

**Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee Report: NASBLA Business Meeting, Sept. 28, 2020
Delivered by ERAC Chair Seth Wagner, FL.**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I'd like to begin by expressing appreciation to all of our committee members—State, Associate, and U.S. Coast Guard representatives—for persevering during this difficult year and sharing their expertise as time allowed. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank the entire NASBLA Executive Board for its continuing support, and offer special thanks to our Board Liaison Dan Heskett, BLA from Kansas, for his valued participation in our activities over the last two years.

At the start of this committee cycle, ERAC was assigned **six** charges -- two associated with the national recreational boating incident reporting policy project that has been conducted in collaboration with the U.S. Coast Guard and the States since November 2017. Incorporated into this briefing by reference is a written report presenting the status of all of our charges and outlining recommendations for 2021. The report and its appendices are available on our committee webpage.

Today, though, I'd like to highlight ERAC's highest profile, highest priority charge for this cycle: **completion of our committee role in phase one of the recreational boating incident reporting policy project.** By "completion," I mean delivery of the consensus recommendations package to the NASBLA Executive Board in June for its release of the product to you, in the States, for a July vote of acceptance and approval to transmit it to the Coast Guard.

This consensus product would not have been possible without the overwhelming participation of the project workgroup, this committee, and the States in review and comment periods, teleconferences, and in-person forums. The measure passed in July, with 54 of the 56 NASBLA member jurisdictions casting ballots. Notably, representation from **ALL 50 States** voted for acceptance. Following certification of the vote on August 6th, the entire package was transmitted to the Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety to guide its development of national reporting policy and regulatory provisions.

As a result of this major action during the summer, we have no items for your vote at this time.

In the 2021 cycle, ERAC will engage in the second phase of this policy project, continuing our work on best practices and other guidance to effectively implement the recommendations and collaborating with the project workgroup in the design of the reporting system and database. However, we also intend to expand our work in collecting and analyzing human performance data in boating incidents; and, when the reports and data are released by the Coast Guard, we plan to evaluate the exposure hour results and methods from the National Recreational Boating Safety Surveys. Finally, an overarching project in the new cycle will take us through an evaluation of our online tools and presence to ensure that we're effectively sharing our committee products with our target users.

This concludes the Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee report for 2020. On behalf of the committee, I move for NASBLA membership acceptance of this report.

Thank you.