

International Submariner-USA

The International Submariners Association/USA is the United States arm of an informal international organization dedicated to promoting brotherhood among submarine veterans of all nations.

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Our Creed

The Purpose of the ISA-USA is to: Perpetuate the memory of those who have lost their lives in submarines and to further promote and keep alive the spirit and unity that exists among all submarine crewmen, to foster friendship and goodwill internationally, remembering always our belief in the freedom of thoughts, words and deeds. Every Member shall remain loyal to his country at all times.



The recent meeting of the International Submariners Association that was held in Israel was a delightful experience. The members were treated to some exotic dinners, interesting and informative tours, and the opportunity to observe one of their submarines that surfaced alongside of a pier.

There were about 300 attendees from 19 nations. This includes a member of the Japanese military who will make a report to the Japanese submariners. Russia led the attendance with 75 members.

This was my first visit to the Middle East and I am looking forward to the next reunion which will be held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Fred D. Wagner

President ISA/USA



How often do you attend the Annual International Congress?

If your answer to this is never, or very infrequently, then you are my target audience.

One of my primary reasons for becoming a member of ISA was to be able to travel to countries that would not ordinarily be on my list of interests. The most important benefit from this is to foster new friendships within the International Submariner Community.

When I joined ISA-USA, registrations were being taken for the 43rd Congress, hosted by The Russian Federation in Moscow. Wow! What an opportunity. Over 40 years ago when I was punching holes in the oceans, never *ever* did I think I would have the chance to visit Russia, but there I was standing in the middle of Red Square.

The year after that I found myself visiting France, and more specifically Cherbourg, and the Normandy beaches. I have always wanted to visit Normandy and there was my chance.

I missed the Congress in Poland but tried to make up for it when ISA-USA hosted the 46th Congress in San Diego last year.

It goes without saying that these types of vacations can become very expensive, and for that reason I have had to pass on a few, but when one considers everything that is built into these events it becomes a good foundation for continuing your vacation further.

I would like to encourage every member to consider any or all of the current schedule of countries that will host the next congresses.

They are:

2011 Istanbul, Turkey

2012 Kiev, Ukraine

2013 Italy

In closing, I would like to say that it is an honor to be the Vice President of such an extraordinary organization.

Fraternally,

John C. North

Vice President ISA-USA



Membership during the last 5 years in the ISA-USA has given me the opportunity to meet many people and visit major attractions in cities and countries that I most likely would never have had the opportunity to visit.

It is difficult to match the camaraderie and spirit of goodwill experienced at the annual ISA Congresses. Whether your interest is purely the adventures of travel, or that of sampling the cultural aspects of different countries, it is always close at hand when the submariner communities from some 19 to 21 countries gather each year.

For my own experience, the enjoyment I find in meeting submariners from around the World is priceless. In Russia 2006, it was the military history and wonderful baked foods. In Poland 2008, it was again the history of the country, and the wonderful vodka that has become World famous. Most recently, the history of the Holy Land, and the struggle for sustainment of the State of Israel, piqued my interests, and has opened up new areas of personal research for me. During 5 days of guided travel throughout Israel, to name a few highlights of the trip, our group visited Nazareth, Acre, Jerusalem, an Arabian community, Masada, The Dead Sea, and a Naval Base at Haifa, where we were all hosted to a submarine surfacing. When was the last time you witnessed a submarine surfacing within the harbor of the naval base? Our Israeli hosts were absolutely generous and superb in all respects.

Each international congress experience stands on its own, and has had its own specialties and rewards for me, and I'm sure it will serve to your satisfaction as well.

Gil Miller, Recorder

ISA-USA



Gil Miller, John Stanford, Devere Pyatte, and Gil Engels



Bill and Shirley Windle In Petra, Jordan



Left - John Ulmen, Fred Wagner and Masanori Tonegawa (Japan)



Message from Ken Earls: Your current roster of elected officers has one last task to complete, which is to stimulate the nomination process for the next generation of leaders of the ISA-USA. Nominations are now being solicited for the five elected positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member At Large.

I strongly encourage you to visit our web site, www.isausa.org to see the most recent addition – the newly prepared Operations Manual. This document outlines the general duties of each elected position. This document is, of course, a living document, subject to changes by each administration as they view the progress of the ISA-USA.

The web site also outlines the upcoming election. I will repeat it here. Nominations will take place from June 1st through July 14th. Ballots will be sent out on July 16th and voting can take place until August 28th. The change of command ceremony will take place at the USSVI convention in Ft. Mitchell on Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 10:30 AM.

All of us are volunteers; you can't get in the Navy without volunteering and you certainly can't get into submarines without volunteering. Now is the time to make your mark on our organization as it begins it's next significant stage of life. Nominate a worthy shipmate or nominate yourself. Contact Devere Pyatte for making your nominations at: dpyatte@comcast.net.

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE MEMBER AT LARGE?



Hi my name is (Bill) William J. Windle and I have been your ISA-USA Member at Large since the spring of 2009. I was appointed to fill the Member at Large position when this Executive Board position became vacant.

Prior to serving as Member at Large I served for a year and a half as your stand-by Member at Large which is a non-voting position on the Executive Board. I also worked on the San Diego Congress Committee for the ISA 46th Congress held in San Diego in September of 2009 and have been a life member of ISA-USA since 2003.

It is the responsibility of the Member-at-Large (MAL) to understand and be prepared to step

into any office on the Executive Board should an office become vacant for any reason. The MAL must also be prepared to immediately take charge of the duties and responsibilities of the vacant office. Therefore the MAL must be involved in all aspects of ISA and ISA-USA by attending meetings, conference calls, special events, and ISA conventions around the world. The MAL should also make every effort to maintain contact with the various committees that the Executive Board has established. The MAL must also be prepared to accept any responsibility's or duties the President assigns to the MAL involving ISA or ISA-USA business.

It has been a pleasure to have served my first term as your ISA-USA Member at Large.

(Bill) William J. Windle
Member at Large

ISA-USA Business Meeting (BM)-47th Congress: Netanya, Israel May 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Wagner at approximately 1705.

Self-introductions were completed by all in attendance, which included; Fred Wagner, Mike Jansen, Devere Pyatte, John Stanford, Dave Harvey, John L. Ulmen, Dick Fyten, Ed Kracker, Blair Barrows, Arthur Ober, Bill Windle, and Gil Miller.

The Minutes of the Annual Business Meeting (ABM) held on September 11, 2009 at the 46th Congress in San Diego were read by the Recorder and approved with one request for clarification.

J. Stanford requested clarification of the name "Ken Messerschmidt," and stated that he believes the name in the minutes is "Jack" Messerschmidt. Clarification was so noted.

It was announced the report of the 46th Congress is pending and will be made available in the upcoming ISA-USA Newsletter.

F. Wagner announced that compliments by various other country delegates continue coming in for the outstanding 46th Congress in San Diego.

Old Business: None.

New Business: F. Wagner announced that a change in officers is pending due to term limits. A call for nominations will be forthcoming following today's meeting.

By-laws change proposals (3 issues) were announced by F. Wagner and read for qualification and vote to be made by members present at the BM which constitutes a quorum. Prior to the reading, a vote on the proposals

was called for by D. Fyten, followed by a request from G. Miller for a reading and discussion of each proposal first for clarification; F. Wagner read each by-law change proposal.

(1) Change in ISA-USA Officer make-up to realign offices as follows: Eliminate Recorder and separate Secretary/Treasurer into Secretary and Treasurer offices.

(2) Add the requirement for the Member-at-Large (MAL) and the Standby Member-at-Large to read "Shall be qualified in submarines in the United States Navy."

(3) Establish that the Chairman of the Nomination Committee shall have the authority to reject any nomination of a member in good standing, if that member is clearly unqualified or unprepared to fill the position to which he has been nominated. Additionally, any member may be rejected if he has been the subject of improper conduct associated with any veterans group, including ISA-USA.

B. Windle moved that By-Law change proposal #1 be accepted to re-align the offices to eliminate the office of Recorder, and establish Secretary and Treasurer positions. The motion was seconded.

D. Pyatte stated By-Law proposal #3 puts too much responsibility on the Chairman of the Nomination Committee and that an Eboard decision may be called for in matters involving a nominee's qualifications for office.

F. Wagner called for a separate vote for each proposed By-law change.

Proposal #1 Discussed.

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Prior to Proposal #1 discussion, J. Stanford requested clarification of the two MAL Positions (Proposal #2). Clarification was completed by B. Windle and F. Wagner

Proposal #1: Vote:

A motion was made and seconded to separate the Office of Secretary-Treasurer. The proposed By law change so passed unanimously by a vote of the members present.

Proposal #2. Discussed. (See Prior to Proposal #1 discussion above).

Proposal #2: Vote. A motion was made and seconded to add the "Qualified in Submarines in the U.S. Navy" requirement to the MAL offices. The proposed By-law change so passed unanimously by a vote of the members present.

Proposal #3. Discussed. D. Fyten moved to introduce and accept the proposal. He called for a second to the motion with an explanation of why a need exists to maintain high standards and protocol within the organization (ISA-USA), to include adherence to proper qualifications and standards of conduct.

G. Miller: Countered the proposal by stating the proposal is un-democratic. By adding the proposed By-law change (Proposal #3) requirements, establishing additional qualifications to hold office, would be an action taken that is contrary to the nature and intent of the organization (ISA-USA).

J. Stanford: Stated the proposed By-law (Proposal #3) is ambiguous, and would likely put the organization (ISA-USA) in a position

which may result in the loss of members.

D. Pyatte: Stated concern for approval of Proposal #3, stating that the Nomination Committee Chairman is being put in a difficult position and an Executive Board action would be more appropriate

A motion was made to table the proposal and it was seconded. Proposal #3 was tabled by a majority vote of the members present (10 Yes-2 No).

F. Wagner called for Istanbul 48th Congress attendance interest and support from within the members present.

Per decree by F. Wagner, D. Pyatte was officially appointed as Chairman of the Nomination Committee. It was announced that a single nomination each had been received for the office of President and MAL. Officer nominations open June 1st and stay open for approximately 6 weeks. Elections are scheduled for early July, close in August, and the final results and "change of command" ceremony will be made at the USSVI Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

B. Windle moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and F. Wagner adjourned the meeting at approximately 1730.

Submitted by,

Gil Miller, Recorder
ISA-USA

Secretary/Treasurer's Report:

Membership

As of May 31, 2010, the ISA-USA consists of 576 members. Here is a little more information about our members: 476 have e-mail addresses; 541 are Life members; 157 (27.25%) live in California, 56 (9.7%) live in Florida, 201 (34.9%) live in a Pacific Coast State and 192 (33.3%) live in an Atlantic Coast State.

Funds

As of May 31, 2010 we had \$13,891.21 in three bank accounts. We have \$1,786.59 in checking, \$7,092.45 in Savings and \$5,012.17 in a Time Account. We have unpaid bills payable to the Secretary/Treasurer in the amount of \$1,345. Many supplies are purchased on the internet and it is much easier to use a credit card for these purchases. Most of the payable is for the recently mailed new membership cards and postage.

Financial recap of the 46th ISA Convention hosted by ISA-USA**Income**

Individual Contributors	\$1,926	
USSVI Bases	740	
Corporate sponsors	21,000	
Registration fees	<u>136,710</u>	Net of credit card fees and bank transfer fees.
Total Income	\$160,376	

Expenses

Preparation expenses	16,878	Includes two years of preparation and numerous trips to San Diego plus Insurance
Arrival Day expenses	9,689	Includes gift bag and contents
Opening Day expenses	36,257	Mainly the opening dinner also Old Town tour and lunch
Day Two expenses	31,949	Includes Admiral Kidd Club, wreath laying and BBO
Day three tours	14,528	Pays for Zoo or City tours
Day four Gala dinner	39,510	Rental of Midway, music and meal
Departure day and DVDs	<u>4,075</u>	buses and DVDs for all attendees
Total expenses	<u>152,886</u>	
Profit	\$7,490	
Contribution to Dolphin Scholarship Fund	<u>2,000</u>	
Net Profit	\$5,490	

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