

Navy Cryptologic Reserve Alumni Association
Minutes of the Membership Meeting
4 September 2006
Reno, Nevada

John Robertson, Interim President, called the meeting to order at 1530. Melanie Winters, Interim Vice President, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Craig certified that all of the members were in good standing. There were 32 members in good standing in attendance. These members introduced themselves before the meeting's formal proceedings began.

There were no previous meetings, thus there were no minutes to review.

Bob Craig presented the Interim Treasurer's report and it was accepted.

As this meeting was the organization's inaugural, there were no previous reports, including those of committees.

Moved (Melanie Winters) and seconded: That the organization be known as: Navy Cryptologic Reserve Alumni Association. There was discussion about the organization's name, centering on the use of the word "Alumni" in the proposed organizational name since the by-laws open membership to other cryptologic services.

There was considerable discussion about the proposed by-laws. Issues were raised concerning charitable contributions, powers' residency -- with the membership versus the board, -- the power to set dues, tax-exempt status (501c3), proxy votes, minimum number to constitute a quorum at the membership meetings.

Moved (Melanie Winters) and seconded: That the by-laws be accepted as presented with the caveat that the board of directors consider modifications presented by any member and, further, that modified by-laws be presented at the next membership business meeting, or sooner if deemed appropriate. This motion carried.

Moved (Lee Parsons) and seconded: That John Robertson be confirmed as the organization's first president. Discussion: John Robertson richly deserves recognition for his work in founding this organization. John's term would end 30 September 2006. Upon conclusion of John's term as president, he would continue on the board of directors for

one year as past president. The motion carried.

President Robertson noted that the by-laws provide that the current year's host accedes automatically to the office of president, barring board action. There being none, President Robertson declared Lee Parsons President-Elect. The latter's term would begin 1 October, 2006.

President Robertson reported that the board nominated Gary Adkins for Vice President. Nominations were closed in due course and Gary was elected. Gary would chair the 2007 steering committee for the 2007 annual reunion and presentation program in Saratoga Springs, NY. His is a one-year term, but as provided in the bylaws, Gary is president-elect for a one-year term beginning 1 Oct 2007. Alan Smith was appointed to the 2007 steering committee as reunion chairman.

President Robertson reported that the board nominated Bob Craig for Treasurer. Nominations were closed in due course and Bob was elected for a two-year term, ending 30 Sept 2008.

President Robertson reported the following board and office nominations and their respective term lengths:

Mark Svenningsen, Secretary, one year
Melanie Winters, Board Member, one year
Bob Weidman, Board Member, two years
M.A. Floyd, Board Member, three years.

Moved (Frank Jackson) and seconded: that the above nominations be accepted as a slate. This motion carried and the nominees were declared elected.

Jim Plehal was recognized as continuing flag adviser for an additional one-year term. Bill Masters was nominated as flag adviser for a two-year term. No objection was noted and the appointments were ruled approved.

The other appointive positions not yet filled are: historian, WEB master, membership biographer and merchandiser. Moved (Melanie Winters) and seconded: that the new board fill these appointive positions as its first act. This motion carried.

At some point during the foregoing proceedings, it was recognized that Robertson's rules of order left some gaps. Thus, President Robertson appointed David Carmody, having wide experience with Roberts Rules of Order, as NCRAA Parliamentarian.

President Robertson announced the need for an organizational logo and he invited proposals.

Moved (Bruce Campbell) and seconded: that members in good standing, i.e., dues paid in full, as of 31 December 2006 be recognized as NCRAA plank owners. This motion carried.

The meeting was duly adjourned at about 1645 and Melanie Winter's retirement was recognized with a champagne toast, courtesy of John McCoy.

Just prior to the retirement recognition for Melanie, photos were taken, of the group as a whole, and of the new and out-going officers. The photos will be provided to the NCVA Cryptolog Editor, Bob Payne, for inclusion in the Fall 2006 edition.

Very respectfully submitted,
Lee Parsons
Interim Secretary