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**82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS / DELEGATES MEETING
2020 All American Week, Fayetteville, North Carolina
Videoconference 2 June 2020
Scheduled start time 2000 EDT, Due to technical issues, actual start time 2006 EDT**

Call to Order – President Rezabek

Invocation – Vice President Copening

Pledge of Allegiance – President Rezabek and all in attendance

Roll Call – Secretary Oesch (List attached)

Delegates from the 1 June 2020 Videoconference report by Spokesperson Andrew Ritter from Ohio:

1. Suggested a Vision Statement to expand on the Association Mission statement. Currently a working action.
2. Question concerning All American memberships and rebates after the membership is established. Rebate was clarified to be a one-time rebate, not to cover unspecified sustaining/maintenance cost.
3. Under pricing for All American membership suggests cost be based on an active member's rank and not a flat price.
4. Recommendation to establish a special Cadet category of membership. This was not considered favorably since there was no record of the individual's actual service, not wide spread support.
5. Chapters do not submit issues, so delegates don't have start point.
6. Delegates leave videoconference.

Announcements - President Rezabek/Executive Director Bauer

1. 82nd Airborne Division Change of Command for 6 -10 July 2020. Concerns include continued restrictions by North Carolina on crowd size and incomplete arrangements for events.
2. Hall of Fame Ceremony attendance will likely be restricted.
3. Thank you letter from the family of Past President Mel Green.

Minutes from August 2019 Convention were accepted after a motion from Vice President Copening and second by Director Peppers.

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Reports of Officers and Committees:

- a. Treasurer's Report by Treasurer Waller - Reports through March 2020 are available and April 2020 expected soon. Audio problems.
- b. Chapter and Membership by Executive Director Bauer - 43K members and two closure progresses on Cincinnati and Southern California Chapters.
- c. Website/Automation by Executive Director Bauer reports acquiring refurbished computers and the additional capability to contact members at the National Office using new software.
- d. By-Laws by Past President/Director Becker presented three matters for the BOD consideration.
 1. Privileges of Honorary Members should not include voting and making motions. Motion by Treasurer Waller, second by Vice President Copening. Approved.
 2. Conflict of Interest for BOD members require a Disclosure Statement and a requirement to abstain for voting if a conflict exists. Both actions were approved by separate votes.
 3. Actions that may require changes or suspension of by-laws due to not being able or hold a general membership meeting to conduct required business. A provision for one chapter representative to vote by videoconference, as needed. Motion by Vice President Copening, second by Director Slabach. Approved. Only the last item goes into effect as of this time, others require membership approval.
- e. Ways and Means by Treasurer Waller reports a meeting is planned to prepare a budget.
- f. Convention Planning by Past President Eberle reports 2021 Convention in Houston is a go and 2022 Convention is planned for Louisville, Kentucky. Executive Director Bauer reports normal fund raising from AAW and Convention cancelation has created a \$35K shortage for the Association. Need donations.
- g. Internal Affairs by Director Tucker had no report at this time.
- h. Resolution by Past President/Director Herlihy had no report at this time.
- i. Awards by Past President/Director Becker reports program SOP has been updated by Director Bell and Director Slabach.
- j. Historical by Historian McCoy had no report at this time.
- k. Legislative LNO had no report as position is unfilled.
- l. Insurance by President Rezabek and Executive Director Bauer report that the policy was only paid for one quarter on 28 May due to an unexpected \$1700 annual increase. Actions to secure more affordable insurance is underway.

Old Business:

- a. Convention SOP changes are updated on our website, Past President Eberle reports.
- b. All American Adventure has been cancelled per Executive Director Bauer for 2020.
- c. Holiday Troop Support by Executive Director Bauer is pending and likely to be a go.



- d. Chapter Closure was already covered under Chapter and Membership report by Executive Director Bauer.
- e. Director Nomination Process and Standards – Work in progress at this time.
- f. AUSA proposal by Treasurer Waller reports indicate the plan may not be an action that contributes to the cost benefit of the 82nd Association, so this matter was tabled until better details are available for a decision.
- g. Veteran Tax Hiring by President Rezabek still working action.

New Business:

- a. Nominations for Honorary Life Membership - None.
- b. Chapter Closure Requests, action previously handled.
- c. General Dennis L. Via All American Signal Chapter By-laws change. Motion to Approve by Director Slabach, second by Director Peppers. Approved.
- d. Operation Bourbon was initiated by AA-6 and the first bottle should be available to be presented to him. The parachute shaped bottle was displayed. Details are on website. Cost will be about \$100 and already 48K have reportedly been looking to purchase.
- e. Alumni Book will begin sales process on or about 3 July 2020 after clarifying the announcement to the membership. Book to be printed in April-June 2021.
- f. 2020 Change of Command Week schedule plans include a Division Run but many details remain unresolved at this time.
- g. Update of SOPs report Convention complete and Awards nearly complete.

Other Business:

- a. Director Slabach reports he has forward completed Awards SOP to Executive Director Bauer.
- b. Vice President Copening reminded those in attendance that forms needed by chapters are available on website.
- c. Action to update the plaque of Past Presidents of the Association at the Museum still not updated, working with the Historical Society for action. Plan to send a memo from BOD.
- d. An All American of the Year was nominated by Past President/Director Herlihy, second by Vice President Copening and approved. Plan is to present at Veterans Day in DC also approved. Name is not yet approved to be released.
- e. Past President/Director Becker initiated action to approve 2022 Convention request for Louisville, approved action.

Meeting Adjourned by President Rezabek at 2039 EDT

Michael Oesch
Secretary