



May 31, 2022

MINUTES OF THE COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE QUARTERLY MEETING
CONVENED MAY 25, 2022, AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC

Board of Directors

ADM Karl L. Schultz
Chairman

RADM Eric C. Jones
President

CWO John C. Baker (Ret)
Retired Military Member
Vice President

AUX Michael Philipps
Auxiliaryist
Treasurer

RADM (Ret) Cari B. Thomas
Secretary

MCPOCG Heath B. Jones
Master Chief Petty Officer of
the Coast Guard

CMC Charlie F. Salls
MCPOCG Alternate

CDR Morgan T. Holden
Commissioned Officer

CDR Daniel J. McQuate
Commissioned Officer

LCDR John-Andrew Minniti
Commissioned Officer

CWO Anthony F. Giaccone
Chief Warrant Officer

CMC Eric Silvoy
E-7 or Above

PO1 Benjamin Lind
Enlisted Member

CPO Lindsey Cole
Enlisted Member

CWO Jerry Engelman
E7 or Above Alternate

PO1 Andrew Stoddard
Enlisted Alternate

Mr. Christopher Mack
Civilian

LT Patrick Pannella
Reserve Member

Mrs. Kristen Vlaun
Commissioned Officer
Spouse

Mrs. Amanda Morales
Enlisted Person Spouse

Vacant
Medical/TRICARE Specialist

Mr. Kenneth Weber
Work-Life Specialist

MEMBERS PRESENT: 14

Officers of the Corporation: RADM Eric Jones, President
 CWO (Ret) John Baker, Vice President
 RADM (Ret) Cari Thomas, Secretary
 AUX Michael Philipps, Treasurer

Members of the Board of Directors:

MCPOCG Heath Jones	CMC Charlie Salls	CMC Eric Silvoy
CWO4 Anthony Giaccone	CDR Morgan Holden	Mrs. Kristen Vlaun
Mr. Christopher Mack	CWO Jerry Engelman	Mrs. Amanda Morales
LCDR John-Andrew Minniti	PO1 Benjamin Lind	

Additional Attendees: Mr. Sean Fennell, Mrs. Sara Martin, Mr. Omar Vazquez, Mrs. Alena Howard, MCPOCG-R Timothy Beard, CAPT Eva Van Camp, LCDR Daniel Trimble, LCDR Shannon Reck, LT Emily Trudeau, Mrs. Margaret Parker, CWO Darien Moya, CPO Lazaro Lopez, PO2 Pedro GonzalezSoto

Call to Order: The Board President called the meeting to order at 1330 and Mr. Fennell called the roll. A quorum was established.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the 16 February 2022 Quarterly Board of Control (BOC) meeting were approved by electronic vote on 22 February 2022.

Notes for the Record: Mr. Fennell noted that on 8 February 2022 the Board voted to certify the election results. The President contacted the newly elected Board members to inform them of the results. Also noted that a special election was successfully conducted on 21 February 2022 to fill the newly created position of IT/Cyber Specialist as mandated at the February 2022 Quarterly Board meeting.

Point of Order: Mr. Fennell reported on issues surrounding the electronic voting process currently used by the Board of Directors. He provided a report on the scope of the problems and requested assistance from two or three members in drafting a standing rule for approval by the Board. LT Trudeau, PO1 Lind and Mrs. Vlaun volunteered to assist in this effort.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Philipps reviewed the financials. He noted that despite the volatility of the market right now, our investments are still in reasonable and sound condition. He reported that our assets and liabilities are within expected levels and CGMA remains in good operating condition. He counseled against implementing any expensive new grant programs or adding large amounts of spending to existing grant programs at this time.

Committee Reports:

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Executive Committee: The Board President:

- Welcomed the newly elected members of the Board of Directors who had completed the initial training that morning. He encouraged them to participate in the meeting, emphasizing that their voice is important to CGMA's success.
- Thanked the CGMA HQ staff for their extraordinary work on the Annual Meeting. It was thoroughly professional and very well received by those in attendance, including the Commandant of the Coast Guard.
- Reported on the action of the Executive Committee upon receipt of a \$3.5 million bequest from the estate of Ms. Heckman. Based on the desire of Ms. Heckman to preserve her father's (RADM Albert A. Heckman) historical legacy, the Committee directed that \$100,000 be provided to the National Coast Guard Museum Association; "The Coast Guard's highest philanthropic priority" as articulated in the Commandant's 2022 State of the Coast Guard address. The committee directed that 2/3's of the remainder will be used for organizational technology improvements, and 1/3 will be used for new or enhanced charity programming.
- Congratulated the CGMA Development Team. The Annual Invitational Gold Tournament was held at the beginning of this month, and it was an exceptional success. He noted that the weather was reputed to be perfect, and that a great time was had by all participants.
- Welcomed to the Board the new Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Master Chief Heath Jones.

MCPOCG Remarks: MCPOCG Jones expressed his pride at being a member of the Board of Directors. He thanked the Board for all of their hard work in recent years. He remarked that he was very much looking forward to working with CGMA in the coming years.

Management Committee: PO1 Lind submitted two proposals for consideration by the Board.

- The Committee recommended increasing the Closing Cost loan limit from \$6000 to \$9000. PO Lind made the motion to approve, LCDR Minniti seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion and followed by a vote. The motion was carried.
- The Committee recommended approving a program to provide reimbursements for childcare for clients attending financial training. PO Lind made the motion to approve, LCDR Minniti seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion followed by a vote. The motion was carried.

Mutual Assistance Committee: Mrs. Morales reported that Committee processed ten cases totaling \$108,180.90 since the last board meeting. She noted that all Bridge Loans were due to problems with the new travel financial system (ETS/FSMS) software upgrades.

- Received an application from an AD O1 member on 23 February 2022. They voted to approve the \$9,822.87 Bridge Loan. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.
- Received an application from an RET E5 member on 24 February 2022. They voted to approve the \$7,452 Rental Assistance Loan. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.
- Received an application from an AD E4 member on 3 March 2022. They voted to approve the \$6,672 Bridge Loan. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.

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- Received an application from an AD O4 member on 3 March 2022. They voted to approve the \$10,000 Bridge Loan. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.
- Received an application from a CIV GS12 on 9 March 2022. Recommended approval of an \$18,000 Bridge Loan. The case was forwarded to the Board of Directors on 11 March 2022. The loan was approved by the Board via electronic vote.
- Received an application from an CIV GS11 member on 11 March 2022. They voted to approve the \$8,180.87 Bridge Loan. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.
- Received an application from an AD E4 member on 15 March 2022. They voted to approve the \$10,000 Bridge Loan. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.
- Received an application from an AD E5 member on 17 March 2022. They voted to approve the \$6,054 Bridge Loan. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.
- Received an application from an AD E7 member on 22 March 2022. They voted to approve the \$2,000 loan for assistance with Federal Taxes. Being within their approval limit, the committee's approval was final.
- Received an application from a CIV GS12 on 22 March 2022. Recommended approval of an \$30,000 loan for relocation expenses. The case was forwarded to the Board of Directors on 23 March 2022. The loan was approved by the Board via electronic vote.

Education Committee: CDR Holden reported on the status of the education proposals that were on the agenda. She recounted the origins of the proposals and why they were submitted. She encouraged the Board to carefully consider the matters before voting.

Finance Committee: LCDR Minniti reported on the committee's review of two proposals submitted by the Education Committee and reviewed by the Management Committee.

- The Committee recommended approving the proposal to expand the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) from \$500 to \$1000, and to change the definition of what expenses it should cover. LCDR Minniti made the motion to approve. PO1 Lind seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion followed by a vote. The provision to increase the amount to \$1000 was approved. The implementation was deferred to the Education Committee and HQ staff for action.
- The Committee did not recommend approval of the creation of a new SEG for dependents in Pre-K thru 12th grade. The recommendation was made to return the proposal to the Education Committee for further refinements. The Education Committee will take for action further refinement of the proposal for future consideration by the Board.

Development Report: Mrs. Howard deferred her report in the interest of time. She will send the Board a report via email.

Operations Report: Mr. Fennell deferred his report in the interest of time. He will send the Board a report via email.

CGMAHQ Update: RADM Thomas:

- Welcomed aboard the new Chief Financial Officer, Commander Omar Vazquez (Retired). She reported that CDR Vazquez is replacing Mrs. Sara Martin who has taken up the responsibilities and duties of the newly established position of Chief Information Officer (CIO). Mrs. Martin is responsible for technology, data and information.

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- Reported that CGMA had been represented at the CGMA at the Gold Badge Conference held in Cape May NJ. She affirmed the importance of maintaining strong bonds with these types of networks.
- Reported that she was able to represent CGMA at the retirement ceremony for MCPOCG Jason Vanderhaden. She presented him with a token of CGMA's respect and appreciation for all that he had done for CGMA during his tenure on the Board.

Old Business: None.

New Business: RADM Thomas proposed a new program to provide grants to fund medical coverage for retired CG working dogs. The Working Animal Grant (WAG) was reviewed by both the Management and Finance committees. LCDR Minniti made a motion to approve the proposal. PO1 Lind seconded the motion. The floor was opened for discussion followed by a vote. The motion was carried.

Good of the Order: RADM Thomas:


- Expanded on the earlier mention that the Heckman bequest will be used for technological improvements in the next few years. The establishment of the CIO was the first step in the process.
- Reported that CGMA HQ will be hosting a meeting of the Coast Guard Philanthropy Council. This new effort has great potential and hopes are that CGMA will have a significant role as it develops.
- Reported that CGMA HQ staff have been invited to participate in a Housing and Financial Aid Conference at Air Station Miami next month.

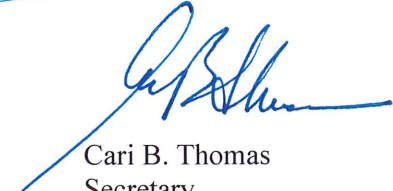
Next Regular Meeting: Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 17 August 2022 at 1330.

President's Remarks: RADM Jones expressed his gratitude to RADM Thomas for her leadership and proactive engagement with CG-1 this past year. He reported that while he was moving on to other duties within the Coast Guard, being the President of the CGMA Board of Directors was one of the highlights of his career. He encouraged the Board to continue its ambitious agenda of improvements and expansion. He reported that RADM Brian Penoyer will be his replacement and he will inform the Board when he has been properly relieved.

Adjournment: There being no objections raised, RADM Jones adjourned the meeting at 1500.

Submitted:


Sean P. Fennell
Chief Operating Officer


Cari B. Thomas
Secretary