

West Coast Drill Instructor Association  
SgtMaj Leland D. 'Crow' Crawford Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting  
15 January 2019

**Members Present:**

President: CWO3 Chip Dykes (Ret)  
Vice President: GySgt Alan Hulett (Ret)  
Secretary: SSgt Gregg Stoner (Vet)  
Treasurer: SgtMaj Bobby Woods (Ret)  
Parliamentarian: GySgt Harold Franco (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Doug Barr (Ret)  
Board Member: MGySgt Duane Siegmann (Ret)  
Board Member: GySgt Tom Donner (Ret)  
SA President: Stephanie Parmele, President  
Advisor: LtCol Webster, CO 2<sup>nd</sup> RTBn  
Advisor: SgtMaj Chabot, SgtMaj RTR  
Advisor: SgtMaj Edwin Hidalgo, SgtMaj 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
Advisor: SgtMaj George Vega: SgtMaj 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn  
Advisor: 1stSgt Lynn Brown: 1stSgt DI School  
Advisor: 1stSgt Daniel Belec, 1stSgt 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
Advisor: 1stSgt Fernando Lopez, 1stSgt 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
Advisor: 1stSgt Gustavo Hernandez, 1stSgt 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
Advisor: 1stSgt Daniel Navrestad, 1stSgt 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn  
Advisor: GySgt Jonathan Sypole, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, Golf Co.  
Advisor: GySgt Ben Parmele, Miramar Rep

**Members Absent:**

Board Member: SgtMaj John Clampitt (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Ron Hoffman (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Dave Francisco (Ret)  
Board Member: SgtMaj Bill Paxton (Ret)

**Call to Order:** At 1600 hours President Chip Dykes called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**(Note:** To maximize the active duty personnel's time the meeting agenda was modified to address issues most pertinent to active duty personnel.)

**Review of Minutes:** The minutes of the prior board of directors meetings on 10-16-18 and 11-20-18 were reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as presented: **motions passed.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Bobby Woods presented the financial status of our bank account and also discussed the Thrivent 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter report. Thrivent's value was down due to market fluctuations. A motion was made and seconded to approve the report: **motion passed.**

**Spouse Auxiliary:**

SA President Stephanie Parmele reported that she is the only active SA board member, and that the other board members are not returning calls or emails and appear to be operating on agendas of their own. Since the MCRD Fire Department has temporarily taken over their former meeting place until the firehouse is rebuilt the SA has no space to officially operate. They were offered a small space at the boathouse, but SA members did not like the space and rejected it. Stephanie also said they need Teddy bears for the upcoming DI call.

The FROs are now all active duty personnel. Chip Dykes will speak to each battalion FRO to get them engaged to what we do.

**Active Duty Advisor Input:** The active duty advisors were asked to submit their ideas and suggestions for how the WCDIA could benefit them and their DIs. The WCDIA is seeking membership from the active duty DIs.

**Committee Reports:**

**Reunion Committee:**

**1. Change of Friday procedures:** Previous issues have resulted in difficulties for the WCDIA to get the support needed to conduct our reunion activities. Col Russo, Depot G-3, has discussed with Chip Dykes how the Depot could take over the Friday events and provide a smoother operation. Col Russo suggested calling the day "DI Day" and will have MCCA handle the details of the events such as seating, tents, breakfast at the mess hall, lunch at the boathouse, and that should virtually eliminate the previous issues. This could affect the opportunity drawing, and that may have to be moved to another day.

**2. Best Damned Cadence Caller in the West Contest:** Chip Dykes proposed continuing the annual competition between active DIs and the old salts, but is proposing that an additional trophy be created that would be a "perpetual trophy" that would be awarded to the active duty DI that out performs his active duty peers. This trophy would then be kept at the battalion the DI comes from and would be "bragging rights" for that battalion for the next year. It was felt that the competition among active duty DIs would create more interest in attending and participating.

**3. Reunion date:** It was agreed that August would be a better choice for the reunion. After discussion of dates it was agreed that if we would try to set the date from 8-11 August subject to the hotel being available. If those dates were not good with the hotel then we would go with 1-4 August (subsequent finding: the hotel is not

available from 8-11 August so the **1-4 August date will be our reunion dates.**)

Discussions about reunion details will be held at a future meeting.

**Gifting Committee:**

1. No discussion took place on prior committee proposals.
2. Alan Hulett passed out a suggestion list for increasing attendance and bringing in more donation funds.

**Development Committee:**

1. No report was provided. Chip Dykes said the WCDIA needs more board members on the board. The subject of allowing active duty DIs to be on the board arose, but past Depot rulings prevented active duty Marines from being a voting member of a board. Chip will check out current rulings.
2. Bobby Woods explained to the Advisors a brief history of the woes that the old National DI Association board brought to fold and how the CG and Depot Sergeant Major stopped them from operating aboard the Depot. It was Bobby Woods' efforts that resurrected the association, which soon broke all ties with the National DI Association and reformed as a new organization, the West Coast DI Association. To eliminate issues of the past the new board of directors decided to eliminate member dues, and instead relying on financial support from member donations.

**Brick Committee:** No report was offered, but advisors had questions about obtaining a brick. Gregg Stoner will forward a brick order form copy to all battalion sergeants major for future use. Bobby Woods explained that we try to install the bricks once per year just prior to the reunion, but that on a case-by-case basis we can install a single brick if needed. It was noted that the current original red bricks are slightly smaller than the memorial bricks and that requires cutting the old bricks to make room for the new. Chip Dykes emphasized that the bricks make an excellent award for service to DIs.

**Old Business:**

1. **Battalion DI/SDI of the Quarter Boards:** Chip Dykes let the advisors know that we have offered to provide this attractive wall piece to each of the battalions and already has board approval.
2. **Update on DI Collar Pin:** Gregg Stoner made contact with the vendor and obtained a quote for getting the new pins: the quote requires a minimum purchase of 100 pins at a cost of approximately \$8.60 per pin. Gregg suggested that the price and quantity appears excessive and would take a long time to sell 100 units. Gregg will ask the East Coast DI Association President, SgtMaj Ken Miles, if we can purchase a small quantity (50) from their large supply.
3. **Select a Chair for the Development Committee:** A motion was made and seconded to nominate GySgt Harold Franco as the Chairman of the Development Committee—**motion passed.**
4. **Fund Raising Gun Raffle Discussion Continued:** At our previous meeting the concept was raised of offering a gun raffle. Harold Franco has been involved with several similar raffles and they are popular and profitable. The winner of the raffle must retrieve the weapons from an FTL dealer and meet all gun purchase requirements of the

law. Harold said that he knows a dealer that has previously donated a weapon to his group and he will check on what the dealer might be able to do for us. In discussions it was felt that we could probably do four of these raffles per year. It was noted that we might have to obtain a license from the state of California—Chip Dykes will pursue obtaining the license. More details will be discussed at then next ExCom meeting.

5. 1stSgt Lynn Brown advised the board that he has been selected for sergeant major and that 1stSgt Nelson Coburn will be taking his place as 1stSgt of DI School.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**Adjourn:** At 1720 hours a motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Stoner  
Secretary