

12 Dec 2012 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

The EC met on 12 December at the Fairfax Army Navy Country Club. EC Chairman Jim Hall called the meeting to order at 1100. Those in attendance were Gordon, Hall, Smith, Schonberger, Bauer, Sibert, and Raymond. Bradshaw, Oelke and Ruud participated by speaker phone. Anne Martin Tredway, Lawton, and Downing were also in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Bauer presented the Treasurer's Report which indicated a balance of \$42,694.82. His report also indicated that expenses associated with the 55th reunion are \$3461.99 to date. The report was accepted unanimously.

CCQ Responsibilities and Possible Replacements

A discussion was held concerning the many varied responsibilities of CCQ's. These are listed on the Class website. A lot is expected from the CCQ's, and some are more effective in their positions than others. Some are not getting good support from their company mates, and could use some assistance. We need to insure that CCQ's are aware of job expectations which include serving as the principal venue of communication for the company. It was agreed that Oelke would chair a committee comprised of himself, Hall, Bradshaw, and Sibert to identify problem areas and recommend solutions.

Overlapping Responsibilities of West Point.org and AOG

The EC discussed some of the duplication of effort that has occurred between West Point.org and AOG. It was agreed that our position should be one of encouraging cooperation – not taking sides. No actions or changes in our approach were deemed necessary at this time.

Rules for Removal of Classmates from Email Lists

It has come to the attention of the EC that email list removal has become an issue. After one warning, classmates who "abuse" the list can be removed from the list. Dick Buckalew, who has provided untold hours of yeoman service to the Class as list monitor, has established the rules deemed necessary to effectively manage our Class Lists. Lawton believes that the rules should be set by the EC and an appeal procedure established. Hall agreed that the EC should review current email list procedures and will contact Buckalew accordingly.

First Class Club Turnover

It was acknowledged that to date, the procedures for the First Class Club turnover have not been decided. While it is not mandatory that we do anything at this time, it was originally hoped that we would be able to propose a turnover agreement with the Class of 2008 to present to the Class at our 55th reunion. There are those who feel strongly that the turnover should be accomplished with the Class of 1983 (vice 2008) at the time of their 35th reunion, when they will have more time and resources to devote to FCC management. While it was recognized that the Class of 83 did not use the Club they might be willing to assume oversight responsibilities. It was acknowledged that it would help if we could talk to the leadership of both Classes to determine their opinions. We have already mentioned FCC turnover to the Class of '08 and don't want to offend them, but would like to determine if they would like to defer their commitment until they are less involved with their military careers, deployments, etc. This is particularly significant in view of the fact that the AOG now requires that sponsoring Classes for other West Point facilities endow future maintenance. Smith will establish contact with the Class of 1983 to determine if they have any interest in supporting the FCC.

In a related issue, the subject of photos for the class wall was addressed. No formal criteria currently exist. Smith indicated that he would form a committee to relook at this issue.

Widows' Activities

Anne Martin indicated that she is having moderate success with getting involved in class activity. She is about one half through the list of widows to determine if they want to be on the class e-mail list. Lawton indicated that 69 widows are not on the list. Further she indicated a push to get many to attend the May reunion. She had questions regarding the number of classmates who are buried at Arlington, and procedures for memorial articles and submissions to class newsletters. Sibert indicated that he would provide the information.

ECC Replacements

It was announced that two replacements to the EC are imminent. (1) Bauer, whose term of office has expired, has agreed to remain committee treasurer through the May reunion, (2) Hall has announced that he is moving to Michigan and, recognizing the fact that the EC Chairman should be located in the DC area, would like to continue to serve through the 55th reunion. It was further agreed that Bradshaw would lead nominating efforts to secure a

successor. Bradshaw asked that if any member of the committee had a classmate in mind to let him know.

In a related matter, Schonberger was asked to establish a plan for identifying replacements for class functionaries that include both EC and non-EC positions. This would include identifying the necessary positions and coordinating with the incumbents. Schonberger has indicated that he will have a draft proposal at the next EC Meeting.

Castle Award for WPSDC

The committee approved the document nominating Salisbury for the Castle Award for 2013. The document will be forwarded as written.

Upcoming Reunion Reports

2013 – Gary Roosma provided an update on the 55th Reunion Plans. It is important that anyone needing special assistance for any of the activities should let him know.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.