



Executive Committee Meeting
Hilton Washington Hotel, Washington, DC
February 6, 2010

MINUTES

The following members of the Executive Committee were present: National President, RADM Paul Kayye; President-Elect, Col Walker Williams; Immediate Past National President, COL Ladd Pattillo; Vice President Army, BG Mike Silva; Junior Vice President Army, CPT Dena Goble; Executive Committeemen Army, COL John Davenport and COL Judi Davenport; Vice President Naval Services, CDR Rafael Ortiz; Naval Services Junior Vice President, LCDR Will Brooks; Executive Committeeman Naval Services, CAPT Don Grant; Vice President Air Force, Col Scott Russell; and Executive Director, MG David Bockel. Attending as advisory members were Judge Advocate, MAJ Bill Pentecost, and Treasurer, COL Terry Baggett.

Participating via conference call were: Executive Committeeman Army, LTC Chad Stoddard; Executive Committeeman Naval Services, CAPT David Epstein; Junior Vice President Air Force, Capt. Len Sobieski; and Executive Committeemen Air Force Col Kathy Karr, Col David Leta and Lt Col Ann Knabe. Also joining via conference call were Chaplain, Maj Vince Cummings; Chairman, Department National Council Members, Lt Col Don Stockton; and Chairman, PWG-21, Col Jim Rebholz.

Invited guests in attendance included ROAL National President, Ms. Linda Veres; PWG-21 member, Col Gene Hebert; and Budget and Finance Committee Chairman, CAPT Kent Webber.

Absent and excused was Executive Committeeman Naval Services, COL Tom Ragsdale. Other elected and appointed National Officers absent were CIOR Vice President, MG Bob Smith; Surgeon and CIOMR Vice President, MG Robert Kasulke; Public Relations Officer, CAPT Henry Plimack; Dental Surgeon, LTC Cheryl Becker; and Sergeant-at-Arms, MAJ Charley Fairbanks.

A quorum being in attendance, the meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Rear Admiral Kayye.

Introductory Remarks

Admiral Kayye opened the meeting by leading the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then announced that Lt Steve Guendert has resigned as National Historian. After accepting the resignation, Admiral Kayye contacted COL Bob Jackle regarding filling the current term of Historian. Colonel Jackle accepted, subject to ExCom approval.

Upon a properly made motion by Colonel Pattillo, seconded by Colonel Russell, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that Colonel Robert C. Jackle, USA (Ret.), be appointed National Historian for the remaining term ending in February 2011.

Financial Update

General Bockel announced the hiring of a new controller and budgeting system. He then recognized Captain Webber to present the FY2012 budget as reviewed and recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.

Upon a properly made motion by General Silva, seconded by Colonel Judi Davenport, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that \$750 for each National Junior Vice President be added to the presented FY2011 budget.

Upon a properly made motion by General Silva, seconded by Colonel Pattillo, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that the HJR Memorial Scholarship Committee be charged with considering an increase in the award amount to \$1,000 and reviewing and revising the current criteria for more well-rounded students.

Upon a properly made motion by General Silva, seconded by Commander Ortiz, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that the National Staff review how the Defense Education Forum can be self sustaining.

Upon recommendation by the Budget and Finance Committee, and upon a unanimous vote, the FY2011 budget as presented and amended was approved.

General Bockel then briefed the committee on the updated Five Year Balanced Budget, ROA's investment portfolio and additional revenue sources.

ROAL Report

Mrs. Veres reported that ROAL is doing well, but the number of members continues to decline. Many of the younger members' spouses are being deployed. ROAL continues to work with ROA on its programs. Mrs. Veres asked ROA to identify those areas where ROAL can be of assistance.

Disciplinary Action

Mr. Feidler reported on the findings of the Ad Hoc Inquiry Committee appointed by President Kayye. In addition to Mr. Feidler, COL Judi Davenport and MAJ Pentecost served on the committee. As a result of their inquiry, the committee determined that life member LTC Lon Adams, USAR (Ret.), has been found guilty of a serious felony by a duly constituted court of law, thus violating the "good conduct" standard. The committee recommended the immediate dismissal of Mr. Adams for violation of Article B-1, Section 2 of ROA's Bylaws.

Upon a properly made motion by Commander Ortiz, seconded by Colonel Russell, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that the membership of Lon Adams be terminated immediately. Should his appeal be successful, he will be reinstated immediately.

National Meetings

National Convention 2010: Erika Interiano gave a status update on the Convention. Due to the record breaking snow storm, many members had already cancelled their registration and more are anticipated. The convention, however, will continue as planned.

National Council 2010: Lieutenant Colonel Stockton updated the committee on the current status and schedule of events for the summer National Council meeting. The meeting will be held at the Las Vegas Hilton, 25-27 June 2010.

Staff Briefings

Staff director reports were provided to the committee in advance of the meeting. President Kayye opened the meeting up for Q&A of the staff. Discussion included resource development, the law center and legislation.

Draft Strategic Plans

General Bockel discussed the draft strategic plan, noting that it is currently in draft form and will be given to the Strategic Planning Committee on Sunday for their study and recommendations. Their recommendations will be included in a final plan presented to the ExCom when complete. For the time being, the plan, as written, will be executed. COL Judi Davenport noted that most strategic plans cover a period in excess of five years and that perhaps this plan should be considered a “business” or “operational” plan. General Bockel indicated that he would make that change and that the reason it is a three year plan is that is the term of his contract with ROA.

PWG-21 Report

Colonel Hebert presented the proposed new constitution and bylaws. He highlighted some of the major changes and recommended that the ExCom develop specific policies incorporating fiscal issues, international involvements, and other areas removed from the current constitution and bylaws and present it to the 2011 National Convention for consideration and clarification with the proposed governing documents.

Upon a properly made motion by Colonel Pattillo, seconded by Colonel Judi Davenport, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that the ExCom develop specific policies to cover areas removed from the current Constitution and By-laws. It was further resolved that prior to the 2011 National Convention, the Ex-Com will meet face to face no less than two times, and virtually no less than two times to set these policies.

Upon a properly made motion by General Silva, seconded by Colonel Pattillo, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that President Kayye will call at least two-face-to-face meetings and two virtual meetings of the Executive Committee prior to the end of October with the purpose of developing the above mentioned policies.

The first face-to-face meeting will be held on conjunction with the National Council meeting in June 2010. The other face-to-face and two virtual meetings will be set by the National President at a later date. The October deadline will allow enough time to complete the policies and provide them to departments for consideration along with the recommended C & B changes prior to the 2011 National Convention.

Admiral Kayye charged General Bockel and his staff to work on the preliminary version of the policy manual to be presented to the ExCom in June, possibly during the ExCom meeting preceding the National Council meeting in Las Vegas. A revised plan would be prepared for final approval at the Fall EXCOM meeting.

ROA Charter

Upon a properly made motion by Lieutenant Commander Brooks, seconded by Commander Ortiz, and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved that the reference to “national entities” in ROA Charter Section 190109(a)(2) be defined as “committees with standing membership of at least one voting member from each department or as designated by the Executive Committee.”

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by MG David Bockel, Executive Director.