

North Carolina Council of Chapters
4th Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting

17 November 2017

The Executive Committee meeting on 17 November 2017 was called to order by President Doug Ehrhardt at 1600 in Moon Hall on Fort Bragg. After roll call, he determined that there was sufficient attendance for a quorum at this time.

Doug welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their assistance making the convention in Williamsburg, VA, a huge success. He offered special thanks to Joe Cansler for bringing so many guests to the meeting and to George Brudzinski's chapter for having the most chapter members attend. George advised that the Convention was a break-even event.

Doug gave a MOAA National report out:

- There have been a number of changes to the Levels of Excellence Awards and Terry Coles gave an update at our convention, held a webinar and her recap in on the MOAA website. Among the changes are that chapters can now go onto the MOAA website and makes officer changes themselves and the new due date for the reports is 1 May 2018.
- Amy Wood at national is working on the Zip Code Reconciliation and the chapters will need to be cognizant to validate the accuracy. This is another attempt to follow on the prior work of Joe Cansler about 16 years ago and more recently by Ed Baisden.
- Storming the Hill went very well as the NC contingent, including LG Atkins, got to see all our Representatives and both Senators, and was considered a big success.

Three chapters have been identified as ones for concern. They are strong chapters, the issue being leadership succession. Attendance at meetings is good but no one wants to step up to be president.

- Durham Orange – This issue has been taken care of with the Durham Orange Chapter transferring their assets to the Triangle Chapter and Durham Orange members are all expected to transfer their membership to the Triangle Chapter. These two chapters are relatively close to each other so this is expected to be a good fit.
- Eastern Carolina – David Lee has been meeting with them every other month and is still actively seeking leadership for the chapter.
- Sandhills – Polly Flippo has moved to Florida and no one has been found to succeed her as president.

Chapter Reports and Chapter Officers Report both need to be re-emphasized, updated and sent in to COC and the Chapter's Officer Report where applicable needs to be corrected on National MOAA's website. For the 3rd Quarter, only two Chapter Reports were received by COC.

Membership

- Harley noted that Carol Cook has gotten more involved with the recent passing of her husband and she has found new leader for the Davidson Satellite of the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter.
- All chapters are seeing apathy. National will be sending out their list of members and chapters are encouraged to cultivate this list. It is long but a tool we can use.
- New River Chapter has taken to inviting folks on Voices of the Troops to their meetings.
- Vern Pike said that camaraderie is important and is worried that the role of technology is causing a loss of interpersonal skills. Jeri Graham mentioned that we must also consider that younger folks participate in a different way.

Joe Cansler mentioned that for the first time ever, the Council of Chapters has three new vice presidents. He asked in that this is a change from an 8 year commitment vs a 2 year commitment, is a change in the by-laws needed.

Gary Marlar found an interesting article where Ruth Santiago discusses OPIODS and recommended it be added to the website. Doug agreed.

George said the financial condition of the Council of Chapters after the convention is \$823 to the good and the checking account is standing at \$12,130.

The slate of officers for 2018-2019 is:

- David Lee – President
- Gary Marlar – Treasurer
- Carol Aljets – Secretary
- Vice Presidents:
 - Jim Brumit
 - Greg Chase
 - Ron Wilsbach

The job assignments for the vice presidents will be identified after David has an opportunity to discuss the new positions with them. Doug will serve as the Past President and Jeri as mentor and Past President on the Board.

Doug dismissed the meeting at 1700 as we could get ready for the dinner and program tonight.

Respectfully submitted:

Doug Ehrhardt

President

Carol Aljets

Secretary