

Attachment A

MIDYEAR MEETING MINUTES
FRA NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Conference Room
FRA National Headquarters
125 N. West Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2754

National President (NP) William E. Starkey called the meeting to order at 0800 on Friday, April 13, 2018, citing Section 802(l), C&BL, FRA as the authority for the meeting. Following the National Chaplain's prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, National Executive Director Thomas J. Snee called the roll and the following were present:

NP William E. Starkey, South Jersey Branch 057; NVP Robert Washington, Sr., Navy Department Branch 181; NED Thomas J. Snee, Navy Department Branch 181; JrPNP Donald E. Larson, Corpus Christi Branch 094; RPNE/NEng Albert Davenport, Atlantic City Branch 013; RPEC Paul A. Phelps, Chesapeake Branch 040; RPSE James J. Thomas, West Jacksonville Branch 126; RPNC Barry M. White, Mo-Kan Branch 161; RPSC Bruce R. Talbot, Jr., Space City Branch 159; RPSW Bruce H. Davis, II, Poway Valley Branch 070; RPWC Rick Athenour, Sierra Tahoe Branch 137 and RPNW Roger L. Christopher, Gem State Branch 382.

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

The NP then introduced National Parliamentarian Past National President F. Donald Muecheck, Low Country Branch 269; National Chaplain John W. Davis, Tennessee Valley Branch 044 and Finance Officer Bryan M. Proctor.

Also present for all or part of the proceedings were the following:

Shipmates: Honorary Member James H. Webb, II, MAL; PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti, Seattle Branch 018; PRPNE/NEng Floyd G. Hunt, Iroquois Branch 214; RVPEC Randy L. Phillipp, Triangle Branch 182; PRPNEng Paul F. Loveless, Jr., Pinetree Branch 156; PRPNE David Munday, III, Lakehurst Branch 124; PRPSW Mick Fulton, Imperial Beach Branch 289; PRPSE James E. Robbins, Jr., First Coast Branch 091; PRPSE Bobby L. Smith, East Tennessee Branch 194; PRPNE/NEng James E. Brown, Staten Island Branch 226; S/M Valerie Toulotte, Annapolis Branch 024; PRPNE/NEng Donna M. Jansky, North Shore Branch 031; PRPEC Paul R. Gunther, Triangle Branch 182; and PNP James W. Scarbro, Chesapeake Branch 040.

Past Regional President Northwest Pete Lazzaretti is Master-at-Arms for this meeting.

National Parliamentarian reads Section 802(m), C&BL, FRA and informed all present of the procedures for a National Board business meeting.

NP indicated that the meeting was not being electronically recorded and future meetings will include approval of previous meeting minutes.

NED Thomas J. Snee gave his staffing and operations brief to the Board of Directors.

Presentation/slideshow was given by Christian P. Spencer, Partner, Audit and Assurance Services Practice, and Mr. Todd, Leader, of Tate & Tryon, regarding the 2017 audit (was a clean, smooth audit with full cooperation from staff), the Summary of Audit Approach, required communications letter, management letter, financial statement highlights and closing.

Presentation/slideshow was given by Ms. Michele Armesto, FRA Senior Associate, and Mr. Dave Shidler, Senior Relationship Manager, of Mercer Consumer, regarding Mercer Consumer Operations Overview, FRA's Endorsed Group Insurance Program 2017 Review, current program details, FRA Membership Profile, FRA's 2017 Marketing Update and marketing initiatives/approach, TRICARE supplement benefits expertise, Digital Update Program, legislation regarding insurance plans, and a new products review.

Presentation/slideshow was given by Shipmate James H. Webb, II, Capital Financial, LLC, regarding investments, S&P 500/Composite/Price Index, Global Purchasing Manager's Index (manufacturing) and economic outlook.

With the end of the morning presentations and after luncheon, NP Starkey covers the Unfinished Business.

NBR 14-18 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the Minutes of the 90th Post-National Convention NBOD Meeting be approved. Motioned and seconded.

NBR 15-18 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That FRA renew the contract with the auditors of Tate & Tryon for the 2018 financial audit. Motioned and seconded.

NED Snee reported on the status of the Directors' voting on the National Board Resolutions (NBRs).

National President Starkey calls upon each of the National Board of Directors for Unfinished Business, at this time:

NVP Washington: Proceed.

NED Snee: Proceed.

JrPNP Larson: Introduction of RPNC Barry White/Br. 161 and RPWC Rick Athenour/Br. 137.

RPNE/NEng Davenport: Proceed.

RPEC Phelps: Proceed.

RPSE Thomas: Proceed.

RPNC White: Proceed.

RPSC Talbot: Disaster relief for Hurricane Harvey – no requests from Shipmates in the South Central Region.

Also, original meeting attended by 3 individuals for a possible New Branch Charter in the College Station, Texas Area. Did not seem to be enough interest from individuals to start a new branch there.

RPSW Davis: Proceed.

RPWC Athenour: Deferred to RPNW Christopher regarding a Merger of the Northwest Region to the West Coast Region. Not proceeding at this time.

RPNW Christopher: Discussion of a possible Merger of the FRA Northwest Region to the FRA West Coast Region. There is a lack of National Officers with the NWR LA FRA. FRA NWR has polled their branches: Eight (8) branches so far from the NWR voted “aye” to merging with the WCR. There were six (6) NWR branches that voted “nay” for the merger, and one (1) NWR branch “abstained”.
FO Proctor: Proceed.

National President calls on the Chairmen of Standing and Special National Committees present for any pertinent reports:

Natl. Credentials and Registration (C&R) Cmte. – PRPNW Pete Lazzaretti mentioned he is the Chairman for the 91st National Convention, along with S/M Cathleen Ursula Gruetzner as the Co-Chairman. Credentials are due to distribution 15 days prior to the National Convention (Sept. 11th). There was 100% branches representation of credentials at the 90th National Convention (Hunt Valley, MD). Attempting to streamline the credentials process to reduce paperwork involved; possibly with a Google forms link with an electronic signature, etc.

No matters on LA FRA and Regional Bylaws/Standing Rules from the National Parliamentarian.

Master-at-Arms escorts the National President of the FRA Auxiliary, Jean Smith, to the podium. There was a collection taken up for National President’s Project, which is the Alzheimer’s Fund, which netted \$491.00 of donations at this meeting.

National President Starkey now calls upon any New Business to come before the Board from the Directors:

NVP Washington: Proceed.

NED Snee: Reminder of Annual Reports of Branch Officers and the Credentials; no dupes, unless corrected copies. Ensure branches' correct distribution of these documents.

JrPNP Larson: Proceed.

RPNE/NEng Davenport: Proceed.

RPEC Phelps: Merger of Tar River Branch 204 (Rocky Mount, NC) with Eastern North Carolina Branch 301 (Greenville, NC) will take place. Following up with these two branch presidents.

RPSE Thomas: Requesting from the Board, the Merger of USS Enterprise Branch 278 (Huntsville, AL) with Birmingham Branch 112 (Birmingham, AL). Membership of Branch 278 has been notified and voted to merge with Branch 112. Membership of Branch 112 voted to accept the membership of Branch 278.

NBR 16-18 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved, That the Merger of USS Enterprise Branch 278 (Huntsville, AL) with Birmingham Branch 112 (Birmingham, AL) be approved. Motioned and seconded.*

RPNC White: FRA member (?) was expired for 3 years. Was behind regarding back dues being caught up - 8 years (10% discount), 5 years (5% discount).

Discussion of opening the National Mailing List (NML) access to all members. Had discussed with PRPNC M. Posekany. NBOD reached no conclusion regarding the matter.

RPSC Talbot: Questions regarding Audit Report (7 items).

Discussion regarding merger of San Antonio Branch 203 with Austin Branch 201. Paperwork was given to RPSC regarding the merger from NHQ, per request. There are some outstanding items regarding Branch 203. Mentioned a trust from Br. 203. Who originated that trust? Was it legal or illegal? Member (don't know name) had passed away. (Branch 203 sold branch home for \$23,000 to \$500,000?) Will no longer pursue this business.

RPSW Davis: Proceed.

RPWC Athenour: Discussion of roll-back of dues to \$30.00. Possible sub-class membership like Associate Membership.

Discussion of discount rate for Life Membership in the anniversary month of the FRA founding – November.

Discussion of transfer of active duty members to the Members-at-Large roll when they PCS. Members are moving, leaving the area and then dropping out.

RPNW Christopher: Proceed.

FO Proctor: Designate a program of National Day of Service (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, United We Stand/Patriot Day, etc.). Help a Vet Day sponsored by FRA.

NBR 17-18 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the Foundation Board recommends that FRA leadership and individual Branches continue supporting the FRA Education Foundation, and that information regarding the Foundation and its scholarship awards be disseminated at Regional meetings and during leadership visits to Branches and other Association / Sea Service related functions.

NBR 18-18 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the Foundation Board recommends that information be disseminated regularly about registering for and using the Amazone Smile program (smile.amazon.com) to help support the Foundation.

NBR 19-18 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the Foundation Board recommends including detailed information on the Foundation as part of annual leadership training to expand awareness and help support the Foundation's mission which is directly related to FRA's mission and cardinal principles.

National President called for any petitions for chartering of new branches, mergers of branches, suspension, surrender or revocation of the charters of branches:

1. Northeast/New England Region: Possible merger of Long Island Branch 071 with Staten Island Branch 226. Certain items are still pending. Any contact with Branch President or Secretary? Charter was destroyed. And where are the funds from Branch 071?
2. East Coast Region: Tar River Branch 204 (Rocky Mount, NC) will be merging with Eastern North Carolina Branch 301 (Greenville, NC).
3. Southeast Region: Proceed.
4. North Central Region: Proceed.
5. South Central Region: Proceed.

6. Southwest Region: Possible voluntarily surrender of Oxnard Branch 120 (Port Hueneme, CA).
7. West Coast Region: Proceed
8. Northwest Region: Proceed

National President Starkey then calls upon each Director in turn for the Good of the Order. Keep mindfulness of the Annual Reports of Branch Officers and Credentials deadlines. Delegates and Proxies are needed for the credential reports.

1. NVP Washington – Proceed.
2. NED Snee – Proceed.
3. JrPNP Larson – Thanks to the NBOD. Looking forward to working with the Director, Membership Development.
4. RPNE/NEng Davenport – Proceed.
5. RPEC Phelps – Proceed.
6. RPSE Thomas – Proceed.
7. RPNC White – Learning much as newly RPNC.
8. RPSC Talbot – Delta Dental new provider, FEDBIT.

Small card for legislative agenda (bullets with talking points).

Officer Resources and Branch Reports area of the FRA website.

9. RPSW Davis – Thank you to the NHQ's staff.
10. RPWC Athenour – Build up membership and finances.
11. RPNW Christopher – Proceed.
12. NParl PNP F. Donald Mucheck – PRPSE Larry L. Cox withdrew from NVP nominees list (due to medical issues).
13. NChap John W. Davis – Thank you to NBOD and staff.
14. FO Proctor – Thank you for hearing us out. Lots of good ideas were discussed today.

Many thanks were given to the National Board of Directors, FRA NHQs staff, Shipmates and Guests.

JrPNP Larson gave a gift to NP Starkey: The face plate for the National President's Board in the FRA large conference room.

National President Starkey calls upon the Past National Presidents, Past National Officers, Regional Vice Presidents, Standing Committee Chairmen, Shipmates and Guests for comments.

1. PRPNW/Chairman, Natl. Committee on Credentials and Registration Pete Lazzaretti – Credit card processing will be available. Link to meals, journal ads, T-shirt sales, etc., have started.

National President invites comments from any other Shipmates in the meeting room who have not already been called on.

National President Starkey proceeds with the adjournment.

National Chaplain Davis offered the closing prayer. A Moment of Silence was given for PRPNC Rosemary Posekany/Wolverine Branch 298 (Grand Rapids, MI). He then closes the Bible Salute of the Colors given.

The 2018 National Board of Directors Mid-year Meeting adjourned at 1440.

Teresa Wiener
Director, Administration