

**West Point Parents' Club of Washington**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 27, 2011**  
**Telephone Conference Call,**  
**2-3:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Mary Ellen Mullen, Co-President; Garry Brown, Vice-President; Vicki Betterbed, Co-Treasurer; Dan Vaughn, Merchandise; Nancy Lorette, Mentoring; and Vicki Odegaard, Secretary.

**Members Absent:** Bo Woronowicz, Co-President and Tom Betterbed, Co-Treasurer; Nicolle Armstrong, Publications

**Committee Attendees:** David Graham, Website Development and Donna Scheumann, Class of 2014 parent representative from Eastern Washington.

**Call of Meeting to Order:** Co-President, Mary Ellen Mullen called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

**Secretary--Vicki Odegaard**

- Board approval requested for March 6, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes. Mary Ellen Mullen had forwarded minor changes to minutes to Vicki Odegaard on March 26th; Vicki will open file on Monday, March 28th for review. March 6, 2011 Board Minutes will be returned to Mary Ellen and forwarded to Board members for approval/concurrence.

**Co-President Business and Announcements--Mary Ellen Mullen**

- Donna Scheumann, Parent Representative from Eastern Washington joined the Board meeting for Membership and to facilitate communication with parents from Eastern Washington geographic area. Donna will be assisting Field Force to promote communication in the Eastern sector of the state.
- David Graham began teleconference with a reflection by Douglas McArthur, "In war, there is no substitute for victory".
- Mary Ellen Mullen forwarded Bylaw minor edits to Vicki Odegaard on Mary 26th. Vicki will download edits and return to Mary Ellen to forward to parents and posting to WPPC-WA website.
- The All Services Academies Ball 2014 WPPC-WA parent volunteer position remains open.
- Mary Ellen Mullen, Bo Woronowicz and David Graham represented the WPPC-WA at the 2011 West Point Founders Day Banquet on 2/26/11 at the Fircrest Golf Club. Newly accepted candidates and their parents were in

attendance at the banquet and expressed an interest in receiving a mentor to assist with transition.

### **Financial Report--Vicki Betterbed**

- No changes to proposed budget. Vicki Betterbed has deposited checks received within the last month to the WPPC-WA account.
- Membership fees will be processed directly by the Treasurer, via postal mail or via PayPal, accompanied by the Membership Application. David Graham has ensured that PayPal function is viable to ensure appropriate accounting of new members and fees. Donations to WPPC-WA can be made by PayPal via website. This donation feature is functional for anyone who desires to donate to the organization.
- All donations should be submitted to Treasurer. Treasurer will ensure that a formal letter sent to each individual donor acknowledging their contribution and to provide validation for tax deductible purposes.
- Vicki Betterbed informed the Board that the All Services Academies Ball 2010 resulted in a deficit of approximately \$2,000. As the WPPC-WA brought forward \$8,000 "Ball" seed money from past fundraising, the \$2,000 deficit was not overtly evident.
- West Point Field Force has requested WPPC-WA to assist with use of "pass through" accounts for incoming funds and disbursements for June 2011 Cadet Acceptance Reception Luncheon. Mary Ellen Mullen requested approval from the WPPC-WA Board for this request. All members in attendance concurred with assisting Field Force. WPPC-WA will not be providing funds in excess of budgeted amounts and Field Force will "bundle" receipts and expenses in order to minimize impact on Treasurer workload.

### **Merchandising--Dan Vaughn**

- No report

### **Publications--Nicolle Armstrong**

- No report. Nicolle Armstrong unable to attend teleconference.

### **Mentorship--Nancy Lorette**

- Twelve members have volunteered to serve as mentors for new parents. Shelley Reisher, immediate past Mentorship VP will speak at the May 1, 2011 meeting. Nancy Lorette will be unable to attend.

### **Website Development--David Graham, Ex-Officio Member**

- David Graham has been working diligently to improve the WPPC-WA webpage. He has made significant strides in improving the ease in navigating the site. David will continue with site maintenance and upload of information to facilitate access for newly selected candidates and those expressing an interest in obtaining information on West Point.

**New Parent Spring Seminar & General Meeting Update--Garry Brown, Vice-President**

- Garry Brown reviewed breakout of Spring Parent Seminar events scheduled May 1, 2011. Estimated number of attendees is 75-100. All family members are welcome. Information tables will be staffed by current WPPC-WA members. Garry will forward a breakout of the events and designated parents who will serve as table sponsors/presenters. Mary Ellen requested that Gary draft a layout of tables for the events. "Table Topics" include-- Cadet Life, Plebe Parent Weekend Events, Academic Life, Women at West Point, Army-Navy Weekend, Supporting Your Cadet - Reception "R" Day and Acceptance "A" Day. The "West Point" Trivia Mixer Exercise will be repeated. The "Winner" of the Mixer will receive a prize from the WPPC-WA Merchandise inventory. The Fircrest Country Club in Tacoma has been reserved. Cost will be \$30 per person. Menu: Salad, rolls and drink will be included with a two entrée buffet (menu: Chicken Marsala and Lemon Parsley Salmon, oven roasted potatoes and green bean almondine. Garry will check with the Club to see if a small number of vegetarian plates can be arranged. RSVP recommended to facilitate accurate planning as well as assigned seating. Parents will be allowed to pay on-line via Website with PayPal or remit a check. Garry has placed a \$400 deposit for the event. Program of events for May 1st Spring Seminar: Registration (Nicolle, Garry, Tom & Vicki Betterbed), Introduction of the WPPC-WA Board Members, Distribution of Coins, Letter Openers and 1st Lieutenant Bars to Firstie Parents (Vicki Odegaard has purchased items). Garry will contact Tina Bean to discuss assigned seating arrangements and table assignment from 2010 event. WPPC-WA Board members will be dispersed among tables.
- Tentative Schedule of Events for Spring Luncheon
 

1000-1100	WPPC-WA Board Members report
1100-1130	General Membership Meeting and Bylaws Review
1130-1200	Family Attendees Arriving
1200-1300	Lunch Served
1300-1415	Parent Information Table "Round Robin"
1430	End of Event
- WPPC-WA President will speak during the Luncheon (12:00-1:00PM) and Board members will be introduced. Nicolle Armstrong will be producing programs for the event. Firstie gifts will be presented to parents

by Tom and Vicki Betterbed. Special Guests from Field Force include Joe Brillante and COL (ret) Tom Morgan.

- May 1, 2011 Luncheon -- Vicki Odegaard has put together a gift basket fund raiser for attendees. A donation of \$1 per ticket or \$5 per for 6 tickets will be available for those interested in trying their luck to win the basket. This is an avenue to raise some additional funds for the organization.

**Agenda for Next Meeting--Vicki Odegaard, Secretary**

- Board Member reports→ Secretary Report and Minutes Approval, Treasurer Report, Mentorship, Membership, Publication Update
- Review and update Calendar of Events (AIM, Spring Seminar, Summer Picnic, Fall Meeting and Army/Navy Game)
- Parent Volunteer support of calendar events roster
- Website Development Update
- Mary Ellen Mullen announced that a priority focus for all Board Members should be aimed at bringing in a new family member to the organization.

**Adjournment:** Meeting Adjourned at 3:05 PM. Next meeting will be conducted via teleconference on April 10, 2011 from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Toll-Free Call-In Number: 1-866-295-5950 and Participant Passcode: 8684861

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki R. Odegaard  
Secretary, WPPC-WA