

D13 Past Division Commanders Association B=business meeting 22 September 2023, from 1330 - 1450
Held in person in Clackamas, OR at the Monarch Hotel during Fall DTrain.

Note taker: Debra Alderman

- I. Call to order at 1300, meeting chair: Klaas Nijhuis, President
- II. Introductions: Jeff Hunter, Div 2; Craig Hartman, Div 11; Efrem Krisher, Div. 2; Carol Bobo, Div 7; Kevin Coloumbe, Div 1; Debra Alderman, VP of the PDCR (Div 2); Doug Harris, Div 8 ; Jim Ehnborn, Div 2; Craig Brown, treasurer of the PDCR, Div 3. A quorum was present.
- III. Input from attendees about the past and future of PDCR Association:
 - Craig B: In the past it has been helpful in supporting the district meetings and the bridge goals. It also provided a mentoring and role model function for those moving into leadership.
 - Value of associate membership?
 - Klaas: The breakfast is nice because there is a space for fellowship but the number of people attending makes it difficult for those who are actually voting members to get any business done.
 - Craig Hartman mentioned some of the things 11N has done. They have some supporting roles in finance, training, memorial service, acting as a catalyst, being keeper of institutional (organizational) traditions and history. He says they have a separate PDCR training aside from the one Dtrain they hold each year. He feels it's important to communicate to the members what the PDCA is, raise its visibility and make sure we know what our purpose is.
 - Jeff Hunter: He feels we could play a role in member engagement once people have attained BQ. He suggests a task force that designs a leadership academy or regional trainings we could put on. Provide trainings specific to levels like FC, DCDR, etc. quite frequently. (for incumbents and prospective members).
 - Craig Brown also says that past commanders can also play an informal education/mentoring role. He felt that the breakfast on Sunday morning was a place where the debrief of the meeting happened and actual business has gotten done.
 - Jim Ehnborn says that having a separate PDCR business meeting makes sense rather than trying to do it during the fellowship and feedback of the breakfast which is open to everyone.
 - We should make sure that the FCs and vice division commanders to let them know that they can be associate members.
 - We should call and invite people to join but also to ask for help when they need it.
 - Covering the east of the mountains divisions – go east to offer regional trainings. Could be a conduit for getting active duty to come east with us.
 - We need to get more women involved. Could we present a women's leadership program and invite a number of active duty leaders to present.

- We may be able to encourage opportunities for more integration with the active duty.
 - Recruitment for new members. Increase flow of pipeline of new members and welcoming them, helping them get into mission areas.
 - Help put on recruiting open houses held on a regional basis?
 - Think about branding, communicating our mission and purpose; teach people how to talk about the Auxiliary and the Coast Guard.
 - It would be great to communicate to the Auxiliarists about the opportunities for younger members in the reserves and the active duty.
- IV. New business: A motion was passed to adopt an electronic meeting policy so we can conduct meetings between the two in person meetings per year at Dtrain.
- V. Formation of Task Forces:
- A. Doug Harris will help put on an eastern area training. Jeff Hunter will help (he's particularly interested in running an FC academy)
 - B. Efreem Krisher will head up an initiative reaching out to FCs and Kevin Thiel and Carol Bobo will help. Also particularly targeting some younger aux members to be associate members of the PCDR Association.
 - C. Klaas is concerned about a standing rules update (in terms of our purpose). Debra will work on coming up with proposed amendments and report back in time to send out proposed amendments prior to our next in person meeting in February.
 - D. Recruiting initiatives. Find someone to lead.
 - E. Recruitment of females. Check on the active duty leadership initiative. Debra is interested in working on this.
 - F. Youth and scouting related events – need someone to take the lead.

District COS, Craig Hartman, says he needs plenty of notice about any proposals that impact budget or that might be included on the February 2024 Dtrain meeting agenda. For this reason we plan to do a zoom meeting around November 1st for the task forces to report in and make any recommendations for 2024.

Some issues to consider: Do we need to figure out the funding before we decide on projects? Do we need to have more money? Raise dues? Have other kinds of fundraising?

Agenda item for next meeting: make sure we know who is on bank account and remove and/or add people as appropriate.

Meeting adjourned at 1450