

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Alumni Association

Minutes of the first meeting of the Board of Directors held at the NROTC Unit on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Friday, August 3rd, 1990.

Attending the meeting:

Colonel George H. Walls, Jr., USMC
Commanding Officer
NROTC Unit, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Commander Bart Corgnati, Jr., USN
Executive Officer
NROTC Unit, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Mr. Donald Beeson
General Alumni Association
(Alumni Clubs)

Attending Board Members:

Board Members not in attendance:

Mr. "Skip" Awalt
Mr. "Chuck" Benfield
Mr. John Blackwelder
Mr. James Cheatham
Mr. "Walt" Fitts
Mr. Charles Ingram

Mr. "Bill" Latham
Mr. "Don" Maynard

The meeting was called to order at 10:00. After opening remarks by Colonel Walls, Mr. Beeson was asked to present the board with information about how the GAA functions and how the UNC NROTC Alumni Association will function as part of that larger organization.

Mr. Beeson gave a thirty minute presentation which included three handouts designed to help with organization, goal setting and planning, and establishing credibility. The Board of Directors thanks the GAA for their support and specifically Mr. Beeson for his assistance and advice throughout the organization process.

The Board then asked Colonel Walls for his opinion of what the Alumni association could and should do to help the NROTC Unit accomplish its mission. Colonel Walls replied by stressing three main areas:

- 1) Communication with all NROTC Alumni, the University, and the public.
- 2) Recruiting qualified prospective students for the program.
- 3) Acting as a support organization for the NROTC Unit and as an independent group to voice mutual concerns.

Board members then discussed the election of a Chairman. The members present felt that it was essential for the first Chairman to have easy access to the NROTC Unit. Therefore, the Board members felt it necessary to elect a member who lives in close proximity to Chapel Hill. "Skip" Awalt was nominated but due to other commitments declined to accept this position. The Board then recommended "Don" Maynard who was not in attendance. Colonel Walls left the meeting, contacted Mr. Maynard by telephone, and reported to the Board that Mr. Maynard had accepted the position as the first Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The Board members reviewed some sample By Laws of other similar organizations at other universities, discussed the formation of a Foundation which could provide financial support, discussed having a general membership meeting during Homecoming weekend (October 20 & 21), and then adjourned for lunch until 13:00.

At 13:00 the Board was again called to order and began work on writing the By Laws of the organization. Several groups were formed to work independently on a section of the By Laws. At approximately 14:15 the Board members gathered together, read through the drafts, and agreed upon the content of the By Laws. Colonel Walls is to have a type-written rough draft of the By Laws completed and mailed to the Board members for review and correction. The Board agreed to meet again at a date yet to be determined but in sufficient time to make plans for the general membership meeting to take place before the Homecoming football game scheduled during the weekend of 20 & 21 October 1990.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 15:00.

A copy of the draft of the By Laws should be attached to these minutes.

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