



USS Rich Association Annual Meeting 2021

The Annual Business meeting of the USS RICH Association was held via teleconference at 7:00 PM EDT, July 29, 2021. The membership was notified of the business meeting via a notice on the USS Rich website (Appendix A) and via a reminder email of July 26, 2021 (Appendix B). Vice President John Szabo chaired the meeting.

- **Officers Present**

John Szabo, Vice-President
Steve Henry, Secretary

Gary Wilson, Treasurer
Noel Aube, Director

Paul Angelicchio, Director – Joined group after meeting adjourned; communications issues
Johnny V Skillen, President – Absent
James Carroll, Director – Absent

- **Reading of minutes of 2019 Annual Business Meeting**

- A motion to waive reading of the minutes of the 2019 Association Annual Meeting minutes was made, seconded, and approved.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Gary Wilson presented the Treasurer's Report (Appendix C). Mr. Wilson reminded the membership the Association is on a fiscal year ending December 31, and he compared December 31, 2020 vs December 31, 2019. The balance of the Association's cash position is about \$1,200 less than 2019, the primary reason was the absence of the revenue from the Annual Reunion.

The first-half year comparison between 2020 and 2021 shows the Association's financial position improved by \$1,629.85.

Refunds from vendors for the cancelled Kalamazoo reunion are pending.

The CD matured July 28, 2021 in the amount of \$10,515.29. Mr. Wilson indicated that rather than renewing the CD at a rate 0.1%, he placed the proceeds into the checking account. He anticipates that the CD rates will increase in the future, at which time he will purchase a new CD.

He noted that 2021 Membership renewals at 287 compares very favorably with 2020 membership renewals of 288.

- A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and approved.

- **Proposed amendment to Article XIII of the Association's Bylaws**

Vice President Szabo then introduced the proposed amendment to Article XIII of the Association's Bylaws to provide for the disposition of Association's assets upon dissolution. After discussion the amendment as set forth below was unanimously approved by the voting members attending.



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“Amendment to Bylaw Article XIII Dissolution

As Approved at Annual Meeting of the USS Rich Association, Inc. July 29, 2021

An affirmative vote of three-quarters of the voting Regular Members present at the call for vote is required to pass on the question of dissolution of the Association. Voting may be done by attendees at a general meeting of the Association. In the case of dissolution, the assets of the Association shall be distributed to one or more regularly organized and qualified tax-exempt charitable organizations providing no less than eighty-five (85%) of their donated resources for aid or services to active duty members of the armed services or military veterans and if no such organization so qualifies to qualified charitable tax-exempt organizations, the federal government, or to a state or local government for a public purpose as identified by this Association’s Board of Directors. Those historical and/or educational items and materials that have been placed on loan to the Association for the furtherance of its purposes shall be returned to the rightful owners. Except for the return of loaned items, no Member, Director or Officer of the Association shall inure to or receive any benefit from the property or assets of the Association.”

- **2022 Reunion**

Gary Wilson and Marshall DuBois led the discussion. A survey of the membership was conducted in the late spring of 2021 as it was apparent that most of the membership did not want a 2021 reunion, so it was cancelled.

However, the 2022 reunion is a go and will be held at the Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront, located in Covington, Kentucky (just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati), April 25 through 28, 2022. The room rate will be \$109 including breakfast. A third party, the Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau, will provide liaison services between the Association and the hotel, restaurants, and other vendors for the reunion. Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau provides this service free of charge. Dick Koeniger, who lives in the Cincinnati area, will be the local coordinator with the Northern Kentucky CVB. The Association will have to finalize the room requirements with the hotel by February 22, 2022.

Meeting adjourned at 07:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Henry, Secretary, USS RICH Association
July 31, 2021