

Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, USCG

**Annual Meeting, held at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Herndon, VA April 16-18,
2015**

The Annual Meeting of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association, USCG was called to order by the President at 0900, 16 April 2015

Association Officers Present

CWO4 Phil Beddow – President
CWO3 John Caicedo – Treasurer
CWO4 Brent Light – Secretary

CWO3 Barry Lane - Vice President
CWO4 Richard Waechter (Ret) – VP Ret Affairs
CWO2 Alice Martinez – VP Reserve Affairs

Chapter Representative Present

CWO4 Bill Mattoon (Ret) – Topeka
CWO4 William Reetz (Ret) – Cape Island
CWO4 Bill Giessman (Ret) – St. Louis
CWO2 Laura Freeman – Norfolk
CWO3 Doug Leavell – Golden Gate
CWO4 Craig Kerby – Long Island
LT Adam Smude – Emerald Isle
CWO2 Paul Spencer – Mid-Pacific
CWO3 Dan McDonald – Yorktown
CWO2 Tamantha Bowman – Southern CA
CWO2 Nicholas Durrant – Great Lakes
CWO2 Jeremy Williams – Juneau
CWO2 Ryan Sinclair - Philadelphia

CWO2 James Pulse (Ret) – New Orleans
CWO3 Kevin Watson – Baltimore
CWO4 Joe Howard (Ret) – Silver State
CWO4 Dave Schuster – Washington, D.C.
CWO4 William Iozzino – Steven Shields
CWO4 Frank Gibson – Cape Island
CWO3 Matt Kellison – Sun Coast
CWO2 Sammie Stewart – Greater Miami
CWO2 Andy Armistead – Boston
CWO2 David Creager – Sabine
LT Ed Miner – The Last Frontier
CWO4 Wayne Zuehls (Ret) – Pacific Northwest

Distinguished Members Present

CWO4 Robert Lewis (Ret) – Distinguished Mbr

Other Members Present

CWO2 Deborah Bakie
CWO4 Scott Epperson – CWOPD
CWO2 Jared Heintz – VP Elect
CWO2 William Baldwin
CWO4 William Iozzino

CWO2 William Baldwin
CWO2 Sarah Case – VP Reserve Affairs Elect
CWO4 Carol Setteducato (Ret) – Exec. Director
CWO4 J.T. Green (Ret) – Past President

Administrative Matters:

The President discussed the reading materials in each member's folder, the procedure on motions, travel claim processes and deadlines, planned breaks, and items available for sale from Chapter Representatives and the CWOA. President Beddow led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence as he read the list of Association members who had crossed over the bar since the last Annual Meeting.

The Association President recognized Distinguished Members and Past Presidents CWO Bob Lewis and CWO Bill Mattoon; Distinguished Members, CWO Bill Reetz, CWO Joe Howard, CWO Wayne Zuehls and CWO Ric Waechter and Past President CWO Brent Light.

Treasurers Report: CWO3 Caicedo presented the Treasury Report for the period 1 July 2014 through 2 April 2015 was presented. CWO Bill Mattoon raised a question regarding the budgeted amount for the annual meeting. CWO Bob Lewis explained the number was not complete as we do not yet know the total cost of the annual meeting. CWO Bob Lewis moved the report be corrected to reflect the total year to date budget and operating income. Motion carried and the corrected report was placed on file.

Membership Report: CWO3 Lane presented the Membership Report. Numerous questions were raised regarding new members and members dropped from roles. A lengthy discussion on keeping new members occurred. CWO Freeman made a motion to add a line to the membership report to reflect temp membership members. It was seconded by CWO Bowman. A discussion on the motion took place and CWO Lewis motioned to amend the motion to state pending instead of temp. The motion to amend was passed and the motion to add a line to the report reflecting pending membership carried. The Membership Report was placed on file.

October 2014 General Membership Meeting Minutes review: The President presented the minutes from the last General Membership Meeting in October of 2014. The minutes were accepted and placed on file.

Ballot Committee Report: The President presented the Ballot Committee Report for the 2015 elections. CWO Mattoon questioned the lateness of the ballot and the President explained the ballot was delayed due to not having enough candidates for the election. The report was placed on file.

The President's Report: CWO Beddow presented a verbal and written copy of his Presidents Report. The complete copy of the President's Report was placed on file.

Permanent Finance Committee Report: CWO Bill Reetz presented the Permanent Finance Report dated 2 April, 2015. CWO Reetz noted a correction to be made regarding the building fund reducing the amount of cash due to the purchase of CDs. Also the date on the PFC report needed to reflect 3/8/2018. The report was tabled to be presented later.

Death Gratuity Committee Report: CWO James Pulse presented a report on the Associations Death Gratuity benefit. The report outlined the history of the Association's death gratuity benefit and pointed out the fact that a specific fund was never established for the benefit. The report provided a recommendation to establish a program to fund the benefit for the future or to stop the benefit. The report t was placed on file. The report outlined the history of the Association's death gratuity benefit and pointed out the fact that a specific fund was never established for the benefit. The report provided a recommendation to establish a program to fund the benefit for the future or to stop the benefit. The report t was placed on file.

By Laws Committee Report: CWO Joe Howard presented the By Laws Committee Report which was tabled until the Executive Committee session.

Financial Review Committee Report: CWO Bob Lewis presented a report of the Financial Review Committee. Report was place on file.

Website Committee Report: CWO Light gave a report on the selection of a vendor for the development of the CWOA Website.

The General Membership meeting recessed at 1130, 16 April 2015

The General Membership meeting reconvened at 1315, 16 April 2015

Deputy Commandant For Mission Support (DCMS) Presentation: LCDR Mark Patton and LCDR Roger Robitaille (CWO Specialty Force Managers) gave a presentation on CWO issues and programs being administered by DCMS.

Assignment Officer Presentation: CWO Amy Cerino and CWO Ken Palais gave a presentation on the assignment process for CWO's and current trends.

Agenda Item 1 Colona Scholarship: CWO Phil Beddow presented Agenda Item 1 in regards to the Colona Scholarship. A recent Colona Scholarship recipient received the scholarship while they were in college working towards an undergraduate degree. The recipient was able to complete their undergraduate degree and still had a few years left on their scholarship. The recipient enrolled in a masters degree program and registered for enough course to equal full time attendance for a graduate program (9 hours). Current standing rules for the Colona Scholarship requires the student to be enrolled in 12 credit hours or more which is based on undergraduate attendance. Bill Reetz moved "To admed Section V.1.C to state "If enrolled in an

institution of higher learning be enrolled in a full time course of instruction based on school or program criteria.” CWO Tamantha Bowman seconded. After a lengthy discussion the motion passed. CWO Iozzino moved to make the changes to the standing rules for the Colona Scholarship retroactive for one year to include individuals denied previously. CWO James Pulse seconds the motion. The motion carried.

By Laws Committee Report Topic 5: The By Laws Committee recommends to eliminate reference to Area and District Chapters in the scholarship programs. This will require the following changes to the Standing Orders:

John A. Keller Scholarship Fund

Change the first sentence of Section VI to read: “Whenever possible, grants will be presented by a chapter of the CWOA located in the vicinity of the student involved.”

Art and Eleanor Colona Scholarship Program

Change the second sentence of Section VI to read: “Whenever possible, grants will be presented by a chapter of the CWOA in the vicinity of the grant recipient.”

The recommendation was passed.

The General Membership meeting recessed at 1569, 16 April 2015

The General Membership meeting reconvened at 0900, 17 April 2015

Administrative Matters:

The President reminded attendees about Association and chapter merchandise for sale and process for completing travel claims. He also solicited assistance returning equipment to the Association office at the completion of the meeting.

Keller Scholarship Committee Report: CWO Sammie Steward from the Greater Miami Chapter presented a report on the 2015 Scholarship Committee. The Committee selected the following six applicants from a competitive pool of 19 candidates:

- Spenser J. Rush
- Shannon P. Solak
- Annalise M. Pilitowski
- Alexandra K. Cavazos
- Brittany M. Joy
- Zoe A. Tallman

DCO Specialty Force Manager Presentation: CWO Gary Strebe provided a presentation on specialty force manager efforts occurring in the Deputy Commandant For Operations directorate. He related information regarding possible degree plans for warrants and discussed the selection board process.

The General Membership meeting recessed at 1021, 17 April 2015

The General Membership meeting reconvened at 1115, 17 April 2015

Permanent Finance Committee Report: CWO Bill Reetz presented a correct report. CWO Ric Waechter noted the Building Fund values were different. CWO Phil Beddow asked what the Life Fee Fund was and CWO Reetz answered that it is for the reimbursement for life membership. Due to more possible changes the president again laid the report for editing and later submission.

Chapter Reports: If the chapter provided a written report it has been placed on file and is surmised below.

New Orleans Chapter – A written report was provided and placed on file.

Little Club on the Prairie – A verbal report was provided. The chapter provided donations of \$75 to the building fund and \$75 for the scholarship committee. CWO Mattoon also provided a personal donation of \$75 for the building fund and \$75 for the scholarship committee.

Sabine Chapter – A verbal report was provided.

Silver State – Provided a verbal report. The chapter provided donations of \$100 to the scholarship fund. CWO Howard provided a personal donation of \$100 to the scholarship fund in memory of Earl Ryder and Michael Obpsik.

Southern California – Provided a verbal report.

Emerald Isle – Provided a verbal report. Chapter provided donations of \$150 to the Keller Scholarship and \$150 for the Colona Scholarship.

Mid Pacific – A written report was provided and placed on file. The chapter provided a donation of \$200 to the Keller Scholarship and \$50 to the barge fund.

The General Membership meeting recessed at 1200, 17 April 2015

The General Membership meeting reconvened at 0900, 18 April 2015

CWOPD: CWO Scott Epperson provided a presentation on CWOPD.

Agenda Item 6 Annual Meeting: CWO James Pulse moved that a CWOA Annual Meeting Committee be chartered and tasked with evaluating if a traveling meeting is effective in increasing participation by the membership. Further, they shall provide ways to fund the additional cost of such traveling meetings. Finally they shall provide any recommendation for increasing participation of the Association Membership in such meetings. CWO Bill Mattoon seconded. After a short discussion the motion carried.

The General Membership meeting recessed at 0940, 18 April 2015

The Special Committee Session to consider Distinguished Member Nomination convened at 1045, 18 April 2015

A nomination was submitted to the committee for consideration of CWO James Pulse as a distinguished member. A thoughtful discussion was held on the nomination. A vote was held by the committee and James Pulse was voted in as a distinguished member of the CWOA.

The Special Committee Session adjourned at 1100, 18 April 2015

The General Membership meeting reconvened at 1105, 18 April 2015

Chapter Reports:

ST. Louis – A written report was provided and placed on file. The chapter provided a donation of \$160 to the Keller Scholarship fund.

Pacific Northwest – A verbal report was provided. The chapter provided a donation of \$100 to the Keller Scholarship and \$50 to the building fund.

Great Lakes – A written report was provided and placed on file.

The Last Frontier – A written report was provided and placed on file.

Juneau – A verbal report was provided. The chapter provided a \$600 donation to the Keller Scholarship.

Long Island Sound – A written report was provided and placed on file. The chapter provided a \$100 donation to the Keller Scholarship.

Golden Gate – A verbal report was provided. The chapter provided a donation of \$100 for the Keller Scholarship and \$100 for the Building Fund.

Sun Coast – A written report was provided and placed on file. The chapter provided a \$75 donation for the Keller Scholarship

Boston Chapter – Provided a verbal report.

Greater Miami – Provided a verbal report.

Norfolk Chapter – Provided a verbal report. CWO Freeman provided a personal donation of \$100 to the Death Gratuity Fund.

Philadelphia – Provided a verbal report.

Steven Shields – Provided a verbal report. The chapter provided a \$200 donation for the Keller Scholarship.

Washington, D.C. – Provided a verbal report. The chapter provided a donation of \$200 for the Keller Scholarship and \$100 for the Barge Fund.

Baltimore – Provided a verbal report.

Cape Island – Provided a written report that was placed on file. The chapter provided a \$100 donation for the Keller Scholarship.

Good of the Order:

CWO James Pulse made a personal donation of \$100 to the Death Gratuity Fund.

CWO Bill Reetz passed that he has the first nine copies of the CWO News if anyone would like copies.

CWO Joe Howard had questions regarding the original Great Lakes chapter and the disposition of any remaining funds. CWO Light informed the Association had received all items and funds from the defunct chapter.

CWO Ric Waechter publically thanked the Executive Director, CWO Carol Settuducato and CWO Bob Lewis for all their work.

Standing Committees: The President called for volunteers and formed the following standing committees:

By Laws Committee: CWO Bill Mattoon, CWO Joe Howard and CWO William Iozzino.

Permanent Finance Committee: CWO Bill Reetz, CWO James Pulse and CWO Bob Lewis.

Keller Scholarship Committee: The Philadelphia Chapter.

Colona Scholarship Committee: The Greater Miami Chapter.

Advertising Committee: CWO William Baldwin and CWO Paul Spencer.

Ballot Committee: The St Louis Chapter.

Financial Review Committee: CWO Bob Lewis and CWO Wayne Zuehls.

Annual Meeting Committee: LT Adam Smude volunteered The Emerald Isle Chapter.

The General Membership meeting recessed at 1300, 18 April 2015

The meeting reconvened at 1800, 18 April 2015 for the Installation Reception and Dinner. The Commandant, Admiral Paul F. Zukunft, USCG was the guest speaker and installed the new Vice President, Treasurer and Vice President of Reserve Affairs.

The meeting adjourned at 2030, 18 April 2015.

CWO4 Brent A. Light
Secretary