



Minutes of the May 2011 Board of Directors' Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1025 hours, Thursday, May 5, 2011, at the State Veterans Home at 4141 N S Herrera Way (North Third Street), in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Gary Fredricks, Ron Green, Gregg Maxon, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, and Rob Welch.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Directors' meeting (April) were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Roscher summarized the chapter's accounts: General Fund \$11,698.68 plus \$50 Petty Cash, Scholarship Fund \$13,147.34 for a total of \$24,896.02.

Auxiliary & Spouses: Kathy Upchurch was not available but had sent an e-mail explaining the Veterans' Home Bingo was re-scheduled this month to May 19th. John Ady said Kathy will be stepping down from her role as Auxiliary Chair and she will be missed, although she will continue her membership with the chapter. We will need a new Auxiliary Chair to replace Kathy. Beth Cullison shared a letter from the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services addressed to MOAA thanking our chapter for supporting the monthly Bingo.

Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks provided an overview of state and federal legislation impacting military. Governor Jan Brewer signed several bills including House Bill 2410, granting veterans in-state tuition at any state university starting in the fall 2011 semester. Gary asked all members to send the pre-written e-mails available on the National MOAA website to Congress (under "Take Action" tab, "Contact Congress", "Issues & Legislation"). You can simply submit the e-mail or print and mail. The letter deals with three crucial issues: 1) Cap future TRICARE fee increases at the COLA percentage, 2) Prevent force or pay raise cuts for troops/families, & 3) Reduce compensation penalties affecting disabled military retirees and military widows and early retirement credit shortfalls for Guard and Reserve. Gary talked about the appropriations bill and Senate budget committee report which is due to be released anytime. Gregg Maxon added the Arizona State Military Family Relief bill was streamlined to require two-thirds rather than 100% committee agreement.

Membership & Recruiting: Beth Cullison reported membership is currently at 199 with the addition of two new members, Dee Omelia and Harry Winning III, recruited by Dan Conway. Forty nine new members were added last year and twenty eight joined through the *Give Me Ten* program. There was discussion on the list of potential chapter members provided by National. These are National members who do not belong to a chapter and reside in our area. Dan Conway mails letters inviting them to join our chapter. Follow up calls are made and those interested are encouraged to view our chapter website and join via the web. Gary Fredricks provided direct feedback to National about streamlining the list to only provide "new" potentials so we are not contacting the same individuals numerous times. Ron Perkins volunteered to call several members requesting their support in staffing a chapter recruitment table at the upcoming Arizona National Guard Conference.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway talked about his recent article in *The Sentinel* due to calls he continues to receive requesting clarification. Dan scheduled a Personal Affairs Workshop for



October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Scottsdale Senior Citizen Center.

Attendance is limited to a maximum of 25. The workshop and reservation form will be featured in September's *The Sentinel*. Dan indicated Bill Roscher will not be available on the 22nd so Dan lined up Norm Miller to address financial planning issues including end of life planning and reverse mortgages. Identity theft was discussed as a possible meeting topic and Gregg Maxon will give Chuck Schluter a contact from the Attorney General's Office.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks provided a status to John Ady who reported arrangements are set for the Arizona Council of Chapters Meeting to be held at the Fountain Hills Holiday Inn. The Stillman Ramada at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park has been reserved for October 15th for the ESGR picnic meeting. John reminded everyone that the May luncheon is scheduled to begin 30 minutes early at 10:30 instead of 11:00 a.m. Terry Tassin will present the scholarship awards at our May meeting.

Programs: John Ady reviewed upcoming luncheon agendas: May - Scholarship Awards, September – Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, and October – ESGR Awards.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison apologized the "h" in John Ady's name was somehow dropped in *The Sentinel*.

Old Business:

Scholarship Program & Bylaws: Bill Roscher drafted new bylaws for the scholarship fund. Dan Conway, Rob Welch and Bill will get together to finalize the draft and Gregg Maxon will review before sending to all board members for feedback. Rob Welch said Bill Roscher needs to submit a report to the Arizona Corporation Commission in July because our fiscal year ends in June. Bill is ready to submit the report showing Ron Perkins as President, Beth Cullison as Secretary, Terry Tassin as Director and Bill Roscher as Treasurer. Rob Welch made a motion to support the submission with those names and Ron Green seconded the motion which was carried. (This decision was later rescinded.)

Rob Welch will provide information on the scholarship recipients to Terry Tassin who will be presenting the scholarship awards. Rob will also get the number of scholarship attendees for the May luncheon and provide to Bill Roscher.

Travel Policy Guidelines: Rob Welch reviewed the travel policy clarification for airfare reimbursement: Airfare will be reimbursed at the lowest refundable direct or one-stop coach class fare available at the time of travel. Rob made a motion seconded by Dan Conway to approve the policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

AZ Council Meeting Arrangements: Ron Perkins put together packets for those traveling to attend and Marie Fredricks will deliver to the hotel. Ron said there was no consensus for a spouse activity but the packet will provide some options for them. A laptop will be needed for presentations, the hotel will provide a screen & desktop podium, and our new projector will be used. We do not have a chapter laptop so Ron will try to line one up for the meeting.

Memorial Day Color Guard: Rob Welch will participate along with Paul Fein, John Ady and Bill Roscher. Dan Conway will bring the flags and equipment and obtain the parking passes. The plan is to meet at 700 hours and wear short sleeve white shirts with grey slacks.

Stationery Format: Dan Conway proposed a standard format for using the National and Chapter logos. Rob Welch will work with Dan to provide the logos for the board to use.



New Business:

JROTC Request: The Carl Hayden JROTC is making a trip to South Dakota for a flag ceremony at Mount Rushmore. John Ady received a written request from the JROTC staff that was forwarded by Terry Tassin, requesting a donation from our chapter to help pay for travel expense. After some discussion about the use of our general funds and the type of outreach we should support, Ron Perkins, John Ady and Gregg Maxon formed a committee to review a possible Guard/Reserve outreach program. Ron Perkins made a motion to donate \$300 from our general fund to Carl Hayden JROTC with a requirement that, upon their return, one of the students makes a brief presentation to us about their trip. Gregg Maxon seconded the motion which was carried. John Ady will notify the JROTC and Bill Roscher will issue the check for \$300.

September BOD Meeting: John Ady asked if we should postpone the September board meeting because it is so close to Labor Day. It was agreed to keep the meeting as scheduled on September 1st.

Nominating Committee: A committee was formed to nominate the Board for 2012 including the officers and five elected directors. Jim Cullison and Ron Green will serve and Chuck Schluter was suggested as the third member. Jim will contact Chuck to request his involvement.

Meritorious Service Awards: John Ady said we would hold off until September to plan for the MSAs.

Summer *The Sentinel*: John Ady suggested Jim Cullison publish an abbreviated version of *The Sentinel* during the summer months. After a brief discussion the idea was dropped but Ron Perkins volunteered to begin sending the *Just in Time* electronic newsletter from National MOAA.

5 Star Excellence Award: Ron Perkins is working on the 5 Star submission and will e-mail a draft to the Board and is requesting feedback no later than Tuesday, May 10th.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Bill Roscher: Bill indicated he will be available for the September and October Board meetings but will not be available to attend the September and October luncheon meetings. Marie Fredricks has agreed to handle the lunch reservations.

Rob Welch: Rob expressed concern, with the withdrawal of TriWest support for the golf tournament, we need to develop new ideas for raising money for the scholarship fund. One idea is to increase recognition of those that donate to the fund and encourage others to make "in kind" donations. Rob has added a sponsorship page to the website with different donor levels and will provide more information at the next meeting. Rob reminded our chapter supports 17 schools and needs to figure out how to increase the scholarship fund.

Ron Green: Ron is inviting a prospective new member to attend a luncheon meeting and join the chapter.

AZ Veterans' Service Advisory Commission: Gary Fredricks talked about the importance of the AZ Veterans' Advisory Commission and the two commissioner openings available. There are nine commissioners each serving a maximum of six years and Gary's term will be up next year. Nominations must come from a recognized organization; MOAA nominations must be submitted through Ken Yamanouchi to the Governor's office. Commission members are appointed by the Governor. The Commission meets the second Thursday of the month, except the summer, for ten meetings annually. They work closely with the directors to influence good policy setting and



accomplish positive actions for the Veterans of our state. Rob Welch was suggested as a good candidate and Gregg Maxon will provide a reference.

Dan Conway: Dan said the new scholarship bylaws violate our articles of incorporation. There was some discussion and agreement to hold a scholarship fund board meeting in September. Dan made a motion to rescind the previously passed motion showing Ron Perkins as President, Beth Cullison as Secretary, Terry Tassin as Director, and Bill Roscher as Treasurer. Ron Green seconded the motion and it passed.

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, 1 September 2011

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1245 hours.

Luncheon Meeting Greeters:

May – Ron & Betty Perkins

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cullison, Secretary