

CGEA CONVENTION 2022
Nashville, TN
08-11 August 2022

Old Business

1. \$5,000 budget uses
2. Transitioning to be more like the CPOA on our own

New Business

1. Social media chair continuing to contact branches to update Facebook page names to mirror CGEA National Facebook page.
2. Social media chair will work on linking the Facebook and Instagram CGEA national pages
3. Discuss ideas to promote and increase convention attendance.
4. Starting a CGEA newsletter quarterly to communicate what the CGEA is doing, explanation of what committees do at CPOA/CGEA convention, what National officers do to be sent out by the National Officer Board members.
5. Communicating with CGEA members to update their email address to use their personal email vice a “.mil” address with CPOA-membership director Julie Behre.
6. Bring back live from the deck plate between CGEA National officers and branch officers.
7. \$3,000 budget uses.

Members in attendance

YNC Casey Lawrence, National President
MST2 Ian Woods, National Vice President, National President, elect
YN1 Tammy Bogart (ret), National Secretary, National Vice President, elect
BM2 Danny Shanahan, National Treasurer elect
OS1 Elizabeth Clawson, Bay State Branch
AMT1 Justin Lawrence, Member at large
YN2 Erica Walkinhood, President Garden State branch
BM1 David Pasero, Treasurer Garden State branch
BM1 Nicholas Repasi, President Lake Effect branch
ME1 Matt Tommie, President Emerald City branch
ET1 David Robbins, Treasurer North Bay branch
SK2 Christine Wolk, Vice President Tide Water branch
OS2 Elisa Espinoza, Vice President Cape and Island branch
YN3 Miranda Cantu, President Lower Columbia River branch
YN1 Syretta Bromfield, President Golden Gate branch

8 August 2022-1355 meeting called to order by YNC Lawrence, President
President- begins introduction of all members

President- We as the National officers are continuing to work on the CGEA newsletter and intending to send out this fall and asked what items would the branches like to see in the newsletter.

Members present requested the following items be included in the newsletter:

- a. Description of what the committees at convention are and what they do
- b. What CGEA National Officers jobs are and what they are doing at the national level
- c. Information about what we do at convention and why members should attend
- d. What the luck bag fund is
- e. Membership drive ideas
- f. Volunteer and fundraising ideas
- g. Defining what the Presidents Outstanding Branch Award (POBA) is and how branches can submit a package

1442- President, YNC Lawrence, calls recess at 1442

1455- President, YNC Lawrence, calls back in session

National CPOA President and Executive director enters for discussion about CPOA/CGEA dues being increased for the first time in 20 years from \$24 a year to \$48 a year effective 1 January 2023 and Q&A.

Secretary/Treasurer- reminds members to take back to their branch and continue to spread the word to update branch Facebook pages to reflect CGEA nationals page title-Coast Guard Enlisted Association-"branch name"

Secretary/Treasurer- Discussion of how can we improve our social media? Request was made by members to link CGEA National Facebook and Instagram accounts.

1555- President, YNC Lawrence, calls recess at 1555

1605-back in session

Vice President- explained what the President's Outstanding Branch Award is, criteria to apply, and explanation of submission and what happens when a branch wins the award.

President- discussion of what the lucky bag fund is.

1648-YNC Lawrence, President, calls recess for the day.

10 August 2022-1259 YNC Lawrence, President calls order

President, Next year all POBA submissions have to be a physical submission. Digital submissions will not be accepted. If CGEA branch is not present at convention the submission can be submitted by CPOA members present at convention or packages can be mailed to CPOA Executive Director Randy Reid.

Discussion and voting of President's Outstanding Branch Award. Nominees are:

1. Caribbean Branch
2. Emerald City Branch
3. Lone Star Branch

Voting conducted by members present and the winner that was selected is the Emerald City Branch.

ME1 Matt Tommie-provided a new chapter branch officer checklist. Request was made to work with Executive Director to update the current checklist on the CPOA website and incorporate it into the very start of the CPOA website.

President-CGEA National officers will work with CPOA software specialist and Executive to provide updated information for CPOA website. Member stated the option to update branch information on CPOA website does not properly work and the only way they were able to update their branch officer information by directly contacting the membership director.

BM2 Danny Shanahan calls a motion to allocate \$50 per branch to be available for all 44 branches for a total \$2200 of the budget to use towards membership drives to be used no later than 31 December 2022.

*BM1 Nicholas Repasi revised proposed amend to give \$50 just to the branches who specifically file the form to request it for membership drive vice giving it to everyone without them even asking for it.

Second by OS1 Elizabeth Clawson.

All in favor, motion carried forward.

BM2 Danny Shanahan calls a motion to allocate \$800 of the remaining \$3,000 budget to purchase CGEA challenge coins, stickers and postage to be used as rewards for CGEA recruitment efforts. The coins or stickers would be sent to branches for CGEA recruitment efforts. The recruitment goal levels of new members enrolled by a current CGEA member to be awarded a coin or sticker will be decided by the National Officer board.

Second by AMT1 Justin Lawrence.

All in favor, motion carried forward.

MST2 Ian Woods, National Vice President provided the national email address of to contact the CGEA National officers: CGENLISTEDASSOCIATION@GMAIL.COM and requested any members who have ideas for CGEA recruitment to the email provided to be sent to Head Quarters.

1330- President, YNC Casey Lawrence adjourns meeting.