



Board of Directors Meeting

Open Session

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, 28 November 2018

Location: The Cherokee Club, Ybor City

Time: 6:00PM

Prior to the start of the meeting, Mr. Adam Sheffield gave a briefing/presentation for his company, “Undercroft”—this company is involved in information operations support, secure facilities and internet platforms, cybersecurity, and the design and build of security environments.

Call to Order

Tim Jones

Roll Call

Attendees:

- Board Members: MG (Ret) Mike Jones, Ed Springer
- Non-Voting: Tim Jones, Brig Gen (Ret) Chip Diehl , Jim Sullivan, Jeff Gareau, Maj Gen (Ret) Larry Martin, Maj Gen (Ret) Richard Haddad, Kevin Glenn, Marchelle Lamaster, Jenny Clark, John Coleman, Joe Bitz, Maj Gen (Ret) Dave Scott, Jim Kelly, Karen McClain
- Board Members Absent: Dr. Walter McCracken, CAPT (Ret) Jim Philpitt, John Schueler

Tim Jones has John Schueler’s Proxy vote. Quorum of the Board is present.

Introductions

Tim Jones

Ms. Karen McClain has volunteered to provide administrative support to the Secretary.

Events:

- The President asked the group if there were any comments/changes to the last meeting minutes. Mike Jones made a motion to approve, seconded Ed Springer. Motion passed.
- The President provided an update on the TBDA Influencer event.
 - 38 of 45 invitees attended

- Secretary Principi and Lt Gen (Ret) Spears happy with size of event; very pleased to see local senior leadership from the Navy, Coast Guard, and Florida Army National Guard in attendance
- TBDA focusing efforts on all ten O-6 level Army, USN, USAF, USCG and NOAA commanders / commanding officers and installations in Tampa Bay region; local USMC commands are O-9 and O-5, respectively, and will be deferred
- The President provided a wrap up on the A/TA Convention in Texas.
 - Spent time w/ Tampa Bay Trophy recipient, Jack Pulley
 - \$6,000 budgeted for trip; only \$4,140 spent
 - Next convention 23-26 Oct 2019, Orlando World Center Marriott
- Chip Diehl provided a wrap up on the Veterans Day Remembrance Golf Tournament.
 - Thanked John Coleman for great support; over \$30,000 raised
 - Fourth iteration of event
 - Suggested forming a planning committee of at least ten people for 2019

Committees / Grants:

- The President provided an update on the President's Inquiry and DEO and DRG status.
- Ed Springer provided a Membership Report; asked for three (3) names to meet with from each member.

Administration:

- The President advised the group of 2019 meeting dates: 30 Jan, 24 Apr, 25 Sep, 20 Nov.
- The President advised the group of the new Gifts in Kind (GIK) policy and procedures.
- The President provided an update on administration of the TBDA website.
- A motion to approve the new TBDA Finance standard operating procedure (SOP) was made by Ed Springer and seconded by Mike Jones. Motion passed.

Discussion:

- Florida Rock property underlying MacDill AFB Runway 4/22, the so-called Accident Potential Zone (APZ).
 - Mike Jones: Issue is airfield encroachment; City of Tampa needs to be involved.
 - Priority is to not make the situation worse, especially if City has issued permits
- Variable Housing Allowance (VHA) rates for military members and locality pay for Department of Defense and USCG civil servants.
- Association of Defense Communities (ADC) membership: \$345 this year.
 - President recommended renewal of membership; Mike Jones concurred
 - Ed Springer said this was a small amount with good ROI
 - A motion was to approve ADC membership renewal was made by Mike Jones and seconded by Ed Springer. Motion passed.
- National Security Forum (NSF).
 - Week-long immersion program for civilian "Influencers" with limited to no prior military experience, conducted towards the end of the Air War College academic year at Maxwell AFB, AL

- Chip Diehl stated Jim Philpitt is great with facilitating. Over a dozen influencers from Tampa Bay have attended NSF in past 3 years; 5 local nominees for 2019.
 - Any USAF general officer (Active, Retired, Regular AF, AFRC, or ANG) can nominate; must be done by November for springtime selection by Secretary of the Air Force and a May visit / NSF session
 - TBDA may also wish to consider hosting an NSF “alumni event” similar to previous NSF alumni events (e.g., optional week-long “postgraduate” seminars for NSF alumni)
 - USAF used to conduct NSF alumni events annually around the country, rotating through different “major” USAF installations hosting a Numbered Air Force, a USAF major command (MAJCOM) or a unified combatant command (CCMD)
 - Alumni events terminated in 2013 due to sequestration
 - With private funding, City of San Antonio, TX will host an NSF alumni event in 2019.
- Mike Jones said Army War College and Naval War College also have programs similar to NSF; need to think about 2019 nominations to all three. Community doesn’t always realize the talent of military officers.
- Jim Kelly said the VA had a new policy to allow veterans who get mental health care to still become attorneys.

Adjournment:

- Following a motion to adjourn and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 2000.