

**SMA Alumni Association (SMA AA) Board Minutes
Saturday September, 18 2010**

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

ATTENDEES

Bruckno, Harry	Davis, Tom	Hanson, Craig
Bissett, William	Smith, Ed	Painter, Simon
Henderson, Richard (P)	Holmes, Burdette	Phillips, Tom
Martin, Harvie	Dalbo, Jack	
General Bissell	Nicely, Arlene	

(A quorum was recorded.)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes from the previous Board Meeting held on August 10, 2010 were read; a motion to accept was made and approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Harry Bruckno distributed a drawing (attached) provided by Brocky Nicely to upgrade the Archive Room located behind Arlene's office. Harry suggested we get three (3) estimates to make all required changes shown in the drawing. A motion was made and approved to accept Harry's recommendation.

Harry Bruckno reported 2,984 letters went out for yearly Dues renewal.

The Board discussed requesting the resignation of Gene Ehmann, Julian Lake, William Kearns, and the two (2) VWIL representatives and replacing them with new members who could take a more active role on the Board. Harry Bruckno and Burdette Holmes took the action to write letters to these individuals requesting their resignation. A motion was made and approved to accept this plan.

Lee Lawrence requested temporary relief as committee chair for the Museum Committee. Tom Phillips has agreed to take over as chair of this committee, pending discussion between Harry Bruckno and Lee Lawrence.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Tom Davis, Treasurer gave the Financial Report (attached). A motion was made and approved to sell all General Electric (GE) and Procter Gamble (PG) Stock. A motion to accept the Financial Report was made and approved.

The Board held a lengthy discussion on Lifetime Membership Dues. It was decided that a donation of \$1000 or more to the SMA Legacy Fund would entitle an individual to a fully paid lifetime membership for Dues. A motion was made and approved to accept this concept.

GENERAL BISSELL REPORT

General Bissell gave an update on the status of the VWIL Corp. The key points were VWIL Fund raising, renovation to the front area of Kable Hall above the pool, and VWIL Alumni attending and marching in our parade.

REUNION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed Smith reported the price of the banquet will be \$34.95.per person. Ed suggested a few minor changes to the banquet menu, the board agreed with the changes. Ed has done an excellent job negotiating with the Stonewall Jackson Hotel Staff to get the overall cost reduced for the services and rooms provided by the Hotel.

It was decided the parade will be moved to Saturday. The annual full membership meeting will be held on the Hill rather than at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel. The Memorial Wall Ceremony will still be held Friday afternoon before the Barbeque. The times for these changes will announced at a later date.

Ed Smith indicated he is still pursuing SMA graduate, Ricardo Martinelli President of Panama, for the speaker at the 2011 Reunion. Harry Bruckno requested suggestions for alternate speakers.

SMA LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Bill Bissett discussed a draft letter (attached) he wrote for the SMA Legacy Fund Campaign. Bill requested the board review the letter and suggest changes.

Harry Bruckno has the action (Due September 27) to give Bill Bissett a list of potential SMA Alumni who should be contacted to kickoff the Legacy Fund Campaign.

Bill Bissett has the action (Due November 1) to contact the individuals on the list provided by Harry Bruckno.

KABLEGRAM REPORT

The next Kablegram is scheduled to be delivered in late September. Burdette Holmes is looking for new articles to publish in future Kablegrams, please pass all suggestions for future topics to Burdette.

The next conference call Board meeting will be at 5:00 EDT October 12, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 EDT.