

Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee Report NASBLA Business Meeting, Sept. 13, 2016, Seattle, WA – Glenn Moates, 2016 Chair

In the 2016 cycle, the Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee (ERAC) conducted charge work in four subcommittees created early in the calendar year: Administrative charges steered by the committee's leadership team, but calling upon the resources of the entire committee; Accident Reporting & Analysis; Special Projects; and Engineering and Equipment Issues

Project teams took the lead on nine (9) charges in these broad areas, and also completed significant monitoring and resource activities. The bulk of team work was conducted online and by teleconference. However, ERAC also conducted a full committee meeting on Friday, February 19, 2016, in Lexington, KY.

I want to thank our charge team leaders and all of our members—State, Associate, and U.S. Coast Guard representatives—for their continuing dedication. But I would like to give special acknowledgments to our Immediate Past Chair Tammy Terry, who served in her leadership role for nearly six years, and whose influence can still be seen in the results from this cycle; and to Vice Chair Kris Wahlers and subcommittee leaders Seth Wagner, Joe McCullough, and Penny Kanable, who stepped into these new roles early in 2016. On behalf of the entire committee, I would also like to extend our appreciation to Executive Board Liaison Eleanor Mariani and the entire board for their continuing support.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, ERAC briefed the membership on major charge activities for the 2016 cycle. Two actions—both dealing with accident reporting—were described again this morning in the board's presentation of NASBLA accomplishments. Neither could have been achieved without significant NASBLA member participation, and for that we extend our thanks.

ERAC's full, written 2016 cycle committee report, containing links and products associated with our charges, is posted to NASBLA's 2016 Committee Reports page and to our ERAC committee products page www.nasbla.org/eracdocs.

We have no action items for membership's consideration and vote as part of this 2016 report.

As we look ahead to the 2017 cycle, ERAC has been notified by the Executive Board of nine (9) initial charges for the new year, and along with these charges, we will be taking on additional monitoring and topic explorations that will round out our portfolio of work for the new cycle. Our activities will be in five subcommittees that reflect the major components of ERAC's charter in support of NASBLA's mission and in service to the states. They are: Monitoring & Evaluation; Knowledge & Content Management; Investigation, Reporting & Analysis; RBS Statistics & Research; and Engineering & Equipment.

Our 2017 charges and other planned activities are described in more detail in an appendix to our written committee report, so I will just mention a few areas in which we will be working:

- One is continuing development of the NASBLA Lighthouse, our online forum. We want to ensure that the boating data, research, and resources it features will be useful and timely, and that it will be a place where members **want** to actively participate in online discussions of related issues.
- Another is our close monitoring and assessment of Coast Guard policy and regulatory actions, especially—though not exclusively—those that relate to accident reporting criteria and processes. We want to ensure that we can quickly inform you, the membership, about those actions as they occur, and then bring you into our evaluation of them.

- A final point I'll mention is our plans for continuing creation and widespread rollout of tools that assist not only in capturing and recording critical details about recreational boating accidents, but also the use of that data. To that end, I'd like to remind you that in coming weeks we will be rolling out a template product—built into BARD-Web—that will allow state users the ability to pull state-level statistical reports (in Microsoft Word format) from the accident data you enter into the system.

We look forward to continuing our work in service to the entire NASBLA membership.

On behalf of the Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee, I move for NASBLA Membership acceptance of this report.

Thank you.