



Board of Directors Meeting
Military Writers Society of America
Minutes of the Meeting
February 8, 2023

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM EST via Zoom by Vice-President Valerie Ormond. Also attending were: Jim Greenwald, President; Ruth W. Crocker, Secretary; Directors at Large, Dane Zeller and Kathleen Rodgers; Bob Doerr, Past President; Absent was Treasurer, Hugh Simpson.
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting were approved on motion duly made and seconded.
3. Treasurer's Report was submitted by Hugh Simpson and presented by Valerie Ormond, Vice-President, and approved.

Acct:	22-Dec	23-Jan
Program	4,406.46	4506.46
Awards	5,373.39	7,913.09
Operations	43,177.53	45,035.98
Total	\$53,057.38	\$57,455.53

Notes: Program Acct. deposit for 2023 Conf and AV payment \$2,386.46. Stripes acct. revenues deposited into Op Acct beginning 1/30/2023.

There was a discussion of the MWSA Draft FY 2023 budget. Ruth Crocker made a motion to accept the draft budget (see attached). The motion was passed.

4. Membership Conference

Registration for the 2023 conference is now live online. President Jim Greenwald said that this is the time to sign up. The agenda is complete, for now.

5. Old Business – presented by Valerie Ormond and Jim Greenwald

- a. MWSA workshops – Dane Zeller has taken over the workshops formerly organized by Jack London. He is currently looking for presenters and will communicate a general plan and scope for the workshops soon.
- b. Membership – currently, there are 553 members. 221 are 1-year, 51 are 2-year, 96 are 3-year, 30 lifetime, 1 honorary, 6 volunteers, and 157 associates.
- c. Awards Program – there are over 60 entries and the reviewers are busy with reviews. Thirty-three entries are awaiting reviewers. Email blasts will be going out soon to express our dire need for more reviewers.

6. New Business

- a. Anthology - Jim Greenwald stated that there are 35 submissions for the anthology and the deadline for submissions is the end of February, 2023.
- b. Open positions on board – there was previously one position open on the board for Director at Large. Prior to the meeting, today, Director-at-Large Neal Kusumoto resigned his position on the board. Two volunteers have come forward, Gary Zelinnski and John Cathcart, and there will be a decision made by March 31 which was the date established for volunteers to submit nominations. There will also be a review and update in the bylaws regarding policies related to people leaving the board. President Jim Greenwald will conduct the first bylaws review and will request another board volunteer to take on the review process as an action item.
- c. Scholarship program – Five applicants have expressed interest. Four essays have been received and two have been judged with the other two in process. On April 1st, the winner will be announced. Valerie Ormond shared her concern that the

scholarship program may not be worth the time and energy required to manage it. Kathleen Rodgers was concerned that perhaps the theme should be less “military” and/or less focused on patriotism. This discussion will be continued at a later date.

7. Open Discussion – Regarding location for the 2024 conference, Greenwald said that there was strong support for Tulsa, OK, based on the surveys from the New Orleans conference last year. Discussion followed about possibilities of having the conference in Denver or Las Vegas.
8. The Reimbursement Policy was voted on and approved during an online vote in January.
9. Privacy Policy – Greenwald stated that the Privacy Policy is online on the website, it indicates that unless a member clearly indicates a willingness to share their information, we have no right to share their information and must be vigilant to avoid exposing information.
10. Open Discussion – Greenwald stated that we need nominees for Writer of the Year. If no one comes to mind, it is not a problem. We do not need to have a recipient every year. If you have a person in mind, please read the necessary minimum qualifications which are available on the website.
11. Next board meeting will be May 10, 2023 @ 12:00pm EST.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm EST.