

**Iowa/Illinois Chapter
National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
9 November 2010**

1. The Iowa/Illinois Chapter of NDIA Board of Directors held its bimonthly meeting at Bennigan's Grill and Tavern in the Holiday Inn, Bettendorf, IA on 9 November 2010. Mr. George Rivard called the meeting to order at 5:05pm. Board members and chapter officers present were Ms. Tammy Dean, Mr. Art Heyderman, Mr. Steve Mapley, Mr. John Masengarb, Ms. Vicky Miller, Mr. Jimmy Morgan, Mr. Billy Murphy, Mr. Bob Radkiewicz, Mr. George Rivard, Mr. Mert Sachs, Mr. John Shipley and Ms. Dianne Wheeler.
2. Mr Rivard mentioned that the minutes from the September 2010 board meeting were previously distributed. Mr. Mapley made a motion to accept the minutes. After a second by Mr. Radkiewicz, the motion passed.
3. Treasurer's Report. Mr Masengarb distributed the treasurer's report for the period of 1 September thru 31 October 2010. Mr. Masengarb revised the detailed income and expenses spreadsheet to match expenses with FY2011 budget expense categories. A listing of the unexpended balances of the budget commitments replaced the Outstanding Commitments section. Income and expenses from activities such as the small business symposium or the advance planning briefing for industry are not included in the spreadsheet. Currently the chapter is almost \$7,100 below its end of FY 2011 cash reserve of \$16,000. Mr. Shipley made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. After a second by Mr. Heyderman, the motion passed.
4. Chapter By-laws. Mr. Masengarb reported that all responding chapter members agreed with the proposed changes to the chapter by-laws. Mr. Rivard directed posting of the approved by-laws to the chapter web site.
5. Scholarships. Mr. Masengarb reported receipt of the \$4,000 donation from Rockwell Collins. These funds will support the chapter's annual scholarship program. Posting of the scholarship application on the chapter's web site will occur within two weeks. Due date for submission of the applications is March 21, 2011.
6. Chapter Web Site. Redesign of the chapter's web site is in process. The site will feature a new front page. Back pages will contain our current data plus additional information on awards recipients and corporate members. Both Mr. Rivard and Mr. Masengarb are meeting with JTM Concepts on the design. Mr. Rivard asked Mr. Heyderman to write the chapter's history for inclusion on the web site.
7. Donations. The Honor Flight of the Quad Cities sent a thank you note in response to the chapter's \$2,000 donation. The board members declined a donation request from the Moline Veterans Center. The chapter's FY 2011 budget includes a \$500 donation for the 2010 Holiday Ball. The Rock Island Arsenal Garrison has renamed the event to a Holiday Party. Mr. Radkiewicz made a motion to support the Holiday Party with a \$500 donation. After a second by Mr. Mapley, the motion passed.

8. Membership. Mr. Rivard reported that the chapter membership stands at 851.

9. Programs. The planning committee for the 2011 Midwest Small Business Government Contracting Symposium held its kick-off meeting, September 16th with a follow-up meeting on October 14th. The theme for the symposium is “The Future is Now.” The Rock Island Post of the Society of American Military Engineers will not co-sponsor the 2011 symposium. Chapter board members Mr. Masengarb, Ms. Miller, Mr. Radkiewicz, Mr. Shipley and Mr. Wilson are members of the Planning Committee. The Chapter did send a request to National for assistance in securing a keynote speaker; Ms. Karen G. Mills, Administrator for SBA, is being sought.

10. STEM.

a. DoD STARBASE. Mr. Rivard and Mr. Morgan met with Rock Island Arsenal Garrison DoD STARBASE group. John Deere is providing a letter supporting the DoD STARBASE program. The Garrison group is to build a manning and budget for the program. Also a non-profit organization needs to be established. The earliest date for a DoD STARBASE presence on Rock Island Arsenal in FY 2012.

b. The Iowa-Illinois Chapter Board STEM coordinator, Mr. Mapley, represents our chapter on the Davenport School System’s Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Advisory Council. Davenport West High School was chosen as a PLTW “Model School.” Davenport West is one of 10 PLTW schools in the nation to receive this recognition. Basis of selection is its innovative approach to engaging students in STEM education. Davenport West PLTW teachers and four PTLW students received all-expense paid trips to Washington, DC to participate in the PLTW National Innovation Summit and the USA Science & Engineering Festival Expo.

c. There are several events that Mr. Mapley has been planning in conjunction with the Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council (QCESC). These events are:

(1) Putnam Museum hosted “Mom’s Night Out for STEM” on October 18th. This event provided mothers of middle school students about future STEM career opportunities and provided fun STEM related activities to use with their children. Seventy mom and 60 students attended.

(2) The QCESC is planning a FIRST Lego League (FLL) robotics regional qualifying competition for December 11th at the Putnam Museum. FLL is a competition for middle school students that combine learning research skills, teamwork and robotics. The QCESC is expecting 24 teams to participate and 700 people to attend.

(3) Putnam Museum is the location for a FIRST Technology Challenge (FTC) on January 15th. FTC is a robotics competition for high school students. The scrimmage allows regional teams to test their robots in a competitive environment.

(4) On February 12th the QCESC will be hosting its 4th Annual Bridge Competition at the Putnam Museum. This event is a fun event for families and friends to build and test a bridge using simple materials. High school competitors will have a separate category.

(5) The QCESC is planning to host a Trebuchet Competition at Bettendorf High School in March 2011 and a Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Bettendorf Park Lagoon in April 2011.

11. Women in Defense (WID). Ms. Wheeler said the chapter membership is holding steady around 184 members. Mr. Rivard and Ms. Miller attended the Installation of Officers Ceremony, October 13th. The chapter is holding its annual symposium, a leadership training conference, on March 9, 2011 at the Waterfront Convention Center in Bettendorf, IA. The chapter raised \$500 from its sale of Younkers Coupon Books.

12. Nominating Committee. The nominating committee has not met. The committee chairman is looking for a nominee to fill the Chapter Secretary position. The committee is planning a meeting prior to the next board meeting.

13. Chapter President's Report. Major General James McInerney, NDIA Vice President for Membership is retiring effective December 31st. Mr. Heyderman is preparing a letter of appreciation for the chapter to send to him. Mr Rivard visited the Joint Manufacturing Technology Center(JMTC) to view the Small Arms Manufacturing cell; the JMTC wants to increase its presence as a source of supply as well as source of business, and believes a dialog with commercial businesses may assist in identifying ways to pursue that mutually beneficial private/public business objective. Creating such a venue for discussion, should the objective be more seriously pursued, aligns perfectly with our Chapter mission.

14. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Heyderman. Seconded by Mr. Sachs. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm. Next board meeting will be Jan 11th at Bennigan's Grill and Tavern in the Bettendorf Holiday Inn. Meeting will begin at 5:00 pm.

John Masengarb

Secretary / Treasurer