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MEETING MINUTES
FRA PRE-CONVENTION NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 19, 2017
Delta Hotels Baltimore Hunt Valley
Hunt Valley, Maryland

National President (NP) Donald E. Larson called the meeting to order at 1300 and cites Section 803(i), C&BL, FRA, as the authority for the meeting. The National Chaplain's prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag were given.

NP Larson administers the FRA Oath of Office to RVPNE/NEng Albert Davenport and RVPWC Maria A. Behm in order to sit with the National Board of Directors, becoming the current Regional President Northeast/New England and Regional President West Coast. Regional President Northeast/New England David W. Sharp and Regional President West Coast Roland L. Shorter, Jr. were absent due to illnesses.

National Executive Director Thomas J. Snee called the roll, the following shipmates were present:

NP Donald E. Larson, NVP William E. Starkey, JrPNP Virgil P. Courneya, RPNE/NEng Albert Davenport, RPEC Thomas F. Vatter, RPSE James E. Robbins, Jr., RPNC Norman G. Combs, RPSC Bruce R. Talbot, Jr., RPSW Bruce H. Davis, II, RPWC Maria A. Behm, and RPNW Roger L. Christopher.

The NP declares a quorum present in compliance with Section 802(l), C&BL, FRA.

The NP then introduced National Parliamentarian PNP Robert G. Beese, National Chaplain PRPSC Jerry D. Pugh, and Finance Officer Bryan M. Proctor.

The NP then introduced NHQ staff members present: William D. Stevenson, Communications and Marketing Director; Shipmate John R. Davis, Legislative Programs Director; Shipmate PRPEC Chris Slawinski, National Service Director; Chairman Steering Committee; Shipmate PRPEC Robert Washington, Sr., Legislative Program Healthcare Advisor, and Teresa L. Wiener, Administration Director.

National President reads Section 802(m), C&BL, FRA and informs all present of the procedure of a Board of Directors business meeting.

The NP indicated that the meeting was not being audio recorded and that future meetings will include approval of previous meeting minutes. NED Snee reported on the status of the Directors' voting on National Board Resolutions 1-17 through 20-17.

National President calls upon the Board for any unfinished business, as follows:

NVP Starkey – Proceed.

NED Snee – Proceed.

JrPNP Courneya – Proceed.

RPNE/NEng Davenport – Proceed.

RPEC Vatter – Items for NBOD Agenda List (copy given to the Board of Directors). Proceeded to go down the list of items. Also mentioned the various errors found on our website and requested that they be looked at and corrected.

RPSE Robbins – Proceed.

RPNC Combs – Proceed.

RPSC Talbot – Proceed.

RPSW Davis – Proceed.

RPWC Behm – Has three surrenders of the following branches: Oakland/San Leandro Branch 010, Colo-Wyo Border Branch 021, and San Francisco Branch 048. The following actions were taken:

NBR 21-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the surrender of Oakland/San Leandro Branch 010 (Oakland/San Leandro, CA) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

NBR 22-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the surrender of Colo-Wyo Border Branch 021 (Fort Collins, CO) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

NBR 23-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the surrender of San Francisco Branch 048 (San Francisco, CA) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

The request for the surrender of Lemoore Branch 261 (Lemoore, CA) was rescinded due to the RPWC finding that the branch was in good working order. No board action was taken.

RPNW Burke – Has two revocations of the following branches: Cavite City, Philippines Branch 036, and San Narcisco, Zambales, Philippines Branch 083. The following actions were taken:

NBR 24-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the revocation of Cavite City, Philippines Branch 036 (Cavite City, Philippines) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

NBR 25-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the revocation of San Narcisco, Zambales, Philippines Branch 083 (San Narcisco, Zambales, Philippines) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

RPNE/NEng Davenport – Has a suspension and surrender of the following branches: Riverhead Branch 071 (Riverhead, NY) and Casco Bay Branch 344 (Portland, ME). The following actions were taken:

NBR 26-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the suspension of Riverhead Branch 071 (Riverhead, NY) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

NBR 27-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the surrender of Casco Bay Branch 344 (Portland, ME) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

FO Proctor – Proceed.

National President now calls upon the Board for any new business, as follows:

NVP Starkey – Proceed.

NED Snee – Proceed.

JrPNP Courneya – Mentioned about the FRA Constitution and Bylaws being in 8.5” by 11” size on the website, rather than the past 5” by 8”. Everyone that he has spoken to would rather have the 5” by 8” “red book size.”

RPNE/NEng Davenport – Proceed.

RPEC Vatter – Amendments to the East Coast Regional Bylaws regarding Article 6, Section 603(a) by adding “Section 603(a) (11) and Section 614, (renumbering subsequent Sections, including all subsections; 614 to 615; 615 to 616; 616 to 617; 617 to 618; and 618 to 619). The following action was taken:

NBR 28-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the ratification of the East Coast Regional Bylaws, regarding the change of the numbering to allow for Section 603(a) (11), Veterans Service Committee be approved. Motioned and seconded.

RPSE Robbins – A possible merger in process of FRA Branch 202 with FRA Branch 254; and Branch 263’s request for usage of the official FRA emblem for sale items (i.e., t-shirts, etc.). The following action was taken:

NBR 29-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That Cape Canaveral Branch 263 (Cape Canaveral, FL) request for usage of the FRA official emblem on items for sale be approved. Motioned and seconded.

RPNC Combs – Requesting the merger of Elsmere Branch 283 (Elsmere, KY) with Cincinnati Branch 028 (Cincinnati, OH); the suspension of Lincoln Branch 145 (Lincoln, NE); and requesting the approval of the North Central Regional Bylaws . The following actions were taken:

NBR 30-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the merger between Elsmere Branch 283 (Elsmere, KY) and Cincinnati Branch 028 (Cincinnati, OH) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

NBR 31-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the suspension of Lincoln Branch 145 (Lincoln, NE). Motioned and seconded.

NBR 32-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the ratification of the North Central Regional Bylaws changes be approved. Motioned and seconded.

RPSC Talbot – Received a request from Shipmates PRPSC David Field and RVPSC Emmett Smith recommending an expenditure in the amount of \$350.00 from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve Fund for Shipmate Lynne Zane (SCR/Branch 162), in which she submitted a letter of request and copies of receipts for hurricane related relief. The following action was taken:

NBR 33-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the National Board of Directors award \$350.00 from the Welfare and Rehabilitation Reserve Fund for Shipmate Lynne Zane (SCR/Branch 162), who submitted a request for hurricane related relief, be approved. Motioned and seconded.

RPSW Davis – Proceed.

RPWC Behm – Requesting ratification of the West Coast Regional Bylaws and Standing Rules. The following action was taken:

NBR 34-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the ratification of the West Coast Regional Bylaws and Standing Rules (SR-1, B3) as submitted, be approved. Motioned and seconded.

RPNW Burke: Everett Branch 170 and their club are using the same EIN and using it for the 3rd time in the last 5 years and possibly sending letters to state authority; willing to look at no offices in the NWR auxiliaries; a possible merger between the Northwest Region and the West Coast Region and possibly sending letters to membership for favorability. Will take up issue at the Mid-Year National Board of Directors Meeting. The following action was taken:

NBR 35-17 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the suspension of Everett Branch 170 (Everett, WA) be approved. Motioned and seconded.

FO Proctor – Proceed.

NP calls for any petitions for chartering new branches. There are none.

NP calls for any other petitions regarding branch charters. There are none.

National President calls on National Executive Director Snee for an update of the Branch Voting Strength.

NP announces his national convention committee appointments.

The NP then proceeds to Good of the Order with the National Officers.

NVP Starkey – Proceed.

NED Snee – Proceed.

JrPNP Courneya – Thanks NHQs staff.

RPNE/NEng Davenport – Proceed.

RPEC Vatter – Proceed.

RPSE Robbins – Proceed.

RPNC Combs – Reserves burn through \$2M, future of FRA?

RPSC Talbot – Proceed.

RPSW Davis – 100% Regional Convention

RPWC Behm – Thank you to NP for attending the West Coast Region’s convention.

RPNW Burke – Public Affairs, needs reports; will not serve as RPNW anymore.

Announcements given by the 90th National Convention Committee Chairman, Shipmate Art Caliguiran.

NP calls upon the National Parliamentarian PNP Robert Beese – Pleasure to serve and thank you!

- National Chaplain PRPSC Jerry Pugh – Thank you!
- Finance Officer Bryan Proctor – Proceed.
- National President calls upon the visitors in the room.

National President entertains motion to adjourn, followed by the National Chaplain's closing prayer, and Salute of the Colors.

Meeting adjourned at 1500.



Teresa Wiener
Director, Administration

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