

East Central Alabama Chapter
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2023

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

Board Member Remarks.

1. **President:** Mike Horsefield commented that he felt a need for discussion of a strategic vision for ECAC that would include increasing activities of the chapter, particularly activities involving service to the community. He asked that members of the Board be thinking of possibilities. He commended Jim Matthews and Judy Bohler for their efforts in planning and execution of the ROTC Awards Banquet. It was a great job by both of them.
2. **Vice President:** Chris Richie announced that the speaker for the May 18 General Meeting will be COL (RET) David Bottomly, Dean of the United States Air Force Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base. He also discussed the need for a regular plan to pay for the meals of speakers. After discussion, Jerry Williams made a motion, seconded by Mike Golden, that the speaker be given a \$50 gift card to be used toward the cost of the speaker's meal and that of the speaker's spouse. The motion carried. Chris then suggested that ECAC purchase a table at the upcoming Mayor's Memorial Day Breakfast. Mike Golden made a motion, seconded by Jim Matthews, that ECAC purchase a table for 10 and chapter members who attend reimburse the chapter \$25 per seat. The motion carried. Mike Golden agreed to reserve the table.
3. **Secretary:** Jerry Williams requested Board approval of the minutes of the April 4 Meeting of the board. A motion to approve was made by Jim Matthews and seconded by Mike Golden. The motion carried.
4. **Treasurer:** Gordon Bugg had emailed to Board members the financial report for the end of April.
5. **Past President:** Mike Golden indicated he is trying to arrange for a speaker from the Alabama MOAA for the September General Meeting.
6. **Chapter Affairs:** Judy Bohler mentioned that an article with photographs had been submitted to the local newspaper.
7. **Communications:** Jeff Bohler had prepared a written report that indicated 8 LinkedIn members and 30 Facebook members. He also indicated that the website needs some updating.
8. **Program and Banquet:** Judy Bohler provided a summary of the attendance at the ROTC Awards Banquet. She indicated that there will not be a General Meeting in June or July. The August Luau is scheduled for the Club House in Grove Hill on August 19.
9. **Legislative Affairs:** No Report.

10. **Membership Chair:** Judy Bohler reported that the chapter has 69 regular members, 8 surviving spouses and 1 auxiliary member. She noted the passing away of Virginia Edwards, a surviving spouse. She also noted that new member Ron Mussig attended the ROTC Awards Banquet. She reported that the 2023 membership roster has been mailed to all members.

Topics.

1. Mike Horsefield noted that he thinks the organization is shifting for the better. He requested that all Board members help to spread the word about the advantages of membership.
2. **The next General Meeting of ECAC will be 6:00 p.m., May 18, 2023, at Auburn University Club.**
3. **The next meeting of the Executive Board will be 11:30 a.m., August 1, 2023, at Chappy's Deli in Auburn. The Board will not meet in June or July.**

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Jerry F. Williams

Mike Horsefield

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Secretary

President

Approved: August 1, 2023