



Executive Committee Meeting Conference Call

24 April 2019

Minutes

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: President, Lt. Col. Donald L. Stockton; Immediate Past President, Col. James R. Sweeney II; President-Elect, COL Judi A. Davenport; Army Vice President, LTC Beverley A. Houghton; Army Executive Committee Members, COL Stanley G. Remer and MG Margaret C. Wilmoth; Naval Services Vice President, CAPT Robert H. Carmack; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, CWO4 Dale J. Andersen and LtCol Alexander Heneagar; Air Force Executive Committee Members, Col Brenda B. Gardner, Lt. Col. Richard B. Stephens Jr, and Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski; and Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey E. Phillips.

Appointed national officers present were: Treasurer, Col. W. Robin Pfeil; and Chaplain, COL Sherman R. Reed. Also, in attendance were: Membership Committee Chair, LTC Milton D. Houghton; Communications Committee vice chair, Capt. Jerry Kromrey; SmithBucklin representative, Mr. Sunny Patel; MNPC representative, Mr. Brad Carlson; and national staff members, Ms. Lani Burnett, Ms. Susan Lukas, Ms. Diane Markham, and Mr. Kevin Hollinger.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Army Executive Committee Member, LTC William B. Pentecost; Army Junior Vice President, MAJ Jason E. Tolbert; Naval Services Executive Committee Member, CAPT Paul F. Keane; Naval Services Junior Vice President, CWO2 Cynthia E. Oliver; Air Force Vice President, CMSgt Shane P. Smith; Air Force Junior Vice President, SSgt April D. Hill; Judge Advocate, LTC Terry Benshoof; International Programs Officer, Col Paul Groskreutz; Public Relations Officer, CAPT Henry E. Plimack; Health Services Officer, MG Bob Kasulke; and Sergeant-at-Arms, LTC Joe Snel.

Ms. Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum being in attendance, President Stockton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

President's Remarks

President Stockton opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining the call. He reported that Colonel Groskreutz's father has been hospitalized. He then asked Chaplain Reed to lead the group in a prayer. President Stockton asked everyone to pray for Chaplain Reed as he continues recovering from his illness. He then asked the Executive Director for his report.

Executive Director's Remarks

Mr. Phillips provided a summary of his written report, which was previously provided to the committee. He reported that this year's renewal rate is higher than it has been in the past few years. He said members are joining and are excited about participating in the association.

Mr. Phillips said that all departments, except Oklahoma and Puerto Rico, are now in compliance with ROA's constitution and bylaws. All past due rebates are now paid except for those two departments. Most of the building renovations have been completed. The roof will be replaced in the coming weeks.

Financial Update

Mr. Patel reported that the draft (un-audited) year-end actual net operating surplus is \$64,890. This amount is \$23,169 more than the 7+5 forecasted surplus of \$41,721. Operating expenses finished at \$2,730,000, which is in line with the forecasted amount. Bottom line for operations shows a surplus of \$65,000. Mr. Patel reported that non-operating activity for March was primarily made up of investment activity, insurance surplus proceeds, life membership dues revenue recognized from ROA's actuarial study, and depreciation expense. Non-Operating finished with a surplus of \$832,000. The overall bottom line for operations and non-operations across all consolidated entities reports a surplus \$897,000.

Fundraising

Mr. Carlson reported that the Pershing Society is underway for FY20. Approximately 450 prospects have been identified for contact through July. He said the ambassadors have received their assignments and will be activated on 15 May to contact 107 prospective donors.

Legislation and Military Policy

Ms. Lukas said she has been focused on March on the Hill follow-up. She said March on the Hill efforts have put ROA in a position to have a couple of bills introduced. She emphasized the importance of members making appointments and visiting their senators and representatives. She said it almost always results in ROA getting bills introduced.

ROA STARs Foundation

Colonel Sweeney said the school kit program is going strong under the leadership of Col Margaret Cope and Dr. Cathy Luke. The Foundation is also working on a Military Teen Chat program, which would support teenage youth who are experiencing deployments of a parent.

Minuteman of the Year

Mr. Phillips, on behalf of the national staff, nominated Senator Joni Ernst to receive the Minuteman of the Year award during the 2019 National Convention. Over the past several years she has proven to be an advocate for national security and reserve component issues and deserves to be recognized as the 2019 Minuteman of the Year.

Upon a properly made motion by Colonel Sweeney, seconded by Colonel Remer, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to recognize Senator Joni Ernst as the 2019 Minuteman of the Year during the 2019 national convention.

Committee Appointments

President Stockton asked for ratification of his appointments to the Resolutions and Legislation Committee as follows: CDR Ed Brock, chair; LTC Carmen Gentile, vice chair; Col. Margaret Cope to fill the remaining term of Susan Lukas; COL Bill Willis as a special appointee; COL John O'Shea as the department national council liaison; and COL Stan Remer as the ExCom Liaison.

Upon a properly made motion by President Stockton, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to ratify President Stockton's appointments to the Resolutions and Legislation Committee as follows: CDR Ed Brock, chair; LTC Carmen Gentile, vice chair; Col. Margaret Cope to fill the remaining term of Susan Lukas; COL Bill Willis as a special appointee; COL John O'Shea as the department national council liaison; and COL Stan Remer as the ExCom Liaison.

President Stockton asked for ratification of his appointments to the ad hoc website working group as follows: LTC Milt Houghton, project lead; CPT Kalen Arreola, LTC Bettina Avent, LCDR Jennifer Franco, SSgt April Hill, Col. Ann Knabe, and Ms. Diane Markham.

Upon a properly made motion by President Stockton, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to ratify President Stockton's appointments to the ad hoc website working group as follows: LTC Milt Houghton, project lead; CPT Kalen Arreola, LTC Bettina Avent, LCDR Jennifer Franco, SSgt April Hill, Col. Ann Knabe, and Ms. Diane Markham.

President Stockton asked for ratification of his appointment of MG Margaret Wilmoth as Health Services Officer and chair of the Health Services Committee, and MG Robert Kasulke as vice chair of the Health Services Committee.

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Wrap-up & Adjourn

President Stockton reported the OSPR committee will meet on Saturday. He said this is a very important committee that will address any updates to ROA's organizational structure and policies.

President Stockton provided an update on event planning. He said the convention site selection committee has met a couple of times via conference call. They are considering options for the next couple of conventions. Preliminarily, considerations are being given to mid-west locations based on after-action survey responses. In 2022, it is likely the convention will be held in Washington, DC, as ROA celebrates its 100th anniversary. The dates of the next two years of the National Council and Leaders Conference have been set. Staff is now in the process of collecting bids for the hotel. President Stockton reported that the 2019 National Council and Leaders Conference held last month was extremely successful. The event ended with a budget surplus, and for the second year in a row attendance increased.

The meeting was adjourned by President Stockton at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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