

Past Presidents Council (PPC) Report

Chairman, CW5 (Ret) Frank Meeks

To the Board of Directors and members of the USAWOA, the USAWOA Past Presidents Council (PPC) elected CW5 (Ret) Frank Meeks as the Chairman after the 2008 AMM.

New PPC Members: Since the 2008 AMM, we have added three new members to the Past Presidents Council (PPC). The first member added was CW5 (Ret) Howard Lundin, who served as a President of Region 6; the second member added was CW2 (Ret) Gerry Wentworth, who has served as a European Region President; and, the third member added was CW4 (Ret) Roy Valiant, who has served as a European Region President and the USAWOA Immediate Past National President.

EXCOM Minutes: In the month of February 2009, the Chairman of the Past Presidents Council was asked to start emailing the draft monthly EXCOM minutes to the PPC members. The purpose of emailing the draft monthly EXCOM minutes to the PPC members is to keep them updated on USAWOA activities.

On March 1, 2009, the Past Presidents Council received a mission from the National President. He asked that we totally revise the nomination format for USAWOA's elections in 2010.

The President stated in his email that "the in state nomination format should be short enough to fit easily into the NEWSLINER and still give the reader some kind of idea how the candidate thinks enough to decide on whom to vote for. As you know, in the past they have been too long and filled with individual things about a soldier/candidate's career but very little about the candidate's vision and goals for the Association."

The PPC members were asked to review the nomination form (200-13), Resume (200-6) and the sample Resume that have been used in the past for the election of the new BOD members. According to the USAWOA Manual 400-1P, USAWOA Form 200-6 is dated April 1976 and USAWOA Form 200-13 is dated December 1977.

The PPC members approved the final version of the Nomination Instructions, Election of the USAWOA BOD Nomination Form (USAWOA Form 200-13) and the Resume for the BOD. The final versions were emailed to the National President on April 12, 2009.

Focus Group Topics: In April 2009, in an email received from the National President, he asked if the members of the Past Presidents Council (PPC) would be willing to put the Focus Group packets together for the Focus Group Leaders for the 2009 AMM. On April 14, 2009, the PPC members agreed to support the National President's request with the stipulation that the topics be identified at least 120 days prior to the start of the 2009 AMM.

On July 2, 2009, the PPC members received 6 Focus Group Topics from the National President and were asked to start developing these or other topics that will impact or affect our Corps, our Army, or our retirees in preparation for the 2009 AMM.

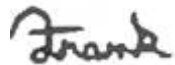
The PPC completed the research and reference materials on September 15, 2009 for the Focus Group Topics. The last three slides (Pros, Cons, and Conclusions or Recommendations) are for Focus Group leaders to complete during the 2009 AMM.

Listed below are the Focus Group Topics that were researched by members of the PPC and submitted to the National President on September 15, 2009:

1. CW5 Management
2. Who speaks for the Warrant Officer to the Army?
3. Save BAH for junior WO
4. Commander's Perception of Warrant Officers.
5. Permanent Instructors at the WOCC
6. What needs to be done in preparation for the Warrant Officer Corps 92nd Birthday?
7. Are there any plans for the Army to place a CW5 as the Commandant of WOCC in similar fashion as the US Army Sergeant Major Academy?

It has indeed been a great honor this past year for the members of the Past Presidents Council to support the EXCOM and/or Board of Directors to help make the USAWOA as efficient and highly organized as possible.

To the Corps,



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Chairman, Past Presidents Council