

**MINUTES
FOR THE
COAST GUARD INVESTIGATIVE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING
17 SEP 2013
UNCASVILLE, CT**

Meeting called to order at 1810 hours by President Don Roark. In attendance were the following: Stevan C. Little, Vice President, Treasurer, Jim Echhoff, and Jack Pressler, Proxy for Central Region Director Bruce Sheils.

President Roark reviewed the agenda for the upcoming CGIA Reunion/Conference.

Treasurer Jim Echhoff reported that the finances were in order.

The meeting was adjourned at 1845 hours.

Submitted:

Stevan C. Little, Sr.
Vice President
Acting for Secretary
Jeff Kilpatrick

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The meeting was called to order by President Don Roark at 0910. There were 15 members in attendance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, thanks were offered to the Chief of the Mohegan Tribal Police, Chief Gavin who graciously provided meeting space to CGIA.

Walt Bodner led the group in an opening prayer.

President Roark introduced the officers (Steve Little, VP and Jim Echhoff, Treasurer) and the regional directors in attendance: Mike Ferrick, Northeast; Gus Oviedo, Southwest; Dick DeRoche, Southeast; and Jack Pressler, representing the Central Region on behalf of Bruce Sheils who was unable to attend.

Thanks were offered to Jim Miller by Mike Ferrick for Jim's assistance in organizing the event.

President Roark reviewed the agenda.

The Annual Report of the 2012 meeting was accepted on a motion by Steve Little, seconded by Jack Pressler.

Treasurer Jim Echhoff reported that as of 18 SEP 2012, we had a balance of \$9206.52 (the day he took over as Treasurer). We currently have a balance of \$12,817.21. The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Gus Oviedo, seconded by Jack Pressler.

Jim Echhoff, as a member of the Membership Committee reported that we had 173 members listed on our rolls - an increase of 7 since last year. However, a number of those 173 are inactive, behind in dues, etc. The report was approved upon a motion by Bud Hall, seconded by Dan Moeser.

An active discussion ensued regarding membership. The responsibility for growing our organization is shared among all members. Regional directors will use their own devices within their AOR using whatever methods deemed appropriate. President Don Roark is going to coordinate with the CWO Development Program director. Vice President Steve Little is going to submit an item to the Retiree Newsletter.

CGIS Headquarters is undergoing some reshuffling with new personnel in key positions. As a result, there was no CGIA Agent of the Year nominated by CGIS HQ. However, President Don Roark will continue to be our liaison with CGIS HQ.

The newly appointed Northwest Region Director is George Finch.

The new CGIA apparel program director is Jim Echhoff.

President Roark advised that he had received several proposals regarding the location and frequency of our reunions/conferences. Copies were provided to each attendee. President Roark has appointed a committee consisting of VP Steve Little, Jack Pressler, Central Region Director Bruce Sheils and Bud Hall to study this matter and report at the Branson Reunion/Conference in 2014. The committee, chaired by VP Steve Little, is charged with developing several options for conference scheduling, location and frequency for presentation to the membership. A straw poll of members in attendance showed the majority were in favor of keeping meetings on an annual basis. It was noted that changes to the reunion/conference schedule etc would more than likely require changes to our by-laws and organization manual.

President Roark advised that he had researched prior meeting minutes and found some changes to our by-laws had not been recorded on the version of the by-laws posted on the association web-site. He provided a copy of by-laws that include these approved changes. Upon a motion by Steve Little, seconded by Gus Oviedo, this updated version of the by-laws were accepted as the official, current, version of the by-laws.

On a motion by Gus Oviedo, seconded by Walt Bodner, the by-laws were amended to read, effective immediately, as follows: Discontinuance of Membership: Any member may discontinue membership in the organization voluntarily, or membership may be discontinued by the Association under any of the following conditions:

Membership shall be terminated immediately for members who are no longer deemed eligible by the executive committee, for causes which discredit the association.

Members who are behind in two (2) years dues will be dropped automatically from the rolls effective the first day of the 3rd year (1 JULY), that the member is in arrears. The delinquent member shall be notified by letter at least two months prior to the date he/she is to be dropped. To rejoin, the former member may re-apply via the standing application process.

On a motion by Walt Bodner, seconded by Steve Little, there was discussion having the membership committee draft letters regarding the discontinuance of members for cause and non-payment of dues. The motion passed.

On a motion by Bud Hall, seconded by Jim Miller, the annual dues are raised to \$25.00.

On a motion by Steve Little, seconded by Dan Moeser, the category of lifetime members is to be discontinued effective 1 JAN 2014 and no new lifetime memberships will be authorized after that date. All current lifetime memberships remain valid.

On a motion by Steve Little, seconded by Mike Ferrick, our newly appointed Registered Agent, Brian Godkin, USCGR, was approved as an Honorary Member.

Jack Pressler provided a briefing on the 2014 Reunion/Conference to be held in Branson, MO at the Radisson hotel from 25 to 28 September. Hotel reservations and additional information can be made by visiting WWW.RADISSON.COM/CGIA

Upon a motion to adjourn, the meeting closed at 1540 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Stevan C. Little, Sr.
acting for
Secretary, Jeff Kilpatrick