



WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) CONFERENCE CALL OCTOBER 18, 2018

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
Gary R. Nisker, CW5, USA Ret, Vice Chairman of the Board
David A. Ratliff, CW5, USA Ret, Acting Vice President and Historian
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
Ben Gottfried, CW2, USA Ret, Director

President Welsh was absent and is in home hospice care.

Secretary's Report:

Chairman Markle called for a motion to approve the September 20, 2018, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chairman Nisker and seconded by Director Meeks. Upon discussion, the minutes were corrected to assign Director Meeks' and Gottfried's proxies to Secretary Piatti. The corrected minutes were approved by the BOD with Director Curving abstaining.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the Treasurer's report submitted via email to the BOD. After discussion, Secretary Piatti motioned to approve the Treasurers report, subject to audit, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the BOD with Director Curving abstaining.

Unfinished Business:

- WOHF Website – Director Meeks contacted Go Daddy, our website provider, and is in the process of obtaining credit card, account number and pin number to transfer the account to his name. One of his immediate tasks will be to update the website contact information, and later, a site upgrade.

- Four Large Paver Bricks Purchase – Treasurer Woodruff contacted officials at the NMUSA and inquired if the WOHF could suggest the location of the placement of the bricks. He also inquired on the new program in which an organization can sponsor a bench. He is awaiting call-backs from the NMUSA on these two topics.

- Casement Museum Update – Treasurer Woodruff stated that coordination between the Casement Museum and Monument Company is required to move forward on this project and he is working the action.

- Let Go Painting – Secretary Piatti talked to Tracy at the Stivers Studio. Don Stivers passed in 2009 and the family has drastically reduced the inventory. The “Let Go Painting” was sold to a private collector and they do not have a record of the sale. However, Don Stivers donated The Quiet Professional to the USAWOA. The original oil painting is at the studio and she would like the USAWOA to come get it to lessen their liability. Thus, the alternative is to acquire the “The Quiet Professional” oil painting for donation to the Center of Military History for further display at the NMUSA. Secretary Piatti will draft a letter to the USAWOA to partner with them on this endeavor.

- Update of By-laws – This action has been set aside for the time being. We soon will be accepting nominations for officers based on our currently by-laws, thus it is not prudent to make changes on the number of officers at this time. Additionally, the BOD will also study whether or not the mission of the WOHF should change. Accordingly, if the mission is changed, the by-laws must reflect those changes.

- Input for History Book, Volume 3 – This topic continues to be a work in progress with work to start upon completion of the centennial in July 2019.

New Business:

- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) – The WOHF COOP, which specifies continuation due to a loss of personnel or records and directs who will have primary and alternate access to our website and financial accounts, has not been updated since 2008. We are presently on course to update this information. Upon election of a new President and BOD Members, the COOP will be updated by Secretary Piatti.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Vice Chairman Nisker, seconded by Director Gottfried and approved by the BOD. Next teleconference is at 2 p.m. on November 15, 2018. Meeting concluded at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

Approved:

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

These minutes were approved during the November 15, 2018, BOD meeting.