

**USS IWO JIMA CLASS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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**Board of Director's Meeting February 28, 2009 at St. Louis, Mo.**

**Meeting convened at 10:00 AM**

**Present: Floyd Wilson, Pres., Jim Metts -Treasurer, Jim McElravy-Secretary, Steve Pulkowski, Ron Townzen, Dennis Higerd, Bob McNally. Joe Brown via teleconference.**

**Secretary's Report- No reports from previous meeting**

**Executive Administrator- Bob McAnally**

**Bob gave the BOD and overview of planned sites for upcoming re-unions. After discussion and review, Floyd Wilson made a motion to accept these sites: September 7-11, 2011 – St. Louis, Mo. Doubletree-Westport at a cost of \$ 99.00 and September 12-16, 2012 – Chicago – Doubletree-Oakbrook \$99.00. The motion was seconded by Jim Metts. Motion carried. Bob also reported that he had negotiated with the Marriot Hotel in Newport News, Va. for the period October 28-November 1, 2015 at the rate of \$ 109.00. Jim Metts made a motion to accept this proposal, and Ron Townzen seconded. Motion carried.**

**Bob reported that his feelings were that the Board should take more action in resolving outside activities at the re-union and the sole responsibility not fall directly on him. Consciences of the Board was that we would become more active in the selection of these activities. With this Bob presented the Board with two packages for tours to be selected for the 2011 event in St. Louis. The Discover-St. Louis Tours was recommended. Jim Metts made the motion to accept this recommendation. Motion seconded by Dennis Higerd and motion carried to accept Discover-St. Louis tours.**

**President's Report- Floyd Wilson**

**Floyd presented a background information report on the recent change in association leadership. He further discussed why he felt a need to change the Treasurer and the Secretary. Floyd had made a decision to replace Bob Sorenson as Treasurer and assign the duties and tasks of Treasurer to Jim Metts. Floyd then made a motion to accept Jim Metts as Treasurer and appoint Jim McElravy as the Secretary. Dennis Higerd seconded the motion. Via teleconference with Joe Brown, Board of Director's had a quorum and the motion carried. Consciences of the BOD Secretary was to contact Bob Sorenson and make him aware of the BOD's decision.**

**Nominating Committee-**

**The nominating committee must convene to select two new Board members who would take office at our next re-union. The committee requires a Board member and two association members to select candidates. Joe Brown is the current Board member on the committee and will be requested to remain at that position. These two names were suggested from the membership to be part of that committee. Leon Reese and Jose Enriquez. Jim Metts made a motion on these selections, seconded by Jim McElravy. Motion carried.**

**Board Meeting's**

**A general discussion was held in regards to Board of Director's meetings. The consciences was that BOD meetings were not as productive at re-unions and there was not enough time to discuss issues and other information in such a short time period. The thought was that we are more useful at re-unions helping and supporting the Executive Administrator and his tasks, and not taking him away from his duties to attend BOD meetings. Further discussion was held to make a decision on when and where this annual Board meeting was to convene. Jim McElravy made a motion that we would have our annual Board meeting at a period other than the re-union, and it would be held no later than six (6) months before the next re-union. Ron Townzen seconded the motion. After more discussion and the details pertaining to the annual BOD meeting the question was called and the motion carried.**



Dennis Higerd made a motion that the next annual Board meeting be held at the Doubletree-Westport in St. Louis in 2010 within and 6 month's prior to the reunion. Ron Townzen seconded and motion carried. Association President would determine the date.

Details discussed about future BOD meetings:

All Board members and Ship's Representative be invited to meeting. Information and job description outlines be given to new BOD members, Ship's Representatives, committee's as to what their responsibilities are. Copies of the association by-laws should be made available for distribution to BOD members and Ship's Representatives. Inform BOD members and Ship's Representative of how important it is to attend these annual BOD meeting, and that before accepting the position they are aware of their responsibility to attend these meetings and functions.

Elections-

The Board of Director's discussed the terms of office for Association President and Board Members. Jim Metts made a motion to elect Floyd Wilson to hold the office as President until next election. Ron Townzen seconded the motion. During discussion Jim McElravy recommended that the office of President and Vice President come from the Iwo Jima until a time in the near future when all ships come on board and their BOD members and Ship's Representative have had time to learn about the association. The question was called and the BOD members present plus telecom with Joe Brown carried the motion.

The Vice-President position was vacated, and a motion was made that this position should be filled by a IWO JIMA representative until next election. Dennis Higerd then seconded the motion and Ron Townzen was selected to fill the position of Association Vice-President. Motion carried via BOD vote and telecom with Joe Brown.

American Life Restoration of the Iwo Jima-

A general discussion was held with the idea on how we could become a supporter of this program. We had to take into consideration of our own financial status. A motion was made by Ron Townzen to create an "exploratory committee" at next re-union to find ways to proceed in the fund raising effort for the association to become a valuable contributor in this effort. Jim Metts seconded the motion and the BOD carried the motion.

Procurement of Ship's Memorabilia/Supplies-

It was proposed that the association needs to form a "Procurement Committee" to maintain the ships memorabilia and supplies. The Executive Administrator had taken this responsibility since the beginning of the association, and even though he has been successful doing that tasks, for personal reasons he would like to be relieved of that responsibility in the future. The committee would be required to keep the current inventory under control and would decide what theme would fit each reunion and provide supplies and equipment within a budgeted amount. Members of this committee would come from members, members spouses, and others who have an interest in the future of the association. An insert sheet will be placed into the next flyer, "Call-To-Re-Union"

Executive Advisor's Expenditures-

The BOD discussed and formulated a policy for a dollar amount that can he can spend during a month to cover day to day operating expenses for the association. It was determined from past financial reports that an amount of \$ 1,000.00 per month would be allowed. Any costs greater than that amount would require the approval of the Treasurer or President's approval.

Other Business-

Treasure will be responsible for the transferring of funds from the Savings Account to the Checking Account. Dennis Higerd was appointed to correct WEB address information.

Adjournment-

At 5:25 PM a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James McElravy – Association Secretary