



82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
National Convention
Rosen Center, Orlando Florida**

August 8, 2018

Meeting called to order by President Rich Becker at 0900 hours, 8 Aug 2018.

Invocation by Director Gary Rezabek.

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Roll Call of Officers and Directors by Secretary Gary Rezabek. All 12 directors present.

President Becker called for reorder of agenda. By-laws to be moved to after Neil Parkin. No objections.

President Becker noted that minutes of the 2018 All American Week Board of Directors / Delegates Meeting were in everyone's packet. Directors asked for changes. No changes submitted.

Director Oesch moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Second Director Steen. The motion carried.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. **Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer/Dir Lawrence Slavicek noted all financial reports had been provided for review by the Board of Directors.

Stated donations were still down. Director Slavicek talked about operating costs. Recommends to change focus to younger troops, but still honor our legacy. Expenses are holding the line.

President Becker asked for questions and none were presented. President Becker asked for approval of the Treasurer's report. Motion by Dir Copening. Second Dir Steen. Discussion Dir Oesch requested publication of annual financial reports. Exec Dir Bauer stated they are on the web site. National Directors approved the report.

b. **Chapter and Membership:**

Membership on a little uptick. All American Adventure is getting noticed of website. Please let members know information is on the web site.

Executive Director Bauer noted that some Chapters are not responding to new members. Please

contact them.

c. **Website and Automation:**

Exec Dir Bauer states automation going well. Next month we should be up on our own servers. We will have more capabilities. We will be able to run our own e-mails and website. Chapter continuity.

d. **By-Laws Committee:**

Reordered to later in the meeting.

e. **Ways and Means:**

Dir Slavicek no recommendations at this time.

f. **Convention Planning:**

PP Eberle: No convention bids from any local chapters. Report in file. Exec Dir Bauer stated we have a proposal. Location of Washington D.C. for next year's convention. To be voted on in 2-3 weeks. Rosen Center needs one year notice. No Florida chapter has stepped forward to assist. Remember it's the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and Market Garden. Dir Perez-Ortiz and Dir Copening state their chapter could step up but remember they are two hours away. Motion by Dir Copening to delay any vote till the end of August to allow Washington DC to solidify. Second Dir Perez-Ortiz. Motion carried.

g. **Internal Affairs:**

Dir Steen: Mr. #1. Request for membership. Chaptered out of military. States he has cleaned up his act. Has had discharge upgraded to General with Honorable conditions. Board recommends disapproval. Dir Steen motion to not accept request for membership. Second Dir Oesch. Motion carried. Membership request declined.

Next item not in packet. Mr. #2 Conduct unbecoming. Item requires a hearing. If approved Mr. #2, former El Paso chapter member, will be sent a letter informing of a potential hearing or his withdrawal of his membership. Member is currently at large. Motion Dir Steen, Second Dir Copening. Motion carried.

Mr. #3, Gateway Chapter has expelled. Repeated conduct unbecoming. Motion Dir Steen to send letter informing of a trial to revoke membership. Second Dir Oesch. Motion carried.

Dir Steen requests a letter of censorship of Mr. #4 for circumventing Association chain of command and has reported negative and inappropriate rumors about the Association to the Division. Second by Dir Copening. Motion made to table by Dir Lyons. Motion tabled. Send a letter to all chapters informing proper chain of command.

h. **Public Relations:**

No Report at this time.

i. **Resolutions:**

Director Holcomb proposed resolution of endorsement for the 82nd Airborne Division monument at Ft Benning. Motion Dir Holcomb. Second Dir Rezabek. Motion carried.

j. **Awards committee:**

Dir. Rezabek stated there were only one nomination received for All American of the Year. Pete Long was approved for All American of the Year. There were two nominations for honorary membership. Mrs. Vickie Schoppe was approved for honorary membership. The second honorary membership was not approved due to the nominee being Airborne qualified. Motion to accept Dir Rezabek. Second Dir Covey. Motion carried.

k. **Historical Committee:**

No report. At this time.

l. **Western Area Coordinator:**

No report. Pres Becker questioned the need of this coordinator. Dir Copening asked to reach out for a replacement in the bulletin.

m. **Veterans Affairs:**

VA continues making changes. Decreased personnel at the central office.

n. **Insurance Report:**

No report at this time. Exec Dir Bauer stated the Association has a rider to cover the convention. North Carolina didn't have reciprocal crossover to Florida.

o. **Business Development:**

Pres Becker reordered agenda for later.

Old Business:

a. **Chapter Charter request:**

The Gen Dennis L. Via, All Airborne Signal Chapter has met all requirements. Motion to accept Dir Copening. Second Dir Steen. Motion carried. 1 dissenting vote.

- b. **75th Anniversary Tour Request for sponsorship:** Discussed. Motion not to pursue Dir Copening. Second Dir Steen. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **New Historian:** Reordered to consider the Vice-President position.

- b. **Vice-President Position:** President Becker states he appointed PP Herlihy to be current Vice-President until the end of the year. Motion Dir Copening. Second Dir Steen. Motion carried.

- c. **Partnership with Independence fund for All American Adventure:** Exec Dir Bauer briefed about possible outside funding. 20 soldiers were sponsored. Included transportation and meals. Also

thinking of a possible MUD Race at Ft Bragg.

- d. **Neil Parkin briefing:** Closed for discussion. Neil to forward information on request. Briefing concluded at 1159hrs.

1200hrs meeting paused for Directors/Delegates meeting: Nero Tucker was spokesperson for the delegates. Delegates notes to be attached. Dir/Del meeting adjourned at 1230hrs. President Becker made a motion to adjourn and reconvene at 1100hrs 9 Aug 2018. Second Dir Steen. Motion carried.

***** **MEETING RECONVENED. 1100hrs 9 Aug 2018.** All Directors (12) present. *****

- e. **2019 Convention status:** Exec Dir Bauer briefed status of 2019 convention location.
- f. **New Association Historian:** Timothy McCoy (Tee Mac) has offered to be the Association Historian. Former historian for the 505th and the 555. Motion by Dir Oesch to accept. Second Dir Steen. Motion passed. Archives to be inventoried (Dir Holcomb) and then stored at National Headquarters in Fayetteville.
- g. **Association Photographer:** Scott Defries has been suggested for this position. Motion by Dir Perez-Ortiz. Second by Dir Rezabek. Motion carried.
- h. **Palm Beach chapter By-Law changes:** Motion to accept Dir Copening. Second Dir Steen. Motioned passed. Will take effect in 30 days.
- i. **Palm Beach Chapter proposal to expand membership for those that have only Air Assault badge as a member:** Motion by Dir Copening to not approve. Second Dir Steen. Motion carried. Note only membership as currently stated in the bylaws can be considered.
- j. **Letter of Censure:** Dir Steen (IA) readdressed Letter of Censure to Mr. #4. Motion by Dir Steen to censure. Second by Dir Copening. Motioned carried.
- k. **Request:** Pres Becker requests that Exec Dir Bauer place a statement in the Paraglide and in the Bulletins the following. That the Exec Director is the primary and only Point Of Contact for association business with the Division. Letter to be sent to all chapter chairmen and to the Division.
- l. **By-Law changes:** Dir Holcomb gave a general brief. Items will be voted on by page. See By-Law copy with changes.
 - 1) Page #2- No objection.
 - 2) Page #3- All American Life Membership: Motion by Dir Copening to keep current AAM as is and to be grandfathered. New All American membership price TBD. Second Dir Oesch. Motion passed. Tabled new AAM fees until after changes to membership.
 - 3) Auxiliary Membership: Auxiliary members are to be non-voting members, may not become directors, and are at the local chapter level. Airborne qualification not required. Annual dues TBD. Motion to accept Dir Oesch. Second Dir Covey. Motion carried. 1 dissenting vote.
 - 4) Page #-6- Section 3 Item C. For cause: Motion by Pres Becker to read "at any Board of Director meeting". Delete Annual Convention. Second Dir Steen. Motion carried.

- 5) Page #12- Article V-Election, Sec 4. Nominations, page 13. At large members to be allowed to run for Directorship. Motion to accept Dir Mitchell. Second Dir Holcomb. Motion carried with 5 dissenting votes.
- 6) Page #14- Motion for creation of veteran Vice-President to be voted on by Board of Directors by Dir Copening. Second by Dir Covey. Motion carried.

Note any grammatical and wording changes were approved by the board at the start of this session.

Meeting motion to adjourn at 1315hrs and reconvene 10 Aug 2018 after the general membership meeting. Dir Rezabek. Second Dir Steen. Motion carried.

DIRECTORS MEETING RECONVENED. 10 Aug 2018 1130hrs. All Directors (incoming and outgoing) present.

m. Director Elections:

There were 6 positions opened. There were 6 candidates.
 Newly elected Directors are Dir David Pittman, Dir Cletus Slabach, Dir Randall Johnson, and Dir/PP T. Ed Herlihy. Reelected Dir Gary Rezabek and Dir Michael Oesch.

Directors meeting was reconvened after the general membership meeting.

n. Officer Nominations:

President Becker requested nominations for 2019 Officers.

Nominations for 2019 Officers:

President	Dir Gary Rezabek	Nominated by Dir Covey	No other nominations
Vice President	Dir Gary Covey Dir/PP T Ed Herlihy	Nominated by Dir Rezabek Nominated by Dir Copening.	Dir Herlihy declined
Secretary	Dir Mike Oesch	Nominated by Dir Rezabek	No other nominations
Treasurer	Dir Steve Holcomb	Nominated by Dir Rezabek	No other nominations

Nominations closed. Elections stand.

- o. All American Membership:** Dir Copening stated we have the responsibility to finish and resolve this item. To be addressed after the education fund meeting.

Memberships: Discussion

Dir Copening suggested to give all current 82nd Division soldiers a one year free membership. This can be renewed by the soldier after that year.
 Exec Dir Bauer suggests renewal could come with a "Coin" or another incentive.
 Dir Oesch stated that AAM need to be paid up for Education fund.

Motion by Dir Copening to give a free one year membership to all active duty soldiers in the 82nd Abn Div. Second by Dir Steen. Motion Carried.

Motion by Dir Copening for \$35 for annual membership for both active duty (after free membership year) and veterans. With Exec Dir Bauer creating an incentive gift/coin. Second by Dir Steen. Motion carried.

Motion by Dir Copening that new All American Membership be \$350.00. To be paid in full prior to applying for Ed Fund Scholarship. Maintenance fee (TBD) to be paid after 5 years. Current AAM to be grandfathered. Second by Dir Holcomb. Motion carried.

Motion by Dir Copening to allow Exec Bauer to purchase incentive items for membership. To be \$2,000.00 or less. Second by Dir Perez-Ortiz. Motion Carried.

Education Fund Note: All need to go out and solicit for the education fund.

Motion to adjourn by Pres Becker. Second by Dir Rezabek. Motion carried.

AIRBORNE. ALL THE WAY

Respectfully submitted: Dir Gary Rezabek, National Secretary