VFMA&C ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
General Meeting Minutes
16 May 2015
Secretary Report: Juan Santana ’79, 81C

Meeting: AABOD General Meeting
Date / Time: 16 May, 2015, 9:30-11:00 AM
Location: Sarah Crawford room, Mellon Hall

Officers Participating: David Esqueda, Chairman (on line), Joe Bartasius, President, Roque Schipilliti Ex. Vice President, Mark Woolley, Treasurer (on line), Juan Santana Secretary- (Excused).

Members Participating: (at VFMAC) Bob Shapiro, Joe Klump, David Martin, Glenn Horsky, Gordon Hanscom, Joseph Klumpp, Jr. and John Hughes Guests: Tom Goldman, Doug Hasbrouck, On Line: Sean Condron, George Cressman, Niles Dally, Scott Appel, Dan McSweeney, Tom Merman, Dick Bushman, Greg Copeland, Pete McLallen, Carlos Lorenzo

AABOD President’s Agenda:

a. College Graduation: Joe participated in the College Graduation stating that all went well and that Judge Hughes, guest speaker, provided enlightening comments to the graduation class. Joe felt that we need greater alumni participation in future graduation events.

c. Draft ->”VFMAC Corps of Cadets Roles and Responsibilities”: Joe passed around a copy of his document to those attending the AABOD meeting. A separate copy was furnished to select senior VFMAC staff.

Intent of this document is to:
1. Assist in the development at the start of the Leadership Detail to initiate the re-development of a self-governing Corps that has been lost over several decades.
2. Assist in the development of Plebe training.
3. Assist in the re-implementation of Corps standards of leadership including customs and traditions.

Joe appointed John Hughes as a AABOD Training Officer / Liaison representing the AABOD to work with the Commandant’s Office regarding the intent and implementation of this document.
d. IAW, AABOD Bylaws @ 9.3, Joe re-appointed the following Directors to a new two year term (2015-17): Pete McLallen, David Martin and Niles Dally

e. Joe reported that Col. “Bill” Gallagher has agreed to accept the responsibility as Commandant until a new Commandant is selected to replace the former Commandant.

Minutes: Motion was made to accept the 16 May 2015 minutes. Bob Shapiro made the motion to accept, with Dave Martin as second. Motion passed.

Treasure’s Report: Mark Woolley reported that the current Associations balance is $26,546.86 which is a increase to former balance due to an approximate Homecoming income of $15 K. Mark strongly encouraged the development of a budget. The rationale is due to such events as the TAC and Stars Dinner where the anticipated budget for each was greatly exceeded. For more details refer to Mark’s report for this AABOD meeting.

Committee Reports Reflecting Activities: (Highlights)

Committees:

1. Admissions: No changes reported.

2. Forgeway/Special Events: Tom Merman reported that more precise including rationale for award nominations will be developed and distributed so that the Awards Committee will sufficient information to base their decisions from. He also reported that greater participation from the AABOD and Alumni at large is important to facilitate support to VFMAC special activities throughout the school year.

3. Career Development Day: George Cressman reported that he has met with representatives of the Academy and College regarding the up-coming Career Day event/s and they greed to get back to George regarding their suggestions. He wants to emphasize providing counselors that represent the careers the students are interested in. Roque suggested that there is a change needed to survey the students regarding their choice in what careers they are interested in.

4. Regiments: Sean Condron suggested that Regiments should take advantage of summer time to have Regimental outings. This is a great time to experience greater participation. A great example of this is that the Northeast Ohio Regiment has planned a visit to Sandra’s Vineyard for one of their events this summer. Hugh Roberts is the contact for this event.

5. Governance: Dave Martin reported that there were no changes to the committee report as submitted.

6. Homecoming: Dan McSweeney stated that the committee is still generating an overview of the 2015 Homecoming event. The decision to charge, or not to charge for the Cocktail event has been brought to the forefront once again.

7. Nominating: No changes reported.

8. Museum: No changes reported.

9. Nominating: No changes reported.
10. **Museum:** John Hughes reported that there are no changes to previous reports.
11. **Alumni Communications:** No changes to previous reporting.
12. **Alumni / Parents Association Relations:** No changes to previous reporting.

**Additional Comments from Directors:**

Niles Dally suggested that consideration be given to resurrect the former practice of charging the graduating students (actually the parents) for a Life Time Alumni Membership. Various sums were suggested. This would certainly add to the “AABOD Coffer”.

**Chairman’s Closing Remarks (David Esqueda):**

1. Suggested that everyone read the current AABOD Constitution and Bylaws,
2. Thanked all those who have supported the various activities of the AABOD,
3. Reminded all that they must maintain the confidentiality of AABOD / VFMAC activities that warrant protection.

**Next AABOD Meeting:** Saturday, 20 June 2015 @ 9:30 AM, in the Sara Crawford Room of Mellon Hall.

**Strength & Honor,**

*Robert O. Shapiro*
Robert O. Shapiro ‘60

*For / Juan Santana ’79, 81C*

AABOD Secretary