



38th Officer Candidate Course/Basic Class 3-66 United States Marine Corps Alumni Incorporated

Officers and Directors Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2007

Officers Present: Dave Wall, President; Dave Mellon, Vice President; Charles Sooter, Treasurer; Steve Snyder, Secretary; Mike St. Clair, Sergeant-at-Arms

Directors Present: Jack Sheehan, Terry Cox, Alexander McClinchie, Lonnie Myers, Al Stefl
Not present: Steve Bowen, Mike Janay

Time Convened: 1800

Location: The Lincoln Room, 3rd Floor, Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia

Agenda

Call to Order: Dave Wall called the meeting to order.

Nominating Committee: Dave Mellon reported for the nominating committee (Wall, Sheehan, Mellon, McClinchie). The Committee solicited the membership for interest in service on the board of directors. There were three positive responses. The Committee recommended that the following members be nominated to the membership at this year's general meeting to fill two and four year vacancies under the new by-laws, assuming they are adopted by the membership:

Terms Ending 2009: Andrew Blenkle, Allan Stefl, David Wall, Jack Sheehan, Terry Lewis; Michael Janay, Stephen Bowen.

Terms Ending 2011: Terry Cox, Alexander McClinchie, Charles Sooter, David Mellon, Mike St. Clair, Steve Snyder

The Board thanked Lonnie Myers for his service as a member of the board of directors.

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The Committee recommended that the following members be nominated at this year's general meeting under the new by-laws, assuming they are adopted by the membership, to serve two years terms as association officers:

President: Dave Mellon
Vice President: Alexander McClinchie III
Treasurer: Charles Sooter
Secretary/Clerk: Steve Snyder
Sergeant-at Arms: Mike St Clair

Resolved: The Board approved the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Amended By-laws: Dave Mellon reported on the work done to create amended by-laws that would allow the association more flexibility in managing its affairs between reunions. He described his proposal to have the Board operate as an executive committee of the whole between meetings, allowing business to be conducted via email and with a minimum of bureaucracy. He described the process whereby the new by-laws were drafted, circulated to the membership and revised. After discussion the Board resolved that the new by-laws be presented to the membership for approval at this year's general meeting of the membership.

2009 Reunion: Dave Mellon reported that a committee had been formed to plan for the 2009 reunion. The committee has recommended that the Board recommend for approval at this year's general meeting of the members that the next reunion be held in San Diego in the fall of 2009.

Resolved: The Board will recommend for approval at this year's general meeting of the members that next reunion be held in San Diego in the fall of 2009.

The President asked Dave Mellon to present for approval by the membership present at this year's general meeting the amended by-laws, the nominations of new directors and officers, and the recommendation of San Diego as the location for the next reunion.

Wreath Laying Ceremony (10/5/07): The Board next discussed the logistics for tomorrow's wreath laying ceremony at the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Members and guests will have spent the morning visiting TBS and will arrive at the museum on tour busses at about 1400. An advance team will wait at the location of the bricks the association caused to be created and laid along the promenade northeast of the main entrance to the museum to honor the memories of our class members who were killed in action. Class members will dedicate the bricks by an invocation and prayer and a reading of the name of each fallen class member. Visits to the museum will follow after which members and guests will board busses and return to the hotel.

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Treasurer's Report: Chuck Sooter presented the Treasurer's report and financial recommendations. The association has about \$12,000 (with \$1.5k earmarked for charity) in the bank with anticipated annual expenses of less than \$1,500. There was discussion of the need to maintain an operations fund of \$5,000 for two years operations plus some seed money for the next reunion and to evaluate any amounts remaining for charitable giving, pro rata, over the interim between reunions. A proposal to shape giving to benefit any Marine Corps units hosting our reunions also was discussed. There was a discussion of what association policy should be regarding dues or contributions by members since very few members are paying dues.

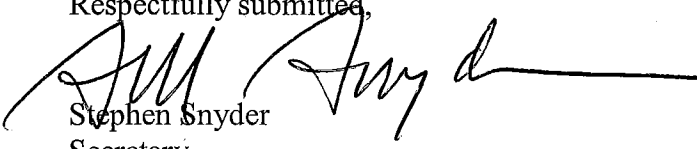
General Discussions: The Board next discussed logistics for this year's (the 2007) general meeting of the membership. The meeting will be held in the Leatherneck Gallery, the large circular central hall just behind the main entrance and foyer of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Cocktails and reception will commence at 1730. The general membership meeting will commence no later than 1830 and hopefully will last about one half hour. Dinner, toasts, and celebration and return to the hotel on busses will follow.

The Board thanked Terry Cox for all he and his committee did to organize this reunion.

The Board next discussed how to improve communications with membership, including possible creation of a newsletter and/or improving or posting more information on the association web page.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by David Wall at 1930.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen Snyder
Secretary