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# HOME STATION REGIMENTAL SENATE (HSRS) EXECUTIVE MEETING, 28 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

#### Members in attendance:

LGen (Ret'd) M.K. Jeffery (dial-in) LCol J.L. Cochrane (dial-in) LCol R.T Stimpson, CO 1 RCHA Maj (Ret'd) Jim Fisher (dial-in) Maj C.F. Walker, Army HQ (dial-in) MWO (Ret'd) M.R. McEwan (dial-in)

### Members unable to attend:

BGen R.W. Goodyear, NDHQ Col (Ret'd) C.G. Simonds Col (Ret'd) C.R. Simonds LCol D.A. Macintyre, Comd Home Station MWO (Ret'd) C. Gibson

#### Ex Officio in attendance:

Nil

- 1. Item 1 Call to Order
  - a. The meeting was called to order at 1008 hrs CST by the Chair.
- 2. Item 2 Confirmation of Agenda
  - a. The Chair confirmed the agenda dated 28 September 2018 and asked if any members present had any issues with the agenda.
- 3. Item 3 Approval of Previous Minutes
- 4. Item 4 Actions arising from previous minutes
  - a. The Chair asked if there were any actions required from previous minutes. The Executive had no comments or questions.
  - b. Op HUSKY \$2,000.00 was successfully donated to fully subsidise the attendance of Bdr Streberg to Op HUSKY. The question was raised, would donations receive a tax receipt. MWO (Ret'd) McEwan will research and return with an answer.
  - c. 26<sup>th</sup> Field Senate Cooperation Col (Ret'd) Williams met with senior leadership of the 26<sup>th</sup> Field Senate. There was an acknowledgement that the HSRS had to respect the 26<sup>th</sup> Field Senate Area of Operations. In particular, HSRS had to respect 26<sup>th</sup> Field Senate's local fundraising activities. Col (Ret'd) Williams wants to take a national approach for fundraising in order to ensure there is no tension between the two organizations. There was a discussion on cooperative funding, but no decision has been made at this time.
- 5. Item 5 Re-Election/Re-Appointment of Executive members
  - a. The Chair indicated that as a number of Executive members were not in attendance, reelection/re-appointment would take place secretarially, in two phases:
    - (1) <u>Phase 1</u>: Current Executive members would be approached to indicate whether they were willing to stand for re-election/re-appointment. **Secretarial Note**: The results of Phase 1 are as follows:
      - (a) Col (Ret'd) Williams indicated that he is willing to stand for re-election as President;
      - (b) LCol Cochrane indicated that he is willing to stand for re-election as Vice-President;
      - (c) Colonel (Ret'd) Simonds indicated that he will not stand for re-election as Treasurer;
      - (d) MWO (Ret'd) Gibson indicated that he will not stand for re-election as Secretary. He would like to remain engaged in Senate business, however; and
      - (e) Maj Walker indicated that he is willing to stand for election as Secretary.

- (f) Maj Fisher indicated that he is willing to be re-appointed as a member of the Executive
- (2) <u>Phase 2</u>: Voting. The results of voting were as follows:
  - (a) Col (Ret'd) Williams was re-elected as President;
  - (b) LCol Cochrane was re-elected as Vice-President;
  - (c) Maj Walker was elected as Secretary;
  - (d) The Treasurer appointment is currently vacant; and
  - (e) Maj (Ret'd) Fisher was re-appointed as a member of the Executive
- 6. Item 6 Potential Senate Financial Management Framework
  - a. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Chair subsequently spoke with MWO (Ret'd) McEwan who will confirm the procedures to enable donations to the Senate pending the introduction of an on-line donation portal on the new RCA website.
  - b. The Chair socialized the idea that more organizations could fall under the HSRS. He would like to further discuss this topic secretarially. The Chair wants to capture these organizations as they may require support in the future. MWO (Ret'd) M.R. McEwan believes that there are several veterans that would be interested in the HSRS if participation was broadened.
  - c. Maj (Ret'd) Fisher posed that there could be broader outreach to Artillery veterans in Western Canada. LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery noted that the Artillery Senate also has an outreach capacity and plan, and that that HSRS should not conflict with that. Col (Ret'd) Williams will raise this discussion with the Artillery Senate and will seek to leverage the experience of the 2 RCHA Senate.
  - d. Col (Ret'd) P.J. Williams will re-circulate a draft of the amended Constitution secretarially, incorporating changes discussed under Item 7 below.
- 7. Item 7 Proposed Change to Constitution Annual Senate « Battle Rhythm »
  - a. The Chair has posed the following in an earlier Senate meeting: a battle rhythm of 2x Executive meetings and 1x full Senate meeting per year. To include 1x Executive meeting at JOC and 1 x in the Summer with 1x full Senate meeting taking place in the winter.
  - b. LGen (Ret'd) M.K. Jeffery believes that the Fall meeting would be better for a larger full Senate meeting. The winter meeting would be an Executive meeting. The summer will be a full Senate meeting to solicit project ideas.
  - c. The Chair believes that the HSRS meetings should be linked with the Artillery Senate meetings. He wanted al to note the following Artillery Senate Meetings: Tuesday 15 Jan 2019; 26 March 2019; 18 June 2019; and 27 September 2019. The Chair will discuss a future HSRS meeting date with LCol Stimpson.
  - d. LCol Stimpson indicated that the JOC dates may change next year. It might be moved to November. He will research this more and provide further information.

- 8. Item 8 Further Activities potentially meriting HSRS support.
  - a. 2019 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy;
  - b. 2020 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands;
  - c. 2021 150th Anniversary of the Formation of A and B Batteries. Maj C.F. Walker indicated his concern for the event. As the Canadian Army Deputy G33 he sees ceremonial events pass through his shop monthly. They are often planned several years ahead and will require significant staff work to capture support and funding both public and non-public. Maj Walker requested Col (Ret'd) Williams to engage the Artillery Senate and provide his contact details for further discussion. Secretarial Note: Col (Ret'd) Williams, in his capacity as Exec Dir RCAA attended a meeting of Artillery Senate PM 28 September in which the 150th Anniversary was discussed. Col (Ret'd) D.D. Marshall gave a briefing to Arty Senate on the subject, outlining various factors to be considered. The major decision taken was to appoint the Regt Col, Col L.H.P.S. Boucher and Col (Ret'd) Marshall to head up a national level planning team.
  - d. Afghanistan Memorial; and
  - e. CFB Shilo Nijmegen Team.
- 9. Item 9 Expansion of Senate role to include advocacy for Home Station issues
  - a. The Chair tabled the discussion to expand advocacy for Home Station issues to include advocating that Shilo is an isolated base. BGen Goodyear was not present. The Chair requested LCol Cochrane to discuss this concept further with BGen Goodyear with a view to discussing this at the next Senate meeting.

### 10. Item 10 – Other Business

a. Maj (Ret'd) Fisher discussed a fundraising proposal. He would like to set up an annual charity auction. The auctioneer would handle the majority of the issues. HSRS would auction surplus military equipment to fund future activities. LCol Cochrane cautioned that the donators must understand the intent and fully agree, and that ideally there would be a tax receipt for the donor. MWO (Ret'd) McEwan indicated that the museum must have the first right of refusal. Col (Ret'd) Williams has discussed this idea with the museum. He believes that the Museum may have spare artifacts which could be donated for auction. LGen (Ret'd) Jeffery stated that there needs to be a formal organization involved with detailed responsibilities. He would like to know how HSRS would manage, communicate and sustain this effort. Maj (Ret'd) Jim Fisher will draft a SOP for that captures these concerns and will present it at a future Senate meeting.

## 11. Item 11 – Next Meeting

a. It was agreed that the next meeting would in the latter part of January 2019 with the specific date and time TBC.

## 12. Item 12 – Meeting adjournment

a. Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 1108 hrs CST.

# Recommended

C.F. Walker

Major

Canadian Army G33-2

Approved

P.J. Williams

Colonel (Retired)

President

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