

## 1<sup>ST</sup> EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETNG SUNDAY 5 MAY 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President Bill Bowers at 1400. The Secretary passed out copies of the minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board Meeting held in Colorado Springs. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes, so they were approved.

1<sup>st</sup> VP Report – Mike Gilroy gave a report on his communication plan stating there had been 4,000 hits on the website, and he was trying to get more people to use the website. Mike issued a reunion survey, and was very disappointed in the number of responses (35) from the members. Of those 35 who responded, a majority wanted to keep the annual reunions but cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> general meeting. Responders considered the Aerograph the main tool to keep members abreast of NWSA news. Many who responded said they had no desire to attend a reunion and attributed this response to location. Mike is going to redo the survey and address items the members focused on in the survey.

2<sup>nd</sup> VP Report – Alan Davis reported he had no help from the Las Vegas Community in getting ready for the reunion but was supported greatly by the Military Reunion Planners. Alan expressed disappointment in the number of attendees and the timeliness of reservations. Four registrations were canceled at the last minute due to illness.

Secretary/Treasurer- Libby O’Brien reported assets in the amount of \$117,529.51 as broken out below:

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| General Operating Funds | \$ 326.35                      |
| Scholarship Funds       | 76,390.69 (\$75,765.69 in CDs) |
| Life Membership Funds   | 40,812.47 (\$31,228.07 in CDs) |

Editor – Mike Gilroy stated that he and Gary Cox have been discussing a proposal on keeping the cost of the Aerograph down but since Gary hadn’t arrived he wanted to wait until Gary was able to participate in the discussion. Mike reported it cost \$2.75 to print, process, and mail each Aerograph. The average cost of the Aerograph has been \$3K since 2008. He estimates cost to run from \$3.5K to \$4K in the future.

Mike Casperson stated there are many request for the Bellinger List. There are approximately 75 members who have passwords for the website.

Audit Committee – Chuck Steinbruck said that the committee would be auditing the Secretary/Treasurers books and making a report at the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting.

Nominating Committee – Tom Miovas reported he had very little response from the Chapters for nomination of officers. Jim Romano from the Potomac Chapter volunteered to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Nominations and election of officers will be at the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting on Wednesday.

Scholarship Chairman – There has been no replacement for Mike Gilroy as Chairman. The biggest job is fund raising. Since funds are being sent to AMS there is really no need for a committee. Bill Bowers read an email from Morgan Goress, a former scholarship recipient, updating us on her studies since getting the scholarship. She expressed her thanks for receiving the scholarship from NWSA.

Finance Committee – Chuck Steinbruck stated the report will be covered after the audit and reported at the 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting.

## Regional Chapters

- Jim Romano expressed deep sympathy in the loss of Don Cruse and Vince Roper. Not only is it a loss to the Potomac Chapter but also a great loss to the national chapter.

-Morey Summey of the Southern California chapter reported he felt the cost of having a reunion in San Diego would be too expensive.

-Pat O'Brien of the Pensacola Chapter reported on the 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion being held next year in Pensacola. The dates are 27 April to 1 May 2014. The host hotel will be the Crown Plaza in downtown Pensacola. It's the same hotel that held the 1986 reunion but has been renovated after Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Rates are \$109 plus tax. All rooms face the Escambia Bay, have coffee pots, microwave oven, refrigerator, and the usual iron, ironing board and hair dryers. Additional information will be made available via the website and Aerograph.

- Bill Bowers read a letter from Chuck Fifield President of the Hampton Roads chapter regarding communication between the National NWSA and the local chapters. Bill responded with a letter that he had appointed Mike Gilroy that position and that Mike in fact had been communicating via the Aerograph.

Pat O'Brien asked Alan Davis if he had received a pass down log from the Colorado Springs reunion. It was noted a pass down log has not existed since the Norfolk Reunion.

Old Business – None

New Business –

A motion was made and approved to send \$100.00 to Hospice in memory of Don Cruse and a card to Marge letting her know of the donation. The Secretary will be responsible with that task when she gets back to Pensacola from the reunion.

The Potomac Chapter will write a bio of Don covering his navy life and publish it in the August Aerograph.

IRS & Non-Profit Status –

Three of the Chapters have received letters from the IRS taking their tax exempt status away due to not submitting a 990N to the IRS in the last 3 years. After much debate, it was decided to let the Secretary/Treasurer request a group EIN and submit one report that will include all the chapters. Mike Gilroy stated that the non-profit status for NWSA helps reduce the cost of mailing the Aerographs.

Mike Gilroy and Chuck Steinbruck have been working on creating a proposed budget for NWSA. The President Bill Bowers asked the finance committee to develop a template and report back to the group.

Tom Miovas reported that he has a flash drive that has all the reunion booklets and class photos for anyone who is interested. He could either download them to a computer or a disc.

Meeting was adjourned at 1530.

Respectfully submitted:

Libby O'Brien

Secretary/Treasurer

Attendees:

Bill Bowers

John Rodriguez

Morey Summey

Jim Romano

Pat O'Brien

Moon Mullen

Earl Kerr

Tom Miovas

Chuck Steinbruck

Mike Gilroy

Alan Davis