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## Iowa-Illinois Chapter National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 23 July 2019

1. The Iowa-Illinois Chapter of NDIA Board of Directors held its bi-monthly meeting at Elmcrest Country Club in Cedar Rapids, IA. Mr. George Rivard, President, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Board Members and Chapter Officers present were Mr. Bob Radkiewicz, Ms. Kim White, Ms. Natalie Linville-Mass, Ms. Jan Masamoto, Mr. John Masengarb, Ms. Heather Robertson and Ms. Tammy Dean.

Mr. Rivard thanked Heather Robertson and Collins Aerospace for hosting our chapter members on a tour of Collins Aerospace prior to the meeting. The tour was both educational and awe inspiring. Further details of the tour are available on our web site.

**2. Prior Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Rivard stated that the minutes from the 14 May 2019 Board Meeting were electronically distributed for review and approved by those in attendance. Recommended changes received during the staffing process were incorporated, and the minutes were posted on the Chapter's website.

**3. Treasurer's Report:** George Rivard for Joy Fleming

a. Mr. Rivard distributed the Treasurer's Report for the period ending 30 June 2019. The June report showed a computed beginning bank balance of \$123,496.55 in the Chapter's checking and savings accounts. Income was \$29,602.87 (most of income from symposium registrations). Expenses were \$29,611.19 with largest expenses being \$20,239.36 for symposium food, \$3,515.65 for Museum food and \$3,068.21 to Imprintable Memories. This left the 30 Jun 19 bank balance of \$123,488.23. A motion was made by Mr. Masengarb to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Masamoto seconded. All were in favor and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

b. 3rd Qtr. financial report to National was sent 19 Jul; 4th Qtr. report is due 31 Oct.

c. Quad City Chamber annual membership nearly tripled from \$330 to \$810. With 10% non-profit discount and 2% discount for paying within 10 days cost was \$712.80. Cost had to be approved by the Board of Directors, since it exceeded our FY19 approved budget amount.

d. Mr. Masengarb requested that the draft budget for 2020 be provided to Board members before the Sept. meeting.

#### **4. Scholarships:** Mr. John Masengarb.

a. Six \$2500 scholarships were awarded by our Chapter, all to students from Iowa. Two were Iowa-Illinois Chapter scholarships and four were Sgt Paul Fisher scholarships. Also one additional \$2500 scholarship was presented under the auspices of the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council. Over the past ten years over \$160,000 in scholarships have been presented by our Chapter.

b. Write-ups on all recipients of scholarships this year are now available on our web site.

c. The scholarship applications for 2020 are also now available on our web site. They are not due until April 2021. Mr. Masengarb encouraged both AO and Collins Aerospace to get the word out about Chapter scholarships as they are open to their employees as well as military dependents.

#### **5. AWARDS:** Mr. George Rivard for Michael Carton

a. Lifetime Achievement Award nominations are accepted at any time. Awards are based on Contributions to National Defense, to the Ammunitions Industrial Base, and to the Weapons Industrial Base. While the general National Defense and Ammunition focus awards remain relevant, the weapon mission has largely migrated from Arsenal Island. The basis/criteria for all three awards require realignment to better accommodate the current defense focus of the membership within our Chapter footprint and encompass better both industry and government contributions.

b. Mr. Rivard discussed the certificate from NDIA he earlier presented to Collins Aerospace. The citation read: "For 66 years as a Corporate Member of the National Defense Industrial Association and an active supporter of and contributor to the Iowa-Illinois Chapter". This was an initiative the Chapter took as part of the celebration of 100 years of NDIA. Our local Chapter is 74 years old.

#### **6. Donations:** Mr. George Rivard

a. USO's Frank n' Fridays: Last one was July 12th. Kim, John and George helped provide lunch to our military at the USO Office on Rock Island Arsenal. Next event is 13 Sep with last event of the year on 8 Nov.

b. Provided a donation of \$1175 to Healing on the Fly. They in turn provided funds to Deafinitely Dogs. "Deafinitely Dogs" provides service dogs that are trained to help both veteran and non-veteran people diagnosed with PTSD, as well as other conditions where these dogs can be specially trained to assist. A booklet was circulated that showed the dogs in action.

c. As reported last meeting, Sundance for our Soldiers (SOS) was provided a \$500 donation. The Chapter was given recognition and thanked for its support in a recent newspaper article about an upcoming open house. We were to be recognized in programs for that event as well.

## **7. Membership:** Ms. Kim White

a. Latest membership list puts us at 512 down significantly Most of this drop can probably be attributed to National HQ finally cleansing their membership data base. Review also indicates that area WID members, previously included in our membership count, have been removed as the local WID Chapter no longer is active. The breakout of membership is as follows:

- Collins Aerospace 281
- Free Government Employees 92
- Caterpillar 34
- American Ordnance 21
- Crystal Group 18
- Lewis 5
- Arconic 3
- Zanfel 3
- Sedona 1

George asked Heather if she could work to get Collins Aerospace membership back up to prior levels.

b. Kim will reach out to Cobham to see about their NDIA membership.

## **8. Programs:** Mr. George Rivard, Mr. John Masengarb, Ms. Kim White, Ms. Natalie Linville-Mass:

a. The annual symposium was very successful. Final count showed 542 registrations with a profit of \$36,000. Thanks to all those who worked on or at the Symposium.

b. Need to follow-up contact with Caterpillar to explore an event in Peoria in the fall, similar to that at Collins Aerospace.

**9. Website.** Mr. George Rivard

- a. Conducted normal maintenance and posting of happenings.
- b. Paid annual bill to Augustana of \$330 for the hosting and maintenance of our web site. One of the best bargains around.

**10. STEM Related:** Ms. Celia Hadden

\$500 provided to Glenview Jr High in E. Moline for their robotics team. Mr. Masengarb suggested to both AO and Collins Aerospace board members to identify STEM needs in their areas that the Chapter might be able to provide financial support.

**11. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS/INFO:**

a. Quarterly News Letter: 2nd Newsletter issued 19 November. There are plenty of events/activities to report.

b. Linking Leaders Newsletter: Nothing on this from National HQ.

c. **Program Development Advisory Council.** Continues? Chairman resigned after basically being replaced as Division Chair for Armaments. George missed July phonecon. No minutes yet. Next is Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. Small Business and Policy POCs are an outgrowth of this group. George is also on two focus groups reviewing “Collaboration” and NDIA “Data Base”

**12. Location for next meeting** is Bennigan’s on Sep 10.

Note: We are booked through 12 November 2019

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