



RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
National Council Meeting
June 25, 2011

MINUTES

National Council members in attendance were: President, Col Walker Williams; President Elect, BG Mike Silva; Immediate Past President, RADM Paul Kayye; Army Executive Committeemen, COL Judi Davenport, COL Cliff Dungey, and COL Marco Marin; Naval Services Vice President, CAPT Gordon Austin; Naval Services Junior Vice President, LCDR Scot Cregan; Naval Services Executive Committeemen, CAPT Don Grant, CAPT Morgan Little, and Col Jim Sweeney; Air Force Vice President, Lt Col Ann Knabe; Air Force Junior Vice President, Capt Lynette Petsinger; and Air Force Executive Committeemen, Col Jan Rhoads and Lt Col Randy Stoeckmann. In addition, the following departments were represented: AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NE, NM, NY, NC, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TX, UT, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

A quorum being present, the National Council was called to order at 0900 by ROA President, Colonel Walker Williams.

Introductory Remarks

Colonel Williams opened the meeting by inviting Chaplain (Major) Vince Cummings to deliver an invocation, after which Colonel Williams led the pledge of allegiance.

ROA/REA Presentation

Last year the ROA President and REA Executive Director formed a joint ad hoc committee to consider how the two associations could come together to become the premiere military and veteran's association providing a unified voice on Capitol Hill and the Pentagon for all National Guard and Reserve members of the uniformed services of the United States. Three members of that committee, RADM Bob Merrilees, CMSgt Lani Burnett, and MSgt Shane Smith were on hand to present the committee's recommendations. Colonel Williams shared that the Executive Committee had approved the concept of merging ROA and REA into a new association and tasked the ad hoc committee to research the way forward. Colonel Williams then conducted a straw poll to gather the general consensus of the National Council. The majority was in favor of supporting this concept, with only two votes against.

National Council Rules

Representing the National Council's Ad Hoc C&B committee, Colonel Eileen Bonner presented a revised version of the National Council rules for approval. [See attached for approved rules.]

Upon a properly made motion, and upon a unanimous vote, the National Council resolved to adopt the National Council rules as presented.

Resolutions

Colonel Al Diaz brought to the National Council those resolutions which required action. The following decisions were made.

Upon a properly made motion, and upon a unanimous vote, the National Council passed Resolution 11-21: The Innovative Readiness Training Program. "...Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress and the Secretary of Defense that the Innovative Readiness Training program should continue to be funded at levels equal to or above that of Fiscal Year 2011, and that it should continue to be administered by the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs."

Upon a properly made motion, and upon a unanimous vote, the National Council passed Resolution 11-22: Continuum of Service Policy. "...Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Department of Defense to develop policies and prepare budgets, and urge Congress to amend or create laws that enable the Active and Reserve Components to implement a seamless Continuum of Service program."

Executive Director Update

Major General Bockel briefed the National Council on the current financial status of the association. Highlights include the May financial report and the balanced budget initiative. He was pleased to report that ROA ended FY2011 with excess revenue over expenses for the first time in many years.

The nearly \$250,000 attrition penalty resulting from the 2011 National Security Symposium and National Convention has been negotiated to \$0 in exchange for committing to two more major events to be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. The first will be the National Security Symposium and National Convention in the summer of 2013. The second must be held within the next five years and plans are that if the 2014 CIOR/CIOMR meeting is held in Washington, it could constitute the second meeting.

Member Services

Colonel Will Holahan provided a report recapping all active and ongoing programs within Member Services. The report addressed the income potential of specific programs as well as recruitment activity and results for the last fiscal year. Where applicable, mention was made of this fiscal year and the year-to-date activity within each category of activity.

A conceptual brief was given on Department Consolidation with the Department of Washington serving as the "model" for further activity in other geographical areas. Feedback was positive and additional activity may result.

An update was delivered on the EIN 990 filing process for Departments and Chapters. This was timely as the IRS has begun moving to revoke the tax-exempt status of Departments and Chapters that have not complied with new regulations. An overview of the Life Trust and the ROA actuaries' professional comment as to the longevity of the Life Trust was presented. Members were updated on all aspects regarding withdrawal options.

Constitution and Bylaws

Colonel Eileen Bonner presented two C&B amendments that the Executive Committee had unanimously endorsed the day prior. She then asked the National Council for their endorsement as well.

Upon a properly made motion and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to endorse the proposed Constitution and Bylaws amendment to Article A-7 Section 3, pertaining to a vacancy of the President, should the service section Vice President be unable to serve. The amended section will read: "Should the vice president of the service section be unwilling to fill a presidential vacancy, one of the three service section executive committeemen shall be selected to assume the duties and the powers of the president by a caucus of the elected voting executive committee members of that service section with the advice and consent of the National Executive Committee."

Upon a properly made motion and upon a unanimous vote, it was resolved to endorse the proposed Constitution and Bylaws amendment to Article A-8 Section 3, pertaining to a vacancy in the position of the Immediate Past President. The amended section will read: "The vacancy of the immediate past president will be filled by the most recent past president who is willing and able to serve until the next president is sworn into office."

Activity and Financial Reports

Colonel Williams called on the Departments to come forward to report on their Department's financial status and activities. The following Departments reported: West Virginia, Rhode Island, Georgia, Florida, Washington, Texas, Michigan, Indiana, Maryland, District of Columbia, and Missouri.

Review of Programs

An overview of programs was provided as follows: Endowment, Captain Mike Nolan; Resolutions, Colonel Al Diaz; Trustees, Major General Bockel; National Meetings, Major General Bockel and Rear Admiral Paul Kayye; Membership, Colonel Phil Reiss; Education/Advocacy, Colonel Dennis Perrino; Financial, Colonel Joe Harris.

JOPDS

Major Greg Bules announced the next JOPDS will be held August 19-21, 2011, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and urged all Departments to consider supporting a junior officer to attend this event.

Adjournment

Colonel Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Bockel
Major General, USA (Ret.)
Executive Director

NATIONAL COUNCIL RULES

(Revised June 25, 2011)

Rule I — Seating

An area shall be designated for seating members for sessions of the National Council and of the Department National Council Members (DNCM).

Rule II — Parliamentarian

The president shall appoint a member of the Association as the parliamentarian for business sessions of the National Council.

Rule III — Addressing the National Council*

1. Members shall rise, and when recognized, shall state their name and department and/or position on the Executive Committee.
2. Members shall have the right to speak for five minutes in support of or in opposition to any proposition on the floor.
3. Members may be granted an additional five minutes by a majority vote. If such extension is denied, the requesting member will be granted one-half minute to conclude.
4. Members may be permitted to extend their discussion beyond ten minutes by a majority vote.
5. No member may speak for a second time until all other members of the Council wishing to be heard have spoken at least once.
6. Members will be permitted to speak on any matter, concerning National Defense or the good and welfare of the Association, for not more than five minutes at the conclusion of the stated business. Members so speaking shall have the same rights to extension of time as in Rule III 2 and 3.
7. Members may yield a portion of their discussion time to a member of the staff or another member of the association.

* The DNCM shall use these rules as guidelines at the discretion of their Chairman when conducting DNCM sessions.

Rule IV — DNCM Elections

1. Self-nominations, on site or in advance, shall be accepted for chairman, vice chairman and secretary.
2. Each candidate shall be permitted to present a three minute speech. Candidates who cannot be present may designate another DNCM or a member of their department to speak on their behalf or send a written statement with their self nomination to the DNCM chairman.

Rule V — Amending

1. These Rules may be amended at any National Council meeting by a majority vote provided the amendments have been distributed to the members thirty days before the meeting or at any meeting of the National Council without notice by a unanimous vote.