

SAME – Charleston Post
Board Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2011

The board meeting started at 10:00 am and was held at the North Towne Grill.

Attendees:

Len Dillinger, 2nd Vice President
Anna Lucas, Membership
Russell Patterson, Readiness Director
Jeff Messick, Treasurer
Ethan Walters, Fundraising
Ben Morgan, Professional Development Director
Nicolle Randazzo, Scholarship Director
Jennifer Hayes, Fundraising Co-Chair
Blair Goodman, Young Member Chair
Melvin Williams, Fundraising
Brian Davis, NCO Liaison
Paul Mills, Secretary

1. Anna Lucas read a note from LTC Kirk expressing his appreciation for the efforts of the board in making the Post better.
2. The 2011-2012 slate of officers was reviewed (see attached revised list).
 - a. Blair Goodman asked if the Post could hold a welcome event for Lt Col Altwies and LTC Chamberlayne. This could be hosted by the Young Members.
 - b. It is desired to have a JR VP. It was suggested that Lt Col Altwies be asked to find someone to fill the position.
 - c. Theron Pickens will be the 2nd VP.
 - d. The first five positions on the list are officers; the remaining positions are technically directors. The chairs will be changed to directors.
 - e. Young Member Chair is not a director but the bylaws could be revised for this.
 - f. Len Dillinger volunteered to make some revisions to the bylaws. The revisions will need to be circulated through the Post before they can become official.
 - g. It is vague as to whether the immediate past president is an officer or director.
 - h. Sonny Chestnut expressed interest in servicing on the board but a specific position has not been mentioned. It was recommended that he could support Barry Lewis with the programs or publicity.
 - i. Len Dillinger stated that Nicolle Randazzo's position needed to be changed to Education & Mentoring Director. The bylaws would need to be changed for this.
 - j. Russell Patterson will ask for nominations from the floor during the lunch meeting to see if anyone else is interested in serving.
 - k. Russell Patterson asked what we were going to do to recognize LTC Kirk and Lt Col Sanders' service to the Post. Len Dillinger has an RVP medal to LTC Kirk. When to present it was discussed.
3. Jenn Hayes stated that we raised approximately \$17,800 with the Industry Day event. This will put the Education & Mentoring fund at approximately \$20,000.
4. Jeff Messick mentioned changing the bylaws in regards to the bank signature cards.

5. Len Dillinger stated that some Posts have an Executive Director to continuity of command and it does not change every year. Russell Patterson does not feel we need that position at this time but maybe when we are larger. It may diminish people's desire to volunteer if they know one person will always be there to help. Len is concerned that the President and 1st VP will rotate out too soon and Theron Pickens will be the only person in line for the position.
6. Russell Patterson stated that we have tended to place military in the VP position. The top three positions should be set for the next three years with people rolling up so long as they do not ship out. Russell would like to see a Lt Commander from the Navy in a VP position.
7. Our meeting venue was discussed:
 - a. Russell Patterson has talked to the restaurant about changing the menu but unless we can give a set number of attendees, we have to stick with the menu they currently offer. It would be good if we could start providing a number so they can properly prepare for it.
 - b. Jen Hayes discussed registering online for lunch. We could raise the fee to \$20 to help pay for the online fees and pocket a little money.
 - c. Len Dillinger suggested a lunch fee for civilian and active duty. The active duty attendees do not get reimbursed for lunch so going to \$20 may be too much.
 - d. Jenn also feels the location is getting too crowded. It would be good to have more space and a nicer venue.
 - e. Len suggested a committee to address the issue of changing venues and online registration. Jen offered to look into it.
 - f. Len suggested including Barry Lewis in the discussion.
8. Blair Goodman suggested we have an extended planning session since we will have a number of new board members for 2011-2012.
9. Len Dillinger said we need to start tracking the streamer efforts and reporting back on a regular basis. Anna Lucas will send the streamer requirements again.
10. Russell Patterson will prepare the change of officer's report.
11. Providing a plaque for Lt Col Sanders was discussed. Len Dillinger has some plaques from Nationals that can be used. There is space for an engraving that would need to be done. It can be mailed to him if necessary.
12. Anna Lucas asked about sending someone to the Post Leaders Workshop.
 - a. If a young member who is also a board member goes, they will count for both. Sending a Lt Col or Theron Pickens was reviewed.
 - b. Russell Patterson stated we needed to check the budget. There is \$500/year for workshops.
 - c. Len Dillinger would like to see a young NCO attend.
 - d. Jen Hayes volunteered to attend.
 - e. Jeff Messick made a motion to send Jen Hayes. The motion was seconded.
 - f. Anna stated that to be a considered a distinguished post, the person we send must be a young member and board member.
13. Jen Hayes stated that the October meeting conflicts with a SAME conference in Destin, FL. Changing the meeting date was mentioned but there is concern for the speaker Barry Lewis has set up. Len Dillinger questioned how many people would actually be going to Destin and that it may not be much of an issue.

The Board Meeting adjourned around 11:30 am in time for the Post luncheon.