

The Association of the Century, Inc.
Minutes of Board of Directors
8 November 2023
Samuel Adams Brewhouse, Fort Knox, KY

1. Call to Order: LTC Horace Johnson, President, called the meeting to order at 1300 hours, 8 November 2023. CSM Belcher led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer. The group held a moment of silence to honor LTC Herzog's passing. LTC Johnson asked for a formal vote to approve funding for the ten scholarships awarded this year. COL Williams made the motion to approve, SGT Lamkin seconded, motion carried. MG Barron recognized the turnover of the office of President from LTC Johnson to MSG Wayne Gerding and the ceremonial passing of the gavel. LTC Warren was nominated as the 3d Vice President, motion was made to approve by CSM Bethards, second was by COL Starr, motion was approved. LTC Johnson made a motion to move up the individuals in the succession of Board Officers, COL Williams seconded the motion carried. COL Abel will now be the 1st Vice President and MSG Bohannon will be 2d Vice President. Mr. Lowery, Director of Facilities at the 100th Division was recognized as a guest at the meeting. He let the group know that sometimes he has former 100th Division members or their family members come to the headquarters to look at the museum displays and reminisce. He is always glad to show them around.
2. Approval of Minutes: CSM Belcher made a motion and SGT Lamkin seconded to approve the 8 August 2023 zoom meeting minutes, motion carried. CW5 Diamond announced that she will no longer do the meeting minutes, MAJ Craig Holland will take over the minutes at the next meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: The quarterly finance report was emailed prior to the meeting by LTC Kapp for board review. He reported on the process of collecting the money for the annual meeting. MSG Bruin collects the funds and LTC Kapp makes the deposits in the bank. He explained several items and columns in the report and verified that we came out very well financially at the Annual Meeting. He will prepare and submit the report on new officers for the Board. He explained the charitable gaming requirements and reports. There was a change on page two in the report changing live auction to silent auction. There was a discussion on the excise tax for the newsletter and changes that may prevent paying this fee. The liability insurance on officers is due for renewal in December. Last year the cost was \$1,950.00, this year it is \$2,050.00. LTC Kapp made a motion that we approve and pay the renewal of the insurance LTC Moss seconded, motion carried. LTC Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's report, LTC Warren seconded, motion carried. LTC Kapp reported that there is \$12,000.00 in the general fund that can be moved either to the scholarship fund or to a CD, discussion was held on the existing scholarship amounts and procedures but approval for changes was tabled until the scholarship committee meets and makes a formal recommendation to the board. LTC Kapp recommended we transfer \$5,000.00 from the general fund to the Community Foundation. COL Williams moved for approval, COL Abel seconded, motion carried.
4. Website: COL Cobb discussed needed items for the website, including information on the new command team at the 100th Division.
5. Membership Report: The membership report was submitted by SGM Zimmerman. The total membership is currently 886. His written report presented at the meeting had breakdowns and details.

6. Newsletter: COL Norm Williams requested that we all send him photos and articles for the next edition, which will be published before Thanksgiving. Send items by Sunday 12 November.
7. Scholarship: CW5 Diamond will meet with the scholarship committee and make recommendations on changes to the scholarship criteria and award process at the next board meeting.
8. Corridor of the Century: COL Russell reported that he was asked to put together an emergency, out of cycle, nomination packet for the Corridor of the Century for SSG Mike Lyall, who is fighting cancer. CW5 Diamond made a motion that we approve and present the certificate now instead of later, COL Starr seconded, motion carried. Details of the presentation will be forthcoming.
9. Special Committee Fund Raising: COL Cobb presented a written summary of what was sold at the Annual Meeting. The shot glasses and decanters were good movers. He asked for recommendations on items to purchase and sale in the future. MSG Gerding suggested a long sleeve shirt with collar. CW5 Diamond mentioned the denim work shirt but COL Cobb said they had not been good sellers. MSG Gerding asked about ordering more coins. COL Cobb said we have several left, but it is a good time to order.
10. Historical Holding Center (Museum): MG Barron reported that we are waiting to set a date to replace the lights in the cases. He will let the board know when that is scheduled.
11. Board of Directors: The vacancy of LTC Herzog, who recently passed away, was discussed. CSM Belcher talked about filling the vacancy with an enlisted person and he has a few recommendations that will be discussed at the next board meeting.
12. SOS Pickle Packing: No deployments are known for the 100th Division. MG Tindall discussed the process for identifying these Soldier deployments with the diversification of the locations and types of units of the Division. MSG Gerding will give him the contact information for the senior civilian who can aid us in the identification process.
13. Annual Meeting 2023: LTC Johnson reported on numbers of attendees to add to the information LTC Kapp reported on the financial profit. The meeting was deemed a success in all areas.
14. Old Business: COL Cobb asked about the success of the cards sent out inviting members to the annual meeting. The consensus of the group is that they were effective and should be continued. Per MAJ Platt's recommendation, Items approved at the last zoom meeting were confirmed by vote. LTC Moss made a motion for approval, LTC Warren seconded, motion carried. COL Noble reported that with better scheduling, we have everything we need to do Bingo again next Annual meeting with no additional costs. There was a discussion on timing and procedures with recommendation left to the committee.
15. New Business: Recommendations at the last meeting for the location of the next Annual Meeting were either Bowling Green or Owensboro. MSG Gerding handed out a spreadsheet analysis with both locations. Discussion on pricing and contracts followed. LTC Moss made a motion to have the 2024 and the 2025 Annual meeting in Owensboro, COL Abel seconded, motion passed. CSM Bethards recommended that the board reimburse COL Noble \$700.00 for money she spent out of pocket at the last meeting, SGM Zimmerman seconded, motion carried.

16. Next Board Meeting and Adjournment: The next regular board meeting will be a zoom meeting on 6 February 2024, starting at 1300 hours. Future meeting will be on 7 May at Fort Knox, 6 August Zoom, 23-24 Annual Meeting, 6 November Fort Knox. COL Williams moved to adjourn, SGM Zimmerman seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1503 hours.

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Assistant Secretary