



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL JUNE 11, 2013

Called to order: at 1107 by Chairman Markle.

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

Richard C. Markle, CW5, USA Ret, Chairman of the Board
Gary Nisker, CW5, USA Ret, Vice Chairman of the Board
David P. Welsh, CW5, USA Ret, President, Director and Founder
Thomas Piatti, CW5, USA Ret, Secretary and Director
Donald (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, USA Ret, Treasurer and Director
Franklin D. Meeks, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Ida Tyree-Hyche, CW5, USA Ret, Director
Ben Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director

Absent:

Don Hess, CW4, USA Ret, Vice President and Director
Harry C. McCurdy, CW4, USA Ret, Director

Treasurers Report: Due to internet problems the Treasurers Report was not provided, but will be forwarded via email once the problem is resolved.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Piatti provided a read-ahead of the motions and voting results as of June 10, 2013, which follow:

- a. Motion by President Welsh on February 6, 2012, to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2012, BOD Meeting. Seconded by Director McCurdy and unanimously approved by the BOD.
- b. Motion by President Welsh on February 6, 2012, to register the WOHF as a Charity with the Virginia Division of Consumer Affairs utilizing Form 102 and submission of the fee of \$100.00 for the initial registration. Seconded by Director McCurdy and unanimously approved by the BOD. As an aside, our application was approved on August 31, 2012.
- c. Motion by President Welsh on March 24, 2012, to add CW5 Ida Tyree-Hyche as a Director without vote. Seconded by Chairman Markle and unanimously approved by the BOD.
- d. Motion by President Welsh on June 4, 2012, to accept the Treasurer's Report for CY11 that was submitted with our application to the Virginia Office of Consumers Affairs be approved and posted on the Foundation's website to be available for viewing by donors and potential donors. Seconded by Director Gottfried and unanimously approved by the BOD.

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e. Notification by President Welsh on December 29, 2012, that Treasurer Whalen will resign as WOHF Treasurer effective January 15, 2013, along with the nomination of Vice Chairman Woodruff as Treasurer and Director effective January 15, 2013. Seconded by Director McCurdy and unanimously approved by the BOD.

f. Motion by President Welsh on January 7, 2013, to approve the Proposed Revision of the Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation Bylaws in order to incorporate several approved motions and to add the position of Corporate Vice President to assist in handling the additional workload required by the 100th WO Birthday approved projects. Seconded by Vice Chairman Woodruff and unanimously approved by the BOD.

g. Motion by President Welsh on January 18, 2013, to nominate CW5 Gary Nisker as a member of the BOD. Seconded by Director Gottfried and unanimously approved by the BOD. On February 1, 2013, Chairman Markle closed nominations and called for a vote. CW5 Nisker was unanimously approved by the BOD.

h. Motion by President Welsh on January 30, 2013, that the WOHF share the cost of the initial order of the 100th WO Birthday Coins not to exceed \$800.00. Seconded by Treasurer Woodruff and unanimously approved by the BOD.

i. Motion by Chairman Markle on February 21, 2013, to nominate Director Gary Nisker as Vice Chairman, WOHF Board of Directors. Seconded by President Welsh and unanimously approved by the BOD.

j. Motion by Director Tyree-Hyche on April 9, 2013, to purchase four bricks from the Army Historical Foundation's Paver Brick Program to recognize the three WO Medal of Honor Recipients and one Astronaut. Seconded by Vice Chairman Nisker and unanimously approved by the BOD.

Discussion:

a. President Welsh discussed the June 2013 article in ARMY Magazine concerning the Army Museum which cited comments by BG Abrams, Executive Director, Army Historical Foundation, there has been slippage on the project due to lack of funds. The new goal is to build the ground floor and three galleries, which includes a Veterans Hall in which the WOHF has made \$10,000.00 in donations to date. Projected ground breaking is 2014 with grand opening in 2017. Thus, there may not be a place for the 2018 Warrant Officer exhibit. Options are to establish the exhibit at the WO Career Center and then move to the Army Museum at a later date.

b. President Welsh discussed the land dispute that is holding up the turnover of Fort Monroe to the State of Virginia, which will delay the installation of the WOHF Bench at that location. We must develop an alternative site. Although the Warrant Officer Career College may be an alternate location, a paper is floating recommending the College move to CASCOM at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. However, in this era of sequestration, that action is not moving forward and may be tables. Meanwhile, the bench maker is adding the gold Eagle Rising to the bench, but will hold the bench until the WOHF provides the verbiage.

c. Chairman Markle commented that we need to think of alternatives concerning a and b above, but we also need to leave time for these actions to ruminate. President Welsh pointed out that our donors are expecting the WOHF to commemorate our history and we must be clear that we are moving forward on those alternatives. He also stated we need to have monthly discussions to keep up the momentum, which everyone agreed.

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d. President Welsh discussed we approach the USAWOA BOD for them to suggest to Regions/Chapters that they consider purchasing a brick paver at the Army Museum to recognize their Region, Chapter, Branch or a notable individual Warrant Officer. This would give the WO COHORT great exposure, besides increasing donations.

e. Director Gottfried stated that the First State Chapter in Delaware will host the North East Region Council of Presidents Meeting on June 22d. Ben will make a recommendation to the Region Director that he make this recommendation to the Chapter Presidents in their geographical location. President Welsh stated he will provide Brick Paver forms to Director Gottfried to pass to the Chapters. Chairman Markle commented that the revenue from the Paver Bricks program directly funds the Army Museum which would help their lagging funding. President Welsh stated he would reach out to all Region Directors to raise their conscience level of the Brick Paver Program.

f. President Welsh stated that the next WO History Book is in the making with Don Hess assisting with this project. Members of the BOD volunteered to accept research assignments to assist in obtaining histories and historical documents.

g. Director Gottfried stated that the coins and shirts are available for purchase on the on-line store. He can also send a soft copy of the logo on the shirt or coin. Director Tyree-Hyche stated that USAWOA President Jim White brought a box of the coins to the SE Region Meeting and attendees purchased the entire box. President Welsh commented that a means to advertise these items to non-USAWOA members should be developed.

New Business:

Discussion on the WOHF Web Site was tabled for future discussion.

Chairman Markle brought up a means to recognize former Director and Treasurer Ron Whalen for his service to the WOHF. President Welsh motioned that we add Ron to the Eagle Rising Supporter Roll, seconded by Director Gottfried, and approved.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Gottfried, and unanimously approved by the Board. Next meeting will be a conference call on July 11th at 11:00 a.m. Meeting concluded at 12:00 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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