

MEAC Annual Meeting
28 June, 2003

Record of Decisions

Present

Charles Keple, Pres
Mike Parrell, RVP Atlantic
Gerry Barr, NABr
Ralph Gienow, RVP Prairies
Dick Nordland, Vic Br
Ron Sharpe, SABr
Roy Weir, Tor Br; MEIC
MGen Ed Fitch
Ernie Fafard, Ott Br
BGen Silva, Col Cmt
Ken Holmes, Regisrar
Peter Joyce, Ex Dir

Proxies

Dave Button, Sask Br, to the Pres.
Ken Mattes, Man Br, to the Pres.

Proceedings

Roll of Honour (Col Cmt)

Intro/background (Pres) – ending with the thoughtful question: should we “fold our tent and merge with the CMEA?”

The meeting acknowledged that since 2000 the Canadian Military Engineers Association (CMEA) had established itself throughout Canada, in all environments, for all CME functions, and with all CME Family constituencies. The meeting also acknowledged that for a variety of sound reasons, the CMEA was now far better positioned to meet all the CME and CME Family association needs than the MEAC could ever be. Given that in many areas the current MEAC situation was detracting from the CME Family's ability to sustain and to grow its "One Association", the meeting focussed on the best way to facilitate a merger of talents and energies with the CMEA at the national level.

After considerable discussion in which many options and variations were discussed, the following motion was placed before the meeting:

Motion

Moved by Ralph Gienow, seconded by Mike Parrell, that the MEAC wind up as a national organization with the transfer of all national assets, rights and prerogatives to the CMEA, with the

proviso that individual MEAC Branches may continue in operation and retain use of the name and any local funds, without prejudice. Peter Joyce is named Executor, with the assistance of the Colonel Commandant and the Senior Serving Canadian Military Engineer and is charged to wind up the affairs of the MEAC with all due diligence and dispatch.

Discussion

The Toronto Branch objected to the constitutional validity of this motion.

Decision: Yeas -14, opposed -1, abstain -1.

CARRIED.

In carrying out the duty of Executor, Peter Joyce is charged to inform the CMEA of our action. He also is to ensure that the CDA is informed of our Annual Meeting, and that as a result of motions passed, the CME Branch will be represented at CDA by the CMEA.

The meeting expressed its appreciation to the outgoing Executive for their efforts during their tenure, recognizing the difficult circumstances extant during their term of office.

Motion

Moved by Ed Fitch and seconded by Gerry Barr that the actions and decisions of the National Executive for the past years be approved and the retiring Executive be held harmless.

CARRIED

Motion

Moved by Dick Nordland, and seconded by Ernie Faffard that the existing signing authorities (Don Wilson, Ken Holmes and Peter Joyce) remain in effect for the duration of the wind up process.

CARRIED

Motion

Moved by Ed Fitch, and seconded by Ralph Gienow, that the MEAC wishes the CMEA every success in its future service to the CME family.

CARRIED

Motion

Moved by the Colonel Commandant and seconded by the Registrar, that as its last act of business the MEAC National Council congratulates the CME Branch on its Centennial, and also acknowledges the 90 years of service of the Branches of the MEAC and all MEAC members.

CARRIED

Since the motion to wind up the MEAC passed, the Pres declared there was no need to hold elections; the Executor had the authority to carry out all necessary duties to wind up the affairs of the Association.

There were no items from the floor.

Adjournment

Motion

Moved by Ed Fitch that the Meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

C.K. Keple
President

ACKNOWLEDGED

G.P. Joyce
Executor