

**SMA Alumni Association (SMAAA) Board Minutes**  
**Saturday, April 18, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Harry Bruckno, President.

**ATTENDEES :**

**Board of Directors**

Harry W. Bruckno '62  
Thomas E. B. Phillips '74  
Thomas A. Davis '62  
Simon M. Painter, Jr. '58  
Craig E. Hanson '74  
Dominic (Jack) A. Dalbo '68  
John (Jack) H. Lowe '49  
Edmund A. Smith '76  
Richard Henderson '63  
Lee W. Lawrence '56  
William K. Bissett '74  
Julian S. Lake IV '74  
Burdette W. Holmes '62  
J. Harvie Martin '74  
Robert M. Parker, Jr. '67

General Membership: Approximately 140 Alumni

**OLD BUSINESS**

The minutes from the Board of Director's meeting on 4/17/2009 were read and accepted.

Tom Davis delivered the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report was passed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

General Bissel, the VWIL Commandant, introduced the winner of this year's Hunter Henry award.

General Bissel provided an update on the VWIL Corps of Cadets.

- Lady Doak College (Madurai, India) sent two students to VWIL.
- Another exchange program will begin with a Chinese school.
- 62 Nulls entered the program this year.
- U. S. Coast Guard will provide direct commission to VWIL grads.
- U. S. Army will send 2 officers and 1 NCO to VWIL this fall.
- State funding for VWIL has been slashed.
- When asked, he stated VWIL needs \$200,000/year to operate.

General Bissel told us of his dream of rebuilding North Barracks in order to house all of the VWIL Corps of Cadets together. Currently, they are spread throughout the MBC campus.

- Four floors: 1<sup>st</sup> – offices, 2<sup>nd</sup> – reception area, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – cadet rooms.
- SMA Alumni Association office would be on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

Harry Bruckno delivered an impassioned, off-the-cuff speech about fulfilling our obligations to the VWIL Initiative. Pledges of support were immediately made from many members of the audience.

One seat on the Board of Directors was filled by Warren Hutton '75

John Nolde was announced as the newest member of the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees, with a four year term.

At Friday's Board of Director's meeting, the board passed a motion recommending that the general membership amend the current bylaws to accept VWIL alumnae into out membership. After a short discussion the following motion was made, seconded, and passed by the general membership.

The bylaws of the SMA Alumni Association shall be amended to include in its membership the alumnae from VWIL.

A motion concerning North Barracks was made and passed. Resolved. The SMA Alumni Association will create an endowment fund to rebuild North Barracks. The first step will be a feasibility study to evaluate the endeavor.

A plea for including SMA in our estate planning was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.