

MINUTES BUSINESS MEETING REUNION 2018

OPENING (09:15 HOURS, OCTOBER 14, 2018)

KEVIN TROLLER

Discussed by-laws from 2016 and rules of presidential succession

Explained why and how (bylaws ballot and vote) those rules should be changed

Introduced elected and appointed officers + three committees (Reunion, Nominations, Donations)

Outlined his priorities during his tenure.

1. Put on Great Reunion (success)
2. Increase/enhance communication with the members (E-Blasts, Quarterly Reporter)
3. Increase membership (Life memberships, increases in membership, Elsom pushing membership as member chair)

Motion to accept president's remarks made by Imre Volgyi, seconded, and unanimously approved

DUES, DELINQUENCIES, ETC

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT, IMRE VOLGYI

- The financial statements were presented and approved subject to audit. The large increase in assets was the result of the large number of life memberships that started in January, 2017 (over 200) and transfer of assets from the RAFINCO organization.
- We have 16% delinquencies (*36 of whom come up for DFR next cycle), Email dues "nags" only yielded 5% of delinquents bring dues current

DISCUSSION OF MANDATORY LIFE MEMBERSHIP (VOLGYI AND FLOOR)

- We have already grandfathered the Life Memberships from RAFINCO post-merge
- Proposal applies to new members only: make Life membership mandatory and, if total is greater than \$100, allow for three installments. Some grumbling ensued.
- Bob Speer suggested one year free membership, give them time to get into the camaraderie of RAFINO, then require Life membership purchase
- More discussion, upon which the president moved to table the subject for next business meeting (sharing proposal with the membership at large and sounding out the druthers)

PUBLICITY ON RAFINO – HOW DO PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT RAFINO?

Troy Clay: Regimental SGM and Commandant are key

Suggestion to use retiree appreciation days. Can't use official army media and organs because we aren't "official"

BYLAWS AND NEW OFFICERS

Noted that, per the governing bylaws, a quorum of 36 voting members was present; asked for motion to ratify new officers and revised bylaws

BYLAW CHANGES

Results of balloting in bylaws changes: yea 264; nay 5; no response 1

Motion to ratify made, seconded, and unanimously passed

NEW OFFICER ELECTIONS

Kevin Troller introduced the process and made a plug for all members to seriously consider serving as officers at some time during their membership

Results of ballot to vote on officer nominations (ballot really only has one contested position, VP, candidates were Earl Daniels and Tom McKenna; President was Larry Elsom and Sec/Treas was Imre Volgyi)

- *Larry Elsom* for President: yea 278; nay 1 (automatic succession per the then-governing bylaws)
- *Imre Volgyi* for Sec/Treas: yea 279; nay 0
- Vice President: 282 ballots;
 - *Earl Daniels*: yea 143;
 - Tom McKenna: yea 136;

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to accept and ratify the balloting results

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Kevin Troller presented the findings of the Donations Committee headed up by Russ Dowden (unable to make it to Albuquerque due to family illness)

Remarks:

- We are first and foremost a fellowship organization
- Our 501 c status (c19) states this as the purpose
- We are not a 501c(3) charitable organization; we can, but do not have to make donations
- Last reunion we voted to make donations per recommendations of a committee
- We will vote to approve the donations to the three charities recommended by the committee as a whole package – up or down. Kevin called for a yeas and nays on the recommended donation package:
 1. Wounded Warrior Ohana
 2. Veterans Guest House Reno
 3. National Army Museum Fort Belvoir

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the recipients and amounts

PRESENTATIONS

REGIMENTAL CSM PENN

- Reiterated how Eric Zellars (former Commandant) and Annie Walker (CSM Penn's predecessor) have really helped RAFINO from the schoolhouse
- Showed a video on wounded warriors
- Asked for help, passion, and story from the RAFINO Membership
- Gave update on Corps and the Schoolhouse
 - Lots more rigor in AIT and in basic: back to the future
 - IPPS-A
 - It hurts to give up MilPay
 - Still transitioning in an extended interim period
 - Big issue: what does the 36 do in garrison. We have a good handle on what they do downrange and wartime is pretty well covered, but garrison is another set of challenges
 - DFAS no change, we still do Travel and Separations
 - IPPS-A already fielded in NG
 - Invited all to come to the regimental ball 3 May 2019 – mark your calendars. Tell those guys your stories – you'll get a friendly ear
 - The Corps
 - Filling gaps identified: we need Bde, Bn, and Det structures – possibly coming in FY 2020
 - The restriction is that the Corps cannot grow
 - Question asked about 44/45: $44+45=36A$ = Finance Branch

PASSING THE GAVEL TO THE NEW PRESIDENT

Kevin Troller formally passed the gavel to the newly elected president, Larry Elsom

Larry addressed membership under his tenure as membership VP.

Over the last 2 years, we gained 61 new members

However, we are still losing many more to age and infirmities

We are ALL on the membership committee

Publicity has improved over the previous period

- Finance Corps Association (FCA) is a good source (with a nod to CSM Penn)
- Retired Finance Facebook takes every chance to pitch membership in RAFINO. Possibly use FCA's facebook

2022 REUNION

- There is a really strong wave of support for Indianapolis/Ft Ben Harrison for our 2022 reunion

- We already have at least three of the 80 some odd RAFINO members in the area volunteer to host a 2020 reunion there
- Do we have a firm mission to move out on Indy for 2020? (show of hands showed unanimity to go forth on Indy for 2022)

2020 2020 REUNION (TROY AND EUNICE CLAY, WITH HUGH AND CHRIS TANT

Charleston is a go

Troy made a presentation on tentative plans and arrangements for Charleston 2020

[Website now has a stub](#) in the "Reunions/Cruises" menu for reunion 2020 (with Troy's updated presentation) - tentative dates are 7-11 Oct 2020

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:15 HOURS