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Preserving U.S. Army Warrant Officer History™

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL DECEMBER 10, 2013

Called to order: at 2:01 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
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 Director
Ben F. Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director

Absent:

Gary R. Nisker, CW5, USA Ret, Vice Chairman of the Board

Secretary's Report: Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the November meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Secretary Piatti had made a minor correction as pointed out by Director Meeks. Director Meeks motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the Board.

Treasurers Report: Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the November treasurers report submitted via email to the Board. Remarks were made concerning donations from the AMM and two months of P.F.C.U credited service fees. President Welsh motioned to accept the report subject to audit, seconded by Director Meeks and approved by the Board.

Old Business:

Change of Foundation Name: President Welsh reported that he received Virginia Corporation Commission Certificate of Amendment. He also stated that the IRS approval is pending and this approval is needed to submit changes to the other organizations.

Warrant Officer Memorial Benches: President Welsh will write a letter to the Director of the Fort Monroe Museum concerning the placement of benches. So, we assume the museum is now State run and he will contact the director concerning the placement of the memorial benches and maintenance responsibility.

100th Anniversary History Book: President Welsh reported that Turner Publishing, the company in Nashville, TN, that published the first two WO history books, was sold to another company. The successor company still publishes history books, but primarily in paperback form. President Welsh also learned of and contacted a publisher in Berlin, MD, (who moved from Baltimore) that has the resources to publish a coffee style book, paperback or electronic book for nooks and kindles.

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President Welsh and Secretary Piatti will set-up a date to talk to the Berlin publisher and tour her facility. It was noted that Secretary Piatti lives in Berlin, MD, and could be helpful in personally assisting this publisher in the organization of materials and proof reading.

President Welsh stated he would like the Board to consider foregoing royalties from the book in payment for the selected publisher to front costs associated with administration of materials, marketing and publishing. Thus, there would be no up-front costs to the WOHF. Going forward, publishers will be considered, negotiations developed/discussed and recommendations will be made to the Board for consideration and approval. FYI: The goal for release of the WO History Book is December 31, 2017.

Reinstituting the WO Ambassador Program: This program existed in the past in which volunteers spoke at various events to raise the conscience level of the Army Warrant Officer. However, the program has fizzled out. Although Treasurer Woodruff discussed his familiarity with the “Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army Program,” a formal program in which high profile individuals represented the Secretary at various events to promote the Army, and Director Curving, his familiarity with the Army Reserve Ambassador Program, these programs are able to reimburse the speaker, which we are not able to do. Hence, to promote the 100 Year Anniversary, we would provide key volunteers with materials and ask them to promote the 100 Year History. Director Curving stated he would think about how this program would be instituted and tabled discussion to a future meeting.

Web Site: President Welsh discussed PenFed moving various organizations they support to the Rack Space Cloud, to include USAWOA Online and the WOFH subdirectory, on January 31, 2014. He also discussed the WOHF present hosting agreement with Register dot Com that expires in February 2014. Due to the difference in HTML and PHP publishing software, he will discuss changing hosting sites with Director Meeks and make a recommendation to the Board during the January meeting.

Paver Brick: President Welsh purchased the Paver Brick for CW4 Oscar Johnson, MIARNG, a Medal of Honor recipient. Once the Paver Certificate is received, it will be forwarded to CW5 Rhea Pruitt, USA Ret, for presentation to Mr. Johnson’s family.

Accounting Software: After discussing MS Excel versus QuickBooks and the potential learning curve in the future, Treasurer Woodruff motioned that we retain MS Excel as our accounting software, seconded by President Welsh and approved by the Board.

Extend Terms of all Directors and Corporate Officers to December 31, 2018: Due to time constraints, Chairman Markle tabled this topic to a future meeting.

New Business:

President Welsh advised the Board that although the physical address of the Corporation in Chincoteague, VA, has changed, the mailing address has not. He will follow up with an email informing the Board of the new location.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by President Welsh, seconded by Treasurer Woodruff, and approved by the Board. Next teleconference will be held on January 16th at 2:00 p.m. Meeting concluded at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

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

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