



82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.



**Board of Directors / Delegates Meeting Minutes
2021 JUNE
Videoconference
26 May 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – President Steve Copening

INVOCATION: Vice President Gary Covey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Steve Copening

ROLL CALL – President Copening, V.P. Covey, Sec. Peppers, Treasurer Waller, Directors Slabach, Becker, Tucker, Ritter, Bell, PPs Schroeder, Rath, Rezabek, Ex Dir Bauer. Included Sue Foy, Howard Steele, Tony Marshall, Ed Herlihy and Delegate Representative Henry Thorpe

ANNOUNCEMENTS – President Steve Copening/Executive Director Bill Bauer.

Delegates were welcomed to the conference and the board was presented with one submission. Tampa Bay Chapter President and Delegate Spokesman, Henry Thorpe, delivered the proposal for Association Chapter Recognition. The award to be presented in a manner that acknowledges that most chapters do not have an established meeting place but can be disseminated to the widest distribution. Request the Board establishes criteria, perhaps tiered, to recognize chapters based on community initiatives, involvement and representation. Intent to engage and motivate chapters in their areas of focus and success. Recognition would be presented during All American Week, National Convention, and officially announced in the Paraglide, National Association Website and Social Media Platforms.



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Delegates were thanked for their time and attention in their submission and were excused for the remainder of the videoteleconference.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE Aug 2020 MEETING – Minutes were attached and approved by the board

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

- a. Treasurer 's Report – Treasurer/William Waller – provided the Statement of Financial Position dated 31 March 2021 reporting total assets in the amount of \$273,026.59. The report was approved.
- b. Chapter and Membership – Executive Director Bauer provided snapshot on initial dissolution steps; on Membership expressed happy on current membership status overall- target age is 50-60 more inclined to be involved and actively engage to start chapters. Our 70-80 age group are inclined to advise but fade from more active presence
- c. Website/Automation - Executive Director Bauer reported he would be meeting on a website upgrade - one stop shop: Airborne Benevolent Network
Identified the purchase of the URL and stipulated the clarity in the relationships amongst the Education Fund, WoundedWarriors and 82nd Airborne Division Association
- d. By-Laws – Director Slabach Addressed the by law question on At Large Member eligibility to run for Director, PP Rath opposed to At Large Member being able to run for position.
President Copening directs the discussion be tabled for the time being.
Directors Tucker, Bell and Slabach will remain as Committee Members



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- e. Ways and Means – Director Ritter - Working but Nothing Significant to Report
- f. Convention Planning – PP/Chair Eberle - No Report
- g. Internal Affairs – Director Tucker - No Report
- h. Resolutions – Director Bell - No Report
- i. Awards – Director Tucker - All American of the Year - No Information
- j. Legislative LNO – Need to Fill Position - No Report
- k. Insurance – President Copening/Exec Dir - Insurance payment Due 1 June 2021-Paid
- l. Public Relations-Director Peppers- Provided run down on discussion with Lonestar Chapter President Mayville and Public Relations Committee Members - 66 registrations at the time of discussion. Emails were sent to the Association Chapters and FaceBook pages were provided Convention Information and Registration
- m. Monument Committee - No Discussion

Executive Director provided the following updates:

- a. Nominations for Honorary Life Membership – None
- b. Chapter Closure Requests
- c. Alumni Book Status-begins sales status. Book gone to publishing- Book due out July 2021
- d. Update of SOPs - Awards working
- e. Veteran's Day is a go
- f. Chapter name change/by-law changes- A number of chapter have submitted for changes- the documentation would be sent in a followup email for vote. These requests have been emailed to the Directors.
- g. Palm Beach Chapter Closure to integrate with South Florida



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- h. Denied Membership cost- Individuals that apply for membership but are denied will not be recompensed. Application specifies cost is a processing fee and time and effort are extended whether individual is approved or not.
- i. Sword of St. Michael Beer - 8.2 alc. being released
- j. Director Chapter Rosters Executive Director would compile a list of chapters for Directors to contact. The list has been distributed. ExDir will follow with specific talking points

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

No Other Business or Announcements

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned with no specified date for next meeting.

Maggie Peppers
Secretary, Board of Directors