

## MCB11 Association Membership Meeting, April 26, 2023, Charleston SC

- Dick Turnwall, President, called the meeting to order at 9am.
- Attendees were informed that a draft copy of the 2022 membership meeting minutes was on their table for review. Dick Turnwall requested that they please review and offer any comments or corrections. After a few moments and there being no further corrections, Dick declared that per Robert's Rules of Order the minutes were approved as written.
- Dick Turnwall reminded attendees that the association's financials had been published in the 2023 January newsletter. Dick asked if there were any corrections or questions. There being no corrections, Dick stated the financials stood as written.
- Dick Turnwall then stated that an electronic ballot had been sent out via email to vote on the proposed Bylaws. Dick asked if there was anyone present who had not voted for the Bylaws. Several people raised their hand and paper ballots were distributed to those persons. After a few minutes, the ballots were collected. Ron Fogle turned over the previously received emailed and/or mailed ballots to the ballot counting committee of Bruce Geibel and Bill Hinton appointed by Dick Turnwall to count the ballots. Dick further asked Ron how many ballots he had received previously and Ron stated 41. Bruce reported that they counted seven (7) ballots. Dick Turnwall stated that was 48 total and the Bylaws require 30 to pass, so he declared the proposed Bylaws passed. Dick further stated that the new Bylaws would be posted on the association website.
- Dick Turnwall advised that there should have been an election on 2022 for the Chaplain, the Treasurer and the Secretary positions but it was over looked. He then asked George Pullman, representing the nominating committee to present the slate of candidates. It was also explained that the new Bylaws combined the Membership Chair and Treasurer positions since the Membership Chair typically handled most of the association's funds due collecting member dues. George stated that he had spoken with Ken Klein and Ken had said that he would serve as Chaplain if elected. He further stated that Ron Fogle had said that he'd volunteer for the Secretary (including as Newsletter Editor) position. The slate of candidates per George is: Ken Klein-Chaplain, Ron Fogle-Secretary and Larry Hagler-Treasurer.
  - Dick Turnwall asked if there were any further nominations from the floor and, there being none, he called for a show of hands to elect the slate of candidates. The candidates were elected by a majority show of hands.
- Dick Turnwall stated there was a question about the 2024 reunion timing and asked Larry Hagler to speak on this topic. Larry explained that due to some scheduling conflicts for him and Liz, the reunion would need to be held the first week of April 2024 or in the fall for Branson. Larry further stated that they wanted to try and set up the 2025 reunion in Pensacola in September and, hopefully, when the Blue Angels were at their home base and maybe practicing. There were no dissenting inputs to holding the Branson reunion in the fall.
- Larry Hagler informed the attendees about Barbara (Barb) Griffin's loss due to cancer of January of this year. He further stated that the Advisory Council had approved to donate \$250 in memorial for Barbara Griffin in recognition of her superb support of the Ship's store that she and Ron put into that effort for over 10+ years. The donation went to a firm in Phoenix where Barb had donated her body to science.
- Larry Hagler reminded attendees that pictures were at 4pm today.
- Dick Turnwall mentioned the fact that MCB-8 had joined with the 11 reunion. Larry Hagler stated that really helped our association with the planning this year and due to those extra attendees registering with the reunion, kept the association from going in the hole due to the extremely increased costs of busses. Just for awareness, Larry stated that the cost for a bus had gone from

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about \$1,500 at our last reunion in San Antonio in 2022 to about \$2,400 at the 2023 reunion. At the previous reunion in Charleston (2014) the cost per bus was \$850. Dick further stated that he understood that MCB-8 had only about 15 at their last reunion and would be holding separate a membership meeting to discuss their association's future. Dick thought that they would probably want to keep their identity and possibly join with us in future reunions. But Dick also noted that our Bylaws allowed for non-MCB11 Seabees and those that were ever assigned to a Seabee unit to join our association.

- There being no further business, George Pullman made a motion, seconded by Larry Hagler, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.