SN
Rules	Lt/C Thomas C. Thompson, AP
Rules	_____
Auditing	_____
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ExCom and Members Attending the 25 November Meeting

2024 Officer and Committee Appointments

Commander's Department

Aide to Commander.....**Scott Morris**
Calendar Coordinator.....**Cindy Geske**
Corporate Agent.....**Richard Holcomb**
Housing Officer.....**Graciela Hirigoyen**
Medical Officer or Advisor.....**Maria Holcomb**
Merit Mark.....**Anna Morris**
Parliamentarian.....**Pat Antoni**
Past Commander.....**John Orr**

Executive Officer Department

Boating Safety..... **Scott Morris**, Jim Greenhalgh, John Orr, Jason Smitke
Cooperative Charting.....**Richard Holcomb**, Anna Morris, Judy DeMeglio,
Cindy Geske, Jim Geske, Lorella Fazio, Graciela
Hirigoyen, Alan Holcomb, Maria Holcomb, Anna
Morris, Scott Morris, Frank Penny, Lea Ann Orr, John
Orr, Tom Thompson, Steph Thomas
Liaison..... **Thomas Thompson**, Jim Geske, Graciela Hirigoyen
Public Relations..... **Tom Thompson**, Richard Holcomb, Anna Morris,
Scott Morris, Tom Thompson
Radio Technical..... **Tom Thompson**, John Orr
Vessel Safety Check..... **John Orr**, Jim Geske, Jim Greenhalgh, Jason Smitke

Educational Officer Department

BPECom - Public Education....**Scott Morris**, Millie Nasta, Anna Morris, Jim Greenhalgh,
Frank Penny, Tom Thompson
Advanced Grades.....**Richard Holcomb**
 S - Boat Handling.....**Scott Morris**
 P - Marine Navigation.....**Anna Morris**
 AP - Adv Marine Nav.....**Anna Morris**
 JN - Offshore Navigation.. **Richard Holcomb**
 N - Celestial Navigation... **Richard Holcomb**
Elective Courses..... **Scott Morris**
 Cruising, Power & Sail.....**Anna Morris**
 Engine Maintenance..... **Scott Morris**
 Instructor Development.... **Scott Morris**
 Marine Electronics.....**Scott Morris**
 Sail.....**Anna Morris**
 Weather..... **Anna Morris**
Seminars..... **Anna Morris**
USPS Guides.....**Anna Morris**

Administrative Officer Department

- Boating Activities..... **Jim Geske**, Judy DeMagio, Lorella Fazio, Cindy Geske, Jim Greenhalgh, Graciela Hirigoyen, John Orr, Lea Ann Orr, Richard Holcomb, Anna Morris, Scott Morris, Ftsnk Penny, Steph Thomas, Tom Thompson
- Leadership Development..... **Anna Morris**
- Meetings & Programs..... **Jim Geske**, Pat Antoni, Cindy Geske, Anna Morris, Tom Thompson
- Membership..... **Tom Thompson**, Pat Antoni, Judy DeMeglio, Cindy Geske, Jim Geske, Graciela Hirigoyen, Anna Morris, Scott Morris, Frank Penny
- Operations Training..... **Pat Antoni**

Secretary Department

- BEACON 22 Correspondent.... **Pat Antoni**
- ENSIGN Correspondent..... **Pat Antoni**
- Historian..... **Anna Morris**
- Information Technology..... **Scott Morris**, Anna Morris, John Orr, Steph Thomas, Tom Thompson
- Photography..... **Cindy Geske**, Jim Geske, Jim Greenhalgh, Anna Morris, Scott Morris, John Orr, Frank Penny
- Public Contact..... **Scott Morris**
- Publications..... **Pat Antoni**, Cindy Geske, Jim Geske, Anna Morris, Scott Morris
- Roster..... **Cindy Geske**, Pat Antoni, Tom Thompson
- Ships Store..... **Tom Thompson**
- Webmaster..... **Scott Morris**

Treasurer Department

- Budget & Finance..... **Richard Holcomb**
- Property..... **Tom Thompson**, Anna Morris, Scott Morris

Tampa Squadron Calendar

The time for ALL Tampa Squadron meetings and social dinners is 1600 unless a different time is explicitly stated.

****SD**** denotes a special day; ****ST**** a special time

2024

• January

- 1 *New Year's Day*
- 6 *Epiphany*
- 6 **General Membership Annual Meeting** - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave ****SD****
- 10 *Marco Island COW*
- 12 *Ft. Myers COW*
- 13 **Al Anderson Park, 39699 US 19, Tarpon Springs/Tarpon Turtle Waterfront Grill**
- 13 *San Carlos Bay COW*
- 15 *Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day*
- 17 *Sanibel-Captiva COW*
- 19 *St. Petersburg COW*
- 20 *Clearwater COW*
- 21 **76th Change of Watch @ 1400** – Columbia Restaurant, 2117 E. 7th Ave, Ybor City ****ST****
- 25 *Sarasota COW*
- 28 *Peace River COW*

• February

- 1 *Anna Maria Island COW*
- 2 *USPS Charter Anniversary (1914 @ NY Yacht Club)*
- 2 *Naples COW*
- 3-12 **USPS Annual Meeting (Rosen Plaza, Orlando)**
- 4 *Lakeland COW*
- 11-18 **USPS Eastern Caribbean Cruise – CELEBRITY ASCENT**
- 14 *Ash Wednesday*
- 14 *Valentine's Day*
- 17 *Venice COW*
- 18 **Hillsborough River Cruise w/ Lakeland Squadron (Armature Works Luncheon)**
- 19 *President's Day*
- 23 *Cape Coral COW*
- 24 **Dinner Social & ExCom - Olive Garden, 1802 N Westshore Blvd**
- 24 *Manatee COW*

• March

- 9 **Ft. DeSoto Cruise and Rendezvous Picnic**
- 10 *Daylight Savings Time (Begins @ 0200)*
- 17 *St. Patrick's Day*
- 19 *Spring Equinox*
- 24 *Palm Sunday*
- 23 **General Membership & ExCom - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave ****SD******
- 29 *Good Friday*
- 31 *Easter*

Tampa Squadron Calendar

- April
 - **12-13 D/22 Spring Conference (Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda)**
 - *19 TPS Charter Anniversary (1948)*
 - **20 Calypso Breeze Lunch Cruise - 177 Boardwalk Place, Madeira Beach at John's Pass**
 - **27 Dinner Social & ExCom - Stefano's, 8600 56th St, Temple Terrace**

- May
 - **4 Boating/Social Activity - tba**
 - *12 Mother's Day*
 - **17 Wear Your Life Jacket at Work**
 - **18-24 National Safe Boating Week**
 - **18 General Membership & ExCom - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave ****SD******
 - *31 Memorial Day*

- June
 - *6 D-Day Remembrance*
 - **8 Boating/Social Activity - tba**
 - *10 TPS Burgee Anniversary (1957)*
 - *14 Flag Day*
 - *16 Father's Day*
 - *20 Summer Solstice*
 - **29 Dinner Social & ExCom - Red Lobster, 11601 N Dale Mabry Hwy**

- July
 - *4 Independence Day*
 - **13 Boating/Social Activity - tba**
 - **27 General Membership & ExCom - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave**

- August
 - **17 Boating/Social Activity - tba**
 - **31 Dinner Social & ExCom - LongHorn Steakhouse, 1820 N Westshore Blvd**

- September
 - *2 Labor Day*
 - **7 Boating/Social Activity - tba**
 - *11 Patriot Day*
 - **14 General Membership & ExCom - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave ****SD******
 - *22 Fall Equinox*
 - **22-30 Fall Governing Board (Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh)**

- October
 - *2 Rosh Hashanah*
 - **4-5 D/22 Fall Conference (Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center, 75 Taylor St, Punta Gorda)**
 - *11 Yom Kippur*
 - *14 Columbus Day*

Tampa Squadron Calendar

- 14 *USPS Founding (1913@ Boston YC)*
- 19 **Boating/Social Activity - tba**
- 26 **Pizza Party/ExCom - ABC Pizza House, 1242 W Hillsborough Ave**
- 31 *Halloween*

- November
 - 3 *Standard Time (Resumes @ 0200)*
 - 5 *Election Day*
 - 11 *Veterans Day*
 - 16 **Boating/Social Activity - tba**
 - 23 **General Membership & ExCom - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave **SD****
 - 28 *Thanksgiving*

- December
 - 7 *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*
 - 7 *Hanukkah*
 - 7 **ExCom/Christmas Party - Luis's Garden Grill, 4502 W Hillsborough Ave *SD****
 - 21 *Winter Solstice*
 - 21 **Tampa's Lighted Boat Parade - pontoon launches from Lowry Park Ramp**
 - 25 *Christmas*
 - 25 *Hanukkah*
 - 31 *New Year's Eve*

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