

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY NROTC ALUMNI ORGANIZATION**

**MINUTES QUARTERLY VIRTUAL MEETING 13 June 2009**

President Marty Hill called the virtual Quarterly Meeting of the NROTC Alumni Organization to order at 11:05 PM EDT. Board members present were: Don Gerber, Don Harrington, Marty Hill, Jim Maynard, Steve Maynard, Dave Miller, Mike O’Neil, Chris Ryder, Marc Goodman, Loren Heckleman, Ken Glass, JJ Morrow and Carl Stein. Also present were CAPT Stephen Johnson, NROTC Unit Commanding Officer and LT Tim English, USN, Associate Professor of Naval Science, and other organization members listed on the attached roster.

**OPENING REMARKS:** President Marty Hill opened the meeting with the following:

1. Requesting that a copy of the current version of the by laws be distributed to all officers.
2. Identifying the following goals:
  - a. Cleanup the administration and organizational issues.
  - b. Increase alumni participation, and communication to the same audience.
  - c. Support the Midshipmen.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Carl Stein reported the balances as follows:

Treasurer’s report of account activity since 18 April 2009

Last Report:	\$ 18,311.34
Deposits:	\$ 200.00
Debits:	\$ 1,185.00 – 13 Midshipmen, 2 Staff attending Killology Seminar
	\$ 442.27 - MUAA 1 yr membership for 9 graduates
CO’s Funds:	\$ 9,788.58
Alumni Funds:	\$ 7,095.49
Grand Total:	\$ 16,884.07

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Funding was authorized to support attendance at a Combat Trauma course for select midshipmen.
- Alumni Weekend (18-21 June 2009)
  - Currently, no USAF personnel are planning to be present at Millett Hall for this weekend.
  - Don Gerber, Jim Maynard and Lt English will host visitors in an Open House at the NROTC Unit, and will present a orientation briefing also. Likewise, Capt Johnson will welcome visitors.
  - A goal they will seek amongst the visitors is to increase membership in the NROTC Alumni Organization.
- Updates to the NROTC Alumni Tracker Database
  - Lt English reported no significant activity in this endeavor
  - Dave Miller indicated he would be the NROTC Alumni Organization POC to Lt English for the Tracker Database
  - Chris Ryder Emailed a copy of this Tracker Database to all hands in attendance at this meeting
- History Project
  - JJ Morrow reported that he was not personally satisfied with his progress on this project due to workload issues
  - He will be working with Lt English, Jim Bodmer, and Jim Maynard to review the archives of the NROTC Unit, to include command chronologies, and other command history media.
  - Marty Hill suggested electronic submission of unit history inputs from alumni members as a means to accelerate data collection.
  - A discussion of the use of decade and class captains to collect and reinforce data for the history project ensued.
- Mentoring Project
  - Dave Miller reported, and indicated that the targeted population of mentors was primarily in the 1997 to 2003 classes.
  - Dave requested a copy of the Mentoring Letter from Chris Ryder, and he will use this letter to move forward in this effort.
  - Dave reported that a strong pool of approximately 70 candidates exists.
  - Dave will facilitate a presentation at the Freshman Orientation on Mentoring.
- Military and the Media
  - Steve Maynard will serve as the local POC for discussion panels for the Military and the Media event
  - Chris Ryder suggested that Honor Flight might provide a good source of data for this event
  - Carl Stein indicated he had strong connections to Honor Flight in Virginia Beach, VA

- Linked In
  - Loren Heckleman reported he had established a Linked In Site.
  - He further noted he had received 13 responses to the site to date.
  - Marty Hill suggested we use the Linked In site to expand the range and scope of our membership.
  - Further discussion on the use of the Linked In site for the History Project ensued.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dave Miller requested that any updates to the Miami University NROTC Alumni Organization by sent in MS Word Format
- 2010 Souers Award Committee
  - Chris Ryder was approved as the Chairman of the 2010 Souers Award Committee
  - The following parties were approved as members of the 2010 Souers Award Committee:
    - Marc Goodrich
    - Marty Hill (ex officio)
    - Ken Camut
    - Steve Maynard
    - Carl Stein
  - It was agreed that nominations for the 2010 Souers Award should be received not later than 1 Oct 2010.
  - Chris Ryder indicated he would complete the Nomination Letter during July, 2009.
- By Law Review
  - Jim Maynard agreed to lead a review of the by-laws, and he will be assisted by Loren Heckleman and Ken Camut.
  - It was agreed that the most current version of the by-laws was published in June 2007 as Revision 02.
- Meeting Scheduling
  - Lt English will validate the dates of the 2010 Presidential Review.
  - The following dates were agreed to for remaining 2009 quarterly meetings: August 8, 2009, October 10, 2009 (Souers Award),
- Change of Command/Retirement
  - The Change of Command will occur sometime in the last week of August, 2009.
  - Capt Johnson's retirement ceremony will occur on 30 Sep 2009.

- Col Andy Solgie, USMC will assume command of the NROTC Unit, Miami University from Capt Johnson. Col Solgie is currently the CO, Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD, Parris Island, SC.

**COMMENTS OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER:**

Capt Johnson provide a summary of newly commissioned officers, and the upcoming dates for Change of Command and Retirement. He also indicated that the academic performance of the unit was continuing to trend positive.

**NEEDS OF THE UNIT:**

LT English deferred any identification of needs in terms of financial resources, but did indicate that 37 midshipmen were scheduled for the Combat Trauma course.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Marty Hill thanked Chris Ryder for his leadership over the past two years while serving as the organization's president. She suggested several initiatives for next year including an administrative review of our By-Laws and investigating the potential of reviving publication of **SOUNDINGS**.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday teleconference, 13 June 2009 @ 1100 AM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved / as Corrected

Mike O'Neil  
09 / 10 Secretary

CC: Directors  
CAPT Johnson  
LT English