



WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) CONFERENCE CALL FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Called to order: at 2:03 p.m. by Chairman Markle.

Quorum: the teleconference was validated by attendance of the following:

Richard C. Markle, CW5, USA Ret, Chairman of the Board
Gary R. Nisker, CW5, USA Ret, Vice Chairman of the Board
David A. Ratliff, CW5, USA Ret, Acting Vice President and Historian
Thomas A. Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Secretary and Director
Donald W. (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director
Robert N. Cooper, CW4, USA Ret, Director
Albert G. Curving, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Jack Du Teil, CW4, USA Ret, Director
Franklin D. Meeks, CW5, USA Ret, Director
John A. Robinson, CW5, USA, Director

Ben Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director, was absent.

Secretary's Report:

Chairman Markle called for a motion to approve the January 17, 2019, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Motion to approve was made by Treasurer Woodruff, seconded by Director Curving and approved by the BOD.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the Treasurer's preliminary report provided via email to the BOD. Director Cooper motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit, seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker and approved by the BOD.

Unfinished Business:

- WOHF Website – Director Meeks stated that the new website being developed by CW3 Michael Brent (Keystone Chapter) is almost complete and could go live in March. Director Curving motioned that we wait until after the election of a new President/Annual meeting because there will be substantial changes to post, seconded by Director Du Teil and approved by the BOD. Director Meeks will email the BOD members a link to the old and new site for their viewing.

- Four Large Paver Bricks Purchase – As previously approved by the BOD, Treasurer Woodruff will move forward with the purchase of the paver bricks. He also stated that last year, the NMUSA developed additional organizational sponsorship/fundraising programs, such as the sponsorship of a benches, tribute plaques, theater seats, etc. Treasurer Woodruff has tentatively scheduled a meeting with the NMUSA on June 13, 2019. At this meeting, we can

discuss options, and later, develop a 2019-2020 plan to recognize the history of the WO Cohort through our donations to the NMUSA. After discussion, the Board concurred with this approach.

- Casement Museum Update – Treasurer Woodruff stated that before the next BOD meeting he will meet with Dean Ennis, owner of the Pocomoke Monument Company, to determine if a contract to purchase benches was put in place, if any costs are pending and if the acquisition and set-up of a bench at the Casement Museum is still feasible. He will report back at the March BOD meeting.

- Acquisition of Quiet Professional Painting – Secretary Piatti reported that the topic of finding a location to temporarily display the original painting was discussed at the January 26, 2019, USAWOA EXCOM meeting. CW5 Joes Consiglio, USAWOA President, will research the possibility of displaying the painting in the Pentagon.

- Update of By-laws – Treasurer Woodruff reported that this action continues as a work in progress because a review of the by-laws is required to ensure they are in compliance with changes in Virginia law. One of the first motions to amend follows:

Treasurer Woodruff motioned to amend our 2014 bylaws to allow voting by proxy, seconded by Vice President Ratliff. During the discussion, Director Robinson pointed out that other sections of the by-laws (as written) could be effected and further review is required. Treasurer Woodruff withdrew his motion and will continue his review of the by-laws.

- Input for History Book, Volume 3 – Discussion continues on the feasibility of a history book or whether or not the 139 page Combined Arms Center (CAC) Publication: *The Quiet Professional: A Centennial Tribute* should be copyrighted and published in hard copy or posted on the WOHF website. Director Robinson provided a detailed background on the genesis and completion of *The Centennial Tribute* which was slated to be printed in hard copy by the Army Press, but was never printed and distributed. He further stated *The Centennial Tribute* is not copyrighted and was intended to be in the open domain. He recommends we clear with the CAC CCWO publishing *The Centennial Tribute* on both the WOHF and USAWOA websites after copyright issues are worked out.

- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) – Upon election of a new WOHF President and BOD Members, the COOP will be updated and distributed by Secretary Piatti.

- Donation of Dave Welsh's Quiet Professional Print to the AG Museum – The framed print was received by CW5 Nixon at the AG School on February 25. Director Ratliff commented that CW5 Nixon is looking to display the print in the halls of the school until they can get donation paperwork through the Artifacts Board for the print to go into the Museum inventory. A future issue of the AG Corps publication *1775* will contain an article on Dave Welch and his donation.

New Business:

- Treasurer Woodruff motioned to approve funds in the amount of \$443.61 to reimburse Secretary Piatti for the cost of the UPS shipment to the AG School, seconded by Director Du Teil and approved by the BOD.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Director Meeks, seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker and approved by the BOD. Next teleconference is at 2 p.m. on March 21, 2019. Meeting concluded at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

Richard C. Markle
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Chairman of the Board

These minutes were approved by the BOD at the March 21, 2019, BOD meeting.

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