

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2004 BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the Navy Nuclear Weapons Association business meeting held on 1 October 2004, onboard the cruise ship Sensation at sea in the Gulf of Mexico.

At approximately 0840 the President Jim Hambley called the annual meeting to order. The following Board members were present: Jim Hambley, Bill Grizzard, Frank Kelly, Chuck Weber, Ray Margeson, and Phil Markin. Also present were 21 members in good standing.

The President ask for all those attending to rise for the opening prayer by Director Phil Markin, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The President call for a moment of silence while Director Phil Markin read the names of the shipmates who transferred to the Supreme Commander's Staff. The NNWA members are: Herbert L. Thomas, William F. Vines, Donald Bartling, and Richard G. Severance. The shipmates who were in the Nuclear Weapons program and non-members are: CWO Doyle Clark, EMC John Martin, CWO William Reed and Master Chief George Dhill.

In the absence of the Secretary the President entertained a motion from the floor to waive the reading of the minutes of the last annual business meeting. A motion was proposed, seconded and approved by the membership.

The President asks for a motion to waive the reading of any communications. A motion was proposed, seconded and approved by the membership.

The Treasurers report was read and accepted by the membership.

The Treasurer reported on all unpaid bills and the membership approved paying all unpaid bills.

The President reported on last year's goals as follows:

1. Our membership increased by 7.6% a little short of our goal.
2. The By-Laws were reviewed and changes developed. A vote on the changes will be conducted later in the meeting
3. Development of the SOP/Board of Directors Resolution document is still in the working phase.
4. Development and procurement of a Logo baseball cap is near completion.

The Service Officer, Chuck Weber reported the following:

There are almost no new initiatives in Veterans' Affairs (VA) programs since most of the federal budget is directed at sustaining the war in Iraq and the war on global terrorism. The VA has reaffirmed that it will give priority treatment to service connected disabled veterans and has supported this by accepting civilian written prescriptions into its pharmacy program and by allowing civilian medical records into consideration for service connected disability claims.

All members are urged to put together an envelope containing their wishes for funeral home and graveside services along with a copy of their DD-214. Make sure family members know where this information is.

The Web master, Ray Margeson, made his report.

Unfinished Business:

The President thanked Owen and Beverly Johnson and Dave Cobb for all their hard work and outstanding performance in organizing the reunion cruise.

Owen Johnson express his appreciation for Dave Cobb's assistance and express his desire for all who made the cruise to send their thanks in writing to the Best Western Motel, Cruises Only, and Carnival cruise line. It was also requested that the association send a letter to the same locations, which the President will cause to happen.

New Business:

A. The first order of business was the By-Laws change. The President turned over the Chair to the BY-LAWS Chairman Chuck Weber who provided an overview of the process and an outline of the intents of each by law change. A vote on the proposed BY-LAWS changes was conducted with the following results:

1. Article V Section 2 Para B. Change to read: " ASSOCIATE MEMBER. Individuals who do not meet the REGULAR Member criteria, but wish to affiliate with the Corporation, **must be recommended by at least one Regular Member in good standing**, and **must** have paid the appropriate dues and fees set by the Corporation. Such Members will have no voting rights."

(Reason for change: To preclude an individual from applying for membership who is not known by at least one of our members.)

The vote was unanimous to approve the change as submitted.

2. Article VI Section 5. Change to read: " Quorum. **At least 50% of** the Board of Directors and a minimum of Ten (10) **additional** regular members in good standing present at any meeting of the Corporation shall constitute a quorum."

(Reason for change: The way it is now written it leads one to believe that the complete Board is required to be at a meeting to make a quorum. This clarifies the issue.)

The vote was unanimous to approve the change as submitted.

3. Article VIII Section 2. Change to read: " Term and Vacancy. The term of a member of the Board shall be Two (2) years **except when a Director is elected as an Officer whereupon his/her term shall expire to coincide with the election schedule of Article VIII Section 1.**

Vacancies may be filled by appointment by the Board and the appointee shall only serve for the remaining term of the Board member being replaced."

(Reason for Change: To allow for the Board to elect any Director to any position without regard to when his/her term expires. For example we now have a Vice-President whose term expires at the same time as the President's.)

The vote was unanimous to approve the change as submitted.

4. Article VIII, Section 1. Change the wording of the last full sentence to include the Webmaster as a separate Officer position and as member of the Board of Directors comparable with the Historian, Master At Arms, Chaplain and Service Officer.

(Reason for Change: We have become, and continue to be, more an electronically based corporation, requiring significant attention to electronic communication media. The Webmaster currently has the following responsibilities:

- a. Maintains a Roster of Members
- b. Sends / forwards e-mail to members as necessary for various operations of the corporation.
- c. Maintains an informational website)

The vote was unanimous to approve the change as submitted.

5. Article IX, Section 1. Change the 2nd sentence to read, "The positions of the Chaplain, Service Officer, Historian, Master At Arms & Webmaster shall be filled from the members elected to the Board of Directors.

(Reason for Change: Same as above.)

The vote was unanimous to approve the change as submitted.

6. Article IX, Section 2. Change "Any officer may be removed from office and the Board..." to read, "Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed from office and from the Board..."

(Reason for Change: ..." The By-laws currently give no provision to remove non-officer

members of the Board of Directors. Supposing the intent of Section 1 of this article is to have the supporting members to be defined as officers under the phrase "...such other positions as the President may direct."

This will clarify the issue.

The vote was unanimous to approve the change as submitted.

7. Article IX, Section 3. A resolution for future change is made to define the responsibilities of all of the Members of the Board / Officers in this section. In other words, to fill in the other positions as follows:

- E. Director – The Directors shall...
- F. Chaplain – The Chaplain shall...
- G. Master at Arms - The Master at Arms shall...
- H. Service Officer – The Service Officer shall...
- I. Historian – The Historian shall...
- J. Webmaster – The Webmaster shall...

(Reason for Change: to provide the minimum responsibilities for each position.)

The action for #7 will be for the membership to approve the concept for the defining of the responsibilities of the various positions. The incumbent President shall be allowed to approve the actual wording of the responsibilities and have them inserted into the By-laws as a change.

The vote was unanimous to approve the change as submitted.

B. The President announced that there were four Director positions up for election. The Directors up for re-election are currently serving in the following officer positions: President, Service Officer, Master-at-Arms and Chaplain. He strongly recommended that Chuck Weber and Frank Cantrell be reelected to the Board. The President then turned over the gavel to the Nominations and Election Chairman, Chuck Weber, to conduct the nominations and the election of four members to the Board of Directors. Sid Hart volunteered for, and was appointed as, Marshal of Elections. The following members in good standing were nominated for positions on the Board: Jim Hambley, Chuck Weber, Frank Cantrell, and Dave Cobb. Owen Johnson was also nominated but respectively declined the nomination. The Marshal recorded the votes for each and announced that the four nominees were unanimously elected to the Board.

C. The 2005 reunion will be in San Diego October 12-16. Bill Grizzard presented a tentative schedule of events.

D. The 2006 reunion will be held in the central region. Bill Beard has volunteered to host the reunion in Wisconsin. The other locations that were approved at the last business meeting were San Antonio, Chicago, and Corpus Christi.

E. The 2007 reunion will be held in the Eastern region. Ray Margeson has volunteered to host the reunion in Niagara Falls.

F. The 2008 reunion will be held in the Western region. George Holden has volunteered to host the reunion in the Seattle area.

There being no further business the business meeting was adjourned.

((Additional Notes))

First off, it was a real downer for me having to miss the cruise, but, for various reasons, it could not be helped. I'm looking forward to being able to attend in San Diego...and things are looking very positive right now. I want to give special thanks to those who took notes and prepared this report for me.

As most of you know by now, NNWA Membership cards have been (finally) prepared, and mailed. Those receiving the Bulletin by Postal Mail should find their cards in their package with the Bulletin and other appropriate documents. Shipmates, I sincerely apologize for the tardiness, but this project proved to be a true time-sink for me, since I was forced by various circumstances to do it all manually. If anyone did not receive their card, or if an unsatisfactory card got thru my inspection, please let me know, and I will replace it ASAP.

Sam Samsel

Secretary