

Minutes of the APRIL 2007 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, April 5, 2007 at the Juniper Branch Library (*first time*) Union Hills Rd & 19th Ave with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Terry Tassin, Dan Conway, Ron Worthington, Gary Fredricks, Marie Fredricks, Bill Johnson, Chuck Schluter, Frank Birtciel, Velma Birtciel, Jo Ann Thompson, and Jim Seidl.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Director's meeting (March 2007) were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Johnson reported the present status of fund accounts:

General Checking:	\$ 5406.77
Scholarship:	\$ 8917.96
Total Accounts:	\$ 14,324.73

Historian: The history portion of the Chapter web site is up to date.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin reported that all the citations, medals and ribbons have been delivered to all the high schools to be presented at the annual JROTC awards banquets. Presenters have been identified for all schools. Carol Culbertson will present an MOWW award at Cortez HS in addition to our MOAA award.

Legislative: None.

Membership: Terry Tassin reported the Chapter has 193 members as of April 1 with 9 new members since the first of the year. He also noted that 15 members did not renew for 2007 due to various reasons: health, age, death, or just quit. The Chapter roster has been updated and emailed to all email members and national HQ. Our two newest members LTC Kilgore and COL Colson still need to become members of national MOAA. Dan Conway reported that the Membership Chairperson (Dee Norton) is doing about 100 mail outs per month and that includes new information coming in from national. Dan has identified 250 individuals as prime candidates for *Give Me 10* memberships and was authorized by the BOD to spend up to \$125 to send out letters, forms, and brochures to these prospects. Rather than use the old "first year free national membership" that was formerly available, the Chapter will stress the Give Me 10 program to new members.

Scholarships: Ron Worthington reported 11 scholarship applications were received and reviewed by the Scholarship Selection Committee. Three recipients were identified to each receive \$1000 scholarships which will be presented at the Chapter's May 19th general luncheon meeting. Letters notifying the selectees of their selection will be mailed shortly.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks presented the results of the meeting survey for the general membership attending the general meeting luncheons. The purpose was to solicit membership opinions about the quality of the luncheon, cost of the luncheon, and opinions on a breakfast brunch meeting vice the current luncheon. 36 surveys were completed with 29 being very happy with the current arrangements. Based on survey results, no changes in the present meeting arrangements need be made.

Programs: The program for the April 21 general meeting will feature ABC Channel 15 Morning News Anchor Steve Irvin. The May luncheon program will consist of the presentation of three scholarships to the JROTC recipients. General Maxon is slated to be our June speaker. Efforts are still being made to find a suitable speaker for September.

Old Business:

Arizona Broadway Theatre 14 July Outing: All reservations and money for tickets must be to Marie Fredricks no later than 28 June. There are no refunds for tickets bought; if a member is unable to attend after purchase of tickets it is their responsibility to pass their ticket to someone else.

National Level of Excellence Awards: It was noted that the nomination packet had been sent to national in mid-March for consideration.

Newsletter Editor: A volunteer to fill the Editor position is still being sought.

Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame Nominations: Nomination write-ups & submission are due NLT 1 May to Terry Tassin for processing.

BOD Meeting Location: A discussion on the future meeting location for the BOD meetings was held. While the library room is suitable, Gary Fredricks volunteered to check into the availability of a meeting room in the State Veterans Home on N. 3rd Street in Phoenix. The BOD meeting for May will be held in the Juniper Branch Library meeting room with meetings beginning in June to be conducted at the Vets Home if available.

New Business:

Meeting Greeters: Greeters for April are Ron Perkins and Ron Worthington.

Arizona Council of Chapters Meetings: May 19 is the scheduled Council meeting day. Dan Conway (*who will give the Chapter presentation*), Gary Fredricks and Chuck Schluter will represent the Chapter at the meeting while the President conducts the Chapter's luncheon/scholarship meeting at McCormick Ranch. The host chapter - Superstition Mountain - will hold a dinner/dance evening meeting after the Council of Chapters meeting. Arizona Chapter members are invited and encouraged to attend. Details will be provided when received.

Chapter Membership Applications: The different membership application forms (sheet, web site, and brochure) will be modified so they all reflect that "The Balance of First Year of Chapter Membership is Free".

Fund Raiser: Chuck Schluter proposed the Chapter utilize the services of "Auction Monkey" to sell member donated items on E-bay with percentages of the proceeds going to the Scholarship fund and the General Operating fund. Chuck Schluter and Terry Tassin to visit Auction Monkey offices to determine the feasibility of this method of fund raising.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Submitted, Terry Tassin for
Ron Perkins, AZ Chapter MOAA Secretary