

## **MIAMI UNIVERSITY NROTC ALUMNI ORGANIZATION**

### **MINUTES QUARTERLY VIRTUAL MEETING March 6, 2010**

President Marty Hill called the virtual Quarterly Meeting of the NROTC Alumni Organization to order at 11:03 AM EDT. Board members present were: Marty Hill, Mike O'Neil, Dave Miller, David Lawrence, Jim Maynard, Steve Maynard, Don Gerber, Chris Ryder, Loren Heckelman, Ken Camut, and Mark Pawlak. 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. She noted this would be our last virtual meeting before Presidential Review on April 17, 2010. .

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The proceedings of the previous meeting on January 23, 2010 were reviewed and approved. A copy was provided to Dave Miller for posting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Carl Stein was not available for today's meeting. Lt English reported the current balance of all accounts was \$16,236.64, distributed between the Commanding Officer's Fund (\$8681.45) and the Friends Account (\$7555.19). It was noted that during the Jan-Mar, 2010 period, \$1325 in inflows had occurred, with \$600 in outflows for the same period. The outflows included Hockey Team related expenses (\$170), Miami University Alumni Organization membership (\$210), and race fees (\$220). A further near future anticipated expenditure of \$700 for maintenance and upgrades to Graves Lounge was also discussed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### Honorary Members of the Miami University NROTC Alumni Organization

Dave Miller indicated that letters had been dispatched to the 8 parties on February 28, and he had received 2 responses. The responses were received from Ken Glass and Dr. Phil Shriver.

A discussion of a possible Miami NROTC Unit Coin presentation was supported by Lt English, who indicated that this was supportable and would effectively cost approx. \$80.

There will be reserved seating for the honorary members of the Miami University NROTC Alumni Organization at the Presidential Review on April 17.

A discussion of a certificate signed by the Commanding Officer to recognize the honorary members of the Miami University NROTC

Alumni Organization ensued. Lt English indicated he would assist in this matter.

Dave Miller indicated he would ensure that the honorary members of the Miami University NROTC Alumni Organization were recognized on our web page.

Chris Ryder indicated he would provide a copy of LtCol Chapman's biography to Dave Miller for posting

### Naval Institute Membership for graduating Midshipmen

Jim Maynard reported that the cost for Naval Institute membership for student members is \$24/year.

A discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of membership in the Miami University Alumni organization and the Naval Institute for graduating midshipmen ensued.

A motion to continue to support and fund graduating midshipmen membership in the Miami University Alumni organization and to discontinue providing support and funding for graduating midshipmen membership in the Naval Institute was made. The motion was approved.

### Souers Award Lodging and Travel

Discussion and previous research indicates that travel and lodging expenses are not within the charter of the Souers Endowment.

A reservation within the Shade Guest house for Souers awardees was discussed as an alternative.

A further discussion on the travel and lodging expenses for Souers awardees ensued, with multiple perspectives being presented.

### Upcoming Officer Slate

Steve Maynard was identified as a candidate for president in the upcoming year. Loren Heckelman was identified as a candidate for vice president in the upcoming year. The other officers will continue to compete for their positions.

A motion to approve the slate was made, and that motion was approved.

The following board members indicated they would be unable to attend Presidential Review on April 17: Chris Ryder, Ken Camut, David Lawrence, and Mark Pawlak.

It was noted that proxy voting would require a change to the by-laws. It was suggested by Loren Heckelman that after the annual meeting and installation of the new officers, we reconstitute the earlier By-Laws committee to draft language to effect this change. All present concurred.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### New Board Member Recruiting

Marty indicated she had been working with the following parties for possible board membership:

Tom Cianciolo (Class of 79)  
Chris Sachs (Class of 80)  
Sue Walsh (Class of 79) – she declined.

During the discussion about new members for the board, Marty queried the attendees to determine who might like to leave the board. Don Gerber volunteered, and all recognized his many contributions. Marty accepted his resignation.

Lt English indicated he would work with the University regarding deferral of parking fees for Presidential Review.

### Needs of the Unit

Lt English identified a need for approx. \$700 for maintenance and upgrades to Graves Lounge. This request was approved by a verbal vote. He also indicated that he would be returning \$2700 previously approved for an NROTC Field Meet, as the event had been cancelled. He indicated that 11 midshipmen would be graduating May, and 2 more midshipmen would graduate in December,

## **COMMANDING OFFICER'S COMMENTS:**

Col Solgere expressed his appreciation for our work, and provided further insight into the upcoming work to be done in Graves Lounge. He also indicated that he had been talking with some Brown and Blue Water sailors from the Vietnam Era who have been experiencing some health challenges due to exposure to Agent Orange.

Col Solgere further noted that the next year would bring significant change, as all of the currently assigned Lts, the MOI and the AMOI would be PCSing.

Dave Miller asked a question to Col Solgere concerning the affiliation between the Miami University NROTC unit and the Xavier University Army ROTC unit. Col Solgere explained that the Miami University NROTC unit had been designated as the Executive Agent for the Xavier University Army ROTC unit in Oxford, Ohio and was supporting them in a variety of ways.

Additionally, Col Solgere indicated he would present an academic summary of the unit during our meeting after Presidential Review.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Marty Hill concluded the meeting at 12:30 PM ET, and included a discussion of the next meeting on April 17, 2010 in Millett Hall after the conclusion of the Presidential Review. Additionally, Chris Ryder indicated he would be providing collaboration support for our future virtual meetings via the tools available at his employer,

Finally, it was noted that the Presidential Review would commence at 1300 on April 17, 2010, and that a light lunch would be served in Millett Hall at 1130

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved / as Corrected

Mike O'Neil  
09 / 10 Secretary

CC: Directors  
Col Solgere  
LT English