

**Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, USCG
Executive Committee Meeting, held at the Wyndham Hotel Portland
Airport, South Portland, Maine, APRIL 17-19, 2008**

The President called the meeting of the Executive Committee to order at 1410, April 17, 2008.

Association Officers in Attendance:

CWO2 (BOSN) James (J. T.) Green, President
CWO4 (F&S) Bill Reetz, Ret, VP Retired Affairs

CWO3 (PERS) George Paidousis, USCGR, Secretary
CWO3 (F&S) Mitzie Robinson, Treasurer

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CWO3 (MAT) Jay Menze, Juneau
CWO4 (F&S) Mark Moore, Emerald Isle
CWO4 (PERS) Tony Fikac, Mid-Pacific

Distinguished Members in Attendance

CWO4 (PERS) Bob Lewis, Ret, Secretary-Elect

CWO4 (PERS) Randy Cornell, VP Retired-Elect

Other Members in Attendance

CWO4 (PERS) Mike Maher, President Elect
LCDR Ed Swift, Ret, Washington, DC
CWO3 (PERS) Stuart Gross, Retired

CWO3 (BOSN) Jeff Chase
CWO4 (F&S) Jerry Lewis, Retired
CWO2 (PSS) Tom Magliocca, Retired

The President announced that he had received a proposal from 11 Association members to change Article II Membership, Section 2. Membership Types b. Distinguished Members, by adding a subparagraph as follows:

“Upon immediate completion of the ‘SUCCESSFUL TOUR OF DUTY’ by the Association President, that person will automatically be submitted to the Special Committee to be considered for nomination as a Distinguished Member.”

CWO Bob Lewis moved to refer the proposed amendment to the Board of Directors for their opinion, which motion carried.

The Executive Committee recessed at 1417, 17 April 2008.

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CWO4 (F&S) Jerry Lewis, Retired

CWO3 (F&S) Tom Marsh
CWO2 (PSS) Tom Magliocca, Retired

The Executive Committee was provided with a written opinion of the Board of Directors that the proposed amendment to Article I, Section 2. (b) of the Bylaws not be adopted.

CWO Bob Lewis moved to not submit this proposal to the Association membership for a vote. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 26 Aye and 3 Nay votes.

The Executive Committee recessed at 0930, 18 April 2008.

The Executive Committee reconvened at 1417, 18 April 2008.

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CWO Bob Lewis explained the philosophy of the Permanent Finance Committee in preparing the budget for the next fiscal year and answered questions on various line items.

CWO Bill Mattoon suggested that the Association consider reducing printing by sending bylaws, etc via CD.

CWO Randy Cornell discussed the impact on retired officers having to give up vacation time or take leave without pay to serve as an Association officer and then receive \$100 in return. A lively discussion on salaries for elected officers followed.

CWO Ric Waechter moved to amend Budget Line Item 14D to read \$500 each for the President, Vice President, Vice President (Retired Affairs), Vice President (Reserve Affairs), Secretary and Treasurer for a total of \$3,000. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 18 Aye, 7 Nay and 5 abstentions.

The Executive Committee recessed at 1507, 18 April, 2008

The Executive Committee reconvened at 1527, 18 April, 2008.

CWO James Winters moved to approve the proposed budget, as amended. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 27 Aye and 3 Nay votes.

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CWO Bob Lewis moved to expend not more than \$28,400.00 for the 2009 annual meeting. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 30 Aye and 0 Nay votes.

CWO Bob Lewis moved not to spend more than \$8,000.00 for the electronic preservation of Association records. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 30 Aye and 0 Nay votes.

CWO Joe Howard moved to pay the existing Association Board of Directors \$500.00 each for the period April 2007 to April 2008. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 17 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 6 Abstentions.

The Executive Committee recessed at 1617, 18 April 2008.

The Executive Committee reconvened at 1640, 18 April 2008

The President announced that he had received a proposal from 10 members to change the Association Bylaws by changing Article II Membership, Section 1 Eligibility for membership, to read as follows:

“Subject to the provisions hereof, any warrant officer or former warrant officer who holds warrant or commissioned status in the Coast Guard (active duty, reserve or retired), is eligible for membership in the Association.”

CWO Bob Lewis moved to refer the proposal to the Board of Directors for their opinion. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 17 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 6 Abstentions.

The Executive Committee adjourned at 1655, 18 April 2008.

The Executive Committee reconvened at 1335, 19 April 2008.

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The President announced that it was the opinion of the Board of Directors that the proposal to amend Article II, Section 1 of the bylaws should not be adopted. However, they recommended the proposed amendment be forwarded to the new bylaws committee for additional research and recommendations to properly document the Association's intent for eligibility for membership.

A motion was made to not submit the proposed change to Article II, Section 1 to the membership for a vote. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 17 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 2 Abstentions.

The President announced that he had received a proposed bylaws change from 10 Association members to change Article II, Section 2.(4) of the bylaws by replacing "presidents- of the District and Area Chapters: with "Chapter President's (or their designated representative)".


CWO Phil Pinto moved to refer the proposed bylaws change to the Board of Directors for an opinion. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 17 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 2 Abstentions.

The President reported that the Board of Directors recommends that the Executive Committee submit the proposed change to the Association membership for a vote.

CWO Al Beal made a motion to submit the proposal to the Association membership for a vote. After a roll call vote the motion carried with 17 Ayes, 7 Nays, and 2 Abstentions.

Al Beal recommends an application containing information we feel is important in considering Distinguished Member nomination. CWO Ken Vanek suggests a template

The Executive Committee adjourned at 1342, 19 April 2008.


Robert L. Lewis
Secretary