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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Called to order: at 3:20 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
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

Donald W. (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director was absent.

Secretary's Report:

Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the February 25, 2015, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chairman Nisker, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the Board.

Secretary Piatti provided a read-ahead of the electronic motions and voting results during the period February 2015 to September 2015. Those motions and voting results are restated for record below:

Motion by Treasurer Woodruff on February 27, 2015, to change the Treasurer's Report, page 7, by changing "Streamers" under the expenses column to "Grants", which would align terminology used by the Virginia State Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, seconded by President Welsh and approved by the Board. The Treasurer's Report will be submitted for Board approval by April 1, 2015.

Motion by President Welsh on March 25, 2015, to purchase brick pavers at the planned National Museum of the US Army for CW4 Robert D. Scott and CW4 Donald E. Hess, both Presidents Emeritus USAWOA, seconded by Director Meeks and approved by the Board.

Motion by Director Meeks on April 2, 2015, to accept the revision of the 2014 financial documents provided electronically by Treasurer Woodruff, seconded by Director Curving and approved by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Markle deferred a motion on the treasurer's report due to the absence of Treasurer Woodruff.

Presidents Report:

As published in the September edition of Call to Duty, The Army Historical Foundation and Association of the US Army have joined forces. Their mutual efforts will accelerate the National Museum of the US Army's construction, fundraising and expand both of their education programs designed to preserve the history and heritage of the Army.

Old Business:

The purchase of the five NMUSA Commemorative Bricks are pending;

Mr. Oder from the Fort Monroe Authority acknowledged receipt of President Welsh's letter and responded via email on March 12, 2015, thanking him for information on the Commemorative Bench and WO history. Mr. Oder stated that they are working through policy issues/agreements and a decision to accept the placement of a 4' WO Commemorative Bench and "LET GO" print number 100 at the Casement Museum would be made in the future.

New Business:

The WO 100th Anniversary Joint Observance Committee has proposed the purchase of a WO monument, similar to that of the one at Camp Grayling, Michigan, for placement at the Casement Museum at Fort Monroe, Virginia. This is a large, detailed black granite monument with superb colored engraving of insignia, the different branches and inscriptions. President Welsh motioned that due to the lack of space and low number of visitors at the Casement Museum, the Board suggest to the Joint Committee that this WO memorial be located in the Memorial Gardens of the Army Museum and that the WOHF would assist with funding the purchase, with amount to be determined at a joint meeting when costs are known, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the Board;

After extensive research, Dorrance Publishing, Pittsburg, PA, is best suited to publish the Centennial WO History Book. President Welsh motioned that the Board allow him to accept them as the publisher and enter into a discussion to determine the costs of a customized publication package, seconded by Vice President Hess and approved by the Board;

President Welsh motioned that since we are approaching 2018 and will incur significant costs associated with the 100 year anniversary, we should not renew our Certificate of Deposit that expires on February 19, 2016, seconded by Secretary Piatti and approved by the Board.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by President Welsh, seconded by Vice President Hess and approved by the Board. Next teleconference TBD. Meeting concluded at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

Approved:

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