

Western Connecticut Military Officers Association, Inc.

Minutes of the Executive Board

Thursday: September 22, 2022

Virtual Meeting: convened by President 1st Lt Matt Hicks, USMC at 1704 hours with Pledge of Allegiance.

Present

- Monks (recording secretary), Hicks (presiding), Cruz, Jensen, Monteleone, Boyle, Durand, Smith, Cole.

Old Business

- Minutes of previous executive board meeting were written by Lt Col Simonetti, who was not in attendance. Approval will be at next meeting.

Technology – due to technology issues, the virtual meeting switched from Microsoft teams to zoom format. Cruz created a new zoom meeting link. The meeting resumed at 1724 with all attendees successfully connected.

New Business

- **Slate**- Hicks
- Hicks announced that Monteleone is the 2022 Champion of Recruiting new members. All applauded.
- Monteleone agreed to be VP of Public Affairs.
- Hicks reported that there are board openings: VP of Veteran Affairs, Fundraising and Recruiting. He requested nominations for these openings.
- New Chaplain announced: David Tross.
- Slate was read by Smith and the Executive Board approved the 2022 Slate of Officers. Smith agreed to read the roster of the new slate at the December membership luncheon meeting, ask the new board officers to stand and then conduct the vote.
- **YAA**: General discussion by all present.
- June 4, 2022 (proposed date)
- 2023 YAA Co Chairs announced: Durand and Monteleone
- Chairs to commence search for appropriate YAA banquet venue. Members encouraged to provide leads. Ethan Allen Inn ruled out due to remote location in Fairfield County.
- Sponsorship growth needed and Hicks suggested all start networking.
- Raffle to be conducted at December 2023 luncheon meeting to raise funds.
- New 2022 Committee members: Carr, Seeley.
- Jensen will be ad-hoc YAA committee member for finances.
- YAA kickoff meeting being planned for liaisons. No venue selected.
- Essay question must have Executive Board approval.
- All necessary updates to the website for YAA 2023 to be done by webmaster asap.
- Durand requested a reference for a modern formal dining out.
- Jensen reported that \$10,000 is reserved in our WCMOA savings account for YAA.

Treasurer's Report - Jensen

- \$2244.75 – Fall luncheon 2022 account.
- Take in at the Fall luncheon venue - \$1084.00
- Approximately \$1000.00 spent by WCMOA to recruit new members
- Some members did not pay for their luncheon and Jensen agreed to prepare a list of the nonpayment. Consensus that the new venue was appealing. Some complaints of slow service and food selection.

Membership Report - Hicks

- Monks requested that a get-well card be sent to Egut as he convalesces from a recent illness and fall.

Newsletter – Cruz reported that an electronically submitted newsletter was forthcoming. Anticipated date before the December luncheon. Newsletter to contain the proposed 2023 slate of officers.

President Motions: Hicks tabled the following motions to the EB:

1. Changes to the Bylaws with respect to voting, eliminating old positions and adding new positions. Hicks summarized the proposed changes. Discussion followed. Unanimous acceptance by the EB.
2. Proposed slate to go out to membership for review as soon as possible. Unanimous approval.
3. Free luncheon for prospective members (as guest of current member) only as a recruiting tool. Unanimous approval.

Program report – Boyle

- December luncheon to be held on December 11, 2022.
- Time of luncheon: 1200-1500.
- Location: Redding CC
- Possibility of an Army Navy football game watch party on December 10 discussed. Hicks to investigate venue.

Veterans and Public Affairs - Egut unable to attend due to recent surgery. No report made.

Meeting adjourned at 1830 hours. Next meeting TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H.S. Monks
LT, USNR
VP, Secretary