



THE CHAMBER

colorado springs

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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Chair, Military Affairs Board

SUBJECT: Military Affairs Board Agenda

1. **Place:** Chamber of Commerce Board Room, 2 N. Cascade
2. **Date and Time:** Thursday, 20 September at 7:30 a.m
3. **Attendees:** Wes Clark, Vince Rusinak, Bill Tutt, Larry Fortner, Bob Stein, John Baily, Denny Cripps, Randy Rocha, Dave Csintyan, Stephannie Finley, Joan Saunders, Ric Denton, Brian Binn
4. **Absent:** Leroy Landhuis, Tim McMahon, Kelly Roth, Ed Anderson, Mike Kazmierski, Gar Anneler, Dennis Hisey, Bob Stovall
5. **Review and approval of Previous Minutes:** Military Affairs Board Meeting Minutes of 19 July 2007 were approved unanimously by the Board.
6. **Agenda Items:**
 - a. Welcome and Introductions – Wes Clark opened the meeting. No new members or guests were present.
 - b. Chamber Update – Dave Csintyan
 - Greater Colorado Springs Partnership: Partnership currently has the Black and Hispanic Chambers and Experience Colorado Springs as participants. Dave indicated that several other organizations are also very interested and discussions continue. The Partnership will provide a community voice on issues and be much more powerful. Organizations will not lose their identities. Dues structures and other financial issues are still being worked.
 - Chamber Interim Location: Chamber is evaluating interim space and will decide shortly. Plan is to move by end of year and expect to be in location for minimum of two years until permanent location in urban core is secured.
 - Bridge Campaign: continues to be highly successful with nearly 10 of 10 indicating and committing to financial support. This will lead into our development campaign early next year for longer term commitment to Chamber activities.
 - Membership Metrics: Membership is still a key leg to the chamber's success. Working issues hard to bring in new members and retain those we have.
 - c. Governmental Affairs and Public Policy Update – Stephannie Finley
 - State Meeting on Military: Working to target selected offices in Denver to brief on the military and its importance to the State.
 - DC Trip: Trip to DC planned in October to begin coordination for Chamber trip to DC. Dates not yet set, but looking like similar time frame as last year in mid to late March. Much depends on legislative calendar.
 - d. Military Affairs Finance Update: Brian Binn
 - Based on end of June data, the MAC is projected to end year with about \$80,000 in its dedicated account. Restricted Account is not the best term and will be dropped in favor of dedicated funds. Funds will be made available if needed, but are also included in normal day-to-day cash flow of Chamber. There are several budgeted, and unbudgeted items between now and end of year that will reduce the \$80K.
 - The Military Affairs budget did not make projected revenues, but was also less on projected expenses. Additional reconciliation needs to be done on some accounts to get an accurate picture
 - Budget for 2008 is currently in preparation. Realistic budgeting will be critical with a close scrutiny of ensuring positive revenue flow for Division events, as well as good stewardship of the MAC budget.

- e. Membership Committee Report – Bob Stein
 - MAC Membership: Currently at 220, a growth of 41 since March 2006.
 - Delinquent Members: Two have not paid 2007 dues. They were advised that they will be dropped from MAC membership as of 5 October and will not be reinstated until 2007 dues are paid.
 - New Members: Three new members were added since last Board meeting (Pacheco, Creely, McWilliams), with two more applications on file.
 - Membership Committee: Committee will be looking for one or two new members for 2008

- f. Old Business:
 - Pinon Canyon Update (Brian Binn): Expect legislative action to halt Army work on further studies (EIS). Chamber press conference generated significant interest and surprise from Sen Salazar's staff.
 - PTAC Update (Ric Denton): Moving forward with garnering support needed. Best option is to approach as a State PTAC, but under the Chamber vs the State or a University. Working the issues with State and the matching funds. Timeline for submission of proposal to Defense Logistics Agency is spring 2008.

- g. New Business:
 - Nominating Committee (Vic Andrews): Vic briefed the results of the committee's work to the Board for the 2008 Board selectees. Recommendation for Board Chair is Vince Rusinak, and Vice Chair is Ed Anderson. Fro new Board members: Paula Pearl, Don Addy, Kevin Estrem, and Fritz Burkhart. Chair and Vice Chair will be presented to the Chamber Main Board in October for approval per the Chamber by-laws. Vic thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their work (Bob Stein and Gar Anneler).
 - NORAD-USNORTHCOM and District 11: Gen Renuart had expressed interest in the District 11 school district and relation to Peterson. The Command has set up a luncheon meeting with school superintendents to meet and discuss areas of mutual interest.

5. **Open Discussion:** None

6. **Upcoming Events:** See Board Meeting Slides

7. **Next Military Affairs Board Meeting:** Thursday, 15 November 2007, 7:30-9:00, Chamber Conference Room

“signed”

Wes Clark

Chair, Military Affairs Board