

## MINUTES

Name of Organization: Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association (GOMA)

Purpose of Meeting: Monthly Officers Meeting

Date/Time: 5 Jan 2013 @ 11:05 AM (EST)

Chair: Charles Bushnell

Officers Present      Robert Charlton  
                                 Michael Brown  
                                 Charles Bushnell

### Members in attendance:

- **Romeo Delossantoscoy**
- **Dave Tiftt**
- **Ed Hand**
- **Pete Rodriguez**

Meeting was recognized that we have a quorum and was brought to order by Charles Bushnell

Charles Bushnell identified a correction to the last minutes under the Topic: Recognizing Honor Graduates at all Ordnance Schools in that the date of the last entry needs to be changed from 7/25/12 to 11/3/12 which will be reflected in this meetings minutes. No other changes were recommended and Charles Bushnell motioned to approve minutes for meeting held 11/3/2012, Robert Charlton seconded and in vote all approved.

### Old business:

**Topic:** Election Committee Chairman

**Discussion:** It is getting time for the annual elections and an Election Committee Chairman is needed to form the committee.

**Action:** Place this as one of the topics in the brief to the Ordnance Symposium.

**Update:** Greg and Charles to approach Sean Collins. Robert to add discussion regarding election committee chairman in email regarding annual meeting this weekend.

**Update 5/3/2012:** Robert will be in Albany next week. Greg sent email again tonight to Sean Collins. Plan is for all board members to meet with Sean next week (Wed night?) to discuss the plan ahead in identifying a volunteer to be the 2012 Election Committee Chairman.

**Update 6/4/2012:** Robert will reach out to all members to ask for a volunteer.

**Person Responsible:** Mike Brown/Greg Frich/Robert Charlton/Charles Bushnell

**Update 07/25/12:** There was discussion about the need to have an Election chairperson in place to administer the election of new officers at the annual meeting. Responsibilities would include collecting nominations, administer the election, and count and report the ballots. Discussion also addressed the need to announce the billets to be elected.

**Update 11/3/12:** Romeo Delossantoscoy has volunteered to take lead in finding an Election Committee Chairman with the goal to have an election executed before the end of the year.

**Update 1/5/13:** Romeo Delossantoscoy has spoken to many members and other ordnance marine in attempts to find volunteers to take on the roll as Election Committee Chairman. What is even more difficult is finding those who are willing to volunteer for office. There was some success in that Pete Rodriguez joined and is also assisting with this effort. Mike Brown stated that Mike Lewis (recently retired from second career and who is also a Plank Holder in GOMA) has expressed an interest in doing what he can to help get the GOMA moving. Charles Bushnell has stated his desire to remain in the role of Membership Services. Pete and Romeo to make contact with Mike and continue to press forward for elections.

**Topic:** Annual GOMA Meeting

**Discussion:** It was originally thought that we would hold the annual meeting at the Annual Ordnance Symposium where it was expected to have the most members present for voting of new Officers but the notice for the symposium and the logistics have made it difficult to do so this year.

**Update 5/3/2012:** The community is working towards trying to tie in the Ordnance Symposium with the annual DoD Maintenance Symposium as are many other OCC fields which goes the second week of November of each year. The concern raised regarding this is that TAD Budgets are already getting cut and it is unlikely that there will be a good representation at next year's event. It was discussed that since the majority of active members reside close to Virginia, that we set it to be the location for annual GOMA meeting. Motion was carried to proceed by Mike Brown and seconded by Charles Bushnell and in vote all were in favor.

**Action:** To locate a location for this year's meeting to be held possibly in April 2012. In order to get the best attendance as possible, an email will be sent out to all active members asking for ideas and preferences. Charles Bushnell to send updated Roster to Board Members. Robert Charlton to send email to members

**Update:** 3/6/2012 Robert to send out email out this weekend.

**Update 5/3/2012:** Robert to send out email out this weekend to solicit all members regarding specific location, Date and Time of annual GOMA Meeting.

**Update 6/4/2012:** Robert to make contact with Dan Koch to solicit ideas and availability at the schoolhouse as a location.

**Person Responsible:** Robert Charlton

**Update 07/25/12:** Robert reported that no member input has been received and that he had not yet spoken with Dan Koch at the school house. Robert will talk to Dan to discuss location and sponsorship and report in a week.

**Update 11/3/12:** David Patterson has volunteered to look around the San Diego area and Romeo Delossantoscoy will see what can be found around the Quantico area. What is needed is a chairman to lead this project to completion.

**Update 1/5/13:** No update. Continue to pursue. Chairman for project and location is needed for this. All on phone agrees that we will reach out the best that we can.

**Topic:** GOMA Newsletter

**Discussion:** A Member of the Association had volunteered to start an association newsletter. It was brought to vote as to whether we should ask him to proceed by Robert Charlton, seconded by Charles Bushnell and at vote all were in favor.

**Update 5/3/2012:** Re-energize efforts and if agreeable with member, begin action to get a quarterly newsletter published

**Action:** Board to get with member and request that he begin the project

**Update:** Action officer is soliciting topics for newsletter to send to Mike Dahlkamp for creation

**Update 5/3/2012:** Robert to add a call for information/topics for the newsletter in the email going out this weekend

**Update 6/4/2012:** Robert still has active to work

**Person Responsible:** Robert Charlton

**Update 07/25/12:** No news

**Update 11/3/12:** Robert has asked to keep this topic open and he will try to revisit this topic with Mike Dahlkamp

**Update 1/5/13:** Mike Dahlkamp did make contact with Membership Services for membership roster and past minutes. No other updates to pass. Romeo will approach to see where he might be with this.

**Topic:** Posting of minutes

Discussion: Minutes prior to June 2012 need to be posted on the www site.

**Action:** Sean Jones (?)

**Update 11/3/12:** This particular topic was not been addressed. We need to create a library of all old copies of minutes. Charles Bushnell will go through his files and send copies he has to the webmaster and a full list of what was sent to the team in case all copies could not be located. **Topic is closed**

**Topic:** Full financial report to be presented at each meeting

**Discussion:** Greg Frich recommended to the board that we providing to the board a full financial report each month. Sean Jones agreed and stated that this is required and that he will start providing it right away as soon as this month's minutes are received.

**Action:** Sean Jones

**Update 11/3/12:** Robert Charlton has for action and states that full financial will be sent within next couple of weeks. It was motioned in favor to proceed by Michael Brown, seconded by Robert Charlton and at vote all were in favor. **Topic is closed**

**Topic:** Fund program for Ground Ordnance Marines and their families

**Discussion:** Greg Frich recommended to the board that we start looking into option of what we can do to help the community. One option would be to start looking at what we could do in conjunction with the Marine Corps Association with the clear understanding that we be assured that all use of funds be retained at the discretion of the GOMA. Greg volunteered to take lead on this. It was motioned in favor to proceed by Robert Charlton, seconded by Sean Jones and at vote all were in favor

**Action:** Greg Frich

**Update 07/25/12:** Tabled pending Greg's availability.

**Update 11/3/12:** Tabled until new officers can be elected and annual meeting is organized.

**Topic:** Recognizing Honor Graduates at all Ordnance Schools

**Discussion:** Charles Bushnell recommended to the board that we start moving forward in making contact with the Ordnance schools in working with the GOMA to recognize the outstanding achievement of each honor grad by providing them a certificate of achievement along with a letter of congratulations awarding them a one year honorary membership into the GOMA with instructions on where to go to fill out the membership application. Where possible, a GOMA member will be present at the graduation.

**Action:** Sean to make liaison with AAS in Del Mar, Robert to make liaison with Dan Koch and also to solicit from him POC's for all other schools. Mike to create certificate and cover letter.

**Update 07/25/12:** Chuck recommended a one year membership award to include a certificate of achievement with cover letter to the school's honor graduates; approved by unanimous vote.

**Update 11/03/12:** The Association would like to move forward and get this into action immediately. Needed is a matrix of all school houses with POC;s and a member identified who can be present for each graduation to present the award to the Top Graduate. Romeo Delossantoscoy has taken this for action.

**Update 1/5/13:** Romeo Delossantoscoy still working and will make contact with Major Koch to get Ft Lee Contact listing. Charles Bushnell will get with Sean Jones to see if he has made any progress in making contact with the 21XX course leadership.

**Topic:** Annual Website Renewal Fees

**Discussion:** Charles Bushnell brought attention to the email from Sean Jones where annual cost of website is \$200. The first 2 years he paid for and donated the cost to the association. 3<sup>rd</sup> year has been paid and it is requested that reimbursement be made. It was motioned in favor to proceed by Robert Charlton, seconded by Michael Brown and at vote all were in favor.

**Action:** Documentation of cost to be sent to Robert Charlton who will execute check to Sean Jones. Sean Jones will transfer account to GOMA for future payments direct.

**Update 1/5/13:** Robert Charlton to send check by weeks end and notify GOMA Officers once completed. This will close this topic.

**New business:**

**Topic:** Annual Members Renewal Dues

**Discussion:** Membership expires on 2/28/2012 for 12 members. Membership Services proposed that we extend this and asked for idea's. Robert Charlton proposed that all annual members be extended until which time our first annual meeting is held and at that time, dues would be required. It was also proposed that those renewed memberships would be extended until that follow on annual meeting. Romeo Delossantoscoy asked if by-laws would need to be ratified and the Chairman stated yes, but that must be done at the time of the annual meeting. It was motioned in favor to proceed by Romeo Delossantoscoy, seconded by Mike Brown and at vote all were in favor.

**Action:** Annual Members will be notified through dissemination of these minutes.

**Topic:** Secondary access to checkbook and GOMA P.O. Box

**Discussion:** Robert Charlton proposed that Romeo Delossantoscoy be assigned as secondary signatory to the GOMA Checkbook (account) and provided a key to the GOMA P.O. Box. Discussion was all positive and it was motioned in favor to proceed by Robert Charlton, seconded by Mike Brown and at vote all were in favor.

**Action:** Robert to get with Romeo to provide him access.

**Membership report:**

- Currently, the membership base is confirmed at 57 members (34 Plank, 7 Life, and 16; Annual)
- 4 new annual members since last meeting
- 2 applications received (11/29& 12/17) from Sgt Samuel Gilley referred by Thomas Monahan. Payment confirmation is pending.
- 12 current annual memberships expire 2/28/2013 but are now extended until the first Annual Meeting
- All members are active and current in their dues

**Financial Report:**

IRS 501 C 3 – The I.R.S. agent reviewing our case (Retired Navy) contacted Robert Charlton to let him know that the Bylaws do not qualify us for the C 3 as only specifically qualified populace are allowed to join. Without this, we will not be able to obtain a tax exempt status. Choices are:

- a. Open the association to the General Populace
- b. Withdraw our application
- c. Allow it to be denied (which becomes public record)
- d. Change application from 501 C 3 to 501 C 6 (Still eligible for C 3 application if the Association was ever to qualify in the future)

Motion made by Charles Bushnell to proceed with 501 C 6 and Michael Brown seconded. Robert Charlton has for action. **Deadline to complete is Nov 6, 2012.**  
**Update 1/5/13** Robert pulled the C3 application and a new application is needed to submit. Robert Charlton will work with Romeo Delossantoscoy to get this done.

Robert will email full financial update.

**Good of the GOMA (info to be passed without need of actions)**

**MCO Status:** Robert Charlton believes that this has been signed; he will check with Eric Kirchner and obtain a copy.

**Fundraisers:** Romeo Delossantoscoy opened discussion regarding fundraisers. It was agreed that currently there are no limitations and we ask all of membership to solicit for donations or come up with ideas on what we can do to raise funds.

End of meeting. A motion to adjourn was given by Charles Bushnell, seconded by Michael Brown and in vote, all were in favor.