



82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.

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Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting 73rd Convention Washington, DC 7 August 2019

On 7 August 2019 at about 1500, President Rezabek called the Board of Directors (BOD) to order. Vice President Covey provided the invocation and President Rezabek lead the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of Directors was conducted, Dir Johnson was not present/excused and Dir Pittman was not present. 7 Past Presidents were in attendance, as well as Executive Dir Bauer and Historian McCoy.

Brief announcements were made by President Rezabek and Executive Dir Bauer and the published agenda was followed with some minor deviation.

The minutes from All American Week were approved with a spelling correction of the secretary's name. Motion by Dir Herlihy, second by Dir Holcomb, motion approved.

Reports are listed by their numbers on the agenda:

- An updated Treasurer report was provided and by Dir Treasurer Holcomb and a motion by him to accept the written report, second by Dir Slabach, motion approved.
- Executive Dir Bauer provided the current list of the status of chapters that have not been in good standing and general membership functions.
- Executive Dir Bauer discussed on-going efforts to attempt to make the website more user friendly, from information provided by Kimberly Holmes who serves as webmaster.
- Dir Becker reminded those in attendance that requests for by-law changes are reviewed to insure they are IAW National By-Laws. Past President Eberle suggested that the process of having Delegates is no longer as useful as it was in the past. Perhaps have regional Directors, no resolution at this time.
- Dir Holcomb addressed his efforts to insure under Ways and Means that as much current information would be available on the website as can be done. He is suggesting a 34" tower pin for participants during AAW. Executive Dir Bauer announced that the 501(c)3 was approved for the Association.
- Past President Eberle addressed Convention planning and indicated that though the 2020 Convention would be in Houston, at least one chapter was working on a plan for 2021.
- Internal Affairs Report submitted to Board of Directors by Director Clay. The board voted a two year suspension of a member. Restricting him from attending any association events for conduct unbecoming of an association member.
- No report on Public Relations.
- No report on Resolutions.
- Awards - Past President Rath was elected to be the All American of the year. President Rezabek directed the Awards Committee to work on updating the plaque of Past Presidents at the Museum.

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- Under Historical, no report, however mention was made to attempt to record the histories of our WWII veterans.
- A motion to eliminate the Western Area Coordinator, motion by Dir Becker, second by Dir Clay, motion approved.
- No formal report on Veteran's Affairs, Dir Clay planning to retire from VA.
- No report on Legislative LNO, still seeking a member to serve.
- The Insurance was not changed because the time was too short at AAW time.
- No report on Business Development.

Old Business, items will follow the agenda:

- No Changes to by-laws for Conventions, PP Eberle
- 2020 Convention is set for Houston.
- All American Adventure expenses to New York was covered by donations.
- WWII Veterans attendance has been also financed by donations.
- Veteran's Day 2019 support was approved at AAW.
- A Northern Michigan Chapter requested approval to start a new chapter, action presented by Dir Covey, Approved. No response from Judge Advocate concerning Phantom Airborne Chapter, still waiting.
- Chapter closure list was reviewed and a copy provided by Executive Director Bauer.
- Director uniform change proposal was approved at AAW.
- The general consensus was that a better process for Director Nominations needs some work.
- AUSA proposal is still a working action.
- Veteran Tax Hiring was briefed by President Rezabek and Dir Clay.

New Business- Honorary Life Memberships, none at this time.

At about 1645, the Delegate spokesman, Steve Copening and Pete Long addressed Delegate concerns (No written copy of this meeting was provided).

- Items addressed included the new IRS tax status of 501(c)3 was discussed with comments from Executive Dir Bauer and President Rezabek.
- It was suggested that a fund raising SOP should be available to help chapters.
- It was suggested that the website include frequently asked questions "FAQ".
- Chapters questioned by-laws approval procedures and were reminded that the approval process is to make sure they comply with National by-laws.
- A suggestion was made to make sure Education Fund money for veterans is meeting the intent of the program.
- Mention was made of PayPal and there are still chapters without a PayPal account. This procedure is more cost effective than checks and postage.
- A suggestion was made to increase the larger portion of dues that come back to the chapters.
- A requirement to update the All American Dues put into effect at the 2018 Convention, unclear about actions after 5 years. BOD will need to address this matter. Suggested for general membership meeting.
- All American members' dues that return to chapters similar to the old rebate system. May require update to bylaws.

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- A suggestion was made to make Active Duty membership dues reflect the ability of the member to pay, more for senior ranking members.
- Possibility of hiring a grant writer for National.

Director/Delegate Meeting Adjourned at about 1730.

Submitted by:

(Signed original on file)

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