

1180-1 (Adjt)

5 October 2017

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INAUGURAL HOME STATION REGIMENTAL SENATE MEETING, 29 SEP 17

Chair: Col (Ret'd) P.J. Williams

Members in attendance:

LCol J.L. Cochrane (dial-in)
MWO (Ret'd) M.R. McEwan
MWO (Ret'd) C. Gibson

Members unable to attend:

Col (Ret'd) C.G. Simonds
Maj (Ret'd) C. Larocque

Ex Officio in attendance:

LCol S.G. Haire
Capt A.D.J. Curr

1. Item 1 – Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 1009 hrs by the Chair;
2. Item 2 - Introductions
 - a. Those present and dialed-in made introductions.
3. Item 3 – Review of Previous Minutes
 - a. The Chair addressed the members present to report that as this was the first meeting there were no previous meeting minutes to approve.
 - b. The Chair wanted to express his thanks to active members of 1 RCHA for coordinating several aspects of the Senate meeting and for providing administrative support. The Chair also wished to thank LCol Cochrane for his experience and insight into regimental senates and his assistance in establishing the Home Station Regimental Senate.
 - c. The meeting Chair took this opportunity to express the aim of this meeting, which was to formally elect an executive and to sign off on the constitution by the elected officials.
 - d. The meeting Chair discussed the aim of the Home Station Regimental Senate, which is to support 1 RCHA and the broader Gunner community with Lines of Operation (LoO) 3-5. In discussing support to LoO's, the Chair examined several specific cases where it is hoped the Home Station Senate will be able to support in the future. These were:

- (1) Upcoming 150th Anniversary of A & B Bty in 2021;
 - (2) Creation of a possible Association to bring together present and past members of The Home Station Regiment, as defined in the Constitution.
 - (3) Finding the niche for the Senate to support active and retired members of the Home Station
- e. The Chair talked of the long-term vision for the Senate and the possible mechanisms to achieve the goals set forth, which were:
- (1) Possibly setting up the Home Station Senate as a not-for-profit charity; or
 - (2) Establishing the financial management of the Senate through Non-Public Funds frameworks.
- f. The Chair asked for comments from those present:
- (1) LCol Haire commented that this process has been slower than normal as a great majority of Gunners do not retire into the community. LCol Haire also spoke to other former members of 1 RCHA, such as the Col Cmdt, LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery and Col (Ret'd) Hammond who could not at this time participate in the Home Station Senate for various reasons. Lastly, he thanked those at the meeting for their support to establishing the Senate.
 - (2) MWO (Ret'd) Gibson mentioned that for the future plans of the Senate, resourcing would be crucial to fulfilling its plans.
 - (3) MWO (Ret'd) McEwan asked if the RCA Museum, specifically its current serving soldiers would fall under the umbrella of the Senate and was told yes as they are current serving members of 1 RCHA. As well, he asked if the Senate was still actively seeking members for the Senate and was again told yes. The Chair informed all that they were still looking for two other members. Some potential candidates for the position were identified. Lastly, MWO (Ret'd) McEwan informed those present that at the next meeting, he would bring the NPF officer for the base to explain the pros and cons of the NPF system.
 - (4) LCol Cochrane spoke to the time it would take to effectively establish the Senate and to establishing a sense of belonging with the Senate in the Gunner community. He then spoke to the opportunities to support the awareness campaign, specifically the upcoming artillery reunion in Shilo. Lastly, LCol Cochrane spoke to the necessity of spreading the word of the newly established Senate on existing Gunner publications and leveraging the RCA Museum and RCAA newsletters.
4. Item 4 – Review of the Agenda
- a. The Chair elaborated on the agenda set forth and made one comment to the draft constitution which will be signed following the meeting, specifically the amendment to paragraph 11. The paragraph now states:
- “Great care is to be taken to ensure that no currently serving member of the CAF comes into a real or perceived conflict of interest position. To this end, currently

serving members of the CAF may not serve as President, with the exception of Honorary Appointments.”

5. Item 5 – Election of President
 - a. Col (Ret’d) Williams put his name forth for the position of President. No other names were submitted. The Senate voted and unanimously approved Col (Ret’d) Williams as President.
6. Item 6 – Election of Vice-President
 - a. LCol Cochrane put his name forth for the position of Vice-President. No other names were submitted. The Senate voted and unanimously approved LCol Cochrane as Vice-President.
7. Item 7 – Election of Treasurer
 - a. Col (Ret’d) Williams produced a letter from Col (Ret’d) Simonds (dated 5 Sep 17, attached), in which stated he would be willing to accept the position of Treasurer or as Secretary. No other names were submitted. The Senate voted and unanimously approved Col (Ret’d) Simonds as Treasurer.
8. Item 8 – Election of Secretary
 - a. MWO (Ret’d) Gibson put forth his name for the position of Secretary. No other names were submitted. The Senate voted and unanimously approved MWO (Ret’d) Gibson as Secretary.
9. Item 9 – Election of Committee Members
 - a. There were no applicants for the two positions at this time but these positions are not subject to election and can be appointed in the future.
10. Item 10 – General Discussion and Closing Remarks
 - a. LCol Haire spoke to the need to increase inclusiveness and recommended that we loosen the restrictions on the two committee members. The Senate agreed with this statement and Col (Ret’d) Williams made a note to amend the Constitution, paragraph 7, sub-para e to remove the word “Senate.”
 - b. Col (Ret’d) Williams noted that he will speak to Col (Ret’d) Simonds about possible options for the Senate to manage financial resources in future.
 - c. MWO (Ret’d) McEwan mentioned the upcoming RCA reunion at CFB Shilo this summer is a great point to advertise the newly formed Senate.
 - d. Col (Ret’d) Williams thanked everyone at the meeting for their participation and highlighted that this is a voluntary organization. He then spoke of upcoming activities for parallel organizations, including the 75th Anniversary of Op HUSKY in 2018 and the “75 for 75” program being proposed for the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in 2019. Lastly, he directed the Acting Secretary to distribute a contact list for the members of the Senate.

- e. With the above four members of the Executive now having been elected, and noting the amendment referred to in paragraph 10. a., the President signed the Constitution (attached) and requested the Acting Secretary to coordinate the remaining signatures (Vice-President, CO 1 RCHA and RSM 1 RCHA).

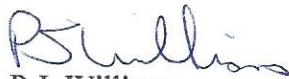
11. Item 11 – Next Meeting

- a. The next meeting was agreed upon to be Tuesday, 16 January 2018 at 1000 hrs Central time. Telecon details will be shared closer to the date for those outside the geographical area. This meeting will be for the Senate Executive Committee

Recommended

A.D.J. Curr
Captain
Adjutant 1 RCHA

Approved


P.J. Williams
Colonel (Retired)
President

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