**East -Central Alabama Chapter, MOAA**

**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**August 4, 2020**

The meeting was held via Zoom Teleconference due to the COVID-19 virus and the State of Alabama, Stay-at-Home Order. It was called to order at 1:03 P.M. by President Mike Horsefield. The following were present:

Mike Horsefield, Jeff Bohler, Bill Broome, Judy Bohler, Charlie Block, Marilyn Horsefield, Cathy Golden, & Mike Golden.

Not present: Earl Digman.

Bill Broome started the meeting with the Pledge.

A quorum was present.

Announcements: Mike Horsefield spoke about a STEM program sponsored by the U.S. Navy’s Office of Naval Research that targets Alabama “Black Belt” student in grades 9-12. While there may be some opportunities for the Chapter to be involved, Mike is going to seek further clarification as to what our role would be.

Old Business:

 a. 50th Anniversary – Mike Golden stated that when the COVID restrictions are clear, we can contact National for a visit in 2021.

 b. COVID Status – Jeff Bohler stated that while we are still under restrictions, the number of positive cases is rising in the state and the deaths are down.
c. New Treasurer – Jeff Bohler stated that the search was still ongoing.
d. Member Calls – Judy Bohler stated that she had contacted approximately 75% of the chapter members.

New Business:

1. Vice President Report – Jeff Bohler:
a. Nothing to report.

2. Treasurer – Earl Digman:
a. Not Present; no report.

3. Secretary – Bill Broome:
a. 81 Members. 67 Regular, 12 Surviving Spouse, & 2 Associate.

 b. We had one loss, the passing of COL William Luther, USA, (ret).

 b. Motion was made by Bill Broome to accept the July minutes. It was seconded and approved by vote.

4. Past President – Mike Golden:

 a. Nothing to Report.
b. Bill Broome announced that the Chapter had won a 5-Star Level of Excellence Award for 2019.

5. Chaplain – Mike Golden:

 a. Mike stated that the obituary for Mike Kosolapoff was in the OA News recently.

6. Director, Chapter Affairs – Marilyn Horsefield

 a. Surviving Spouse Liaison: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to report.

 b. TOPS: Mike Horsefield. Nothing to report.

 c. Membership Chair: Judy Bohler. Nothing to report.

 d. Personal Affairs: Marilyn Horsefield. Nothing to report.

7. Director, Communications: Cathy Golden

 a. Newsletter: Cathy Golden. A newsletter will go out tomorrow.

 b. Webmaster: Bill Broome. Website up and running, no problems.

 c. Social Media: Jeff Bohler. LinkedIn and Facebook are up and static. If someone has time to spend on these, Jeff is happy to relinquish them.

 d. News Releases: Bill Broome. Nothing to Report.

8. Director, Program & Banquet: Mike Golden

 a. ROTC/JROTC Awards: Mike Golden. Mike stated that he is ready for the program for next school year.

 b. Monthly Meeting Coordinator: Nothing to Report. We are still in a holding pattern until things return to normalcy. Mike will maintain contact Moore’s Mill for status updates.

 c. Guest Speakers: Jeff Bohler discussed having the September speaker, Billy McDonald, on a Zoom videoconference and send a link to the chapter members. If they want to join in, fine. This will at least get us a virtual meeting as a test.

9. Director, Legislative Affairs: Charlie Block

 a. Bylaws: Charlie Block. Charlie confirmed that the bylaws allowed for a minimum of 3 BOD members to have a quorum.

 b. State Council: Charlie Block. The last meeting on July 14 was conducted by Zoom videoconference and it went well..

 c. Legislative Updates: Charlie Block. Noting to report.

 d. Monthly MOAA Update: Charlie Block. Nothing to Report.

10. Round Table Discussion: Mike Horsefield

 a. Mike Horsefield reminded us to think about a new treasurer, ideally one with an accounting background.

11. Deliverables:

 a. Judy Bohler: Complete calls to members.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 1st at 1 PM by Zoom video conference.

Adjournment: Having nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Submitted by: Approved by:

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Approved: September 1, 2020