

**Minutes of the MARC Executive Board Meeting  
Williamsburg, VA  
18 April 2005**

**Attendees:** Mark Opilla, President; Tom Kobezak, Vice President; Carol Decker, Secretary/Treasurer; Christine Haber, Chairperson, Education Committee; Linda Owen, Chairperson, Legislative Committee; Helen Katz, Chairperson, Planning Committee; Pat Huber, Chairperson, Protocol Committee; Phil Vilella, New Jersey State Representative; Jana Tull, Virginia State Representative; Sherry Rose, Membership & Protocol Committees; Gerald Furey, Chairperson, Awards Committee.

Welcome:

Mark Opilla welcomed the board and opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Executive Board Vacancies:

Phil Vilella announced that this is his last meeting and said that Rick Burdett will assume the New Jersey State Representative duties.

Jana Tull noted that she is developing a slate of candidates for the fall. Elections will be held electronically.

Tom Kobezak noted that this will be his last meeting.

Enhancing Committee Participation – Mark Opilla suggested that the scheduled round table time be used for committee chairs to discuss their committees' functions with interested members. Four committees elected to participate: membership, planning, education, and protocol.

Awards Committee:

Gerald Furey is ready to make the team award at the meeting on Tuesday.

Planning Committee - Upcoming meetings:

Helen Katz reported the following:

- Fall meeting – October 25 and 26, Annapolis, Maryland, at the Radisson; executive board meeting to be held on October 24.
- Winter 2006 meeting – Atlantic City, NJ, is being considered. Sherry Rose provided details on the Tropicana Resort as a possible meeting site. The board discussed the possibility of coordinating the dates with a PTAC-sponsored veteran's conference; a matchmaking event is being considered as well. The meeting could also include a veteran's program theme. The timeframe would be January 18 & 19, executive board to meet January 17.
- Summer executive board meeting – a tentative date of June 28 was set, and a tentative location of George Mason University PTAC was approved. Alternate site will be Fort Belvoir. Helen will check into details and report back.

Education Committee:

Christine Haber reported that the agenda is good to go for the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol Decker reported that there is a current balance of \$4743.69. Just prior to the meeting, several Navy participants experienced problems with registration fees on their travel orders. Tom Kobezak reported that the Army participants are having similar problems, due to recent changes in the travel regulations. Tom will check options with the Army, as this will likely remain an issue for DOD participants. Further discussion is anticipated at the next executive board meeting.

Legislative Committee:

Linda Owen has prepared a Legislative Update and Highlights for the meeting.

Protocol Committee:

Pat Huber reported that she has 11 speaker gifts remaining and recommended that the board consider replenishing them. The board agreed to purchase the same speaker gift. Pat noted that the approved giving levels for some recognition gifts are low, such as the ranges approved for funerals, sicknesses, and retirements. She will prepare a recommendation and email it to the board for consideration and response.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.