

Voyageurs,

I know that I have said this before, but I still do not have all of the Officer's lists and bonding nor the Cheminots and Sous Cheminots.

I need the Officers list and bonding from the following Voitures: 553, 1494 and 1536. Remember you must include a check for \$10.00, with your bonding form.

I also need the following Grands Cheminots and Sous Grands Cheminots: District 2 Sous, District 3 Sous, District 5 Cheminot & Sous, and District 10 Cheminot & Sous.

Finally I need the Officers elected at the Petite Promenade in the U.P.

I would like to be able to pass out the Grande Officer Roster at the Fall Cheminot on October 8th but I will need to have all of the above information to me by September 15th. There is a working copy of the Grand Officers Roster on the web site; please check it to make sure that your information is correct.

One more point on the Officers list and bonding. Any event that you are holding at your Voiture will not be placed on the Grande Calendar and your request for the Grand Chef de Gare to attend any of your local events will be denied until I receive your Officers list and bonding.

Hope to see all of you at the Fall Cheminot in Monroe on October 7-8. All Grande Officers, Directeurs, and Cheminots you should be working on your reports that you need to turn into the Sous Correspondant at the Fall Cheminot. Grand Cheminots make sure to contact the Voitures in your district so that you will be able to report on their activities.

The State Wreck December 12, 2011 at Voiture 997.  
Please bring your PGs.

The new membership Quota and Goal have been released. The Grande's Quota is 1618 down 153 from last year's 1771. The Grande's Goal is 1650 down 165 from last year's 1815.

Here are some of the reports from Promenade Nationale:

Rules and Order, Glen DeLoach, the rules of the Promenade Nationale were read and approved.

Constitution and By-Laws, Glen DeLoach, there was a resolution from Grande du Kansas that was out of order because it was forwarded to the Finance Committee. The Grande du California offered the following resolutions concerning some of the wording of the Constitution:

Preamble, remove "during all wars and conflicts, recognized by the Congress of the United States,"  
Article V, Section 6a., line 2 remove ", and that his dues for the current year therein have been paid."

Article V, Section 6f., line 1 replace “Section 10” to “Section 9”

Article V, Section 11, line 8 replace “as to their character, reputation” to “as to the reason they were not accepted

A notion from the Grande du Florida for more “housekeeping” word changes to the Constitution was withdrawn. It needs to be put in a resolution.

A resolution from the Grande du Texas, concerning changing the makeup of the Committee on Committees did not pass. The vote was tied 8 to 8 and the Committee Chairman broke the tie with his non vote.

Voiture Activities, Glen DeLoach, 39 reports were received, 4 reports were a day late and were not counted. Certificates of Appreciation were passed out. There was a discussion on how to make the report and on how to score it. Put everything you do on the report. To score the report take the membership divide it by the number of activities and divide that by the number of voyageurs participating. The lower the result the better ( $80/10/25=0.32$ ,  $80/10/50=0.16$ ). Also send a copy of your rolling stock report to the Voiture Activities Directeur.

Public Relations, Glen DeLoach, there was some talk about how the Grandes and Locales are using newsletters and the web to get the message out about the 40/8. They recommend that you wear some type of 40/8 item everywhere you go and make sure you have a membership application on you.

Membership, Dave Webb, we lost 1517 members due to taps. There is a new incentive this year. If you recruit 10 or more you receive a gold super recruiter badge for your chapeau.

Youth Sports, Dave Webb, Grande du Pennsylvania requested \$2,000 for Special Olympics, passed. Only 19 Grandes reported. Pins are \$2.00 and cards are \$0.50.

Time and Place, Dave Webb, 2012 Kentucky stated that busses will run on time. Early bird party at the race track and food will served on time. Allrooms have refrigerators and are smoke free. 2013 Arizona stated that the hotel is 8 miles from the airport and that they will not run out of Miller Lite or Bud Light. The 2014 Promenade Nationale will be held in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Nurses Training, Doug Carignan, and Butch Miller spoke on the Boland Trust Fund and said most reasons that the forms were turned back to the Voiture Locales, was because:

1. Locale didn't sign the form
2. School didn't fill out their portion of the form.

Approval time for the Boland Trust to go through Voiture National went from 20 days to 15 days. Amount of money a Voiture can get once their monies are exhausted is \$1000.00 which will be sent right to the School.

Discussion was held on "Nurse of the Year" and we were told that it had to go through Finance and Resolutions committee. Nurses Training pins are \$3.00 and send back \$2.00. The Boland trust fund has raised the amount of the

cap on scholarships from \$1,000 to \$1,250. Also, the Grande can now apply for one scholarship. It takes about 15 days, on average, to get the check after the application has been received.

Ritual, Doug Carignan, 21 Grand's sent in Reports. There were 3 ideas for this year's password. The password will be given out at Fall Cheminot.

Resolutions, Joe Jamnick, Resolution presented to members from KS discussing financial matters. Representative from Grande du Kansas spoke on the matter, Patriot Out Reach. H. Owenby offered a notion to present on the floor at the Promenade, seconded and approved. FL resolution read, notion offered-seconded-discussion, suggestion finance reviews, notion to do so and approved. CA resolution read pertaining to constitution, notion read pertaining to constitution, notion offered and seconded, Discussion sentence of preamble change, approved. CA resolution read pertaining to Article 5 of constitution, notion to accept, seconded and approved. CA resolution read on Article 5 section II, words to be replaced, notion offered, seconded and approved. TX resolution constitution Article 8, section 9 read, notion offered, seconded, discussion, question on wording of Chef de Chem de Fer status, total resolution fully read, many discussed on the wording and vote status, 18 shown by hands, 9 oui, 9 non, tied, notion to forward to constitution failed.

Yours in Service

Glen DeLoach  
Grand Correspondant