

March 7, 2005

Minutes of the March Board of Directors Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:35 PM, Thursday, 3 March, 2005 at American Legion Post #107.

Members Present: Dan Conway, Terry Tassin, Bernie Katz, John Gerometta, Bill Johnson, Gary Fredricks, Chuck Schluter, Jo Ann Thompson, Davis Rohr, Frank Birtciel, Thelma Birtciel.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: Referring to March 2005 issue of *Military Officer*, we will encourage members to sign and stamp the two post cards found on the outside cover of the magazine. It is too early in the congressional session for legislative action however bills have been introduced to increase the values of insurance policies. Two goals, repeal the SBP-DIC offset and move up the effective date of paid up SBP premiums to October 2005 are still being pursued. DFAS is changing their web site address to www.dod.mil/dfas as of March 1, 2006. Chuck Schluter and Gary Fredricks will attend MOAA's annual council Presidents' Seminar, April 5-8, 2005. Appointments have been requested with the Arizona Congressional Delegation. Members that have suggestions for MOAA contact Gary before they leave for the seminar.

Treasurer's Report: The Report indicated the following status of fund accounts:

Checking:	\$ 5,658.55
50 th Anniversary:	\$ 2,348.02
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 8,480.16</u>
Total Accounts:	\$16, 486.73

Membership: Dan Conway reported that the second dues reminder letter was mailed on February 25, 2005 to 20 members. Four replies have been received to date with 3 members renewing and 1 auxiliary member resigning. Those members that have not responded by the March luncheon will be phoned. Davis Rohr will assume the duties of Membership Chairman after the April BOD Meeting. Chuck Schluter will ask MOAA to send an updated list of MOAA members residing in our area. We still have three Chapter members that are not members of MOAA – we will revisit this issue at the May BOD Meeting.

Scholarship: Gary Fredricks will make follow-up phone calls to the 16 schools that received the initial letter requesting nominations due by March 25th. As both Gary and Ron Worthington will be out of town, Gary will have the letters sent to Dan Conway's address. As Ron's availability is in doubt, Terry Tassin and Dan Conway will act as Co-Chairmen.

JROTC Medals: Art Parker has received award ceremony dates for each school and will continue to follow-up with the schools.

Programs: Jim Seidl provided information for the next General Meeting program. An introduction letter on the program was e-mailed to the membership.

Historian: The Web Master continues entering the 2004 history into the web site.
50th Anniversary: Actions requested in the February BOD Meeting were postponed and will be reported at the next BOD Meeting in April.

Old Business:

Open Positions: A motion was made, seconded and approved to name Davis Rohr 2nd Vice President replacing Bernard Katz who had resigned the position. The Secretary will notify MOAA of the change. Terry Tassin will continue as editor of the newsletter and Dan Conway will continue to transport/store the flags as the membership has stepped forward in ensuring that the flags are set-up and taken down at the meetings.

Veteran Hall of Fame: Chuck Schluter reports the he has received most of Mike Gannon's information and he has initiated contact with Dick Minor.

National Awards, Levels of Excellence: Dan Conway will document Efforts and Results on Legislative Achievements and Ron Green will document Efforts and Results on Membership.

New Business:

General Meeting: Due to a low level of attendance at the evening dinner meetings a motion was made by Terry Tassin and seconded by Bernie Katz to abandon the evening meeting and schedule the monthly meetings as a Saturday Luncheon. During discussion it was noted that the Program Chairman, Jim Seidl may have contracted for additional evening meetings that must be honored. Some special events may be more suited to an evening dinner. Location of the new Saturday Luncheons is to be determined by the Program Committee. The motion was approved.

Status of 501(c) (3) Application: The application has been approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission. The next step is to publish the application three times in the *Capital Times*. Once that is completed, we will apply to the IRS.

Fund Raising: We will attempt to get five corporations to sponsor the scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each. Dan Conway will compose a fund raising letter and would like corporation recommendations.

BOD Meetings: A discussion was held regarding the format of the meeting which has evolved from everyone eating lunch to currently just a few. It was decided to continue the current practice, Dan Conway will post the Post's contact person and phone number for those who want to order lunch. Lunch must be ordered by 12:45 PM.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Dan Conway said to think about all who are ailing: Jim Seidl; Ron Worthington; Art Parker; Evelyn Crosby and Ron Drew's wife LouAnn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

Submitted, John Gerometta, Secretary