



WARRANT OFFICER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOD) CONFERENCE CALL NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Called to order: at 2:02 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, was absent.

David P. Welsh, CW5, USA Ret, President, Director and Founder passed away on October 20, 2018.

Secretary's Report:

Restatement of the Electronic motions and voting results October 2018:

Motion by Treasurer Woodruff on October 23, 2018, to assign Pentagon Federal Credit Union Visa Debit Cards to Chairman Markle, Secretary Piatti and Director Meeks, seconded by Director Meeks and approved by majority vote.

October 2018 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Markle called for a motion to approve the October 18, 2018, meeting minutes that were provided via email to the Board. Motion to approve was made by Vice Chairman Nisker, seconded by Director Meeks and approved by majority vote of the BOD.

Treasurer's Report: Chairman Markle called for a vote to approve the Treasurer's report submitted via email to the BOD. Vice Chairman Nisker motioned to approve the Treasurers report, subject to audit, seconded by Director Meeks and approved by the BOD.

Unfinished Business:

- WOHF Website – Director Meeks successfully obtained access to the WOHF Go Daddy website. At the recommendation of a Go Daddy tech, he installed Website Security Ultimate at a cost of \$503.83, which is well within funding approved by the BOD for website upgrade and maintenance. He also updated WOHF contact information and is in the process of a review to update other website areas.

- Four Large Paver Bricks Purchase – Treasurer Woodruff continues to pursue the purchase of four bricks and sponsorship of an organizational a bench.
- Casement Museum Update – Treasurer Woodruff stated that coordination is still ongoing on with the Bench project. During the same discussion, we learned that for several years, Chairman Markle has been storing the framed #100 “Let Go Print” donated by CW4(R) Ron Whalen, which was to be donated to the Casement Museum. Presently, the Casemate Museum is displaying a “Let Go Print” loaned to them by Treasurer Woodruff. Action is required in 2019 to exchange the prints. This topic will remain an action item.
- Let Go Painting – Secretary Piatti emailed a letter to USAWOA President Joe Consiglio requesting the USAWOA concur in acquiring the “The Quiet Professional” oil painting for donation to the Center of Military History, with the ultimate goal of having the painting on display at the NMUSA. President Consiglio replied that this is “good news” and appreciates the work of the WOHF in this endeavor. Joe stated the WOHF request will be reviewed at the December 8 USAWOA EXCOM meeting. USAWOA Executive Director Jack Du Teil further suggested we consider a “permanent loan” rather than a donation. In either case, we must follow Army Regulations which require the submission of a formal request for gifting which must include a professional appraisal for tax purposes. This action continues as a work in progress.
- Update of By-laws – This action continues as a work in progress.
- State Registration for Charitable Organizations – No further action is required, the WOHF will continue its present registration in Virginia.
- Input for History Book, Volume 3 – This topic continues to be a work in progress, as Secretary Piatti and Treasurer Woodruff go through historical records obtained from the Welsh family.
- Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) – Substantial progress has been made in the transfer of and access to on-line WOHF financial and website accounts. Upon election of a new WOHF President and BOD Members, the COOP will be updated by Secretary Piatti.

New Business:

- Transition of WOHF Corporate IRS, VA State Commission, Guide Star, Pentagon Federal Credit Union, Webmail and USPS Mail – Secretary Piatti and Treasurer Woodruff reported that all accounts were updated with new addresses, contact information and passwords (if necessary). Secretary Piatti is receiving and processing WOHF Webmail and USPS snail mail and Treasurer Woodruff all documentation pertaining to our financials.
- Disposition of Dave Welsh’s Quiet Professional Print – Secretary Piatti reported that he is in possession of the print Dave donated to the WOHF for further disposition. Coincidentally, the CWO of the AG Corps (CW5 Nixon) is seeking historical WO items for their museum at Fort Jackson. Acting VP Ratliff will contact CW5 Nixon to determine if the museum would accept this print.

- Reelection to the Board of Directors – Secretary Piatti performed an individual roll call, with all seven BOD members stating they would remain in their current positions. In a separate email, Director Gottfried confirmed he would remain in his position.

- Candidates for Vacant Board Positions – The Board must fill three vacant positions in 2019. Chairman Markle appointed Director Curving as Chairman, Nomination Committee and Vice Chairman Nisker, Director Meeks and Secretary Piatti as Committee members. To reach potential candidates, Secretary Piatti recommended we ask the USAWOA to send out an email blast to its membership seeking candidates for the BOD. Director Curving stated that he would develop a Candidate Evaluation Matrix and Tally Table for use in scoring candidates.

Session Recessed: A motion to adjourn and remain in session by electronic means was made by Director Meeks, seconded by Director Curving and approved by the BOD. Next teleconference is at 2 p.m. on January 17, 2019. Meeting concluded at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Thomas Piatti
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Secretary

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