



HOWE MILITARY SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

October 7th, 2023

Call to Order: (@ hrs; RECORDING?)

1300 hrs., Alumni Club, 1505 E. Chicago Rd Sturgis, MI 49091

Board of Directors in Attendance:

Michael Dewitt (A01) President, Co-Treasurer

Eleni Mitropoulos-D'Andrea (A04), 1st VP

Crystal Vaughn (A12), 2nd VP, Co-Treasurer

Brian Morabito (A90), Secretary, Parliamentarian

Fred Seibold (A53)

Adam Stacey (A01)

Jean Miller, Outreach Coordinator

Alumni in Attendance: (quorum = 30)

School Prayer:

O God who hast made and preserved this School and set us here to learn Thy Will, accept and sanctify our service by the Inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit. Teach us to live together in love, in joy, and peace. In our work, give us the Spirit of understanding and perseverance; in our prayers the power to draw nigh to Thee; and in our games, true sportsmanship. Perfect the good work, which Thou hast begun in us; that with gallant and high hearted happiness we may strive for the setting up of Thy Kingdom in the world, to the honor and glory of Thy Name; through Him who loved us, and gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Approval of Agenda: (*"Barring any objection, the Agenda will be approved by general consent."*)

Opening Remarks: President Michael B. DeWitt, A01

Outreach Report: Jean Miller, Alumni Outreach Coordinator

Trustee Liaison: 1st VP Eleni Mitropolous-D'Andrea, A04

Website Report: CDR Fred Seibold, USN Ret, A53

Financial Report: Micheal B. DeWitt, A01 / 2nd VP Crystal Vaughn, A12

Ongoing Business:

1. The 2020 ABM was canceled
2. 2021 ABM Minutes edit (***Nominating*** changed to ***Executive***)
3. 3rd party accounting firm proposal
4. Alumni Memorabilia requests, fulfillment procedures
5. Parchment.com summary
6. Lagrange County Community Foundation, Legacy Funds update
7. Loan request: Father McKenzie's Vestments
8. New merchandise concepts, online storefront
9. Voices of St. James / Preserving Padre' fundraising concept
10. GCU update; status of campus, buildings, operation

New Business:

1. **Proposed revised bylaws provisions** (see attached):
 1. Article II, Section 10; Quorum
 2. Article II, Section 15, Means of Communication
 3. Article III, Section 8, Means of Communication

[M] "To replace and adopt the proposed bylaw provisions as stated." (Successful adoption requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.)

2. Board of Directors Nominations:

In accordance with Article V, Section 2(g) of our bylaws, the HMSAA Nominating Committee chair submits the following Howe Military Alumni in good standing to join the HMSAA Board of Directors for a three year term, ending in 2026:

1. Craig Buskirk, A70
2. Greg Taylor, A80
3. Owen Creger, A86

The following active Directors are duly nominated to remain on the Board for another full term, ending in 2026:

4. Michael Dewitt, A01
5. Rudy Recile, A86

Terms expiring in 2025:

6. Eleni Mitropolous-D'Andrea, A04
7. Brian Morabito, A90
8. Fred Seibold, A53
9. Adam Stacey, A01

10. Crystal Vaughn, A12

Inactive Directors:

Chris Hoeffcker A09 (Term expires in 2024)

Jonathon Hyde A01 (Term expires in 2024)

Larry Willoughby, A69 (Term expires in 2025)

Open Q&A:

Announcements:

1. Next Alumni Weekend is October 4th-6th, 2024 (tentative)
2. Ongoing generosity from Alumni who have or are considering a legacy gift or bequest should confirm the name of the intended recipient as HMSAA, and not HMS/HMA.
3. Banquet tonight: 5:30 social, 6:30 dinner, catered by the Howe Restaurant
4. Reflection, continental breakfast at the Alumni Club, 9am-1200pm.
5. The Board’s next RBM’s are October 31st, November 28th and December 26th, 1900 hrs EST via GoTo link (tbd)
6. Founder’s Day is November 1st.
7. A legacy gift and estate planning reminder: Due to the School’s final dissolution, please consider designating the HMSAA as the successor recipient to keep the legacy alive.

Adjournment: (@hrs)

Election of Officers:

The following slate of officers for the 2023-2024 term will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at their meeting immediately following the Annual Business Meeting, convened October 7th, 2023, at The Alumni Club, 1505 E. Chicago Rd., Sturgis, MI 49091.

President / Co-Treasurer:	Michael Dewitt, A01
1st Vice President:	Eleni Mitropolous-D’Andrea, A04
2nd Vice-President / Co-Treasurer	Crystal Vaughn, A12
Secretary	Brian Morabito, A90

ABM Minutes respectfully submitted this _____ day of October, 2023 by:

Brian Morabito, Secretary, HMSAA

Date

Michael DeWitt, President, HMSAA

Date