

Past Presidents' Advisory Council (PPAC)

By Terry Clark

As I assume my newly elected position as Chair of the Past Presidents' Advisory Council, the first order of business is to express our great gratitude to outgoing Chair Jack Marley whose five years of service on behalf of PPAC have made a tremendous contribution to the PaBIA Board and the Islanders' Association. Jack will truly be missed not only for his institutional knowledge of the organization and the issues, but also for his friendly yet business-like approach and the ability to focus on both the practical and the long term needs of our water-based community.

PPAC is a Committee of the Board consisting of Past Presidents who, based on their historic involvement, review and advise on major current issues; make recommendations to the Board; and nominate candidates for Committee and Board positions. As with the prior Board structure, the Chair of PPAC is a member of the Board and, under the new structure and By-Laws adopted at the 2010 AGM, heads up the Governance Portfolio responsible for Strategic Planning in addition to the Nominating and By-Law review functions of the Board.

The PPAC process of searching for interested volunteers is ongoing throughout the year and, as seen in other Yearbook reports, has resulted in great succession candidates taking over responsibilities to chair the Senior Regatta, Sailing, Member Events and Marketing Committees and the position of Community Liaison. If you would like to serve on a committee or otherwise become involved in PaBIA, please let us know. Our contact with you, and your interest in participation, is fundamental to maintaining the viability of our 103 year old association with fresh current energy.

Under its other functions this past year, PPAC has reviewed and provided its input to the Board on a number of minor as well as major issues, including the many considerations on how to approach and best handle the Pontiac Islands (which will be discussed at the 2011 AGM), and also completing the process of updating the By-Laws to conform fully to the governance amendments adopted at the 2010 AGM. We hope to have that process finalized, and adopted by the Board, so that the new set of By-Laws will be published and available in advance of this year's Annual Meeting.

The active members of PPAC in 2010 and continuing into 2011 include (in the order of their recency):

Doug Hall
Ken Williams
Martha Hall Findlay
Jeff Shearer
Terry Clark
Gary French
Jack Marley

Bob Metcalfe
Roy Schatz
Bill Prior