



Panama Canal Society Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Saturday, October 18, 2025
Safety Harbor Resort and Spa
105 North Bayshore Dr, Safety Harbor, FL 34695

The meeting was called to order by the President, Carl Orvis at 10:00 am. He stated the meeting will be short due to the Social Hour of our luncheon starting at 11:00 am.

In attendance were Carl Orvis, President; Mike Young, 1st VP; Penny Canamas, 2nd VP; Dixie Barons, Director; Bosco Hoyte, Director; Cheryl Williams, Director; Kelly Fenton, Director-at-large; Bill Lane, Chaplain; Ted Kaufer, Sergeant-at-Arms; Jacque Vowell, Editor; Debbie Lane, Hotel Co-chair; and Kathy Malin, Office Manager. Absent were Bill McLaughlin, Past President; Noreen Hanson, Treasurer; Ray Husum, ByLaws Chair; David Dahlstrom, Legislature Chair; and Betty LeDoux, Hotel Co-chair.

Carl asked if all have read the minutes. Ted Kaufer corrected one grammatical error then Bosco Hoyte motioned to approve, Penny Canamas seconded, and motion was carried.

New members, Erik Jimenez and Jessica and Michael Linton, submitted their membership applications. Penny motioned to approve, Dixie Barons seconded, and the motion was carried.

Carl asked if everyone reviewed the Check Detail and if anyone had questions. None did and Cheryl Williams motioned to approve, Dixie seconded, and the motion carried.

During the President remarks, Carl spoke about Amendment #48 that Ray Husum provided the context for. It will describe a change for "Officers' Automatic Term Extension". The ballot will be in the December *Canal Record*. The ballot deadline is February 18, 2026.

Under Old Business, Kathy Malin gave an update on the 501(c)3 process. The lawyer sent 27 questions that Noreen Hanson and Cheryl Williams are working on along with herself. Kathy also gave an update on the new database system which she is being trained on.

In New Business, Tom Pattison has offered to be the co-reporter for Texas. The Board approved his position. Cheryl Williams stated she can work on the Holiday luncheon decorations. Penny motioned to approve spending \$200 on these decorations, Bosco seconded, and the motion carried.

Carl asked Dixie to announce the Nomination Committee at today's meeting. At the August Board meeting, Ted Kaufer and David Dahlstrom were appointed to the Nominating Committee. At this meeting, Carl replaced Ted with Ray Husum since Ted was on the committee two years ago.

Kathy reviewed the 2026 Reunion Information pages, Schedule of Events, Registration form, and Reunion layout with the Board. Board confirmed the events, dates, and times. All were happy with the simpler Reunion Information pages and agreed not to print the Reunion Chairpersons in the December book.

A picture of the PCS Night Light was distributed. It was suggested by the Board in the August meeting to 'up' the volunteer gift for more volunteers to sign up. It was suggested to place an AD in the *Canal Record*. Reunion bags versus lanyards were discussed.



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Kathy stated all the entertainment, and 3 new events have been set for next year. The new events are a Children's Magic Show with Balloon creations; Meet & Greet Navy SEAL speaker; and the Grand Tivoli Soirée. The only holdout is the yoga instructor who will decide after the Holidays. *My Pollera Experience* will return as well as the Cornhole Tournament. BHS 76 & 96 have confirmed their entertainment for Thursday and Friday nights.

The Annual meeting has been moved to Saturday morning at 10:30 am. The Lottery drawing will be at the end of the meeting thus encouraging all members to attend.

Dave Bishop has agreed to be the Golf Tournament Director and Laura Kosik has agreed to be the pre-Reunion Volunteer Chair. UF will continue their Cultural Seminar with another Trivia game.

The *Salsumba Orchestra* has purchased a Certificate of Insurance and would like to be reimbursed. Dixie made a motion to approve paying *Salsumba Orchestra* \$102.02, Cheryl seconded, and the motion carried.

Sentimiento Panama dance group agreed to perform for 30 minutes at the Soirée. There will also be photo ops with them along with a Tivoli backdrop.

Carlton Morris has agreed to be the Photographer but requested \$500 for assistance in editing his pictures. Penny motioned to approve \$250 to pay Carlton for his editing assistance, Dixie seconded, and the motion carried.

Carl will ask Frankie Pretto to celebrate Mass at the Reunion.

Cheryl motioned to adjourn at 10:55 am, Dixie seconded it and the motion carried.

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Carl Orvis, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy Malin", written over a horizontal line.

Kathy Malin, Office Manager