**MIAMI VALLEY MILITARY AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**MINUTES**

13 October 2020

The Board of Trustees of the MVMAA met Tuesday, 13 October 2020 via virtual format. Thanks to Toni Overholser for setting up the virtual platform. President Dan Semsel called the meeting to order at 6: p.m.

**Trustees in Attendance:** Dan Semsel, Holly Beard, Woody Stroud, Rick Whitaker, Toni Overholser, Alexandra Scott, Sandy Brubaker, Brian Jarvis, Paul Newman, Steve Goeman, Cassie Barlow, Ralph Andersen, Debborrah Wallace, Rebecca Westlake, and Lin Stokes-Crowe.

**DOD:** Col Kim Fitzgerald, 178 Wing Commander. Col Ray Smith, 445 AW Commander

**Liaisons**: MSgt Jason Jukes, MSgt Ericlee Albarann, First Sergeants Council.

**Approval of September Meeting Minutes:** *MOTION TO APPROVE: Cassie Barlow, Holly Beard, Second. PASSED.*

**BASE COMMANDERS REPORTS:**

**445AW –** Col Smith reported on Wing activities for the past month. He said they completed the end of year closeout successfully. They exceeded their flying hours. Col Smith is losing his Vice Wing Commander, Col Werchan to STRATCOM and his Command Chief, CMSgt Stewart to the Illinois ANG. Col Smith is in the process of advertising for replacements.

**178 Wing:** Col Kim Fitzgerald reported on Wing activities. The Security Forces personnel who have been deployed for the past six months will be returning next week. The Blue Ash unit will be deploying after a period of quarantine sometime in November. The Space ANG issue is very political, so the Wing does not expect any action in the near future. The Wing continues to support Space Command from home station. Thirty personnel continue to support the community in COVID response actions, mostly assisting with logistical requirements. The Wing is struggling with continuing resolution, as are other units.

**88 ABW –** No representative online.

**MVMAA Liaisons**

**First Sergeant Council** – MSgt Jason Jukes, the new council president shared the council’s appreciation for the support provided by MVMAA. He reported the USO on base is slated to reopen next week, with a ceremony this Friday. MSgt Jukes stated the council will be working with AFSA to provide Thanksgiving gift cards to Airmen.

**Fisher Nightingale House –** No representative online.

**USO –** No representative online

**President’s Remarks:** President Dan Semsel. thanked everyone for taking time from their busy lives to come online for the meeting. He reiterated MSgt Jukes comment regarding the USO reopening. He said in theory future meetings should be a possibility at the USO. As soon as we know, we will get the word out. We will not be able to have the Annual Meeting next month at the USO due to the number of expected attendees (more than 100 members attended last year). We will have the annual meeting in a virtual format, using the current Lifesize forum. Information will be sent out as soon as we have the final details. We also will not be able to have the Board dinner in December. Sandy Brubaker queried the status of base passes since they are expiring. Dan reported we are working the issue with Base PA. The system may be different than past years. We may have to meet at the Hope Hotel to provide escorts on base. We will make it happen so no one is excluded from future meetings. Dan asked for suggestions for other organizations MVMAA might want to support. Holly queried whether MVMAA could Adopt-a-Family; Dan said that is handled by the First Sergeants Council and AFSA. Cassie suggested the Rising 6 as a possible group needing support. She also suggested the Dorm Council; she will check with the First Sergeants Council about them. Rebecca suggested the Junior Forces Council as another possibility. Dan will send out the list of suggestions so they can be ranked.

Thank you to all the chamber representatives for the continuing support you provide the MVMAA. Board members should go to the various Chamber websites for up to date activities and schedules.

**Beavercreek** (Brian Jarvis) <https://beavercreekchamber.org/> Present

**Bellbrook** (Holly Beard) <http://bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.org/> Present

**Dayton (**Woody Stroud) [www.daytonchamber.org/](http://www.daytonchamber.org/) Present

**Fairborn** (Paul Newman, Jr.) <http://fairborn.com/> Present

**Huber Heights** (Mark Bruns) <http://huberheightschamber.com/>

**Kettering/Moraine/Oakwood** *(*Anthony Colussi) <http://www.kmo-coc.org/>

**Lewisburg (**Dennis Roberts*)*

**Northmont** (Cathy Hutton) <http://northmontchamber.com/>

**Riverside** (Sara Lommatzsch) <http://www.riversidechamber.com/>

**South Metro** (Dwayne Adams) <http://www.smrcoc.org/>

**Springfield** (Bernie Willis)  <http://www.greaterspringfield.com/>

**Spring Valley** (Judy Madden)

**Trotwood** (Marie Battle) <http://trotwoodchamber.org/>

**Vandalia-Butler** (Will Roberts) <https://vandaliabutlerchamber.org/>

**Waynesville** (Rick Whitaker) [www.waynesvilleohio.com/](http://www.waynesvilleohio.com/) Present

**Xenia** (Steve Brodsky) <http://www.xacc.com/>

**Yellow Springs** (Alexandra Scott) <http://www.yellowspringsohio.org/> Present

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MILITARY/FAMILY OUTREACH**: Representative not online

**ASSOCIATION SPECIAL EVENTS:** Representative not online

**MARKETING/COMMUNICATION:** Ralph Anderson said the website is updated, but nothing new to report. He is working to ensure the golf outing support if ready to go when it’s time. The 5-year membership option for $160.00 is available on the website. Cassie recommended a list of past Winkler-Martin Award winners be posted on the website, possibly under announcements.

**FINANCE:** Steve Goeman provided copies of the 1 October Finance report via lin Stokes-Crowe. The golf outing funds have been mailed, Fisher Nightingale house has deposited theirs. The current account balance is $25,000 with three months to go. We can support further requests as needed, our goal is to close the year out with $20,000.

*MOTION TO APPROVE September Treasurer’s Report: Cassie Barlow, Toni Overholser Seconded, Motion PASSED.*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Cassie reported she met with the Northmont Chamber face to face, with appropriate masks and social distancing. Steve Goeman confirmed there are 139 paid annual members and 10 paid Lifetime members. Cassie said she is happy to meet with any of the area Chambers, virtually or in person. She is trying to meet with at least one per month.

**NOMINATING:** Paul Newman reported he has distributed the list of possible candidates for upcoming positions to the Executive Committee and will be sending the list to participating past presidents for their review in accordance with the bylaws………

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT:**Nothing to report at this time.

**GOLF OUTING:**  Holly Beard said she is currently not actively working on next year’s golf outing yet. Dan lauded the work that went into making the golf outing such a successful event.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rebecca reported the current Combined Federal Campaign is in full swing. It is now possible for both military and civilian retirees to contribute to the campaign. If anyone is interested, you can email Rebecca or follow the directions below:

1. Visit GiveCFC.org, click 'Donate' button (upper right corner)

2. Either sign in to an existing account or create an account

3. Profile page requests ‘Type of Donor’

\* Toggle “Federal Annuitant or Military Retiree”

\* Complete Profile; follow instructions to donation page

Retirees can fulfill contributions by annuitant equivalent of payroll deduction, by personal check/money order, or by credit/debit card. Questions...email me: [susan.himelhoch.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:susan.himelhoch.ctr@us.af.mil)

**Meeting adjourned at 1852 hours, 6:52 p.m.**

**The Annual meeting will be on 10 November 2020 and will be virtual using the Lifesize forum.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lin Stokes-Crowe