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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu,
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to MOP 1200, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of State Police, to **retroactively** pay annual membership dues in the amount of $6,000.00 to the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, Inc. (NASBLA) (VC#168070-B001), Lexington, KY, for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. Effective upon Governor and Council approval. **100% Federal Funds.**

Funding is available in the SFY 2025 operating budget as follows:

	SFY 2025
02-23-23-234010-50460000 Dept of Safety - Div. of State Police – Recreation Boat Safety Grant	
026-500251 Organizational Dues – Membership Fees	$6,000.00

EXPLANATION

This request is **retroactive** because the invoice was not received in time to be processed and approved before the service period began. Membership and participation in the NASBLA is a requirement for the State of New Hampshire to be eligible for the annual Recreational Boating Safety Grant from the US Coast Guard. This grant annually augments the Navigation Safety Fund in providing for the services of Marine Patrol in the Division of State Police.

NASBLA represents the boating authorities in all 50 states and the U.S. territories. The association works to achieve seamless uniformity for boating laws from state to state and to assure enjoyment of the waters for all boaters. It is further dedicated to reducing boating accidents and saving lives. NASBLA also sponsors meetings and conferences between the states and the Coast Guard as well as acting as a legislative clearinghouse for elected and other state officials on boating related matters.

Listed below are answers to standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

1. *How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?*
   NASBLA has been in existence for 64 years. The New Hampshire Marine Patrol has been a member since approximately 1985, or 39 years.

2. *Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?* No.

3. *How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?* All 50 states are members, as well as six territories. The Marine Patrol is the only agency from the State of New Hampshire that is a member.

4. *How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc)*
   The standard fee for all states is $6,000.

5. *What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?* The US Coast Guard's Recreational Boating Safety (RBS) Grant is contingent upon a state's membership with NASBLA. The RBS Grant constitutes a substantial amount of the Marine Patrol's funding.

6. *Are training or educational/research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail.*
   Yes. Training for the Coast Guard's required Boat Accident Reporting Database (BARD) is provided and funded by NASBLA along with accident investigation and reconstruction trainings and other marine law enforcement training opportunities.

7. *Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.* Yes. As written above, NASBLA membership is required in order for a state to be eligible for the Recreational Boating Safety grant from the US Coast Guard. The federal government in turn allows those funds to be used toward the dues, as well as travel to conferences and workshops hosted by NASBLA.

8. *Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.* While there is no travel that is paid for by NASBLA, the entrance fee to the annual workshop is covered.

9. *Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization.)* Lt. Irwin Malilay is the Boating Law Administrator for the State of New Hampshire. Any of the sworn officers of the Marine Patrol would be eligible to take part in NASBLA conferences, workshops, and trainings.

10. *Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.* The primary repercussion for not belonging to NASBLA would be the State's ineligibility for the Recreational Boating Safety Grant, which accounts for a substantial portion of the Marine Patrol's operating budget. Additionally, it would result in a loss of access to specialized law enforcement training in a marine environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety

Invoice

1020 Monarch Street
Suite 200
Lexington, KY 40513
(859) 225-9487

Invoice Number:	6722
Invoice Date:	10/9/2024
Invoice Due Date:	11/8/2024
Order Number:	32752

Bill To:

Irwin Malilay

New Hampshire State Police - Marine Patrol

31 Dock Rd
Gilford, NH 03249-7627 US

Product	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Total
Member-NASBLA Annual Membership Dues 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025		1.00	$6,000.00	$6,000.00

Memo:

Terms : Net 30

Total:	$6,000.00
Payments:	$0.00
Last Payment Date:	-
Balance Due:	$6,000.00

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