



***CPOA***

***National Board of Directors***

***Meeting Minutes***

held at

**Springfield, Virginia**

**21-24 March 2008**

# **CPOA National Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Friday, 21 March 2008**

Call To Order - The National Board of Directors were called to order at 1526, 21 March 2008 at Springfield, Virginia, by National President YNC Jon Adlai Shipp, Sr. (Ret).

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Roll Call of National Officers and Board of Directors - In attendance were: President YNC Jon Adlai Shipp, Sr. (Ret), Vice President SKCM Myles Shaw (Ret), and appointed Secretary YNC Kim Lorigan (Ret). Treasurer BMCM Tim Trimble was excused from tonight's meeting.

Board of Directors

- Region One – MCPO David Isherwood (Ret) absent due to illness
- Region Two – YNCS Bruce Garrison (Ret)
- Region Three – BMCS Jack Crowley (Ret)

CPOAA President Rita Bunting

Conducted Installation of new National Secretary, YNC Kim Lorigan (Ret).

It was sadly reported that Henry Cartlidge crossed the bar in Steinhatchee, Florida on 20 March 2008.

## **REPORTS**

President - No report

Vice President - No report

Secretary - No report

Treasurer – Indicated that he had not report when he joined meeting on 22 March.

BOD Member Garrison – No report

BOD Member Crowley - provided a written report dated 16 February 2008. (See Enclosure (1)).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- National Office Internal/External Storage – Was discussed. **MOTION** by BOD Member Garrison, seconded by the Vice-President, to table the discussion **CARRIED**.
- National Office Personnel – Was discussed.
- National Office Equipment – Was discussed.
- The CHIEF – Was discussed. The Regional Directors will put together a survey to query members regarding possible changes to *The CHIEF*.

*RECESSED at 1625*

*RECONVENED at 1635*

- CPOA Regions – Were discussed.
- National Donations – Was discussed.
- Board of Directors Voting – Was discussed.
- Gold Lifetime Membership – Discussed inconsistency of information provided on the CPOA website about Gold Lifetime Members.
- CPOA Website – Was discussed.
- Disbandment of CPOAA Chapter – The Mobile Unit of the CPOAA turned in their charter and surrendered funds in the amount of \$105.29 to the CPOAA National President.

*RECESSED at 1748 to reconvene at 0800, 22 March.*

## Saturday, 22 March 2008

*RECONVENED 0812*

Roll Call of National Officers and Board of Directors - In attendance were:

President YNC Jon Adlai Shipp, Sr. (Ret), Vice President SKCM Myles Shaw (Ret), Secretary YNC Kim Lorigan (Ret), and Treasurer BMCM Tim Trimble.

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### **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

- CPOAA – The position of National Vice President is currently vacant. The CPOAA National President will draft a letter concerning soliciting a National Vice President and the future of the CPOAA to all of its current membership.

*RECESSED at 0844*

*RECONVENED at 0853*

- New Chapter Request – In accordance with our By-laws, the necessary paperwork was received at the National Office to form a Chapter. The new Chapter request was approved and the Chapter requested to be called “South Texas”.

*RECESSED at 0913*

*RECONVENED at 0931*

- CGEA – Updated CGEA Procedures Manual approved as presented. Draft letter from CGEA President to be paraphrased and sent out via the Regional Directors to all CPOA Presidents. (See Enclosure (2)).
- Communications – Was discussed.
- *RECESSED at 1023*
- *RECONVENED at 1035*
- CPO Academy Funding – **MOTION** by the Vice-President, seconded by BOD Member Garrison, to discontinue support of the Spirit of the Chief Award and Welcome Aboard Dinners as of 1 January 2009 for the 2010 Budget Year. The funds saved will go into the General Fund towards a future per capita refund.

*RECESSED at 1100*

*RECONVENED at 1123*

Guests Present: Convention Committee Chairperson AVTCM Tim Sheffler and Co-Chairperson ET1 Monica McCormack.

- CPO Academy Funding – Discussion continued.

*RECESSED at 1139*

*RECONVENED at 1146*

- CPO Academy Funding – The motion to discontinue support of the Spirit of the Chie Award and Welcome Aboard Dinners as of 1 January 2009 for the 2010 Budget Year - **CARRIED**.
- CPOA Convention – SCPO Tim Sheffler made an informal presentation regarding the 2008 CPOA Convention. He indicated that the preliminary contract was signed, that the Houston and Galveston Chapters, as well as several CGEA members, have been working with the Committee to get things going. The Committee will be making an on-site visit to finalize contracts in the near future.

*RECESSED at 1220*

*RECONVENED at 1404*

- Disbandment of the National Board of Directors – **MOTION** by the Vice-President, seconded by the Secretary, to disband the National Board of Directors.

*RECESSED at 1500*

*RECONVENED at 1520*

- Disbandment of the National Board of Directors – The motion to disband the National Board of Directors was **DEFEATED**.
- BOD Resolutions – Were discussed.

*RECESSED at 1645 to reconvene at 0800, 23 March*

## Sunday, 23 March 2008

*RECONVENED 0811*

Roll Call of National Officers and Board of Directors - In attendance were:

President YNC Jon Adlai Shipp, Sr. (Ret), Vice President SKCM Myles Shaw (Ret), Secretary YNC Kim Lorigan (Ret), and Treasurer BMCM Tim Trimble.

Board of Directors

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### **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

- Membership – **MOTION** by the Vice-President, seconded, by the Treasurer, to have the President get reports from all Standing Committee Chairmen of all their activities since the last convention **CARRIED**.
- Call to Convention – Was discussed.

*RECESSED 0846*

*RECONVENED 0858*

- Call to Convention – Discussion continued.

*RECESSED 0950*

*RECONVENED 1005*

- EPOY – Was discussed.

*RECESSED 1013*

*RECONVENED 1020*

- EPOY – Discussion continued.
- CPOA Chapter Outreach – Secretary tasked to gather a list of Chapter events and achievements for submission to the President.
- BOD Resolutions – Were discussed.

*RECESSED 1045*

*RECONVENED 1055*

- BOD Resolutions – Discussion continued.

*RECESSED 1045*

*RECONVENED 1055*

- BOD Resolutions – Discussion continued.

*RECESSED 1200*

*RECONVENED 1211*

- BOD Resolutions – Discussion continued.

*RECESSED 1235*

*RECONVENED 1515*

- Resolutions – **MOTION** by BOD Member Garrison, seconded by, BOD Member Crowley, that a resolution be submitted to change By-laws Section VII paragraph 2, subparagraph (a) to read, “The BOD shall set the amount of Annual Dues. The definition of a member in good standing is a member paying the current annual dues of the Association, and all Gold and Silver Lifetime members”. The motion was withdrawn.
- **MOTION** by the Treasurer, seconded by BOD Member Garrison, to amend Section VII, paragraph 2, subparagraph (a) to read, “The BOD shall set the amount of Annual Dues. The definition of a member in good standing is a member paying the current annual dues of the Association, and all Gold and Silver Lifetime members”, **CARRIED**.

The BOD will submit 9 Resolutions to the members for consideration. BOD Member Crowley indicated that the Mobile Chapter will submit 5 Resolutions after their Chapter meeting on April 3, 2008.

*RECESSED 1535*

*RECONVENED 1547*

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

The CPOAA President thanked the BOD for the invitation to the meeting.

BOD Member Crowley said the BOD did a good job at this meeting and welcomed the new Secretary with the BOD Member Garrison and the Treasurer concurring.

The National Secretary thanked the BOD for their warm welcome, patience and humor.

The National Vice President thanked the new Secretary and was pleased that the BOD worked together as a team.

The National President said the BOD accomplished a lot and came together in making the easy and hard decisions. While the members of the BOD may not always agree, the Board

has to do what is right for the majority of the membership. Welcome aboard to the new Secretary and thanks to all for coming. Next meeting will be planned around the EPOY ceremony and meeting with the MCPOCG/COMDT as soon as the dates are known.

**MOTION** by National Treasurer, seconded by BOD Member Garrison to adjourn  
**CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 1555.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Lorigan  
National Secretary

Enclosures: (1) BOD Member Crowley's Report  
(2) CGEA National President's letter

Greetings Region Three Chiefs!

16 February 2008

I know that it's been a while since I've corresponded with you and I apologize. Keep in mind that you don't have to wait to hear from me to stay connected, I'm available 24/7, drop a line or call me at any time (251-649-8800).

Here are some Important Dates to remember that are fast approaching:

**19 February** .... Happy Birthday to the USCG Reserves, they are 67 years young.

**1 March**.... Applications for the CCCAF should be in the National Office.

**1 March**....The Annual Gross Receipts Report must be in the National Office. All Chapters should have already received this form from Tom.

**1 March** .... Articles for the next issue of the "CHIEF" must be in the National Office.

**21 March**... Board of Directors meets in the National Office in Springfield, VA.

**7 April** ..... On this day in 1969 the CPOA was chartered and we are now 39 years young.

**10 April** ..... Submission of Convention Resolutions, Motions, Amendments and Awards must be in the National Office for review and compliance with our BY-Laws.

**18 May** .....On this day in 1920 Congress approved and established the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer, this make 88 years of the Chief in the Coast Guard.

**26 May** ..... Memorial Day (Observed), please get involved with your local Veterans.

**30 May** .....Memorial day

**4 August** ... in 1790 The US Coast Guard was established, this will be the 218<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our great Armed Force Branch.

**18 August** .. The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual CPOA Convention will convene in Houston Texas.

As you probably already know by now, the National Secretary's Position has been filled by YNC Kim Lorigan from the Golden Gate Chapter. Kim will be joining us at our BOD meeting in March.

Om January 30<sup>th</sup> the CPOA lost one of our long time members, ATC Dick Wells crossed over the bar in Cookson, OK. Dick was a Past National President, Vice President and the Twelfth Gold Lifetime Member of the Association.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of December 2007 the Board of Directors approved two more chapters, the Martinsburg WV Chapter in Martinsburg WV and the Prince William Sound Chapter in Valdez, Alaska. The Corpus Christi Chapter has asked to be reinstated as the "South Texas Chapter"

The Executive Director has mailed out to all the Chapters and Branches the Annual Gross receipts Forms, there are still many chapters and Branches that haven't returned this form to the National Office, this form must be in the National Office by the first of March. If you haven't already done so, please send in this form. Tom also sent out the Convention and Hotel registration forms, please let your members know that they are available to them, they will also be in the next issue of the Chiefs Magazine.

It has recently been brought to my attention that there are many members out in the field that think just because we have a National Membership Chairman and (hopefully) Chapter Membership Chairman that they are the sole recruiters of the Association. This is far from the truth and is incorrect. It should be the responsibility of "ALL MEMBERS" to PROMOTE and RECRUIT membership in the Association.

While I'm on the subject of Membership I would like to point out that for anyone that wants to join the Association an Application **MUST** be filled out and sent to the National Office. If a member just sends an allotment form to Topeka or through Direct Access and fails to send in an application that member will be put on the Member at large list (MAL). So it is important that the member or the membership chairman forward the application so that this member will be attached to your Chapter.

Are you aware of the Coast Guard Channel? If not you should visit the site at ([www.coastguardchannel.com/Index.shtml](http://www.coastguardchannel.com/Index.shtml)) Here you will find some good up to date information, stories and some very good Videos.

Some VA Information

### **VA Increases Travel Reimbursement**

#### **Disabled Veterans Earned Travel Increase**

**WASHINGTON** - Over a million eligible veterans will see their mileage reimbursement more than double starting February 1st, for travel to Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities.

"This increase helps veterans -- especially those living in rural areas -- offset some of the gasoline costs as they travel to VA's world-class health care," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake.

"Increasing the mileage reimbursement is one more step by VA to help veterans access the health care they deserve."

The 2008 appropriations act provided funding for VA to increase the beneficiary travel mileage reimbursement rate from 11 cents per mile to 28.5 cents per mile. The increase goes into effect on Feb. 1.

After little more than a month on the job, Secretary Peake used his authority to establish the first increase in the mileage reimbursement in 30 years, fulfilling a pledge he made during his Senate confirmation hearing last month.

While increasing the payment, VA, as mandated by law, also equally increased the deductible amounts applied to certain mileage reimbursements. The new deductibles are \$7.77 for a one way trip, \$15.54 for a round trip, with a maximum of \$46.62 per calendar month. However, these deductibles can be waived if they cause a financial hardship to the veteran.

For some good up to date Veteran Administration news and press releases please visit ([www.va.gov/opa/pressrel](http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel))

In the latest issue of Shipp's Scuttlebutt (Jan 08, on the web) the President speaks of Delegates, Voting, Resolutions, and Convention getting involved and so on. I would like elaborate on this.

The President mentioned about receiving many calls pertaining to some of the Resolutions that were passed at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. I can understand members getting furious over some of the Resolutions because **"not all think alike"** each and every member receive the proposed resolutions in advance either in the Executive Directors monthly mail outs to the Chapters (the chapters need to let their members know that they have them) or in the Chiefs Magazine. There is plenty of time for the Chapters to go over these Resolutions prior to the convention and instruct your delegate how to vote on each one of them. A Chapter Delegate is sent to the convention in accordance with the chapter's "INSTRUCTIONS" on how to vote. If the Delegate is sent to the Convention "UNSTRUCTED" then this means that the delegate is free to vote as he/she sees fit **but** the vote should be in best interest of the membership, Chapter and the CPOA. If the Delegate is sent "INSTRUCTED" this means that the Delegate must vote the way the Chapter wants on certain Resolutions and Motions.

I believe that the Chapter's have two important meetings of the year, one being your meeting prior to the 120 days of the convention, this gives you enough time to submit Resolutions and the second meeting should be when the proposed resolutions are advertised. The Chapters should try to contact all members and let them know the importance of these meeting and if they can't attend then give input. Then again it's the Members responsibility to notify their chapter if they are not in agreement with the resolutions. Each member should get involved with their chapters and discuss not only the proposed resolutions but what is going on within their chapters as well as the CPOA. Each of us needs to face reality and understand that the only way things are going to change is through you, the member and resolutions. Quitting and Complaining isn't the solution, the solution is, getting involved and submitting Resolutions for changes. Do not procrastinate, get involved and submit your resolutions.

Recently I sent out a request for Information for the "CGCPO Doorknockers" I received a lot of response and I found two of them that are being donated. I appreciate all of you that responded.

In closing I would like to ask all Chapter Presidents if you have any changes in your Officer's status or point of contacts please let me and the National Office know so that we may make the necessary changes and stay in contact.

Yours in Service  
Region Three Advisor  
BMCS Jack Crowley USCG Retired



To: Jon Shipp, National President, CPOA  
Board of Directors, CPOA  
All CPOA Chapters

To All,

I am requesting assistance from all CPOA chapters to help boost CGEA membership Coast Guard wide. I want to start a tradition of holding an annual membership drive on the anniversary of the CGEA, August 1. The CGEA was founded on August 1, 1991. I am asking for *all CPOA chapters* to hold some type of event every August 1<sup>st</sup> to bring all E-6 and below together. This could be an event of your choice. Some CPOA chapters have CGEA branches located close to your chapters. Some CPOA chapters do not have an existing CGEA near. Where CGEA branches are, the CGEA branch could certainly assist but I think it would send a very positive message to the our branches that the CPOA is there to support and encourage growth and establishment of new CGEA branches. Where there are no CGEA branches, the CPOA could encourage one be started. I hope you will endorse my request and put the word out to all the Chapters. I will do whatever you want to help organize the event.

I do not want this event held on CG Day because most people are eating, drinking, and playing games, and probably not in a frame of mind to stop and listen to a presentation. I want *our day* to stand alone and be unique to the CPOA and CGEA.

Sincerely,

Doris Jackson  
National President  
Coast Guard Enlisted Association