

2nd General Meeting Wednesday 8 May 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1330 by President Bill Bowers. Tom Miovas, led the pledge of allegiance. Chuck Steinbruck gave the invocation and read the Necrology List.

The President announced that Harry & Jeanie Hale had to leave unexpectedly due to medical reasons.

The Executive Board voted to send a \$100 donation to the Capital Caring Hospice in Falls Church, VA in memory of CDR Don Cruse who passed away on 1 April 2013. The Secretary was given this task along with sending Marge a sympathy card and acknowledgement that a donation was made to Capital Caring Hospice.

The Secretary read the minutes from the 2nd General Meeting held in Colorado Springs. There was one correction to the minutes. Tom Miovas led the pledge of allegiance rather than Lloyd Corbett. Minutes were approved as corrected.

1st VP – Other than what had been reported at the 1st General Meeting Mike had been approached by members regarding his communication plan and had received good recommendations which he will take back and try to incorporate. Mike stated that NWSA members should be proud that we are able to fund scholarships via AMS. Mike reported that he had been on Facebook and had been receiving good feedback from his reports on the reunion. Mike also asked that each member take a name or two from the Bellinger List and contact the person either by phone, e-mail, and/or visit asking them to become more involved with the association.

2nd VP – Alan Davis had no comment.

Secretary/Treasurers Report – Libby O'Brien reported that the NWSA's assets were \$117,529.51 the same as they were at the 1st general meeting. Libby reported that the NWSA paid membership is 534 of which 389 are Life Members. Libby thanked the Northwest Chapter for providing the funds to purchase her new laptop and software. She also thanked Mike Gilroy for researching and purchasing the software.

Committee Reports –

The Finance Committee Chairman, Chuck Streinbruck, reported the audit had been held with no issues. The books were very clear, concise and accurate. The bottom line and bank statements balanced. The committee did note that for the last two years expenses were more than income. Chuck stated that we should be okay for the next 10-15 years but the cost of the Aerograph and Bellinger List need to be addressed. A proposed budget will be addressed at a later date. Those serving on the Audit Committee were Chairman Chuck Streinbruck, Bob Titus, and Dave Sokol.

Scholarship Committee – No report accept to keep donations coming in. Libby will continue to send funds to AMS when the next CD matures on 17 September 2013. There are two scholarships awarded annually, \$5000 each for one High School Senior who would be a college freshman and one Senior in College.

Bill read a letter from a 2010 Scholarship recipient, Morgan Goress thanking the association again for her scholarship. She is a junior at Michigan persuing a degree in Meteorology.

Nominating Committee – Tom Miovas reported he had a full slate of officers, Jim Maxwell President, Lloyd Corbett, 1st VP and Jim Romano 2nd VP. Slate of officers voted on and approved.

Editor – Gary Cox reported he had put together three Aerographs since taking over as editor. He asked that any comments or criticisms would be helpful at which time Joe McKinzie acknowledged the great job Gary was doing. Gary asked the members to keep articles and photos coming in and if possible send by e-mail but he would accept handwritten material. The website is only using 1% of space allowed so additional photos and articles for the website would not be an issue. Gary also stated if you get the Aerograph by e-mail you get it a lot faster than by snail mail. Pat O’Brien suggested that reducing the size of the Aerograph could be cost effective and also reducing the size of Chapter input. Gary did say that he had contacted one of the chapters regarding the size of their input and they were glad to comply. It was stated the Aerograph has never been less than 28 pages. Much discussion was held but bottom line is Gary is the editor and it’s his job to edit input as he deems necessary. Any personal information in the Aerograph should not be available on the website. The Bellinger List could be electronically sent or mailed to those who wanted the list as requested. Tom Miovas stated he has copies of Aerographs on flash drive if anyone was interested in getting copies.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Jerry Struck withdrew his bid for The Villages in 2015. Earl Kerr volunteered to host the 2015 reunion in Branson during early May or late September. Earl has already contacted Branson and can get rooms for possibly \$99 nightly. After much discussion on when and where to have reunions, it was agreed that whoever was hosting a reunion should be the ones to select location and time of year.

Change to Constitution & Bylaws (Revised 24 May 2001)

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

Section 2. Term of Office (Current)

The officers of the NWSA shall serve for a term of one year, except for the Secretary-Treasurer who shall serve for a minimum term of two years. Officers Elect will be installed at the annual banquet.

- a. The outgoing Secretary/Treasurer will continue in office until the close of the Fiscal year on 30 June.

Section 2. Term of Office (Proposed Changes)

The officers of the NWSA shall serve for a term of two years. Only the President and Secretary/Treasurer will alternate years so there will be continuity in the organization. Officers Elect will be installed at the appropriate reunion banquet.

- a. No Change

Currently the Secretary/Treasurer's term expires in 2014 which would be the year the Change to the Constitution would be affective, if approved. The President Elect for 2014 will serve a one-year term. The two year term for President will be affective in 2015 for the President Elect. The Secretary/Treasurer elected in 2014 will serve a two year term, expiring In 2016, thereby having the election of the President and Secretary/Treasurer's offices expire in alternate years.

After discussion of pros and cons for changing the term of offices, a vote was taken for the proposed changes. The first vote was passed 20 to 6. The proposed change will be voted on again next year and if approved, will go into effect as proposed.

The 40th reunion will be hosted by the Pensacola Chapter in Pensacola FL from 27 April to 1 May 2014. The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be the host hotel. Pat discussed possibly having a golf tournament and/or charter fishing trip. There are plenty of restaurants within walking distance of the hotel. Information will be made available on the website and in the Aerograph.

Bill acknowledged that Alan, Ruth and their daughter did a fantastic job with the reunion.

Alan announced the banquet would be held at 1900 with cocktails starting at 1800.

Meeting was adjourned at 1450.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby O'Brien
Secretary/Treasurer