

Chapter 4 - Appendix B

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This list is NOT meant to be all-inclusive or a definitive list of the people who should attend a PAWSA, but rather a place to start looking for representatives of the key interest groups. While all the organizations listed below represent their members on a national level in the U.S., it is almost always preferable to have regional, local experts attend the workshop to give their more focused input. In addition, the personality of the representative is very important. If he / she will be disruptive to the group dynamic, will promote an agenda without listening objectively to other's concerns, or will most likely use this process as a "soapbox," look elsewhere for a representative for that particular interest group; otherwise, the PAWSA will suffer.

Some of the representatives listed below fall into more than one interest group. To minimize the length of this document, common sense should dictate who might fit into other groups. If the waterway shares a boundary with another country, or is frequented by a nearby foreign community, obtain similar representatives from those regions. Each group listed below provides one or more websites to obtain contact information.

- **Environmental** - *scientists (industry & university), Environmental Protection Agency, State / local Fish and Game, "Green" organizations*

- **Fishing** – *commercial, charter, sport, recreational, subsistence*

The USCG's Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Program has Marine Inspectors that may be able to help direct you to an appropriate representative. At this time there is no known commercial fishing vessel organization.

<http://www.fishsafe.info/>

- **Infrastructure** – *USCG Aids to Navigation Commanding Officers, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, construction operations, dredging, bridge tenders*

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers mission is to provide quality, responsive engineering services to the U.S. including: planning, designing, building, and operating water resources and other civil works projects (navigation, flood control, environmental protection, disaster response, etc.); designing and managing the construction of military facilities for the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force (Military Construction); providing design and construction management support for other Department of Defense and federal agencies (Interagency and International Services).

<http://www.usace.army.mil>

- **Large Commercial Vessels** – *pilots, deep draft mariners*

The American Pilots' Association is the national trade association of professional maritime pilots in the U.S.

<http://www.americanpilots.org/>

Masters, Mates, and Pilots (MM&P) represents Licensed Deck Officers, state pilots and other marine personnel on U.S. flag commercial vessels sailing in international trade, the inland waterways and Great Lakes of the United States, the Panama Canal and Caribbean, as well as crews sailing civilian-crewed military vessels of the United States.

<http://www.bridgedeck.org/>

- **Law Enforcement** – *marine patrol, USCG Station / Group Commanding Officers, USCG Investigators, State / local Fish and Game, harbor master, port captain*

Refer to local phonebook.

- **Passenger Vessels** – *ferry operators, dinner cruises, cruise ships*

The Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) is a dynamic trade organization focused on the issues and concerns most relevant to owners and operators of passenger vessels, manufacturers of maritime-related products and services, and other service companies dedicated to achieving a common goal...working to develop a superior business environment for all.

<http://www.passengervessel.com/>

The mission of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is to participate in the regulatory and policy development process and promote all measures that foster a safe, secure and healthy cruise ship environment, educate, train its travel agent members, and promote and explain the value, desirability and affordability of the cruise vacation experience.

<http://www.cruising.org/>

- **Planners / Policy Makers** – *coastal zone management, city planners, Port Authority, USCG Captain of the Port*

The National Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Program is a U.S. federal-state partnership dedicated to comprehensive management of the U.S.'s coastal resources, ensuring their protection for future generations while balancing competing national, economic, cultural, and environmental interests.

<http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/programs/czm.html>

- **Small Craft Operators** – *Yacht clubs, marina operators, U.S. Power Squadron, dive operations, charters (e.g., kayaks, jet skis, wind surfers), indigenous people*

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) represents the boating authorities of all 50 states and the U.S. territories. It is an association dedicated to reducing boating accidents, saving lives, and helping to make safe and enjoyable boating a reality on U.S. waterways.

<http://www.nasbla.org/>

The mission of the National Safe Boating Council, Inc. (NSBC) is to reduce accidents and enhance the boating experience. The NSBC is the foremost coalition in the U.S. for the advancement and promotion of safer boating through education.
<http://www.safeboatingcouncil.org/>

BoatUS Foundation - The Foundation's mission is to promote safe and environmentally-sensitive boating with the purpose of reducing accidents and fatalities while increasing stewardship of our water resources.
<http://www.boatus.com/foundation/>

- **Response** – *marine firefighters, USCG Port Operations, commercial spill response, marine patrol, USCG Station personnel*

Spill Control Association of America continues to monitor the issues facing our profession, and serves as a forum within which proposed regulations and other environmental guidelines can be intelligently discussed and evaluated.
<http://www.scaa-spill.org/>

The Association of Petroleum Industry Cooperative Managers (APICOM) is an association of unaffiliated petroleum industry oil spill cooperative managers. APICOM exists for the purpose of exchanging information related to the management of an oil spill response cooperative. It also serves as a forum for the exchange of ideas related to oil spill response technologies, operations, regulations and other issues of common interest to its members.
<http://www.apicom.org/>

- **Shallow Draft Vessels** – *tugs, offshore supply vessels*

The American Waterways Operators is the national trade association in the U.S. representing the owners and operators of tugboats, towboats, and barges serving the waterborne commerce of the United States.
<http://www.americanwaterways.com/>

- **Shoreside Facilities** – *terminal operators, Marine Exchange, shipyards*

The Propeller Club of the United States is a grassroots, non-profit organization, whose membership resides throughout the United States and the world. It is dedicated to the enhancement and well-being of all interests of the maritime community in the U.S. and abroad.
<http://propellerclubhq.com>

- **Tribal Communities:**

Executive Order 13175 requires federal departments and agencies to consult with Indian Tribal Governments when considering policies that could impact tribal communities. If there are Tribal interest within a PAWSA geographic assessment area the workshop sponsor must engage and encourage their participation in the PAWSA workshop.

The International Navigation Association (PIANC) is a worldwide organization of individuals, corporations, and national governments. Founded in 1885 in Brussels, Belgium, it is concerned with maritime ports and inland waterways. The Association promotes contact and advances and disseminates information of a technical, economic, and environmental nature between people worldwide in order to efficiently manage, develop, sustain, and enhance inland, coastal and ocean waterways, ports and harbors, and their infrastructure, in a changing environment.
<http://www.pianc.org/>

Marina Operators Association of America represents a diverse membership of over 950 marinas, boatyards, yacht clubs, and public/private moorage basins across the United States. These companies provide slip space for over 240,000 recreation watercraft and employment for over 13,000 marine tradesmen and women.
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