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RE: NASBLA Quarterly Grant Report - A Proposal to Develop and Deliver a Training Academy for New Boating Law Administrators Grant No. 1002.16

Dear Mike:

Herewith you will find the final grant project report for the NASBLA - Coast Guard Grant Agreement 1002.16. This report is for the period October 1, 2010 – December 31, 2011.

I. Narrative Performance Report

The grant for developing and delivering a training academy for new boating law administrators was a resounding success! Eleven new state recreational boating safety program leaders gathered in Lexington, Kentucky for the first New Boating Law Administrator Academy.

State RBS Program Leader	State or Territory	Registered Boats 2010	Estimated Boaters
Michael Hunt	Guam Police Department	2,679	16,744
Andrew Quitugua	Guam Police Department	*	*
Michael Portteus	Indiana DNR Law Enforcement	281,908	1,761,925
Susan Stocker	Iowa DNR, Conservation & Recreation Division	209,660	1,310,375
Merri Walker	Massachusetts Environmental Police	144,158	900,988
Thomas Roam	Missouri State Highway Patrol	297,200	1,857,500
Aniceto Ogumoro	Northern Mariana Islands, Dept of Public Safety	325	2,031
Rodger Norcross	Ohio DNR, Division of Watercraft	399,884	2,499,275
Laurel Anders	Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission	338,201	2,113,756
Darren Rider	Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency	266,185	1,663,656
Thomas Guess	Virginia Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries	248,248	1,551,550
		<b>2,188,448</b>	<b>13,677,800</b>

\* Andrew Quitugua is the assistant BLA for Guam and thus the numbers were not counted twice.

As noted in the chart above, **these eleven leaders represent RBS programs that affect an estimated 13,667,800 boaters using some 2,188,448 recreational vessels – nearly 20% of the nation’s boating population**

Some comments from the evaluations include:

*As a new boating law administrator I got to understand the functions of a BLA and to assist/support and guide my state to a better start.*

*The discussions during the course, between the instructors and amongst attendees, were very purpose driven and informative.*

*NASBLA provided a lot of information in short amount of time but it was all relevant to my everyday job.*

*[The Academy was] very well organized with meaningful information.*

Also in the evaluations, 100% of respondents said they were either “satisfied” or “very satisfied” with the Academy.

Eighty percent (80%) of the respondents said they would apply information from the Academy in their work within the next month.

Eighty percent (80%) of the respondents said they would initiate something new as a result of something they learned or thought about at the Academy within the next month.

A copy of the BLA Academy agenda is attached with this report.

## II. Obstacles/Impediments

There are no significant obstacles or impediments to report at this time.

## III. Financial Status Report

Financial report, Form 425, has been submitted under separate cover.



If you have any questions, or if I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 859.225.9487.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Johnson", written in a cursive style.

John M. Johnson  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Association of State Boating Law Administrators

# NASBLA New Boating Law Administrator Academy Agenda

July 18-22, 2011

Lexington, Kentucky

Monday, July 18, 2011		
7:45 am	Academy Class Meets in Lobby	Holiday Inn Express Lexington
8:30 am	<b>Welcome, Introductions</b>	Boone Center University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky
9:00 am	<b>DISC Behavioral &amp; Values/Motivators Assessments</b> Randy Lisk, Founder, Lisk Associates Ryan Lisk, Managing Partner, Lisk Associates	
Noon	Lunch	Boone Center Dining Room
1:30 pm	<b>BLA, BLA, BLA - What's a BLA?</b> A discussion of the roles and responsibilities that boating law administrators perform	
2:30 pm – 5:30 pm	<b>All About NASBLA</b> Jim Graybeal, NASBLA President Mike Fields, NASBLA Vice President John Johnson, NASBLA Executive Director Ron Sarver, NASBLA Deputy Director  Mission, Core Services, History/background, Policy Committees, Leadership, Key Projects, Training, Role in RBS Community & Relationships, Staff, the Future	

Tuesday, July 19, 2011		
7:45 am	Academy Class Meets in Lobby	Holiday Inn Express Lexington
8:30 am	<b>Morning Welcome</b>	West Family D Second Floor Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill Harrodsburg, Kentucky
9:00 am	<b>The National Recreational Boating Safety Program – A Program Overview</b> Vann Burgess Program Operations Branch U. S. Coast Guard	
Noon	Lunch	Trustees Dining Room
2:00 pm	<b>Say this. Not that.</b> <i>Working with the media in good times and bad.</i> Mary Hemlepp Mary Hemlepp Marketing & Communications	
4:00 pm	Roundtable Discussion	

**Wednesday, July 20, 2011**

7:45 am	Academy Class Meets in Lobby	Holiday Inn Express Lexington
8:30 am	<b>Morning Welcome</b>	Salato Wildlife Education Center Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources 1 Game Farm Road Frankfort, Kentucky
9:00 am	<b>Getting the Most Out of Your Relationship with Your Director/Boss</b> Ed Carter, Executive Director Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency	
Noon	Lunch	Salato Wildlife Center
1:00 pm	Tour of Salato Wildlife Education Center & Kentucky Game Farm	
2:00 pm	<b>Boating Safety Program Components, Resources &amp; Partnerships and the National RBS Strategic Plan</b> Discussion of the components of a state recreational boating safety program, the National RBS Strategic Plan, and resources and partnerships you can use to help achieve your program goals. John Fetterman	
4:00 pm	Roundtable Discussion	

**Thursday, July 21, 2011**

7:45 am	Academy Class Meets in Lobby	Holiday Inn Express Lexington
8:30 am	<b>Morning Welcome</b>	Portofino's Community Room 249 East Main St Lexington, Kentucky
9:00 am	<b>National RBS State Grant Program - A Financial Overview</b> Pavlo Oborski, Grants Management Branch Chief U.S. Coast Guard	
Noon	Lunch	
1:30 pm	<b>State Legislative Boot Camp</b> Charlie Sledd, former BLA, Virginia Matt Long, NASBLA Government Affairs Director  Learn about the differences between regulations and statutes, the skills needed for working with legislators and the current realities facing state legislatures and agencies, and how you can best navigate the political situation in your state.	
4:00 pm	Roundtable Discussion	

**Friday, July 22, 2011**

7:45 am	Academy Class Meets in Lobby	Holiday Inn Express Lexington
8:30 am	<b>Morning Welcome</b>	Dryer House Woodford Reserve Versailles, Kentucky
9:00 am	<b>New Demographic, Social and Economic Realities and Recreational Boating Law Issues</b>  We are going through major demographic, social, and economic changes in the United States. How do these demographic, social and economic changes impact boating and boating law issues? How do these issues vary from region to region and state to state? Come listen and discuss the future.  Ron Crouch, Director Research and Statistics Office of Employment and Training KY Education & Workforce Development Cabinet	
11:00 am	Closing Roundtable	
Noon	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Adjourn	