



Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation

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Warrant Officers Heritage Foundation Board of Directors Annual Meeting October 14, 2006, Black Eyed Susan Restaurant, 601 Washington St, Chestertown, MD

Call to order at 1415 by Chairman Dick Markle followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence to remember fallen warrant officers and others in harm's way.

Quorum was validated by attendance of the following:

Richard C. Markle, CW5, AG, USA Ret, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

Alfred E. Cox , CW3, SC, USA Ret., Vice Chairman of the Board

David P. Welsh, CW5, AG, AUS Ret, Director, President, and Chief Operating Officer

Thomas Piatti, CW5, AG, USA Ret, Director, Secretary, and Chief Administrative Officer

(excused absence; written proxy to Mr. Welsh)

Ronald J. Whalen, CW4, QM, USA Ret, Director, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer

Donald (Woody) Woodruff, CW5, AG, USA Ret, Director (appointed as acting secretary for today)

Ben Gottfried, CW2, OD, USA Ret, Director

Minutes of May 12, 2006, were read and approved. (Enclosure 1)

Treasurer's report: The Board was in receipt of Mr. Whalen's financial report dated October 9, 2006 and transaction details from January 1, 2006 for dividends and donations. (Enclosure 2) A motion was made by Mr. Cox, seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

Old Business:

Warrant Officer History Book – Mr. Welsh reported the following: He reviewed background and program report and stated book production is being completed in less time than Volume I, and a commendation is recommended for the free lance editor who has now departed Turner Publishing. Royalties of 5 percent from pre- sales of the book total some \$880 so far from Turner Publishing. Mr. Welsh also proposed concepts for future marketing and for additional rebates. Motion was made by Mr. Gottfried to negotiate with Chief Warrant Officers Association of the U.S. Coast Guard to send informational flyer with order form to their membership. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whalen and approved unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Welsh to purchase four books for marketing at NMUSA, AHF, USAWOA, and the CWOA-USCG, seconded by Mr. Whalen, and approved unanimously.

Army Historical Foundation – Mr. Welsh indicated membership in AHF as a potential benefit to WOHF to reinforce relationship and coordination. Mr. Welsh made a motion for AHF membership, cost not to exceed \$25.00, for each Director in lieu of \$1,500 corporate membership. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whalen and approved unanimously.

NMUSA--WOHF representatives met with PMO in August 2004 and further meetings are appropriate to renew coordination and enhancement of warrant officer program concepts. Use this opportunity to meet when the *WARRANT - The Legacy of Leadership as a Warrant Officer* history book is presented to NMUSA by WOHF representatives.

Memorial to fallen warrant officers -- Mr. Welsh alerted the Board of Directors to NMUSA protocol requirements for development, cost of initial construction, and perpetual care with a minimum of \$37,000 by 2009. an NMUSA exhibit in 2018 commemoration of Warrant Officer Corps' 100th birthday, requires continuous WOHF representation to validate concept and maintain momentum.

New Business:

Mr. Welsh provided information for orientation of new directors on operating procedures, correspondence, news articles, mailings, web sites, and counterpart association contacts.

Mr. Gottfried presented a commemorate warrant officer coin to Mr. Welsh in appreciation of the excellent work on behalf of the WOHF.

Session Recessed: A motion to remain in session by electronic means was made by Mr. Whalen and seconded by Mr. Gottfried, and approved unanimously. Date and time will be at the call of the Chairman or at the request of the President. Meeting concluded at 1600.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

(original signed)
Donald W. Woodruff
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Acting Secretary

(original signed)
Richard C. Markle
CW5, AG, USA Retired
Chairman of the Board