

## MIAMI UNIVERSITY NROTC ALUMNI ORGANIZATION

### MINUTES QUARTERLY VIRTUAL MEETING 24 October 2009

President Marty Hill called the virtual Quarterly Meeting of the NROTC Alumni Organization to order at 11:10 AM EDT. Board members present were: Marty Hill, Mike O'Neil, Chris Ryder, Loren Heckelman, Ken Camut, Mark Pawluk, and Carl Stein. Steve Maynard was enroute home from a business trip to the Far East for his employer so he could not attend. Several checks of the primary and secondary telephone numbers were made to determine if more parties were in attendance, and no other parties were detected. Later discovery indicated the respective parties had made repeated attempts to connect, but the underlying technology was not supporting their needs for undetermined reasons.

**OPENING REMARKS** – Marty Hill reminded the directors of the recent passing of Capt Anthony Colucci, USN (ret) and indicated some of his fraternity brothers had contacted her regarding some memorial. Additionally, she discussed how we might Email the recently reinvigorated Soundings to the tracker database list. Further, she indicated that she had recently participated in a Miami University Bicentennial Tour event in the National Capital Region.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous meeting on 15 August, 2009 were discussed at the overview level, and approved as distributed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Carl Stein reported the current balance of all accounts was \$13,970.25. A discussion of accounting for available funds ensued, and it was agreed that funds that were committed but not received would not be reported as available.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Souers Award Committee
  - Challenges in connection between Chris Ryder and Steve Maynard were reported.
  - For a variety of reasons, the letter requesting nominations for the Souers Award had not been posted to the appropriate website nor distributed to the respective snail mail addressees.
  - A discussion on how to proceed ensued. The directors agreed that they would extend the nomination deadline to 1 December, 2009, and Chris Ryder initiated actions to get the letter requesting nominations for the Souers Award posted to the appropriate website and mailing of related letters to the respective snail mail addressees

- A recommendation on the Souers Award for 2010 will be provided by the nominating committee not later than 15 Dec 2009.
- Constitution and By-Laws
  - Ken Camut indicated the final draft of the revisions had been recently Emailed to all directors, and no feedback had been received as of this date.
  - One remaining issue requires resolution: the financial connection of the organization to Miami University. Treasurer Carl Stein will work to achieve final resolution but it was agreed that the Constitution and By-Laws revision is sufficient in this area to move forward with a vote for acceptance.
  - Mike O'Neil indicated he would dispatch the final draft of the revised Constitution and By-Laws to all directors for their vote, and he would report the same by Email and at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- History Project
  - This subject was deferred until the next meeting due to the absence of the primary action officer.
- Military and the Media
  - The large, formal event surrounding this effort has been cancelled by Miami University because of the cost of the event.
  - Professor Cheryl Heckler and students from the Journalism Department are continuing to interview veterans, and record those interviews.
  - Marty asked that we all continue to support this effort as feasible.
- Communications Initiatives
  - Loren Heckelman reported that our LinkedIn group now has 39 members registered.
  - A new Online Community media available on the Miami University Alumni Association website was discussed and reviewed. Loren will explore it more fully and test out its capability. At first glance, it appears to be something that would be very useful for our alumni communications.
- It was requested that a query be made to Lt English to validate that April 17, 2010 as the date for the Presidential Review.
- 12 Nov 2009 Miami University Football Game : Discussions on possible efforts regarding the Armed Forces recognition at this effort were deferred due to non-availability of time and personnel.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Needs of the Unit
  - This was deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting due to non availability of the appropriate personnel.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Marty Hill concluded the meeting at 12:15 PM ET, and included a discussion of the next meeting date.

**NEXT MEETING:** A special meeting focused solely on the Souers Award nomination will occur on 12 Dec 2009, The next meeting to address routine business will occur on 9 January 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved / as Corrected

Mike O'Neil  
09 / 10 Secretary

CC: Directors  
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LT English