



Focus Group Number 5

Deployments, Chapter and Region Support

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Focus Topic

- ◆ Due to the increase OPTEMPO efforts during the past few years many of our chapters and some regions are encountering problems holding chapter meeting, getting individuals to attend national sessions and in fact even being properly represented at these national level sessions.
- ◆ Current directives state "Directors may sign a proxy assigning to any elected chapter official within the region the voting proxy of the regional director if he or she can not attend the BOD". Due to OPTEMPO this year we have no elected chapter or regional official attending this AMM from European Region. While some may say forget about our directives, the reason for directives is to maintain a semblance of order within an organization.
- ◆ How can we rewrite this directive to insure we do not disenfranchise a region while still maintaining a degree of order and control?



Focus Topic

- ◆ Many chapters have totally deployed due to OPTEMPO. We have had several cases where in the urgency of preparation for movement the chapter responsibilities are totally forgotten. While our standard recommendation has been temporally appoint a local retired chapter member to a senior chapter position and assign the duties of being custodian of the funds, records, etc. to that individual, that is not always possible. We have had chapter deployed for extended periods (in excess of a year) where the post JAG has advised chapter members that their authorization to function on the installation has been withdrawn due to "lack of activity". While the association can not control local JAG actions our recommendations are that the chapter president submit a formal request to the local JAG indicated the deployment and OPTEMPO activities and ask that the chapter be placed in a caretaker status for 12 months or whatever period is appropriate based on the deployment ordered.



Charge to Focus Topic

Review the USAWOA's current policy regarding Region representation at the AMM and discuss whether this policy should be modified to allow the votes of all regions to be counted at AMM's when a Region's elected representative is unable to attend the AMM. Also take a look at how we can modify our current directives to allow for the appointment of a Deputy Region Director.



Discussion

- ◆ A review of USAWOAM 500-2 , National Board of Directors Operations and Annual meeting Procedures Manual section 22 Proxy Representation: “Directors may, by written proxy, identify an elected Region/Chapter official from within their region to vote in their name in meetings of the National Board of Directors”.
- ◆ World events and current circumstances require the policy be modified to allow the votes of all regions to be counted at AMM/BOD when a Region’s elected representative is unable to attend the AMM.



Recommendations

- ◆ Regional directors will submit a proxy assigning to any elected chapter official or region member in good standing, in attendance, the voting proxy of the regional director if he/she cannot attend the AMM/BOD. (cont.)



Recommendations

- ◆ In the event there is no member from the region in attendance, the director may assign any USAWOA member, in good standing, his/her voting proxy.
- ◆ In the event the director does not submit the proxy by the start of the AMM/BOD, then the presiding official will assign that proxy to any USAWOA member, in good standing, to represent that region

Questions?





Discussion

- ◆ World events and current circumstances require USAWOA provide guidance to Chapters as to how they may retain status and operate under current OPTEMPO requirements which may cause the deployment of Chapter officers or a majority of their members.



Recommendations

- ◆ National would suggest all chapters modify their bylaws to establish procedures by which chapters would continue to operate given such conditions.
- ◆ National coordinate with DA regarding private organizations in similar situations
- ◆ National submit a sample bylaw change.
- ◆ National establish a procedure by which Chapters can request they be placed in a caretaker status and a care plan to manage assets under this status.



Discussion

- ◆ Bylaws should include:
 - criteria for granting caretaker status
 - status is caretaker not inactive status, longevity continues
 - care plan submitted by chapter (routing?)
 - caretaker/trusteeship
 - finances
 - assets
 - authority granted thru the Region Director to national.
 - increments of 180 day period, renewed as needed
 - the quarterly rebate payments be maintained at National until the Chapter's status is changed by the director



Justification

- ◆ Contingency planning
- ◆ Taking care of business
- ◆ Let no Chapter fail