



Executive Committee Meeting

**Conference Call
23 October 2019**

Minutes

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: President, Col. Judi A. Davenport; Immediate Past President, Lt. Col. Donald L. Stockton; Army Junior Vice President, 1st Lt. Endureth W. Culanag; Army Executive Committee Members, Maj. Peter Powell and Maj. Gen. Margaret C. Wilmoth; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, Sgt. Maj. Rocco C. DeCamillo, and Capt. Paul F. Keane; Air Force Vice President, Col. Thomas H. Hueg; Air Force Junior Vice President, Staff Sgt. April D. Hill; Air Force Executive Committee Members, Col. Gregory K. Bules, Col. Richard E. Nelson III, and Lt. Col. Richard B. Stephens Jr.; and Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey E. Phillips.

Appointed national officers present were: Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Terry Benshoof; Public Relations Officer, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; Health Services Officer, Maj. Gen. Peggy Wilmoth; International Programs Officers, Col. Paul Groskreutz and Lt. Col. Beverley A. Houghton; Treasurer, Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski; and Chaplain, Col. Sherman R. Reed.

Also, in attendance were: DNCM Chairman, Capt. Rafael A. Ortiz; MNPC representative, Mr. Brad Carlson; Communications Committee Vice Chair, Capt. Jerry Kromrey; Family Support Committee member, Ms. Ann Groskreutz; Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell, P.C. representative, Mr. Dan Weaver; and national staff members, Ms. Lani Burnett, Ms. Susan Lukas, Ms. Diane Markham, and Mr. Kevin Hollinger.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Army Vice President, Lt. Col. William B. Pentecost; Army Executive Committee Member, Maj. Jason Tolbert; Naval Services Vice President, Capt. Rickey D. Thomas; Naval Services Junior Vice President, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Krilla; Naval Services Executive Committee Member, Cmdr. John G. Rothrock; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Lt. Col. Joe Snel.

Ms. Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum being in attendance President Davenport called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

President's Remarks

President Davenport opened the meeting by asking Chaplain Reed for a prayer. She then swore in 1st Lt. Culanag and Sgt. Maj. Rocco DeCamillo as they were not at the convention to be sworn in. She said she will swear in Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Krilla, Cmdr. Rothrock, and Maj. Tolbert prior to the next meeting.

Financial Report

Mr. Patel reported that as of the end of September, ROA has year-to-date operating revenue of \$1,200,000, which represents 26% of the overall budgeted operating revenue. ROA has year-to-

date operating expenses of \$1,520,000, which represents 48% of the overall budgeted operating expense. Bottom line net income for operations is a negative \$355,000. The non-operating bottom line is \$370,000. This is mainly due to investment portfolio performance, recognition of life membership dues, and activity related to depreciation being reported.

Mr. Weaver said the independent auditors report states that they gave an unmodified opinion, which means it is a clean audit with no qualifications. They found no material weaknesses or deficiencies with internal controls. He said a lot of work was done this year on life dues recognition which will enable this revenue to be recognize on a consistent basis.

Upon a properly made motion by Lt. Col. Stockton, seconded by Col. Bules, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to accept the audit report as presented.

Legislation Update

Ms. Lukas today testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee. She will post the testimony to ROA's website along with a link to the video. Ms. Lukas said she ended up getting quite a bit of time. It was focused on guard and reserve, discussing parity issues. They were looking at the fact that the guard and reserve are providing more optional support and want to make sure benefits are reflective of how they are performing duty.

She sent an email to senior leadership. The numbers are reaching the one million mark of reserve and guard that are activated in support of contingency operations. This does not include all the operational support that is done. This is a very specific number that is reported by DoD. She will be putting together a call to action on this issue.

Comprehensive Campaign

Mr. Carlson said the second century campaign crossed the \$1,800,000 million mark at convention. Year-to-date cash pledges and planned gifts are at \$971,000. He is working with Smith Bucklin to get that reflected in the financials. Mr. Carlson said they will be following up with convention attendees that have not yet made a pledge. They are also working on Pershing Society renewals right now as well as new prospective donors.

STARs Foundation

Lt. Col. Stockton said the only purpose of the foundation is to support ROA. It is a 503(c)3 organization that welcomes donations that might not otherwise come our way. There are six new board members. The next meeting is Friday. The new goal is to make plans of a possible gala event in March.

2021 National Convention

President Davenport briefed the committee that the previous ExCom approved national convention dates in September 2021 at The Guest House at Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee. Since receiving the proposal from the hotel, discussions have evolved regarding moving the meeting into October. The idea is that October is in DoD's new fiscal year, which may allow more people to attend the convention on orders. The proposed new date is 21-24 October 2021.

Upon a properly made motion by Staff Sgt. Hill, seconded by Col. Hueg, and upon a majority vote, it was resolved to hold the national convention at The Guest House at Graceland in Memphis, Tennessee, 21-24 October 2021.

CIOMR Investment Funds

Col. Hueg said that the CIOMR account has been languishing as far as investments go. There is approximately \$14,000 in the account and it is not being actively traded as it should be according to ROA's statement of investment policy and guidelines. The CIOMR committee has requested that it be actively traded. The Board of Trustees recommends the ExCom approve the change, which falls within the guidelines approved by the ExCom last October.

Upon a properly made motion by the Board of Trustees, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to move the CIOMR investment account to a status of active management in order to allow the account to gain returns in line with ROA's other investment accounts.

National Committees

President Davenport presented her appointments to the Family Support Committee for ratification by the ExCom.

Upon a properly made motion by Lt. Col. Stockton, seconded by Col. Hueg, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to ratify President Davenport's appointments to the Family Support Committee as follows: chair, Mrs. Anne M. Groskreutz; vice chair, Mrs. Dorothy Z. Williams; committee members: PO3 Andrew G. Chumney, Col. John D. Davenport, Mr. Steven J. Ford, and Chief Master Sgt. CMSgt Shane Smith; special appointee, Cmdr. James M. Semerad; ExCom liaison, Maj. Gen. Margaret C. Wilmoth; DNCM, Capt. George F. Williams; and STARs Foundation liaison, Ms. Catherine Luke.

President Davenport said the Family Support Committee has been very active. They have already met a couple of times. They will be working with the departments on some of the things they want to do.

Wrap-up & Adjourn

President Davenport announced the next ExCom call will be on the fourth Wednesday of January. The goal is to get read ahead information out to the committee no later than the Friday before the call and to send a reminder on the Tuesday before. If any business needs to be conducted before then it will be handled by an email or an emergency call. The January call will be an education 101 call with MNPC about the second century campaign.

President Davenport said she sent a message out to everyone with a reminder that most ExCom members are a liaison to a committee. She intends to get the committee lists and charges out in early November.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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