

# NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 11 January 2018

**Call to Order:** President Warren Coulter called the meeting to order at 1832 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those assembled followed by the invocation delivered by Joe DiChiaro.

**Attending:** Avery, Boyle, Breuder, Burdo, Coulter, D'Amante, J. Day, S. Day, DiChiaro, Ikstrums, Luti, McLean, Register, Satterfield, Terhune. A quorum was present for the meeting.

**Opening Remarks:** Warren Coulter welcomed everyone and announced that we did have a quorum.

**Immediate Past President Remarks:** Peter Burdett not present.

**Secretary's Report:** Michael McLean reported that he received no corrections to the December Board minutes. If no one had any comments, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to accept the December minutes. Motion passed and minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roby Day reported that "we have money". We ended the year in a very good position - \$2,450.00 ahead. Andrew Breuder had a question on a figure under the Vanguard Scholarship Fund. Roby explained the reason for the changes in the amounts. Roby went on to say that we have a new printing outfit and he will defer to Michael McLean to explain. Michael briefly outlined that Cocheco PrintWorks was bought out by Allegra Marketing/Print/Mail at the Pease Tradeport. He pointed out that they supposedly offer a 10% discount on work for local non-profits but he will have to verify that. Michael hopes that they will be as helpful as Cocheco had been in the past. Roby continued by announcing that we have 59 people signed up for the Granite State Warriors Award Luncheon as of today. Roby said we still have \$631.00 in the veterans contributions account, and we need to decide how we want to spend it. Roby and Bruce Avery met with a manager from TDBank today to designate Bruce as the second signer of our checking account. He said they were also presented with an option to apply for a corporate credit card for the chapter. Bruce commented that we would earn 2% back on dining, so if we use the card to pay for the chapter's luncheons we get some money back whereas if we write a check, we get nothing back. There was a question whether there was an annual fee for the card. Roby and Bruce did not believe there was. Bruce made a motion that we apply for two credit cards for the chapter. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed. Roby had nothing further. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded. Motion passed.

**Trustees of the Trust Fund:** Andrew Breuder reported that there are no significant changes. He commented that if the dividends for the Trust Funds are like his personal dividends, then we are in great shape. Bruce Avery brought up a point concerning what happens to any profits made on the Internet Virtual Store. He said that when the profits reach \$100.00, the company will contact us to affect the transfer of that money. Bruce said this question has come up before.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Government Relations (National/State/SVAC/MLT):** Peter Burdett not present. Joe DiChiaro began by saying there was an explosive situation at the SVAC meeting earlier in the week. One of the members accused the governor's representative of lying. That member has been dropped from the SVAC. Joe went into a bit more detail concerning the events that led up to the remark. Joe went on to mention several bills that were discussed at the SVAC meeting. The main issue that was brought up was discussion of the bill to create a state veterans commissioner. Joe's position is that we don't need another bureaucratic and that a veterans organization should come under TAG.

**Personal Affairs:** Russ Register covered the contents of the monthly Personal Affairs blast email to include MOAA's top 10 Legislative Goals (<https://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Top-Issues.aspx>) and changes coming to TRICARE on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 (<https://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Currently-Serving/A-Reminder-That-TRICARE-Changes-Are-Coming-Soon.aspx>).

**Membership:** Michael McLean presented the following membership numbers:

New members - 1 (rejoined)  
Deceased members - 1 (plus 2 w/ spouses)  
Dropped members - 1  
Current total membership – 718

Michael provided an overview of a new program from MOAA called the Committee Module where national makes their membership database available for chapters to directly update their member's entries. Michael then brought up the sheets of names that had been passed around earlier. These people, 95 total, are members of the chapter but not members of MOAA national. These people can count against our chapter as far as the 5-Star LOE Award is concerned. However, with the new LOE scoring criteria for this year, we should be in good shape. Michael suggested that if anyone knows any of the people on the list, perhaps they could chide them to join or rejoin national. He pointed out that MOAA has a free category of membership, called "Basic" where people can receive electronic only information from MOAA. Michael then brought up that it is that time again to publish the chapter directory in January 2019. Michael passed around the current directory for people to review and update if necessary. He will be bringing to all the luncheons this year for members to review. Finally, Michael passed around a sheet with a bunch of data on the chapter, such as a breakdown of members by age and by service as well as other categories.

**Recruiting:** Jim Spotts not present.

Bruce Avery brought up an email he received from New Hampshire humanities about a six program called "From Troy to Baghdad – Dialogues on War & Homecoming". There are two series planned – one in Portsmouth in February and one in New London in March. Bruce thought we ought to take a look at it perhaps to get involved as a recruiting opportunity. For more information go to [www.nhhumanities.org](http://www.nhhumanities.org)

## **BREAK FOR DINNER**

## **Reconvened Meeting at 1930**

**Programs:** Gerry Boyle reported On the next couple of upcoming luncheons. Michael McLean commented that he needs the flyer for the April luncheon before March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bruce Avery is the POC for that luncheon.

**Web Page:** Michael McLean reported that there were 158 hits in December, down from 321 in November. Popular Pages in December:

### **Hits Page**

10	Membership
8	Transition Assistance
7	Odds and Ends
6	Group Travel
6	Newsletter
5	Program Notes
4	Chapter News
3	Virtual Store
102	General

Michael said that he submitted the chapter's web site for MOAA's Communications Award competition.

**Travel Programs:** Tony Burdo reported that in regard to the Passion Play Tours in 2020, he has eight people confirmed to book and four tentative bookings. These tours are quite different in procedures from the normal trips. Tony will be meeting with the Regional Manager from Collette to develop the 2019 travel program. If anyone has any suggestions for trips, contact Tony. He reported that we have six passengers booked for the Classical Spain and Portugal trip in October 2018. Tony would like the board to favorably consider a Collette presentation by our Regional Director on our 2019 travel program and the 2020 Passion Play program at our annual meeting in November. Tony has been conversing with Al Paquin, President of the Bay State Chapter of MOAA. He would like Tony to send him a link to our travel web page that contains our travel program. Tony will send him the link for the 2020 passion play trips. He will then forward the links to his members with email addresses to see what kind of interest it generates.

**Scholarship Loan Program:** Joe DiChiaro reported that they sent out the checks for the second semester. He received one check back because the student had dropped out of the college. Joe went on to philosophize a bit about the Scholarship Program.

**Strategic Initiatives (SIC):** Bruce Avery reported that there is nothing new on the SIC.

**Granite State Warriors Award:** Bruce Avery said that he still can't get anyone at Sig Sauer to respond to his phone calls. He has left messages for five different people. Bruce asked if Gary Terhune could try to go by their headquarters to see what he can do. Gary said he would. Further discussion ensued as to what to do about the situation.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Awards:** Joe DiChiaro reported a mysterious \$10.00 payment from MOAA national was for the commissioning of officers in December - an Air Force Lieutenant and three Army Lieutenants. Joe signed them up for Basic Membership in MOAA, which allows them to receive electronic information from MOAA.

**NH Veterans Home:** Joe DiChiaro reported that he visited the Home on Tuesday and had a funeral there today.

**Nominations (Directors & Officers):** Nothing new.

**PAO:** Still looking for one.

**Granite Slate:** Marie Chipola not present.

**Web Communications - FB:** Jon VanGuilder not present.

**SUD (Substance Use Disorders) Committee:** Andrew Breuder reported that the last meeting was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. They have not put out minutes yet. There have been some changes in the committee membership.

## **LIAISONS:**

**ESGR:** Sandy Way not present.

**Transition Liaison:** Jim LeFebvre reported that the handout of 64 toughest interview questions has been posted on the chapter web site. Jim commented on the age of chapter members (from one of the handouts from Michael McLean earlier). Jim went on to recommend that we consider dropping the second Board of Directors meeting in November usually the week after the annual meeting. Warren Coulter added that he was thinking about dropping the December Board meeting. Bruce Avery suggested that this be tasked to the Strategic Initiatives Committee (SIC) to look at. It was agreed that they would look at it and report back at the next Board meeting.

**VAMC Manchester:** Bernie Satterfield brought up the survey that the VA Task Force 2015 is conducting to look for additional feedback from veterans. To take the brief survey, go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R5G3TDL>. Joe DiChiaro offered his opinion of the whole VA Task Force operation.

**Martins Point:** Bob Jaffin not present.

**Auxiliary:** Gwen Devoe not present.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**January 27 Luncheon:**

**Speaker's Gift** – The plaques.

**Centerpieces** – The Terhune's will take care of them.

**No Raffle** – Moved to April Luncheon.  
Further discussion of various details ensued.

**National Planning for regional convention:** Warren Coulter hadn't heard much about the subject. He hopes that Peter Burdett is on top of it.

**Still need PAO:** Nothing new.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**New 5-Star LOE Requirements:** Michael McLean again covered the requirements for the LOE inputs.

**Applications:** Warren Coulter reminded people to carry chapter membership applications with them. He commented that he came across three people who were eligible to join MOAA. He said you never know who is right around the corner.

**Other New Business:** Roby Day brought up a program from TDBank that he learned about with his and Bruce Avery's meeting with a TDBank banker. It is called "Affinity". When a TDBank customer mentions that they support MOAA-NH, it is recorded. At the end of the year, TDBank counts up all these "hits" and we get money back. We don't have to do anything except encourage any member who is a TDBank customer to say they support MOAA-NH. Perhaps include an article in the newsletter. Roby said that the TDBank banker only wanted some affirmation from us. A motion was made to pursue this program. Motion made and seconded. Motion passed.

**Presentation to Kim Hampstead:** Warren Coulter presented Kim with a belated Christmas card with a token of our appreciation for all that she has done for us.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will begin at 1830 on Thursday, 8 February 2018 at the Red Blazer in Concord, NH.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 2004 hours.

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