

Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter MOAA Board of Directors Minutes February 13, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter (CMC) Board of Directors began via Zoom at 4:00 PM on February 13, 2024. President Nelson English, Immediate Past President Joe Anderson, and the following officers were online: Ron Morgan, Jay Garbus, Eric Kelly, Ed Grant, and Susan Bryant.

A. Chapter Officer Reports

1. President's Report – Nelson English. At President English's request, Chaplain Grant opened the meeting with a prayer. Following that, the president had Secretary Kelly discuss proposed changes to the Chapter Bylaws (details in Secretary's Report below). Next, website manager Tracy Young covered a recommended upgrade to the CMC website which would make it more mobile- and user-friendly at a cost of \$500. VP Morgan updated the BOD on the JROTC Golf Tournament which is scheduled for October 4, 2024. It is time to begin contacting sponsors, he said. Also, he agreed to co-chair the event with Col (Ret) Walter Harrison this year. Lastly, President English discussed the Chapter Self-evaluation Checklist, which he and Secretary Kelly will complete soon to help the BOD assess the health of the chapter and set priorities.

2. Secretary's Report – Eric Kelly. Final draft minutes for the January BOD meeting were unanimously approved as amended. Also, discussion continued on proposed changes to the Chapter Bylaws, with agreement on deleting all references to the former Lake Norman Satellite. Accordingly, the draft Addendum #4 on ROTC/JROTC Scholarships will move up to Addendum #1. Plans are to release the latest draft to members soon, then hold a vote for approval at the March chapter meeting. Secretary Kelly mentioned that he will be absent from the BOD and chapter meetings in March due to international travel. He will still publish the minutes for both meetings after reviewing the recording from Jay Garbus (BOD on March 12) and handwritten notes from Treasurer Bryant (chapter on March 17).

3. Treasurer's Report – Susan Bryant. Today the General Fund has a balance of \$7,992.13 and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$28,204.72.

4. Programs – Joe Anderson. Guest speakers for the next three meetings will be President English in February on Black History Month, chapter member Ed Marohn in March on PTSD, and Surviving Spouse Liaison Emily McClain in April on key issues affecting surviving spouses and her advocacy visit to the U.S. Capitol last fall.

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In keeping with tradition, JROTC scholarship recipients will attend and be recognized at the May chapter meeting. Parents and JROTC instructors will accompany them.

5. Membership and Retention - Ron Morgan. VP Morgan departed the meeting early and made no remarks about membership.

6. Legislative Affairs - Tony Castle. Absent.

7. Surviving Spouse Liaison – Emily McClain. Absent.

8. Director – Ed Grant. No additional comments.

9. Newsletter – Jay Garbus. Editor Garbus stated that he will release this month's newsletter by the end of the week of February 12. Also, in the future he plans to release the newsletter two weeks before chapter meetings.

B. Old Business

1. Develop strategies to continue our focus on goals from the 50th Anniversary Dinner. (OPEN)
 - a. Market the MOAA brand as we celebrate the CMC legacy and accomplishments. Eric Kelly encouraged members to order MOAA merchandise at the September 2023 Chapter Meeting and composed a short article on the subject for the October 2023 newsletter.
 - b. Recruit new chapter members.
 - c. Develop/strengthen veteran group partnerships in Charlotte area.
2. BOD will discuss ways to expand on the Golf Tournament Leadership Group. (OPEN)
3. Board members discussed the possibility of moving the CMC general meeting date/time from Sunday afternoon to a weeknight in an effort to attract younger members. One concern is some existing members' reluctance to drive at night. Members agreed to continue this discussion with the new CMC administration. (OPEN)

C. New Business – None.

D. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.