

MIAMI UNIVERSITY NROTC ALUMNI ORGANIZATION

MINUTES QUARTERLY VIRTUAL MEETING January 23, 2010

President Marty Hill called the virtual Quarterly Meeting of the NROTC Alumni Organization to order at 11:05 AM EDT. Board members present were: Marty Hill, Mike O'Neil, Dave Miller, Jim Bodmer, Ken Glass, David Lawrence, Jim Maynard, Chris Ryder, Loren Heckelman, Ken Camut, Mark Pawlak, and Carl Stein. Susan Harris of Miami University, and Col Solgere and Lt English of the Miami University NROTC Unit were also participating in the virtual meeting.

OPENING REMARKS – Marty Hill welcomed all hands back after New Years, and briefly outlined the agenda for today's meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The proceedings of the previous meeting on December 12, 2009 were discussed. No minutes were distributed or approved as a quorum was not present at the December 12, 2009 meeting,

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carl Stein reported the current balance of all accounts was \$15,941.64, distributed between the Commanding Officer's Fund (\$8839.95) and the Friends Account (\$7102.69). Carl also reported that he had conducted some research to ensure the viability of the Souers Endowment for support of the Souers Award. That research indicated that the Souers endowment currently had a value of approximately \$657,000, and that is supported 9 annual scholarships in 2009 with an outlay value of approximately \$39,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

Souers Award Committee

Chris Ryder provided the following from the Souers Award Committee.

- There were 2 new Souers Award nominees this year: Brigadier General Robert Ruark, USMC, and LtCol Harlan Chapman, USMC (ret).
- A discussion of the protocol and process regarding the previously submitted nomination for Capt Colucci, USN (ret) ensued due to his recent death.
- The voting for the Souers Award led to 2 finalists: LtCol Chapman and Capt Colucci.
- A total of 17 votes from the voting population were received, and LtCol Chapman was selected as the winner of the Souers Award based upon those votes.

- Marty had contacted LtCol Chapman, and she indicated he was very happy to be the selected recipient for the Souers Award. She had made reservations for him and his spouse at Hueston Woods for the weekend of the Presidential Review.
- Constitution and By-Laws: The revised constitution and by-laws were passed by vote in December, 2009.
- History Project
 - Jim Maynard reported that over 600 pages of material had been received from the US Navy archives.
 - The material dates back to 1966.
 - While the review process is very interesting, it is also very time consuming.

NEW BUSINESS

- Needs of the Unit
 - Lt English identified a need for approx. \$2500 for a field meet in the spring of 2010. Further discussion revised the need to \$2700. A motion to approve funding for this field meet for up to \$2700 arose from the body, and was passed.
- Honorary Alumni Organization Membership
 - A discussion of the nomination and approval of people to be designated as honorary Miami University NROTC Alumni Organization members was conducted. The following parties were discussed, a motion to approve rose from the audience, and they were subsequently approved to be designated as Honorary Miami University NROTC Alumni Organization members:
 - Captain Robert Harp, USN (ret)
 - Bob Etheridge
 - James (Jim) Haley
 - Captain Dubberly, USN (ret)
 - Dr. Phillip Shriver
 - Captain Fitzpatrick, USN (ret)
 - Colonel Dewey Mauldin, USMC (ret)

These individuals will be informed of their designation by letter, and will be invited to the 2010 Presidential Review by the same letter. The corresponding secretary will ensure notification on this matter.

- Spring Election Slate Committee: Loren Heckelman and Chris Ryder volunteered to be on this committee, Marty Hill will chair said committee.
- Souers Award Process: A discussion of the Souers Award process was conducted. A review of the process, to include timing and information dissemination, will be conducted to attempt to identify the most effective and efficient manner to conduct the nomination and selection process. The resultant process is desired to be incorporated into the by laws. Steve Maynard is the lead for this effort.
- US Naval Institute Membership for Graduating Midshipman: Jim Maynard indicated that there is clear interest in re-instating this gift to graduating midshipman, and that is was not in practice now. He indicated he would provide a report at the next meeting of the process and cost of re-instating this practice.

COMMANDING OFFICER’S COMMENTS:

Col Solgere expressed his appreciation for our work, and made a very positive endorsement of the current initiatives.

Susan Harris indicated she would check with the Souers Endowment regarding the payment of lodging costs for Souers awardees. She also noted that the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel in Hamilton (former Hamiltonian Hotel) likely had vacancies for the Presidential Review weekend.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS:

President Marty Hill concluded the meeting at 12:15 PM ET, and included a discussion of the next *meeting on March 6, 2010, to commence at 11:00 AM EDT.*

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
Col Solgere
LT English