

OTYC 2019 Annual Meeting

July 13, 2019 9:00 am EDT OTYC Clubhouse

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Attendees

Board Members in attendance included Bob DeVries, Kanda McKee, Cathy Heiser, Kerry Magrini, Don Lystra, Karen Edgley and Linda McKenzie. Scott Mulligan and Tommy Newland were unable to attend.

Seventy-three (73) members attended the meeting in person. A total number of 104 members were either present or had submitted proxies. Of the proxies submitted, 17 designated the Board to vote on their behalf and 14 designated another member. 15 members were needed for a quorum.

Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

Peggy Elscott motioned to waive the reading of the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes and approve them. Drew Ehrhardt seconded the motion which carried.

Commodore's Welcome

Commodore DeVries welcomed everyone to the 2019 Annual Meeting. He thanked Tom Oehmke for volunteering to serve as parliamentarian along with the assistance of Joan Brovins. He also thanked Cathy Stephenson for taking over some of the administrative duties of the parliamentarian. Then he introduced the Board Members and thanked them for their volunteer efforts.

Commodore's Report

In response to the Member focus groups and surveys last summer the following programs/activities have been implemented.

1. Most Club Chairperson and Board Officer job descriptions are now on the member page of the OTYC website. This will ensure that new Chairs or Officers will always have easy access to job descriptions for the new positions which they may take.
2. Once Guest Members are approved by the Board, their interest information is sent to the Club Chairs so that the Chairs can contact them early to get them involved in programs or activities in which they expressed an interest.
3. Waterfront Chair Jim Morrison and Board Member Don Lystra are reviewing the use and potential modifications of our waterfront including a review of the piers condition and the best potential uses for the waterfront swim area and the floating docks.
4. As a way to make new Full Members feel welcomed to the Club, hand written cards of welcome are sent to Full Members before a dues bill is sent!
5. Our website is regularly promoted by publishing the address for the website in each Scuttlebutt sent to members.
6. An Omena resident, Anne Roddeck, has been hired to lead the Youth Camp this summer. Anne has a strong background working with young people as a certified teacher. She also has experience conducting youth field trips. Our Board liaison for the Youth Camp, Linda McKenzie, will provide more information about Anne in her upcoming report.

7. To provide members with more opportunities to visit other yacht clubs while traveling, the Board voted to join Yacht Clubs of America, which will provide our members with nationwide access to other clubs for dinner, docking privileges, etc.
8. The Board has committed to meet this summer to develop a long range capital spending plan.
9. Perhaps the most obvious changes in the Club building are the improvements made to restrooms, entry, bar, and the upstairs room. Thanks to Kris Mampe and Julie DeWitt who spent many volunteer hours designing and implementing the Club beautification plan. Dennis Armbruster, our Building Chair, also volunteered many hours to help carry out the plan.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. Dennis Armbruster built and installed a sign up board and box near the pier for members who wish to use Club watercraft. Liability release forms are located in the sign up box for members to sign prior to using Club watercraft.
2. Jim and Anne Promo refurbished the sign at the entrance to the Club. In addition, new white posts and roping are scheduled to be installed by next spring according to the Grounds Committee long range plan.
3. The finger docks were again repaired this spring because of ice damage in the winter of 2019. The 1st finger dock was rebuilt after it was destroyed one year ago by ice.
4. Plans are underway and will be completed this summer for the installation of a bubbler or electric propeller system on the finger docks to prevent ice damage to those docks in the future.
5. All 7 Guest Members from 2018 have joined as Full Members of the Club. In addition, 7 new Guest Members for 2019 were approved by the Board in June.

While the Board is aware more improvements to our Club can and will be made, we are very pleased with the progress that has been made over the last year.

Treasurer's Report – Cathy Heiser

The objective of Cathy's report was to present to the membership how their dues and other fees the Club collects are utilized toward Club operations.

The Board's commitment is to; (1) Continue to improve policies which allow us to maintain steady financial status while enhancing aspects of the Club that members enjoy, (2) Respond to member input and (3) Stay prepared to meet needs that arise either by plan or by surprise.

The OTYC Profit and Loss Statement (P/L) for 2018 and projections for 2019 and 2020 were available for membership to review. (See attached) Cathy touched on some of the line items. A copy will be posted on the website. Cathy stated that in 2018 we were successful in obtaining our objectives. The tennis court refurbishment was well within our budget. We were able to close the 2018 books \$4,290 ahead of our expectations.

In 2019 we increased our buildings budget \$9,510 to cover the "beautification" project which included a remodel of the bathrooms suggested by membership at last year's meeting. Then we had unexpected needs with the water front. Again we had to repair finger docks and pilings. We minimized the impact on our reserve objective in 2019 by delaying the grounds project to replace old/rotten posts at the driveway and by reducing the budget for logo-wear spending. She discussed the \$1,318 Legal expenditure for Lot 29 so that we might appropriately reflect this property as an asset of the Club. We hired a real estate lawyer with knowledge of the area, zoning conditions, DEQ developments and policies, etc.

The lot is not land locked. It has accessibility through Fire Lane 4. It is not buildable, but could be used for recreational use. With that information in hand, we requested a professional appraisal, recognizing that the appraisal would be an estimate of real market value (always subject to market place interest). This appraisal is adequate for the purposes of understanding the Lot's general value to the Club. The current appraised value is \$36,500.

We are evaluating bubblers versus ice breakers to keep the water mobile during icy weather. This project is fully funded in the Club's 2020 Waterfront budget, but the actual bill may be paid in 2019. There may yet be expenses in 2019 that can affect the 2019 projection. We do know that we have a continuing issue with gravel and rock at boat launch, and other erosion concerns.

We should close the 2019 books right at just below our reserve objective. Along with our CD savings, we have liquid funds to address any possible development on the waterfront.

For 2020, Cathy reviewed the projections for income. We have another 7 Guest Members this year which we hope will join us in 2021 as Full Members. There is no other real change. Projections for expenses; (1) Anticipating the need to address peeling paint on front porch (Building Budget), (2) Addressing the delayed replacement of parking pilings in poor (or rotten) repair, (3) Increasing our Waterfront Budget for ice deterrent and possibly other water-related issues and (4) Including the ongoing need to remove gravel from boat launch to keep it useable.

The bottom line is that we are expecting a steady financial standing in 2020.

Some questions from the floor were raised and responses provided:

Bill Renz pointed out an error in the Profit and Loss statement, which Cathy said she would fix immediately and post to the website. Michael Ray asked why the 2019 projected budget line item for Administrative Expense was higher in 2019. Cathy explained that there was an accounting bill for 2018 paid in 2019. Debby Disch asked why the Administrative Expense stayed high in 2020. Cathy said there was Admin reserves that could be brought lower, and that she would change it in the updated budget to be posted on the website.

Tom Oehmke made it clear that he was not asked to look into Lot 29's accessibility, buildability and value. He felt that he could have saved the membership money. He worked on uncovering information on Lot 29 in 2017. He mentioned that Ann Marie Mitchell could have given us an appraised value range without cost. Cathy Heiser thanked him for his perspective but said the Board benefited from a second opinion provided by a local expert, and a certified appraisal.

Prior to the Committee Reports

Commodore DeVries thanked all of the Committee Chairs and other members for volunteering.

Committee Reports

Building - Dennis Armbruster

Main Building Status: Again this year, all is well with the main building structure, with no serious issues to report. This winter was again relatively kind to the building. Pest control is an ongoing issue. Last winter, we had fewer critters in the building and damage was very minimal. The building's external paint, applied two years ago, seems to be in very good shape. The front porch does require some refurbishing in some heavily worn areas. The Board authorized refurbishing of the bathrooms, bar area, entry, and upstairs. The major renovations are nearly complete, with final touches to come. With the skillful work of Kris Mampe, Julie DeWitt, Cathy Heiser, and Bob DeVries, plans were formulated and executed to paint, refurbish and decorate these areas. Refurbished and new furniture and new fixtures were procured for these areas. Keith Disselkoen was hired to do most of the painting and associated tasks. Others

assisted in the effort as well. Additionally, the Board decided to install a water conditioner to address the high levels of iron and hardness in our well water. We expect this will improve our water quality and eliminate the staining in our sinks and toilets.

Boathouse: This building is in good shape and functioning well, allowing the nautical and outdoor equipment to be properly stored.

Housekeeping: Housekeeping staff (Sarah and assistant) are doing a great job cleaning the main building and the kitchen weekly. We should appreciate their work in keeping the building looking great. Members need to continue to help keep the building clean after events by tidying up afterwards and disposing of trash. If anyone notices supplies are needed, they should write a note on the sheet in the kitchen or contact Laurie Adelson.

Thanks: My thanks to the many persons who worked on the renovation project and those who contribute efforts to maintain, improve, and clean the building throughout the year. They are too numerous to mention, and it certainly is a team effort.

Grounds - Gina Harder

Provided by Gina Harder, Jim and Anne Promo – Committee Co-Chairpersons

2018-2019 was a fun and productive year for the committee and all those who supported our efforts. A special thanks to Kris Somnavilla for selecting flowers and her assistance with continuing maintenance. Thanks to Keith Disselkoen, Dennis Armbruster and the Board of Directors for their guidance and mentoring. And to all of the volunteers who made the 2019 clean-up day one of the best.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES ENGAGED IN AND COMPLETED IN FOLLOWING AREAS.

TENNIS/PICKLE BALL AREA - (1) Installed the gate to complete the tennis fence project, (2) Pruned the entire perimeter of courts and surrounding area, (3) Removed all of the old brush from the area and the hillside, (4) Cleared fall leaves from the court prior to winter, (5) Refurbished tennis court information board and (6) Cleaned and mulched banks around courts and at the base of the stairs.

BOATHOUSE - (1) Pruned area around the building and removed old debris and (2) Planted lilacs on the hillside.

NEW BEACH - (1) Pruned to create vistas and (2) Cleared beach area.

CLUB ENTRANCE – (1) Refurbished the information/sign-up board mulched and cleared stone perimeter and (2) Cleared brush and debris from hillsides and opened vista to the lagoon.

CLUBHOUSE – (1) Edged flowerbeds, tree and flagpole perimeters, planted flowers and provided continued maintenance and (2) Pruned shrubs and trees.

GENERAL GROUNDS – (1) Hired and supervised the pruning of a variety of trees and removal of dead and major hazardous trees on the property, (2) Organized a very productive and fun clean-up day with a great turnout of volunteers, (3) Completed job description for Grounds Committee Chairperson and (4) Replaced failed irrigation pump.

The Grounds Committee thanked all who have made the past and current year so productive and they look forward to providing more improvements in the coming year.

SOME PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FUTURE: (1) Trench sections around the perimeter of the tennis/pickleball courts to prevent soil from washing onto the court, (2) Replace all white bollards in the parking area (Current ones are

rotted), (3) Modify (widen walkway and narrow flowerbed) in the handicapped parking area to make it more user friendly, (4) Seed dead spots in the lawn and (5) Stain the rails and stairs going to the courts.

Waterfront – Jim Morrison

The big news this year is record high water levels, and the impact they are causing all of us along the lakeshore.

Boat Slip Rental - The annual lottery for boat slips was held in February, with four members submitting applications. Slips have been assigned to the following:

- SLIP 5 Mitchell
- SLIP 4 Ray
- SLIP 3 Shapiro
- SLIP 2 Brownell
- SLIP 1 Committee Boat

There has been concern raised about water depth within the slips. Be assured there is no problem with water depth this year. I have recently been informed that Slip 2 may be available after mid-July, so please contact me and/or Scott Brownell.

Boat Slip Finger Docks - Once again in the spring of 2019, ice has damaged three out of the four finger docks resulting in a complete rebuild of dock 1 & 2 and significant repair to the others. Piles were destroyed and required replacement of 3 piles and re-driving of several more. A bubbler system is being recommended to the Board for installation prior to winter. The system will also require modifications to the Clubhouse electrical system to support the bubbler.

Boat Launch - A sand bar has formed over the boat launch ramp. We have attempted clean-out recently, and complete clean-out will require bigger equipment than currently available. We caution boaters with heavier boats using the launch to be careful backing in or out to avoid getting your trailer stuck in the sand.

Sand Beach Areas - Erosion due to high water is taking its toll on the south end sand beach, and on the ash tree point. Current predictions say the lake level will remain high for at least the rest of this year, so erosion is expected to continue.

Docks and Break wall - The main dock system was inspected earlier this year and remains structurally sound, but is taking some settlement damage on the concrete slab due to erosion from high water and the repairs to the finger docks. Likewise, the break wall in front of the Clubhouse appears to have a broken deadman anchor but remains functional. Estimates of repairs as well as a more comprehensive waterfront plan are planned for later this year to evaluate options.

Sunfish Fleet - The sunfish fleet is up and running with 5 of the 6 boats available for use. Keel damage on boat 8716 is being repaired and the boat should be available in late August. The floating docks were launched and set by Memorial Day and four sunfish have been set up and ready for use. The fifth boat is on a hand-launch transport. We request members using the boats to thoroughly inspect each boat before use and report any damage to Jim or Bill Krusel.

Membership – Bill Renz

Types of Membership

Full Members

Family New

Jeff & Laura Bosco (marriage; no change in status)

David & Ashley Goldberg

Greg & Pam Landa

Jim & Anne Promo

Gary Roll & Kathy Schaeffer

John & Kristie Sommavilla

Crawford & Sarah Smith (change in status/single to family)

David Lightner & Susan Valiga

Joel & Linda Zylstra

Single New

Claire Edgley (change in status/legacy transition)

Lee Feely (change in status/family to single)

Valorie Gilfeather (change in status/family to single)

Dan Leathery (change in status/legacy transition)

Lifetime Members

Mary Cone

Dick and Nana Kennedy

Alis Robinson

Bill Sandt

Guest Members: Chris & Patti Evans, Jeff & Kristen Hall, Karl & Shirley Kristen, John & Lee Putnam, Eric & Kelly Spitznagel, Bob & Liz Sugar and Thad & Cindy Tomlinson

Resignations: Tami Bosco, Jeff & Cindy Dailey, Julie Krist and John & Lisa Rogers

Deaths: Mary Lou Anderson, Charles Gilfeather, Trudy Lewis and Carolyn Marbach

Summary

	2019		2018	
	# of Memberships	# of People	# of Memberships	# of People
Family	118	236	114	226
Single	49	49	50	50
Lifetime	4	5	6	7
Guest	7	14	7	14
	178	304	177	297

Logo wear - Susie Goldman and Julie DeWitt

Both explained that this year there will be no new merchandise until the inventory is sold. There will be “Pop-Up” shops at every OTYC event until the merchandise is gone and if it is not gone by the end of this year, we’ll see it again next year. So, Buy!

Social – Susan Valiga

The OTYC 2019 summer calendar of events was sent out with the spring issue of The Breeze after being approved by the OTYC Board of Directors. Revisions were sent out through the Scuttlebutt as needed by Mary Tonneberger with the weekly email reminders of the social life during the season.

The season opened with the Memorial Day party on June 26th hosted by John and Judy Smart. It was a lively time with many friends gathering to greet one another after months of being busy in places around the country and the world.

Thanks to Roberta and Alan Cohen, Toddy Time Summer Co-chairs, the 2019 club members and invited guests enjoyed three June Toddy Times on June 13, 20, 27. Toddy Time continues through July and August and into September as long as there are volunteers willing to host and attendees interested in participating. Informal Toddy Time gatherings will happen on the porch at the club as long as weather permits. Off season Toddy Times were a wonderful respite from the winter doldrums thanks again to Joan Blount and her faithful scheduling.

The season opened with the Opening dinner hosted by the DeWitts, Millers and DeVries with an elegant all white theme catered by Ethnic Garden Catering and Peggy Donaghy. The Fourth of July Picnic was hosted by Kathy Schaeffer, Gary Roll, Kay Nolen, Bill Sulau and Ann and Jim Promo. The weather was warm and the event was a joyful gathering of families and old friends enjoying fellowship and delicious food.

Cathy Stevenson and Helen Bradley are Co-Chairs of the catered dinners with five dinners planned. The first dinner was an Italian feast on July 8th catered by Raduno of Traverse city.

Lisa Newland is the July Potluck Chair and Charlotte Read is the August Chair. As there was a volunteer vacancy for the entertainment chairperson this year Gayle Madison and Susan Valiga, Co-Chairs of the Social Committee, filled in as best they could. They planned for the potluckers to enjoy a patriotic sing-along, tie-dye parade, the new Bingo boards and spinner, bonfire sing-along and much more.

The Ladies Social Meeting will be hosted on July 24th at Sunset Lodge. Many thanks to Mary and Dan Ziegeler for having the meeting at their beautiful property and thanks to Julie DeWitt and Gail Bowden for hosting.

The Labor Day party will be hosted by Caroline Oberndorf and Laurie Remter.

Other scheduled events are the Commodore's Reception on August 18th. Also scheduled is Beer Tasting hosted by Bill Renz on August 3rd.

Many thanks to Susan Valiga who volunteered at the 2018 Ladies Social Meeting to serve as Co-Chair of the Social Committee. Thanks to the many people who work year-round to faithfully serve OTYC preparing and maintaining our scheduled events to make it possible for all of us to enjoy a summer of fun and fellowship. You are the best. Susan also stated that Roberta Cohen has agreed to be a Co-Chair for the Social Committee next year.

OTYC Breeze – Trish Bosco

The Breeze newsletter was printed and mailed twice this year in winter and spring. The spring edition also includes a membership directory, phone list and membership cards. The four-color publication is always fun to read with submissions of photos and members from far and wide. Please continue to submit content by sending to omenabreeze@gmail.com. Trish also thanked Jim Miller for his contributions as a photographer.

Scuttlebutt - Mary Tonneberger

- 600 plus listings- some multiple per household
- Email file separated into five sections to facilitate transmission
- Approximately 45 sent since last annual meeting
- Topics focused on upcoming social events, club management, youth camp/registration, and member activities of special interest, including obituaries. There was some expansion with news of Omena community events.
- Normal deadline- Saturday evening before Sunday distribution; exceptions made for Commodore's alerts and special events/requests

Youth Program - Linda McKenzie

Youth Camp Co-Chairs: Linda McKenzie, Sara Goldman

Staff: Anne Rodeck – Director, Jack McKenzie – Director of Sailing (CPR/Lifeguard cert.), Emily McKenzie – Sailing, (CPR/Lifeguard cert.), Elise Kennedy – Sailing (CPR/Lifeguard cert.), Braden Brownell – Sailing CIT (CPR), Gillian Walker –

Floater (CPR), Karl Krusel – Floater CIT, Hailey Evans – Waterfront (CPR/Lifeguard cert.), Tess DeMarco – Tennis (CPR), Arlie Goldman – Sailing/Tennis CIT (CPR) and Olivia Kennedy – Tennis CIT (CPR)

Enrollment (registrations as of 7/5/19): Week 1 – 16 campers, Week 2 – 16 campers, Week 3 – 19 campers, Week 4 – 14 campers, Week 5 – 7 campers

Enrollment is a bit lower compared to last year at this time. Our expectations are that we will reach normal enrollment of 20-25 campers per week with walk-in enrollment. Per usual, we will be capping the number of campers at 25 each week in order to maintain safety and ensure everyone has the best possible experience.

Expenses: Expect to average about \$75-\$100 in expenses per week for supplies/snacks. Once per season expenses: tennis balls, staff shirts, staff whistles & camper prizes. No unusual, unforeseen expenses this year as of 7/5/19.

Thank You to the following people:

Tommy & Jordan Newland – Helpful in getting the sunfish/committee boats out of storage and rigged in time for camp to begin.

Cathy Heiser – Prompt attention to paycheck distribution as well as reimbursements.

Parents – Volunteering to bring lunch on Fridays to the campers.

Members of OTYC – Pickle Ball supplies & spring cleanup of the grounds.

All those involved in remodeling the bathrooms!

John Ray – keeping the piano in tune.

David & Ashley Goldberg - for donating the T-shirts for the youth in campers.

Director Search:

We were made aware of a potential new Director this year through a lead from our devoted Commodore, Bob DeVries. She was interviewed and we hired her! Anne Rodeck has been teaching preschool at the Leelanau Children's Center for 16 years. Anne loves being outdoors and has a B.A. in Spanish and Biology and a Child Development Associate degree. She has also run children's camps around the Leelanau area. She lives in Omena and is very excited to work and play with our children! We think she is going to be a great addition to our staff. Anne plans to bring some fun new ideas to camp while still keeping many of the old traditions in place.

Summary:

This year we have a good blend of returning and new staff members. Jack McKenzie will be embarking on his fifth year working at OTYC Youth Camp and will be the Director of Sailing this year. We are very fortunate to have four certified lifeguards this summer and the vast majority of our staff is also CPR certified. We have five returning staff and five new staff members, four of which are CITs (Counselors in Training). Many campers pre-registered before June 16th for a discount and are excited for camp to begin. In addition to tennis and sailing, we are planning to embark on a few outings this season as well as continue to jump off the dock, have sailing and tennis competitions, get in whipped cream fights and try out some new games and activities too! We hope to run the 5th week of camp with Anne supervising based on enrollment. We will be hosting "Tie Dye Tuesday" again thanks to the hard work of Trish Bosco in July with a fashion show of our creations at potluck, of course!

Do you want OTYC Youth Camp to continue in 2020?

If so, we are looking for some volunteers. Sara Goldman and Linda McKenzie are officially retiring their positions as Youth Camp Chairpersons as of August 2nd, 2019. In order to make the job for our replacements more manageable, we have broken it down into smaller segments, some of which have already been filled. Please read below and let us know if you are interested in helping out – the kids LOVE camp!!!! Let's keep it going!!!

Camp Office Administrators – Sara Goldman & Karen Edgley

Camp Daily Operations/Contact Point for Director – Eric & Kelly Spitznagel (What wonderful GUEST members we have!!!! Thanks Eric and Kelly!)

Camper Registration – Linda McKenzie

Camp Staffing (advertising, interviewing, hiring potential candidates) – OPEN POSITION FOR TWO PEOPLE

Website – Kerry Magrini

If you haven't checked out our website at otyc.club, please do. To access the members' only side, login using the username/email address: member@otyc.club and the password: [otyc1947](http://otyc.club). This information is also listed in the membership directory you received this spring and Scuttlebutt.

Once you log in, you will be able to view the announcement page, calendar of events, OTYC Bylaws, minutes of Board meetings, previous Breeze editions, and much more. I play the role of data entry and try to keep the announcement page up to date, post monthly minutes and organize any pictures of OTYC events. If you have pictures of club events that you would like to share, please send them to photos@otyc.club. As suggested by many members last year, we started to collect job descriptions from the Board and Committee Chairs. Over the winter, I linked the ones we have on the website. To view them, sign in. Under MEMBERS, click on OTYC Board Member and Committee Chairs (Not the Club Board and Committees). If the Committee name is blue, you can click on that and the description will pop up.

The technical side of the website is overseen by Scott Mulligan, who has been very busy updating the database. Scott and Suzy Wheeler spent an enormous amount of time over the winter, to make sure our database was updated not only for the website but also the printed directories. Many thanks to the two of them. Both the address and phone directory can be accessed on the website. We would also like to thank Trish Bosco, who worked with Scott and Suzy to use the new database to create the printed address and phone directory which was sent out with the Breeze. Looking forward, Scott is looking into creating a program that would allow the Club to do an email blast from the website. This would be very helpful for general announcements and last minute updates for example if a sail boat race was on or off.

If you have any suggestions, see information that is incorrect or in need of updates please email us at webmaster@otyc.club

Nominating Committee – Michael Ray

This year's Nominating Committee was made up of Michael Ray, Betsy Parker and chaired by Nancy Cooper. We respectfully submit the following slate of existing Board Members who have kindly agreed to serve a second three-year term: Bob DeVries, Cathy Heiser and Kanda McKee.

Commodore DeVries asked if there were nominations from the floor and there were none. Mary Tonneberger moved that the nominations be closed. Tish Renz seconded and the motion carried. Tish Renz then motioned that the slate be accepted as presented, Jim Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The effective date of the change in directors is August 15th.

Additional Questions from the floor

Ron Sutton came to the front of the room with his concerns:

He felt that the Health Department should test our septic field to see if it might not be under water.

Our beaches are eroding and may require a retaining wall.

Security needs to be reviewed. Non-members not accompanied by a member were seen taking out sunfish until they were confronted by a member.

Need to look in to a process to keep Geese from pooping (aka, greasy goo) on our lawn.

Meeting Adjournment

With all business concluded, Commodore DeVries adjourned the 2019 Annual Meeting at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kanda McKee, Secretary