

# ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATES

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY



### Board of Directors Teleconference Sunday, 29 June 2008 1830 hrs (MDT)

**Directors Present:** Jim Wheeler '64, Chair; Pat Rosenow '76, Vice Chair; Bill Stealey '70, Treasurer; Bill Boisture '67; Kevin Carmichael '77; Steve Dotson '63; Steve Finch '65; Mike Flynn '95; Fred Gregory '64; Allison Hickey '80; Pat Rosenow '76; Terry Storm '61; George Van Wagenen '67;

**Absent:** Mike Banks '92, Secretary

**AOG Staff Present:** Gary Howe '69, CEO; Leslie Frank, CFO; Teri DeBellis, Executive Assistant

#### **I. Call to Order**

Jim Wheeler called the teleconference to order at 1833 hrs, MDT.

#### **II. Approval of Agenda**

Jim Wheeler reviewed the agenda. There was discussion about whether to move to closed session for Section IV of the agenda. The directors agreed to hold the meeting in open session, and would consider going to closed session at a later time if the director felt it necessary.

**MOTION:** A motion to accept the agenda was presented and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **III. Old Business Discussion**

##### **A. Request to Move Donated Funds**

**MOTION:** Terry Storm made a motion to approve the draft letters to John Martin and the Class of '62 as presented and reviewed. Kevin Carmichael seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

##### **B. Status of AOG-UE Relations**

Kevin Carmichael reviewed for the Board his discussion with Gil Mook from the USAFA Endowment (UE) regarding the AOG-UE proposal. They proposed developing grant agreements which would map out costs associated with the project, and expectations of both parties. Kevin said he wants to reconvene the Joint Working Group (JWG) to draft a grant agreement with the

AOG and the UE cooperating. He also said that projects regarding heritage or graduate affairs would be projects that the UE would agree to cooperate on.

Bill Stealey asked if the Class of '69 project could be one that the AOG and UE could work on together. Gary Howe said that he would support that discussion.

**MOTION:** Terry Storm made a motion to approve Kevin Carmichael's proposal to Gil Mook to work with the USAFA Endowment to come up with projects that the AOG and UE can work on together. Bill Stealey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Gary Howe asked Kevin Carmichael to email him the proposal he sent to Gil Mook.

### **C. Board Status Report to Members and Superintendent**

It was asked if supporting Kevin Carmichael's proposal supersedes the letter to the Class of '69. Gary Howe said yes, but that it should be kept as an alternate approach.

Gary reported on his meeting with the Superintendent earlier that week. They discussed that the UE does capital funding while the AOG does annual funds.

Gary discussed the purpose of his proposal to the UE. There are three organizations sharing data: the AOG, the UE, and Athletics. The UE and Athletics don't have the capability that the AOG has because the AOG has all the member data.

At this point the discussion turned to the AOG becoming a world-class alumni association. Steve Dotson recommended looking at the WestPoint AOG as a model.

**MOTION:** Terry Storm made the following motion:

The Board of Directors supports the AOG in becoming a world-class alumni association that underscores the importance of service while supporting all parts of the AOG mission as delineated in the by-laws.

Bill Stealey seconded the motion.

Discussion continued.

Mike Flynn stated that the Board needs to get more involved. He asked what the standards are for customer service. Just saying that the AOG is a world-class alumni organization isn't enough. Pat Rosenow said that services are just as important as fundraising and finances. Bill Boisture stated that fundraising is a core purpose; becoming a world-class alumni association costs money.

Jim Wheeler called for a vote. Steve Finch and George Van Wagenen voted No. The motion passed.

Discussion continued on the report to the Superintendent.  
The Directors discussed that the document was rather long, and to address one or two items at a time.

**MOTION:** Steve Dotson motioned to re-draft the policy issues, extract the Policy-Quasi issues and take out controversial statements. Terry Storm seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Gary Howe will make the edits to the Report to the Superintendent and email it back to the Board. The Directors will edit the updated document and will send their edits to Jim Wheeler, who will consolidate and make the final changes. Gary will work with the Communications department to figure how to package the report into smaller bites.

#### **IV. New Business**

Bill Boisture announced to the Board that he had some information from some concerned AOG members regarding the Chairman and was ready to provide the Board with that information. He asked if the Board wanted him to give the information directly to the Board or go through the Governance Committee. Jim Wheeler asked Pat Rosenow his thoughts.

**MOTION:** Steve Dotson motioned that the meeting move into Closed Session under IAW By-laws Article 12.1 to discuss the information that Bill Boisture had. George Van Wagenen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point, the staff members present left the meeting and the Directors continued in closed session.