



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL NOVEMBER 7, 2013

Called to order: at 2:05 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
David P. Welsh, CW5, USA Ret, President, Director and Founder
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
Donald E. Hess, CW4, USA Ret, Vice President and Director

Restatement of the Electronic motions and voting results:

Nomination by President Welsh on October 24, 2013, of CW5 David Ratliff, USA Ret, to fill the Directors vacancy on the Board of Directors due to the resignation of Ida Tyree-Hyche. Seconded by Treasurer Woodruff and passed by a two-thirds majority of the Board.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Piatti read the minutes of the October meeting. Director Gottfried motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Treasurer Woodruff and approved by the Board.

Treasurers Report: Director Meeks motioned to accept the electronically submitted Treasurer's report for the months of September and October subject to audit, seconded by Director Curving and approved by the Board. The topic of services fees by P.F.C.U. was questioned because the WOHF is a non-profit which should be fee exempt. Treasurer Woodruff will inquire about this fee.

Old Business:

Name Change: President Welsh reported that documents and fees to change the name of the WOHF have been submitted to the appropriate agency and he periodically checks their websites for changes. He reminded the Board that once our name is officially changed we must restate our Articles of Incorporation with our new name. Concurrently, we should update our By-Laws. We must also update our Guide Star and My Charity website information.

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Warrant Officer Memorial Benches: President Welsh recently learned that the State of Virginia recently hired a Director for the Fort Monroe Museum. 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 received three unsolicited proposals from self-publishers. The prices range from \$1,800.00 to \$3,800.00 and their selling points were advertising strategy, types of publication (hardcopy, Kindle, etc.). He has also located the company that bought-out Turner Publishing, the company that did the first two WO History Books (USAWOA 1996/ WOHF 2006). He and Don Hess will see Turner's willingness to advertise at their cost, have pre-sales so bio/photos can be submitted at least a year in advance and royalties. Also, we must keep a view on timing as to not publish the history book too soon as there could be late-breaking events. Director Curving asked how we could target retirees? President Welsh response was letters to Retired Service Offices, press releases and other organizations such as the American Legion.

Accounting Software: President Welsh also discussed financial accounting software donated from software producers to non-profits, such as QuickBooks Premier Nonprofit that can be downloaded for a small administrative license fee. This software is designed for organizations such as ours and easily produces monthly and IRS reports versus MS Excel that requires formulas to be built for reports. He will provide Treasurer Woodruff with information with a view that we transition to QuickBooks Premier Nonprofit at some point.

Social Media: President Welsh also stated the WOHF has a LINKEDIN account rather than a Facebook account. This account is growing fast and presently 85 Warrant Officers around the world are associated with the LINKEDIN account.

New Business:

Paver Brick: It was brought to the Board's attention that the WOHF overlooked purchasing a National Museum of the US Army Paver Brick for CW4 (Ret) Oscar Johnston, MIARNG, a Medal of Honor recipient. President Welsh motioned to purchase a Paver Brick, seconded by Director Gottfried and unanimously approved by the Board. Once produced, the Certificate issued by the Army Museum will be provided to the family.

Donations from the AAM: President Welsh stated that the USAWOA Treasurer reported a significant amount of money was donated during the AMM. A breakout of donations (WOHF, WOSF and Defenders Lodge) will be forthcoming.

Criteria for future nominations of Directors: This topic was tabled for future discussion.

Reinstitution of the Foundation Ambassador Program: Volunteers, at least in each state, to get our message out. Get a charter out designating that person who represents the WOHF, gives speeches and promotes awareness of our 100th year anniversary. Treasurer Woodruff was aware of the Civilian Assistant to the Secretary of the Army program which has a similar charter. He will do some research and report back to the Board. Director Curving also stated he would give some thought on taking on this project. Later, Treasurer Woodruff motioned that this concept be considered and reports be made back to the Board, seconded by Chairman Markle and approved by the Board.

Proxy Form: President Welsh motioned to accept the proxy form prepared by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the Board. Proxies will be emailed to Secretary Piatti for record.

Extend Terms of all Directors and Corporate Officers to December 31, 2018: To provide continuity through the 100 Year WO Anniversary in 2018, President Welsh motioned to set aside Article III, Directors Section 1(a) "Each Director shall hold office for two years..." and extend terms of all Directors and Corporate Officers to December 31, 2018. Seconded by Director Curving and approved by the Board.

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BG Chuck Yeager: Director Curving asked that in a future meeting, we discuss purchasing a Paver Brick for BG Chuck Yeager who started in aviation as a Warrant Officer Flight Officer.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Treasurer Woodruff, seconded by Director Meeks Welsh, and approved by the Board. Next teleconference will be held on December 10th at 2:00 p.m. Meeting concluded at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

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