



## **Executive Committee Meeting**

**Conference Call  
20 September 2020**

### **Minutes**

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: President, Col. Judi A. Davenport; President-Elect, Capt. Robert H. Carmack; Immediate Past President, Lt. Col. Donald L. Stockton; Army Vice President, Lt. Col. William B. Pentecost; Army Executive Committee Member, Lt. Col. Vincent A. Cummings; Naval Services Vice President, Capt. Rickey D. Thomas; Naval Services Executive Committee Member, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; Air Force Vice President, Col. Thomas H. Hueg; Air Force Executive Committee Members, Col. Gregory K. Bules, Lt. Col. Susan E. Lukas, and Col. Richard E. Nelson III; and Executive Director, Mr. Jeffrey E. Phillips.

Appointed national officers present were: Chaplain, Col. Sherman R. Reed; Health Services Officer, Maj. Gen. Peggy Wilmoth; International Programs Officers, Col. Paul Groskreutz and Lt. Col. Beverley A. Houghton; Judge Advocate, Col. James R. Sweeney; Public Relations Officer, Capt. Henry E. Plimack; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Lt. Col. Joseph Snel.

Also, in attendance were: DNCM Chair, Capt. Rafael Ortiz; Budget and Finance Committee Chair, Lt. Col. Hazel Robinson; Communications Committee representative, Capt. Jerry Kromrey; Membership Committee Chair, Lt. Col. Milton Houghton; Maj. Gen. Evan Hultman; Command Chief Master Sgt. Ericka Kelly; and MNPC representative, Mr. Brad Carlson. National staff members present were Ms. Lani Burnett, Ms. Diane Markham, and Mr. Kevin Hollinger.

Elected and appointed officers absent were: Army Junior Vice President, 1st Lt. Endureth W. Culanag; Army Executive Committee Members, Lt. Col. Peter Powell and Maj. Jason Tolbert; Air Force Junior Vice President, Staff Sgt. April D. Hill; Naval Services Junior Vice President, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Krilla; Naval Services Executive Committee Members, Sgt. Maj. Rocco C. DeCamillo and Cmdr. John G. Rothrock; and Treasurer, Lt. Col. Layne R. Wroblewski

Ms. Markham, recording secretary, took roll. With a quorum in attendance, President Davenport called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

#### **Call to Order**

President Davenport swore in the newly elected and appointed officers: Capt. Bob Carmack, President-elect; Lt. Col. Susan Lukas, Air Force Executive Committeeman; Capt. Henry Plimack, Naval Services Executive Committeeman; Lt. Col. Vince Cummings; Army Executive Committeeman; and Col. Jim Sweeney, Judge Advocate.

#### **Briefings**

Col. Tom Hueg provided a briefing on behalf of the Board of Trustees. He announced the association has \$9,962,000 in investments, spread over 12 accounts. This reflects a 10% gain from one year ago.

Capt. Carmack provided a briefing on behalf of the Insurance and Financial Services Committee. He said ROA has a new five-year agreement with Mercer. The committee continues to work with USAA to revise that contract. He encouraged everyone to visit the ROA website for a full list of all member benefits.

Lt. Col. Stockton provided a report on the STARs Foundation. He said the foundation is a large part of the overall operations with fundraising. Approximately \$2,400,000 has been raised with the comprehensive campaign. Mr. Carlson said \$100,000 was donated by members during the convention. He said the first corporate gift of \$100,000 was presented during the convention as well.

### **Budget and Finance**

Mr. Patel provided a brief financial report. He said as of 31 August, ROA has grossed \$814,000 in revenue and has operating expenses of \$1,180,000 leaving an operating deficit of \$361,000. The deficit is primarily due to lack of revenue due to COVID-19 and Top of the Hill not being open. Expenses are in line with the budget.

Lt. Col. Robinson said the staff put together a list of programs that could be cut this fiscal year, to include the ReserveVoice magazine, Military Times ad campaign, salary cuts, and more, for a total cut of \$244,000. She said even with those cuts, there is still a shortage of cash flow. She said the staff recommended a draw of \$190,000 from ROA investment funds to cover projected shortfalls for the rest of the fiscal year.

*Upon a properly made motion by the Budget and Finance Committee, and upon a majority vote of 9 to 1, it was resolved to draw up to \$50,000, as needed, from the Reserve Contingency Fund, and to discuss the financial situation again during the October ExCom call.*

For: Col. Bules, Lt. Col. Cummings, Col. Davenport, Col. Hueg, Col. Lukas, Col. Nelson, Lt. Col. Pentecost; Capt. Plimack, Capt. Thomas; Against: Lt. Col. Stockton

### **CIOR International Presidency**

President Davenport said she appointed an ad hoc committee to review and make recommendations on the potential of having the United States to hold the international presidency in CIOR. The committee was tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on three items: 1) how can the U.S. financially assume a CIOR international presidency, 2) when should the U.S. assume a CIOR international presidency, and 3) what would the U.S. selection criteria be for those who comprise the CIOR international presidency team. It is a four-person team, including the international president, secretary general, assistant secretary general, and one additional person. President Davenport said the ad hoc committee estimated the cost of an international presidency to be \$200,000-\$250,000.

*Upon a properly made motion by Col. Nelson, seconded by Lt. Col. Pentecost, and upon a majority vote, it was resolved to postpone the following motion until the October ExCom call: "A motion was made by Lt. Col. Stockton, and seconded by Col. Hueg, to appropriate \$20,000 a year, over a five-year period, and identify members at the State Department with international aspects, and solicit State Department funds, and ROA seek monetary donations from organizations and/or individuals who would contribute to the US CIOR International Presidency."*

### **Wrap-up and Adjournment**

President Davenport urged everyone to be prepared to discuss the international presidency and OSPR recommendations at the next ExCom meeting.

Future dates for ExCom conference calls are 28 October and 18 November.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeffrey E. Phillips, Executive Director.

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