



HMGS EAST

# Eastern Chapter Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

Tax ID # 52-1463458

## Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors March 19, 2006

### Call to Order

Fred Hubig called the meeting to order at 8:05am.

A quorum was established with the following Directors present:

President Fred Hubig  
Executive Vice President Pete Panzeri  
Vice President for Convention Operations and Dealer Liaison Fred Haub  
Vice President for Promotions and Communications James Mattes  
Treasurer James Curtis  
Secretary and Vice President for Member Services Bill Rutherford

### Director Vacancy

Pete telephoned Director Jim Birdseye just before the meeting began, at 8:00am, on his speaker phone at which time Jim submitted his verbal resignation from the Board due to health reasons. He will follow-up with a letter or e-mail to provide written record.

A discussion of possible candidates for the Directorship left vacant by Jim's resignation ensued.

**Pete made and Fred Hubig seconded a motion to appoint Dan McDonagh to fill the vacant Directorship.**

The motion passed by unanimous consent of those Directors present.

Historicon 2006 Director Bob Giglio arrived at 8:25am.

Fred Hubig appointed Pete Parliamentarian. Bob volunteered to provide parliamentary guidance to Pete when needed.

Walt O'Hara, and Cleo and Bob Liebl arrived at 8:33am.

### Newsletter Report

Bob L reported:

- Without prompt and reliable support from the Board, the newsletter doesn't get published in a timely manner..
- Request:
  - Timeline for year for newsletter publication so everybody knows what needs to happen, and when, e.g. articles deadlines, check issue dates, etc.
  - Better turnaround and performance from printer:
    - Current turnaround ranges from 6 – 9 weeks on color issues.
    - Due to remoteness of printer from HMGS center of mass, higher postage rates are paid for out-of-area postage (relative to the printer)
    - LiebIs found better printer, fast, reliable, with print-on-demand.
- The pre-Cold Wars 2006 issue never came out due to these delays. Bob L noted that:
  - 6 issues of the newsletter must be published per year and that no issues have been mailed in FY2006 to-date, the following proposed schedule:
    - Black and white (b&w) post-Cold Wars



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- Color pre-Historicon
  - b&w post-Historicon
  - Color pre-Fall-In
  - b&w post-Fall-In
  - b&w membership issue (with annual roster)
  - One alternative: because three color issues were in the budget, make the membership issue a color issue.
- All covers will bear pictures of miniatures.
  - Fred Hubig talked to Duncan McFarlane & Michael Cosentino: Both want COLD WARS 2006 AARs.
    - Bob Liebl took tasking to do so.
    - Walt wants to provide input.

## **Cold Wars Report**

Walt reported:

- Convention total (see totals reports)
- Staffing light – more volunteers are needed – please provide names if we have them.
- Bob G: Remember that there are a number of non-core staff positions that need to be filled as well.
- Approached Del Stover for print promotions
- Approached Jim McWee for online promotions
- NSDM: Walt has problems with it being in his budget.
- Existed comm problems for CW. Being addressed & will be resolved before CW07.
- Blogspot audio reports very successful.
- Clubcon worked v well.
- Painting report (Heather) 165 paint class attendees, 375 figures given out, 150 comments cards, all positive. Lots of first timers and lots of old timers. Heather will send thanks letter to sponsors.
- CW07 “The Road and the Wall – Military Engineering through History” theme

Mitch Osborne arrived at 9:13am.

There was a momentary break at 9:14am.

Greg Hacke from GAMA arrived 9:20am.

Pete presented Mitch the Legion of Honor Battlestar for his convention program work at FALL-IN 2005.

## **Events Management System**

Greg talked to Board (at Fred Hubig's request):

- Noted that HMGS conventions are well-run.
- Establishing requirements for event management is best thing to do right now.
- There are several good products out there, but we need requirements in order to select.
- Greg wants to help.

Pete passed out the GAMA program book, describing the advantages to HMGS of joining GAMA.

Greg noted:



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- GAMA offers good quality inexpensive group health insurance to members and that all member organization members can buy into insurance, i.e., if HMGS joined GAMA, all HMGS members would be eligible for the insurance.
- If HMGS elects not to join GAMA, HMGS members could join GAMA as communication members for \$50 per year and could access the insurance.
- GAMA does not want to tell HMGS what to do; it would be counterproductive

Pete advised Fred Haub, the Events Management Requirements Committee Chair, that his membership on that committee was for the purpose of getting Greg in touch with the committee. That being done, Pete considered his work on the committee to be done and so, resigned from it.

Fred Haub took the opportunity to note that the committee consists of the three Convention Directors, their Events Managers, JT, and Ruth Torres.

Greg noted that GAMA had three excess badge printers and offered them, for free, to HMGS. The Board accepted.

The meeting adjourned momentarily at 10:50am.

### Minutes

The Board discussed the draft minutes from the 11/10/05 Board meeting.

**Bill made and James C seconded a motion to approve the 11/10/06 minutes as amended at this meeting.**

The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Directors present.

The Board discussed the draft minutes from the 11/13/05 Board meeting.

**Bill made and Pete seconded a motion to approve the 11/13/06 minutes as amended at this meeting.**

The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Directors present.

### Budget

James Curtis discussed the details of the amended FY2006 budget. He advised the Board that he needed one more scrub of the HISTORICON and FALL-IN budgets.

Discussion of the FY2006 budget was tabled pending James' collection of this information.

### Board Re-Organization

The Board discussed Director responsibilities and potential duties for Director Dan McDonagh.

**Pete made and James Mattes seconded a motion to enact the following Board organization:**

**President: Fred Hubig**

**Secretary: Bill**

**Treasurer: James C**

**VP for Convention Operations and Dealer Liaison: Fred Haub**

**Executive VP and VP for Promotions: Pete**



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**VP for Outreach & Education: James Mattes**  
**VP for Communications & Newsletter Publisher: Dan McDonagh**

The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

**Pete made and James Mattes seconded the following motion:**

**The Newsletter Editor may release past issues of the HMGS-E newsletter, as edited by the VP for Communications, for posting on MagWeb, all revenues from such posting to go to the newsletter budget.**

**Bill made and James M seconded a motion to table the previous motion pending further study.**

The tabling motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

James Curtis left the meeting at 10:40am.

**Pete made and Bill seconded the following motion:**

**All membership application forms will include three options to allow members to select how they wish their newsletter delivered, to include:**

- a) No newsletter**
- b) Electronic newsletter**
- c) Mailed (paper) newsletter**

The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

**Pete made and Bill seconded the following motion:**

**All membership application forms will include options to allow members to:**

- a) Include postal address in published membership roster**
- b) Exclude postal address from published membership roster**
- c) Include e-mail address in published membership roster**
- d) Exclude e-mail address from published membership roster**

The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

**Pete made and James Mattes seconded the following motion:**

**Article VI, Section 2c of the HMGS bylaws shall be amended as follows:**

***Original Wording:*** Nominees for election who desire to present biographical data or a platform will be allowed the opportunity to do so through the venue of the official Corporation Newsletter. Such information will not exceed 500 words in length and must be submitted to the Newsletter Editor prior to a deadline announced no later than the General Membership Meeting.



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**New Wording:** Nominees for election who desire to present biographical data or a platform will be allowed the opportunity to do so by having said biographical data or platform attached to the ballot which is mailed to every member. Such information will not exceed 500 words in length and must be submitted to the Election Manager prior to a deadline announced no later than the General Membership Meeting.

The motion passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

There was a general discussion convention registration and admission issues including day passes, evening registration hours, etc.

Pete made a preliminary presentation to the Board on his and Fred Hubig's Themecon idea:

- Combine Fred's American Civil War and Pete's Napoleonic themed weekends into a single mini-convention event.
- Get HMGS sponsorship.
- Pete will make a detailed written proposal on Themecon effort to the Board no later than its next off-site meeting.

**James Mattes made and Bill seconded a motion to adjourn.**

Passed by unanimous consent of the Directors present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:57am.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
Fred Hubig, President

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Bill Rutherford, Secretary