



Executive Committee Meeting

**Teleconference
28 February 2018**

Minutes

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: President, Lt. Col. Donald L. Stockton; Immediate Past President, Col. James R. Sweeney II; Army Vice President, LTC Beverley Houghton; Army Junior Vice President, MAJ Jason E. Tolbert; Army Executive Committeemen, LTC Milton D. Houghton, LTC William B. Pentecost, Jr., and COL Stanley G. Remer; Naval Services Vice President, CAPT Robert H. Carmack; Naval Services Executive Committeemen, CAPT Rickey D. Thomas, LtCol Alexander Henegar and CWO4 Dale Andersen; Air Force Vice President, CMSgt Shane P. Smith; Air Force Junior Vice President, SSgt April D. Hill; Air Force Executive Committeemen, Col. David Anderson and Lt. Col. Layne Wroblewski; and Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey E. Phillips.

Appointed national officers present were: Public Relations Officer, CAPT Henry Plimack; Chaplain, COL Sherman Reed; Judge Advocate, LTC Terry Benshoof; and Treasurer, Col. Robin Pfeil. Also in attendance were: ROAL President, Mr. Andy Chumney; representing SmithBucklin, Mr. Sunny Patel; representing CMB, Mr. Dan Weaver; representing MNPC, Mr. Brad Carlson; and national staff members, Ms. Lani Burnett, Mr. John Rothrock, and Ms. Diane Markham.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Naval Services Junior Vice President, CWO2 Cynthia E. Oliver; and Air Force Executive Committeeman, Col. Brenda Gardner.

Ms. Markham, recording secretary, called roll. With a quorum being in attendance, President Stockton called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

President's Remarks

President Stockton opened the meeting by thanking everyone for calling in. He said there isn't much on the agenda so it should be a short meeting.

Executive Director Update

Mr. Phillips reported that the staff presented a proposed FY19 budget to the Budget and Finance Committee and received unanimous approval with very minor changes. It presents a modest low six-figure surplus. The budget will be presented to the ExCom in March for approval.

Financial Update

Mr. Patel reported that the year-to-date Operating Revenue is \$2.34M, which represents 86% of the overall budgeted operating revenue. The year-to-date Operating Expense is \$2.1M, which is

78% of the overall budgeted operating expense. Bottom line net income for Operations is currently \$248,000. Current projections for the end of the year are \$2.8M in revenue and \$2.61M in expenses, which is an operating surplus of \$250,000.

The FY17 audit has been reviewed in multiple phases. It has been reviewed by the staff and by the Budget & Finance committee. Mr. Weaver presented the audit to the ExCom. The main point, he said, is listed on the independent auditor's report "in our opinion the consolidated financial statements present fairly in all material respects as of March 31, 2017." He said this means the auditors have completed the audit procedures, performed all the tests, and you can rely on the numbers that are in the financial statements.

Upon a properly made motion by the Budget and Finance Committee, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to approve the audit as presented.

Legislation Update

Mr. Rothrock reported that earlier in February Congress passed and the President signed a two-year budget deal, which included a two-year DoD bill. He said we will see an increase in DoD spending over the next two years. Mr. Phillips will be submitting an op-ed piece for *The Hill*. The primary focus will be the continuation of a two-year DoD personnel budget as it relates to the active and the reserve component.

Mr. Rothrock shared that ROA hosted a continuation of the Defense Education Forum. It involved 35 MSO and MVO attendees. The primary focus of the discussion was on those for-profit schools that are attempting to switch to non-profit school status to access the GI Bill.

The three primary focus points for Hill Visits during the ROA National Council and Leaders Conference will be veterans' preference status as it relates to federal hiring, DD-214 veterans' status, and the two-year Pentagon budget for military personnel.

ROA STARS Foundation

Mr. Phillips reported that the foundation's board has selected a new member board – Ms. Lauren Eden. She is a Washington, DC, business woman who is active in philanthropic activities. Invitations to be on the board have also been sent to two other individuals. Mr. Phillips said the foundation is considering a third-party employment program, similar to Heroes to Hire.

Fundraising

Mr. Carlson reported that a new high-level annual giving program has been developed. It is called the Pershing Society. As of this week, members have donated \$93,820. This program is designed for gifts \$1,000 and above. In FY2019 he will expand the individual giving program, continuing with direct mail campaigns and direct outreach.

Rebates

President Stockton reported that there are 21 departments still not in compliance with ROA's constitution and bylaws. He said Ms. Markham is standing by ready to assist departments in their efforts to become compliant. The ExCom, he said, may be forced to consider setting deadlines for the departments to become compliant. President Stockton said this will be a topic of conversation during the March meeting.

Committees

President Stockton presented committee appointments for the ExCom's ratification.

Upon a properly made motion by Colonel Sweeney, seconded by Colonel Wroblewski, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to ratify the President's committee appointments as follows:

- Junior Officers Committee
CPT Fatima D. Gales, USAR, chairman (2018)
LT Jennifer Franco, USNR, vice chairman (2018)
MAJ Jason Tolbert, USAR, member (2019)
CWO2 Cynthia E. Oliver, USCGR, member (2019)
SSgt April Hill, USAFR, member (2019)
2LT Fred Gilman, USAF (Ret.), National Council Liaison
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee
CAPT Rickey D. Thomas, USCG (Ret.), chairman (2018)
LTC Richard K. Spencer, USA (Ret.), vice chairman (2019)
Col. Charles L. Holsworth, USAF (Ret.), member (2018)
CAPT Gary J. Ausman, USCG (Ret.), member (2019)
LTC Anthony K. Atlas Sr, USAR, member (2020)
LTC George Boguslawski, USAR, member (2020)
COL Alfred M. Diaz, USA (Ret.) national council liaison
LTC William B. Pentecost Jr., USAR, ExCom Liaison
LTC Terrence J. Benshoof, USA (Ret.), Ex-Officio – JAG
- Board of Trustees
BG Michael J. Silva, USA (Ret.), Special Appointee, Term of President
- Strategic Planning Committee
CAPT Henry E. Plimack, USCG (Ret.), Special Appointee, Term of President

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by President Stockton at 7:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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