

Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes
Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority
VEDP/VNDIA Offices
Richmond, Virginia
January 27, 2010

Chairman Joe Reeder called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., welcoming Authority board members, staff, and guests, and recognizing that Virginia's incoming Secretary of Commerce & Trade, the Honorable James Cheng, has joined the board, but was unable to make this meeting due to pressing matters with the General Assembly session.

Authority board members present:

Gen. John N. Abrams, USA (Ret.)	Vice Adm. James D. McArthur, Jr., USN (Ret.)
Mr. G. William Beale	Dr. Eddie N. Moore, Jr.
Rear Adm. Robert R. Fountain, Jr., USN (Ret.)	Maj. Gen. Robert B. Newman, Jr.
Gen. Richard E. Hawley, USAF (Ret.)	The Hon. Joe R. Reeder
Rear Adm. John G. Hekman, USN (Ret.)	The Hon. Cord A. Sterling
The Hon. John W. Knapp, Sr.	Mr. Kurt H. Tripp
Gen. Robert Magnus, USMC (Ret.)	Capt. Leonard P. Wales, USN (Ret.)

Members absent:

Mr. John B. Adams, Jr.	Mr. Jeff B. Franzen
The Hon. James S. Cheng	Mr. William L. Welch

Chairman Reeder explained that the meeting was the board's annual meeting, and opened the floor for nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair John Knapp nominated Chairman Reeder to continue in his position. Rear Adm. Hekman seconded the nomination, and Chairman Reeder was confirmed by unanimous vote.

Vice-Chair Knapp nominated Gen. Magnus to the position of Vice-Chair. Mr. Sterling seconded the nomination, and Gen. Magnus was confirmed as the new Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

After discussion, and sensing informal consensus, Chairman Reeder moved that committee assignments and committee chairs remain as they are, seconded by Rear Adm. Fountain and approved by the board. Gen. Abrams noted that with the change in state administration, it may be beneficial to think about continuity in committees as some members terms of service (including his own as a committee chair) will end in June with the fiscal year.

Chairman Reeder concurred with Gen. Abrams, noting that he and several other members' terms will expire in 2010. Those members were asked to convey to Executive Director David Dickson if they would like to be considered for reappointment.

The draft minutes from the October 28, 2009 meeting were presented. Dr. Moore moved that the minutes be accepted as presented, Rear Adm. Hekman seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Chairman Reeder presented the quarterly meeting dates for the rest of the calendar year. The April 21, 2010 meeting will be held at the Fairfax County Government Center. Locations for the July 21 and October 20, 2010 meetings are yet to be determined.

Chairman Reeder introduced the first guest speaker, retired Army Col. Ronald White, military liaison for U.S. Rep. Randy Forbes of Virginia's 4th District (southeast Virginia including Fort Lee). Col. White on Rep. Forbes' behalf thanked the board for its work, and discussed several military-related items on which the congressman is focused, including the Quadrennial Defense Review, a possible move of an aircraft carrier to Naval Station Mayport, Fla. and the ongoing Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) implementation. Chairman Reeder thanked Col. White and asked him to relay the board's sincere appreciation for Rep. Forbes' work and why keeping the national defense budget strong is important.

Tom Fahrney, the Virginia Department of Transportation's BRAC Coordinator, after being introduced, presented a listing of BRAC-related transportation projects, their status and funding gaps. BRAC roadway costs are about \$826 million. To date, \$410 million has been funded (63% by state and Commonwealth Transportation Board allocations); \$416 million is unfunded.

In addition to funding issues, the board discussed how BRAC-related roadway congestion, particularly in northern Virginia, may impact future basing decisions, and otherwise render the region less attractive to workers.

Chairman Reeder introduced the next speaker, the Honorable Paula Miller of the Virginia House of Delegates, whose 87th District includes much of the City of Norfolk. Del. Miller thanked the board for its work in supporting Virginia's defense community, including the Navy in Norfolk. She identified three key issues: (1) the Navy's recommendation to move an aircraft carrier to Mayport; (2) transportation concerns as to commuters and freight trucking in Hampton Roads, and (3) the impact of offshore oil and gas exploration on military training and missions.

The final guest speaker, Keith Boswell, a team leader with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership (VEDP), briefed the board on Northrop Grumman's search for a new corporate headquarters location in the greater Washington D.C. area. VEDP provides assistance to businesses that are seeking headquarters, manufacturing, distribution or assembly locations.

Rear Adm. Fountain, chair of the Local Coordination, Support & Communications Committee, reported that in January 2010 he was joined by Maj. Gen. Newman, Mr. Franzen, Mr. Dickson and staff for a briefing at the Army National Guard Bureau at Arlington Hall. He and Mr. Sterling also attended the Fredericksburg Military Advisory Council's annual "Report to the Community" briefing. Rear Adm. Fountain also presented a booklet of information to the board on each installation compiled through visits and DoD sources. The booklet will be made available to state and local officials as a quick reference.

Gen. Hawley reported for the Strategic Planning Committee on behalf of chair Gen. Abrams. The committee had met earlier in the day to discuss and confirm eight key military issues affecting Virginia. These include:

- Aircraft carrier home porting
- Fort Belvoir BRAC implementation
- Fort Lee BRAC implementation
- MCB Quantico BRAC implementation
- Encroachment around NAS Oceana and siting an outlying landing field
- Encroachment around Fort A.P. Hill

- Fort Lee's proposed lodging facility
- Facility modernization

Mr. Tripp gave the Grants Review & Oversight Committee report that 11 of 23 approved grant projects are completed, and just over half of the granted funds, or \$26.3 million, have been reimbursed.

Mr. Dickson reported his December briefing of incoming Gov. McDonnell's military affairs transition team. While the meeting went well, how a new administration will affect VNDIA operations is unknown. The General Assembly is in session, and VNDIA is tracking proposed military-related legislation. Of special note is House Bill 295, which puts the VNDIA executive director on the Oceana/Fentress Military Advisory Council. Del. John Cosgrove (City of Chesapeake) is sponsoring the bill, which has passed the House and will now go the Senate.

Mr. Dickson also formed a panel to speak on encroachment at the Virginia Municipal Leagues' annual conference (October 2009), and was briefed on the DARPA construction in Arlington County, which is supported by a VNDIA-administered \$10 million state grant. Mr. Dickson also joined members of the Hampton Roads military and Federal Facilities Alliance in January for Pentagon briefings and discussions on topics relevant to Hampton Roads.

Chairman Reeder opened the floor to new business. Seeing none, Gen. Hawley moved to adjourn, Rear Adm. Fountain seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.