

Minutes of the March 2011 Board of Directors' Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1034 hours, Thursday, March 3, 2011, at the State Veterans Home at 4141 N S Herrera Way (North Third Street), in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Ron Green, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, and Rob Welch.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Directors' meeting (February) were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Roscher summarized the chapter's accounts: General Fund \$10,872.91 plus \$50 Petty Cash, Scholarship fund \$11,146.63 for a total of \$22,069.54.

Auxiliary: Kathy Upchurch was not available but provided John Ady an update. Bingo would be conducted today at the Veterans' Home. There was discussion about the need to increase auxiliary involvement and possibly do more to merge auxiliary member involvement with member spouses.

Historian: No new updates.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks provided an update to John Ady which John read to the Board. Gary indicated we are still in a state of flux with national legislative efforts. The president's fiscal year 2012 budget request did not pick up on the Deficit Commission recommendations. Also, the Department of Defense budget proposal was much less onerous than expected. The House and Senate Budget committees must come up with their final budget recommendations by April, so we await their report. There was some discussion about TriCare and Medicare expense.

Membership: Beth Cullison reported that with today's updates from Bill Roscher, 78% have renewed and current 2011 membership stands at 178. Dan Conway mailed letters to those that hadn't renewed and is planning to send another notice to the remaining potential renewals. Ron Perkins has been contacting members with invalid e-mail addresses or other missing contact information. Ron has resolved about one third of those and provided the updated information to Beth to update the roster. Ron said there is a service available at a cost to track people down so we could update their phone numbers and/or other contact information. It was generally agreed that we should not spend extra money tracking people down when they move, other than attempting phone calls and sending e-mails & letters. John Ady encouraged recruiting new members and involving members in chapter activities. Ron Perkins received another list of about 1,500 National members in our area; most of them are duplicates of three or more lists previously provided. It takes a fair amount of time to combine all the previous lists and delete duplicates and Gary Fredricks will again ask National to only send us lists of new National members in our area. Ron also received a list from National of our *Give Me Ten* members but found some discrepancies which he reconciled with Beth and National. Ron will review National reimbursement for members recruited through *Give Me Ten* and determine credit for Dan's MOAA cruise.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison has mailed the March issue of *The Sentinel*.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway received a request for assistance in finding an attorney and provided a referral from National MOAA. He has received three requests to date for another workshop and had a good turnout for the last workshop. He will probably conduct another workshop later this year. Dan wrote an excellent article on survivor benefits in *The Sentinel* partly due to recent calls he has received.

Arrangements: John Ady said Marie Fredricks talked about the popularity of the McCormick Ranch Golf Club Pavilion and is trying to hold future luncheon meetings there. The McCormick Railroad Park can only be reserved six months in advance so the October picnic meeting cannot be finalized for another few weeks.

Programs: John Ady reminded the Board that the November luncheon meeting is one week earlier on November 12th instead of the 19th to be further away from Thanksgiving. John said Chuck Schluter continues to line up excellent programs. LTC Hoyt Slocum is planned for March; Betty Tackaberry Blake is scheduled for April. Arizona Council of Chapter members will be attending the May

meeting when scholarships are awarded. Gary & Marie Fredricks are hosting a dinner for Council members in attendance. Chuck has scheduled Sheriff Paul Babeu for the September meeting.

Website: Rob Welch and Jim Cullison are working on bios of past Chapter presidents for the website and Jim wants to publish bios in *The Sentinel* but there hasn't been enough room yet to include any.

Old Business:

Financial Audit: Ron Perkins reviewed the financial audit recently conducted which showed Bill Roscher has maintained detailed records and concluded the General Fund and Scholarship Fund records are accurate and up to date. The audit concluded Bill has put in a tremendous amount of time keeping chapter books and the chapter owes many thanks to Bill for his volunteer work as our treasurer. The Board gave a loud round of applause for all Bill's work and support of our chapter.

Scholarships: The May scholarship luncheon allows recipients to bring their JROTC instructor and parents as guests. A concern was raised about the number of paid guests allowed and the Board agreed to use common sense so if the award recipient wants to bring extra guests they can always pay \$20 each to attend the luncheon. Rob Welch has now sent 100 letters to companies that have earned money for services to the Federal government, requesting contributions to the scholarship fund. To date, he has only received one refusal and a couple companies are pursuing approval to donate. Discussion occurred regarding a name change from "Arizona Chapter MOAA Scholarship Fund" to "Arizona Chapter MOAA Scholarship Foundation". John Ady spoke with Gregg Maxon concerning legal issues and Terry Tassin worked on new bylaws. Dan Conway contacted National who recommended using "Fund". Technically there is very little difference between "Fund" & "Foundation". However, there may be additional tax implications and scrutiny on a Foundation. There are also costs associated with a name change and we need to understand what that entails. John Ady asked Jim Cullison and Rob Welch to meet with Gregg Maxon and come back to the Board with a recommendation addressing two issues: whether to change the name and bylaws.

AVHOF: Ron Perkins talked about the extensive package required to submit an individual for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Dick Minor will submit Rance Farrell under MOAA. Several other names were suggested as potential nominees. Ron warned that all submissions must be completed and mailed in time to arrive by April 30th.

Luncheon Meeting Greeters:

March –Beth Cullison & To Be Determined

April – Ron & Bette Green

May – Ron & Betty Perkins

Travel Operating Procedures: Dan Conway and Rob Welch will develop proposed changes to include addressing airfare and bring back to the Board for approval.

AZ Council Dues: Bill Roscher reported he paid \$204.50 on February 5, 2011, to cover our chapter's dues to the Arizona Council of Chapters. Ron Perkins has received seven replies to the questionnaire sent for planning the May Council meeting our chapter will be hosting. Ron suggested producing tent cards with the logo and each participant's name for the Council meeting. The Board agreed to the suggestion.

Chapter Golf Outing: John Ady said he talked with Pat Dale and the April 8th golf tournament will be capped at 100 participants.

AZ National Guard Conference: John Ady said Pat Dale has volunteered to staff the table to recruit new chapter members but more volunteers are needed. We will have a joint table in the vendor section and Ed Mangan, from the Superstition Chapter, is working on the schedule.

Scholarships: Bill Roscher proposed based on the current status of chapter accounts and with the upcoming golf tournament, we award at least six scholarships this year. The Board agreed with Bill and the scholarship committee will come back with a final recommendation after all nominees have been received and reviewed.

Chapter Logo: Dan Conway suggested the new chapter logo developed by Rob Welch should be used on all official business from our chapter. Agreed the new logo could be on the top left corner

when the MOAA stationery is used. Rob will e-mail the new logo to all Board members. Dan wants a standard format using the logos and asked that proposed formats be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

Patriots Landing South West: John Ady received an e-mail from Loa Anderson requesting the opportunity to present plans for a retirement community, located in the West Valley. The Board agreed we could allow some literature to be available to members but we do not want our luncheons used to market and sell to our membership.

Elected Representatives as Speakers: There was a discussion about political presentations. The Board agreed that our luncheons should not be used for campaigning. However, if a presenter is not campaigning and a subject is of interest to the general membership such as Veterans issues, there may be times a congressman or politician would be invited to present.

Memorial Day Color Guard: Rob Welch agreed to line up volunteers to participate in the Color Guard during this year's Memorial Day observance at the Phoenix National Veterans Cemetery.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Potential New Member: Ron Green is inviting a Chaplain from the Air Force to come to our chapter luncheon meeting and possibly become a new member.

Next BOD Meeting: 7 March 2011

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1237 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cullison, Secretary