

East Central Alabama Chapter

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 3, 2023

The meeting was held at Chappy's Deli in Auburn, Alabama, and was called to order by Chris Richie at 11:39 a.m. Present were Chris Richie, Ron Carson, Judy Bohler, Jim Matthews and Jerry Williams. Not present were Mike Horsefield, Jeff Bohler, Mike Golden and Gordon Bugg.

Board Member Remarks.

1. **President:** No Report.
2. **Vice President:** Chris Richie announced that Tom Whately, ECAC member and former state legislator, will be the speaker for the October 19 General Meeting.
3. **Secretary:** Jerry Williams requested approval of the minutes of the September 12, 2023, Board Meeting. Judy Bohler made a motion, seconded by Jim Matthews, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried and Chris Richie signed approval for Mike Horsefield.
4. **Treasurer:** No Report.
5. **Past President:** No Report.
6. **Chapter Affairs:** Ron Carson reported on the work of the Nominating Committee regarding the vacancies on the Board. He indicated that Kathy Barto has agreed to serve as liaison to Surviving Spouses. He reported that BJ Debardeleben had agreed to serve on the Board. Ron said that BJ would be an excellent choice to fill the upcoming vacancy in the Secretary position. He called BJ on his cell phone and asked BJ to consider. Jerry Williams also spoke with BJ, and BJ agreed to accept the role as Secretary.
7. **Communications:** No Report.
8. **Program and Banquet:** Judy Bohler reported that the November General Meeting will be on November 16 at the Auburn University Club. Chris Richie is working to select a speaker. The December meeting is planned for Saturday, December 9, at 11:00 a.m. and will be at the Saugahatchee Country Club. The January General Meeting will be on January 18 at the Auburn University Club. Although the date is not confirmed, the annual ROTC Banquet is planned for April at the Saugahatchee Country Club.
9. **Legislative Affairs:** No Report.
10. **Membership Chair:** Judy Bohler reported that there are currently 71 regular members, 9 surviving spouses, and 1 auxiliary member for a total of 81 members in ECAC.

Topics.

1. There was considerable discussion of whether ECAC would support the Auburn University Student Veterans Association, ASVA, in their scholarship fund raising efforts. There has been a request from ASVA to purchase tickets to their annual Gala as ECAC has done in the past. The discussion included several issues and concerns with the relationship with ASVA. Jerry Williams

made a motion, seconded by Jim Matthews, that ECAC will not purchase tickets to the ASVA Gala and will not make a monetary contribution during the current year. The motion carried.

2. **The next General Meeting will be 6:00 p.m., Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Auburn University Club.**
3. **The next Executive Board Meeting will be 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at Chappy's Deli in Auburn.**

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jerry F. Williams

Mike Horsefield

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Secretary

President

Approved: November 7, 2023