

## **Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee (ERAC) Report NASBLA Business Meeting, Sept. 12, 2017, Rapid City, SD – Glenn Moates, 2017 Chair**

In the 2017 cycle, the Engineering, Reporting & Analysis Committee conducted work in five subcommittees representing major areas of our charter: Monitoring & Evaluation; Knowledge & Content Management; Investigation, Reporting & Analysis; RBS Statistics & Research; and Engineering and Equipment.

Project teams took the lead on nine (9) assigned charges and five (5) other related monitoring activities and topic explorations. The bulk of work was conducted online or by teleconference. However, ERAC also held a full-day, committee meeting on Friday, March 31, 2017, in Lexington, KY.

I'd like 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 Vice Chair Kris Wahlers and to subcommittee leaders Seth Wagner, Joe McCullough, and Penny Kanable. On behalf of ERAC, I would also like to extend our appreciation to Board Liaison Kenton Turner and the entire Executive Board for their continuing support.

On Sunday, Sept. 10, ERAC briefed membership on major charge activities for the 2017 cycle. Our full, written 2017 committee report, with 2018 recommendations, includes links to webpages, along with products and other supporting items that can be downloaded. These are posted to our committee charges/products page on the NASBLA website (<https://www.nasbla.org/nasblamain/advocacy/erac/charges>).

We have no action items for membership's consideration and vote as part of this 2017 report.

Looking ahead to the 2018 cycle, ERAC has recommended that we continue seven (7) charges for all or part of the new year. Along with these charges, we will continue collaborating with other NASBLA policy committees—especially Paddlesports and Education & Outreach—on topics of mutual interest.

I will mention three areas where ERAC will place special emphasis:

- One is completion of the written policy guidance for the states' collection and reporting of recreational boating accidents to the U.S. Coast Guard, or what we shorthand as the "BAR manual." We look forward to close collaboration with the Coast Guard and especially the Office of Auxiliary & Boating Safety on this and other policy and regulatory efforts in 2018.
- Another is refining our work on human error and the impacts on recreational boating fatalities and casualties. We look forward to continuing this project with our pilot states and engaging with the National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) on related human factors efforts.
- Finally, is our continuing development of the Lighthouse, our online forum and resource center. We want to ensure that the data, research, library and discussion features will be most useful to the needs of members and partners in all sectors that have an interest in recreational boating safety.

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 2017 report.

Thank you.