



WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION
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Preserving U.S. Army Warrant Officer History™

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL FEBRUARY 25, 2015

Called to order: at 3:05 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 P. Welsh, CW5, USA Ret, President, Director and Founder
Donald E. Hess, CW4, USA Ret, Vice President, Director and Historian Emeritus
Thomas A. Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Secretary and Director
Donald W. (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director
Franklin D. Meeks, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Albert G. Curving, CW5, USA Ret, Director
David A. Ratliff, CW5, USA Ret Director
Ben F. Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director

Secretary's Report:

Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the November 2014 meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board, seconded by Vice President Hess. During discussion, two errors were noted, the misspelling of Welch and the incorrect web address in the footer. Secretary Piatti noted those changes and the motion was approved by the Board;

Secretary Piatti provided a read-ahead of the motions and voting results during the period August 2014 to January 2015. Those motions and voting results are restated below:

Motion by President Welsh on January 5, 2015, to purchase a Commemorative Brick at the planned National Museum of the US Army in honor of Major (Ret), then Warrant Officer Hugh C. Thompson, Jr., seconded by Chairman Markle and approved by the Board;

Motion by President Welsh on January 5, 2015, to approve a grant in the sum of \$100.00 to the Hugh Thompson Foundation in honor of Major (Ret), then Warrant Officer Hugh C. Thompson, Jr., seconded by Chairman Markle and approved by the Board. Grant check to be issued and sent to the Thompson Foundation when we receive the Commemorative Brick Certificate.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the treasurer's report submitted via email to the Board. Director Gottfried motioned to approve the treasurer's report, subject to audit, seconded by Vice President Hess and approved by the Board;

At this time, Treasurer Woodruff motioned that the cost of the Commemorative Brick for Warrant Officer Thompson (electronically approved on January 5) not exceed \$300.00, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the Board.

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Suite 207, VA 20170-5235 for processing and deposit.

Presidents Report:

Provided the Board a draft of the annual report. Treasurer Woodruff clarified some of the financial figures which required changes to the narrative;

Although the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services received our 102 Form, Registration Statement for a Charitable Organization, on August 11, 2014, and notified President Welsh that they required a copy of the WOHF bylaws showing our name change. This information was provided in December 2014 and the Form was approved on January 28, 2015. This is an annual requirement with an application fee of \$30.00;

A mid-year meeting is needed with the goal of reviewing our bylaws. Electronic copies would be forwarded to the Board members with the track changes feature turned on;

A letter to the Fort Monroe Authority with copy to the Casement Museum Director has been prepared. A vote to proceed with the letter is under Old Business;

Old Business:

President Welsh motioned to purchase, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00, NMUSA Commemorative Bricks for WO1 Ronald P. Bucca, CW4 William R. Ruth and CW5 Sharon T. Swartworth, with two additional bricks to be vetted by the Board, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the Board;

President Welsh motioned for the Board to approve submission of the letter to the Fort Monroe Authority with copy to the Casement Museum Director, seconded by Vice President Hess. Upon review and discussion, the action was approved by the Board;

President Welsh suggested we start a program to solicit nominations for the placement of a WO Memorial Bench, particularly from chapters who are Eagle Rising level donors. The WOFH would obligate funds for benches, presently the cost is \$1,500.00. Depending on number of applications, the Board may have to review and approve those applications to stay within budget. Maintenance would be the responsibility of the Chapter;

President Welsh continues to seek a company that would bear up-front costs for the History Book. So far, we are unable to locate a publisher similar to Turner Publications. The printers we have contacted offer services for a price and will place the publication on Amazon or offer it electronically and pay us royalties. The Board consensus was that we continue to seek a publisher, but we may have to issue a request for proposal for bidding purposes;

New Business:

Director Curving discussed the 4x6 foot exhibits to be designed for rotation at key high traffic locations, such as Army Museums, Branch Schools or others. He suggested that at a minimum, we should have enough for each of the Regions and select Chapters, particularly the Eagle Rising level donors. The tri-fold sample is complete and Director Curving will send them electronically to the Board;

President Welsh is going to ensure the Corporate Office NMUSA identifies both he and the WO Historical Foundation as individual Founding Members. He will also emphasize the correct notation to individually site the WOHF and USAWOA on the founding members' plaque to be displayed in the Museum.

Vice Chairman Nisker discussed acquiring and distributing NMUSA promotional items that are available at no cost to the WOHF from the NMUSA. The Board concurred that we would accept these items and pass them out at various meetings.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Director Gottfried, seconded by Vice President Hess and approved by the Board. Next teleconference TBD. Meeting concluded at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

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