

**BELOW IS THE NON-EXECUTIVE AGENDA FOR THE 2022 SPRING BOARD MEETING**

**RKIFMC SPRING BOARD MEETING**

**APRIL 20-24, 2022**

**ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 0800**

**RKR TO HAVE IT'S MEETING AFTER DINNER ON WEDNESDAY.**

**TRADEMARK ATTORNEY WILL JOIN BY ZOOM THURSDAY @ 1000.**

**NOMINATIONS CHAIR TO PRESENT HIS PROGRAM AFTERNOON ON FRIDAY.**

**PRESIDENT**

1. Meeting called to order- 0807 4/21/22, out-1655 4/21/22, in-0800 4/22/22, out-1700 4/22/22
2. Moment of Silence for those who have passed- **Completed**
3. Opening greeting from President- **Completed**
4. Roll Call

Joey Powell, President-**P**

Spike Ostiguy, VP-**P**

Jack Jarvis, Secretary-**P**

Scott Ryan, Treasurer- **P**

Lance Coit, Region 5- **P**

Tom Van Der Kley, Region 7- **P**

Eric Jock, Region 1- **P**

Leo Patry, Region 2- **P**

Trey Anderson, Region 3-**EXCUSED**

Steve Guillot, Region 4-**P**

Allen Aurich, Region 6-**P**

Ken Mahon, Region 8-**ZOOM**

Guest: **Trademark attorney 4/21/2022 1000-1100, Nomination Chair 4/22/22 1400-1530**

5. Rules of meeting-**Remain courteous, raise hands, keep sidebars down, only speak 3x on a topic.**
6. Reports – **Reports given in a round table format.**
7. Convention reports – **2022 PA, 2023 Austria, 2024 Germany, 2025 IL, 2026 Australia**
8. Adjustments to Agenda – **7 items added to the end.**

**THE FOLLOWING WERE ACTION ITEMS FROM THE FALL MEETING**

1. House/Memorial update, expenditures:Lighting, ramps, bathroom (grab handles). **More trees have been cut down for safety, clean up day was a huge success, Eric will do the grab handles when he goes to the Hall next weekend, Bob Barassa is looking into a ramp for the back deck, we will look at getting a digital picture frame for the past presidents as that wall is filling up fast, current President will still have picture hanging.**
2. Discussion on recognizing the 2020 and 2021 Perry Carter recipients at Convention. **All Perry Carter and OCA Award winners will be recognized at the 2022 banquet.**
3. Funeral cards **No new information on the cards at this time.**

**NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. European production of regalia. **RKR is going to look into this in a couple different ways. We may be able to find a company to produce quality products in EU. We also will have the EU Association look at setting up a QM in a non-restrictive country such as they have done in Australia.**
2. SOG 3:03 ammendment to add a jacket. **SOG has the minimum requirements needed for our uniform. Common sense needs to come into play when the weather is cold and a jacket must be worn. Remember, all our documents are what you "CAN" do so it does not say anything about not being able to wear a coat with your uniform.**
3. Creation of an Statndard Procedure Manual for the Investigation Committee. **A document was created with a lot of discussion going into it from all members of the board. This document will be sent out to the committee when it is formed and they will be required to follow this document when completing their investigation.**

4. By-Law proposal for 1:05 to include front of vest. A By-Law proposal was created and will be added to this years ABM. This proposal will clear up the “in good taste” on the front as well as the back of the vest.
5. SOG 12:07 ammendment to add clarity. Completed by Motion 2022-006
6. By-Law 3:16 – We need to look at this and make sure it is clear and worded correctly. This By-Law will be sent to the Chair to clean up as it was already done before the rewrite.
7. SOG 6:04 ammendment to fix the issue of state reps ordering patches. SOG to remain as is. If we start allowing too many people to order again, it will be overwhelming for the QM and Treasurer to vet and make sure they are able to place orders for dues, rosters, etc.
8. SOG 2:03 ammendment to add a “Duty to Act” clause for all board (Int., Chapter, Assoc.) members. This clause is already written in the SOG. There is no need to write it again, we just need to be very mindful that we are to uphold “all the rules, all the time”. There are tactful ways of handling situations that we must be able to do, but we cannot overlook flagrant violations when we are out and about in the membership, no matter the reason we are there.
9. Convention issues and decisions. Illinois 23 and Austria 4 put their names in the hat for the 2023 convention. Illinois was looking to move up and would leave a void in 2025 that would have to be filled. Austria 4 has already got everything ready as they are hosting the Eucon, which is run almost exactly like a convention. Would have to move dates to September for Austria. After a lot of discussions and a roll call vote, it was decided that Austrai 4 would host the 2023 Convention in Fussach, Austria and Illinois 23 will keep their spot on 2025. Motion 2022-007
10. SOG 12:06 ammendment- Need to add “no Heaven One protocols” as it is listed in 12:06A but not 12:06. Completed by Motion 2022-008
11. By-Law 3:23 says we are responsible for choosing the entire nomination committee and they choose their chair. Tom Delbois has made a formal request to join the committee and Tom Caisse cannot appoint him as it plainly states the the board must do it. This can wait until Tom Caisse is present to discuss. No need to add another member to this committee at this late date. This is to be brought back at the Fall Meeting when committee Chairs and the Nominations Committee are selected. We will elect all three positions to the committee then.
12. By-Law 2:10 paragraph 1 & 3, and MAL late fee not listed in this or SOG 12:05E There is a By-Law proposal that will cover some of this subject. We will need to call for a vote of the membership to set a late fee for Chapters and MAL’s per the By-Laws. Change the dates in SOG 12:05 if proposal passes.
13. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary decals and challenge coin requests. After some discussion, the board voted to not water down the importance of the patches by flooding the market with other items since this is a limited run item.
14. Relocating Charters for TX 6 and TX 10. Completed by Motion 2022-003 and Motion 2022-004
15. How to fix Chapters not returning calls or emails to interested new membership. Can be new people or MAL’s. No matter how hard we try, some officers are just not using the email and, if they are, they are not notifying their chapters of what is included in the emails they receive. Our only recourse is to use the tools available and contact individual Chapter Members until you receive a response. This is an ongoing problem that seems as it will never be solved.
16. Discussion on bringing in By-Law and Nomination Chairs for Friday and Saturday. Discussion was held and it was decided that it would be prudent to bring them both in case we had issues before ABM.
17. By-Law proposals. All 16 proposals were read and discussed amongst the board.
18. Region 7 Bi-fold. Region 7 is putting together a piece of information that can be used in place of our very old and outdated tri-fold. The idea had a QR code that can be read in different languages so one document can serve multiple people around the world and it is already translated. Tom has been given the go ahead to continue this project and bring it back to the Summer Meeting so we can see a closer to final or maybe even a final project.
19. Challenge coin vs. commemorative coin. Tom will be writing an article to go in the newsletter that will give the history and define the difference between a “challenge coin” and a “commemorative coin”. It has become a very hot topic of discussion overseas as they see all the chapter coins now for sale.

20. Discussion on TMLA's and where do we stop. Do we or can we stop the number of TMLA's a Chapter can have? This was a big discussion and it was decided that we do not need to try and put a lid on the excitement of a Chapter when they design a new item. It is getting more likely that a design or an item is already taken and cannot be used by another Chapter. Tom will also put something in the newsletter to let Chapters know that they need to send an email to the International Secretary with items they no longer produce so he can get some of the TMLA's out of the system that may open an item for someone else to make.
21. Flags for Convention. Flags are currently stored at the Memorial Hall. Bob Binnall will more than likely transport the flags to convention for us this year. If he cannot, we will make other arrangements. We also need to look into having a set of flags, poles, and bases purchased in Region 7 as well as Region 8. It will not be cost effective to try and ship our current stock to either location for upcoming conventions. It was approved for both those directors to research and bring back to the Summer Meeting.
22. Fall Meeting. The directors not coming to the Fall meeting has been a disconnect for new board members and has been double duty for the board as nothing is really decided at the fall meeting without sending it out for email vote after the fact. It was decided to place a By-Law change in for this year to correct the issue of the directors being left out of the Fall Meeting.

#### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:**

1. Recap of 2021 elections **Completed**
2. Status of 2022 elections process **Completed and there is one run off for Secretary.**
3. Re-organization of By-Law 2:29 **Sent to By-Laws for clean up.**
4. Recommendation for a By-Law revision to address how a tie vote would be addressed if ABM is not held in person (virtual). **As it stands now, the President is required to cast the tie break vote.**
5. Tom Delboi request to be appointed to the Nominations Committee. **Will be visited at Fall Meeting.**
6. Other topics at the request of the Board of Directors **Completed.**