



## Navy Nuclear Weapons Association

Annual Business Meeting  
Minutes

Date: 30 SEP 21



### Opening of Meeting:

The Navy Nuclear Weapons Association annual business meeting was held at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Oklahoma City, OK on 30 SEP 21. The meeting was called to order at 1002 with 36 association members and guests in attendance. The following board members were present:

<b>President:</b>	Kris Hobbs	<b>Webmaster:</b>	absent
<b>Vice President:</b>	Bethany Gray (Zoom)	<b>Chaplain:</b>	Ed Deitzler
<b>Secretary:</b>	John Gray (via Zoom)	<b>Historian:</b>	Julien Lindstrom
<b>Treasurer:</b>	absent	<b>Director:</b>	absent
<b>MAA:</b>	absent	<b>Director:</b>	absent
<b>Director/Storekeeper:</b>	John Hawkins	<b>Service Officer:</b>	absent

The President called on the Chaplain to give the opening prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chaplain then conducted the Two-Bell ceremony to recognize and honor the memory of the following association members who have passed since the last reunion:

GMT3 Danny A. Beauprez	GMTC Charles Morris
CWO2 Willard (Bill) Cannon	GMT1 William C. Orr
GMTCS Roland L. Caplinger	GMTC Ramond A. Rinehart
GMT1 Robert G. Dickerson	GMCS Dal E. Ringler
GMTC James Duggar	CWO4 Charles Otto Schmidt II
GMTC George T. Erath, Jr	GMT1 Paul Schimming
GMTCS Richard A. Fretwell	CWO4 Michael Seitz
GMT3 Ray W. Gant	WTC Kerry Shiparski
GMT1 Ulysses Harrison	WTC Brian Stein
GMTC Paul D. Hinkle	AO1 Leon Stolz
CWO3 Phil Hutchison	GMTCS Russell L. Waggy

GMTCS Larry Johnson  
GMTC Wayne F. Jones  
GMT2 John W. Killala  
WT1 Charles T. Melvin, Sr.

WT1 Brian White  
GMTC R. V. Whitfield  
Lt James L. Williamson  
GMT1 Russ Wyatt

The President welcomed everyone and called for all new association members and first time reunion attendees to stand and introduce themselves.

The President called for the Secretary and Treasurer's reports:

**Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary read the minutes of the 2020 Annual Business Meeting. There being no additions or corrections it was moved, seconded, and passed that they be accepted.

There was no other correspondence.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer passed out copies of the NNWA 2021 Financial Report to the members. It was reported that there were no outstanding bills related to this reunion. It was noted that an annual audit was conducted of the Treasurer's records by two board members and the results provided to the President. Closing balance of the audit period:

\$25,821.35

It was moved, seconded, and passed that all outstanding bills be paid.

**Presidents Report:**

Gave his report on the current status of the organization, specifically:

1. Gave status on the updated SOP/PDL and the recommended bylaws change.
2. Membership status:

Members in good standing:	441
Associate Members	8
Heritage Members	5
Honorary Members	0
Life Members:	63
NAAV Reciprocal Members:	2
Past Members:	322

He noted that the association gained 14 new members in 2021.

3. Announced that a survey of the members recommended Tucson, AZ as the location for the NNWA reunion in 2023. The BOD will try to set the date in early October 23.
4. Announced that a Membership Committee consisting of John Hawkins and Richard Gurule was established. They have done an outstanding job recruiting and reaching out to existing and potential members.
5. Announced that Bethany Gray and Ed Deitzler did a count of NNWA members in each of the current membership regions. The regions may be reorganized based on this count.
6. Announced that the by-laws had been updated and that the current version was posted on the website.
7. Announced that the association is making a donation to two charitable military organizations in 2021.
8. Announced that a survey of members who had experienced any type of cancer was accomplished. Results were provided to James Little for his communications with the VA.
9. Announced that the association would continue to require any payments be made by check or money order while we work to establish other payment methods.
10. Gave an update on the 2022 Tidewater area reunion and that John Hawkins was the host.
11. Thanked the current board members for their service and support during this past year.

The president then asked for reports from the other board members.

**Vice Presidents Report:**

Gave a brief overview of the proposed bylaws change and that we would be voting on it under new business.

**Webmasters Report:**

None as he did not attend the reunion.

**Historians Report:**

Reported that he and his assistant Ty George had researched which veterans organizations were best to donate to based on the organization's administrative overhead versus amount actually spent on veterans. Their recommendations would be made to the membership under Old Business. He also recommended to the membership that we automatically donate up to \$1000 each year without voting on it. This was deferred to New Business.

**Chaplains Report:**

Reported that the Gray Dragon has some memory problems and other minor medical issues, but is otherwise in good health. He cannot be visited due to COVID restrictions. Reported that one

NNWA member from San Diego was driving to this reunion and was involved in an accident. He is okay but his car was totaled.

**Storekeepers Report:**

During the period of 1 JAN 21 (when he took over the Storekeeper position) to 26 SEP 21 he had sales of \$276. Sales during the 2021 reunion were \$285.50.

**Service Officers Report:**

None.

**MAAs Report:**

None as he did not attend the reunion.

**Unfinished Business:**

The President thanked Denise Young and the members of the board and all the other association members and their wives and family for all their hard work in setting up and organizing this reunion. They were given a round of applause by the membership.

The president announced the location of the Dinner/Dance and that the bar would open at 1800 with dinner at 1900.

The Historian recommended donating \$500 each to Fisher House Foundation and the Semper Fi and Americas Fund as our charitable donations for the current year. It was so moved, seconded, and passed.

There was no other unfinished business.

**New Business:**

1. Board of Director (BoD) Nominations: The president announced that Julian Lindstrom was the Nominations and Elections Chairman (NEC) and turned the gavel over to him. Lindy explained that after he was chosen as NEC he had contacted the board members with expiring terms to determine if they desired to continue their service. The results were as follows:

Office	Incumbent	Willing to Continue on Board
Vice President	Bethany Gray	Y
Treasurer	Don Schutz	Y
Historian	Julian Lindstrom	Y
Webmaster	Ray Margeson	Y
Director	Dwight Chipperfield	N

Lindy explained that he had contacted various members in good standing to determine their interest in serving on the BOD. Richard Gurule had expressed an interest in serving and was nominated.

Lindy opened the floor for additional nominations, none were received. It was moved, seconded and passed the nominations be closed.

2. BOD Elections:

The NEC opened the floor for elections. He entertained a motion from the floor that the Secretary cast a single vote for those individuals nominated which would represent the unanimous consent the voting membership present. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Lindy explained how the BoD decided on who would fill the positions at the Post-Election BoD Meeting.

The Secretary called for congratulations for the newly elected board members and they received a round of applause. It was then moved, seconded, and passed that the elections be closed. The NEC returned the gavel to the president.

3. Future Reunions:

The president announced that in 2022 the 37<sup>th</sup> reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Eastern US  
Location: Norfolk, VA  
Dates: 11-16 SEP 22  
Host: John Hawkins and the BOD

The president announced that in 2023 the 38<sup>th</sup> reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Western US  
Location: Tucson, AZ  
Dates: TBD  
Host: TBD

The president announced that in 2024 the 39<sup>th</sup> reunion of the NNWA would be held in:

Region: Central US  
Dates: TBD  
Host: TBD

4. The Vice-President discussed the proposed bylaws change, specifically that currently Article VIII and Article IX Sections 1 and 3 calls for the association to establish a Service Officer position on the Board of Directors. It was proposed to eliminate the requirement for a Service Office from the Bylaws. The specific changes recommended to the Bylaws are as follows:

*“Article VIII:*

*Election Schedule Table, under even years column, remove “Service Officer” and replace with “Director”.*

*Article IX, Section 1:*

*Remove “Service Officer” from the second sentence. After the change the sentence will read “It is recommended that the positions of Chaplain, Historian, Master at Arms and Webmaster be filled.”*

*Article IX, Section 3:*

*Remove “Service Officer” from the first sentence. After the change the sentence will read “Only the descriptions of A, B, C, D & E will be retained in the bylaws, all other descriptions for Chaplin, Master at Arms, Historian and Webmaster will be removed from the Bylaws.”*

After a minimal discussion by the membership, it was moved, seconded, and passed to accept the change.

5. Julian Lindstrom proposed that the association make the veteran’s organization charitable donation an automatic action by the BOD vice being voted on each year. Discussion from the floor recommended that instead of automatically picking organizations; that the BOD

recommend suggested receiving organizations in the Summer issue of the NNWA Bulletin. The membership at the following reunion would vote on the final selections. After discussion this was moved, seconded, and passed.

6. The Historian recommended a change to the SOP/PDL be made to formalize factors that establish a member's Nuclear Weapons Program entry date. He explained that this would be useful in the future for determining the Gray Dragon seniority list. Factors to be considered include a member's PRP entry date, date assigned NW duties/position, and date graduated A-school or other formal NW training.
7. The Historian recommended that the Gray Dragon seniority list as currently vetted be accepted. This was moved, seconded, and passed.

There was no other new business.

**Close of Meeting:**

There being no further business, at 1122 it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Annual Business Meeting be closed. It was announced that at 1145 the new BOD would convene for elections of officers and conducting of business.

At 1123 the Chaplain led the association in a closing prayer and the meeting was closed.

Liberty Call! The bar was opened!

Submitted by:

12/11/2021

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