VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE
Lexington, Virginia
Minutes
BOARD OF VISITORS MEETING
26-27 January 2018

A meeting of the VMI Board of Visitors was held in Lexington, Virginia in the Turman Room of Preston Library at VMI beginning at 0800 hours on Friday, 26 January and continuing at 0800 hours on Saturday, 27 January pursuant to notice.

Present: Mr. John W. Boland '73, President
Mrs. Lara T. Chambers '03
Mr. George J. Collins '62
Mr. Brian R. Detter
Lieutenant General Charles E. Dominy, USA (Ret)
Mr. Hugh M. Fain III '80
Mr. Bruce C. Gottwald, Jr. '81
Mr. Conrad M. Hall '65
Mr. Richard K. Hines V '66
Mr. David L. Miller '70
Mr. Scot W. Marsh '81
Honorable Joseph R. Reeder
Mr. Eugene Scott, Jr. '80
Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock '70, USA (Ret)
Mr. Thomas R. Watjen '76
Lieutenant General Frances C. Wilson, USMC (Ret)
Major General Timothy P. Williams, VAARNG

Absent: None

Friday, 26 January 2018 – 0800

1. Mr. Boland presided and called the meeting to order. Lieutenant Colonel Sean P. Harrington, Secretary to the Board of Visitors, recorded the minutes. Also present was Ms. Elizabeth Griffin, legal counsel, Office of the Attorney General.

2. Mr. Boland welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. He thanked General and Mrs. Peay for a wonderful dinner the evening prior. His opening remarks focused on the recent success of the December graduation and commissioning ceremonies, a discussion on the recent kickoff and cabinet meeting for the Peay Endowment, an update on the combined agencies and the successful progress to date, congratulatory remarks for Governor Ralph Northam ’81 on his successful election as the new Governor of Virginia, the successful participation of the Corps of Cadets in the Governor’s Inaugural Parade, and a brief update regarding the ongoing legislative session by the Virginia General Assembly. He concluded his opening remarks by discussing VMI Athletics and the ongoing efforts and goals moving forward following his conversations with General Peay.
3. Mr. Boland provided the Board a copy of the proposed changes to the New Market Award as discussed in the September meeting. The proposed policy was approved by the Executive Committee during their session and Mr. Boland discussed the various changes. The rationale for a change in the policy is to keep the selection process more internal to the Board, vice an outside selection committee with the goal of continuing the practice of recognizing prominent figures deserving of VMI’s highest honor. The Executive Committee is now charged with recommending a nominee to the full Board for consideration and selection. Mr. Boland opened up the discussion for the full Board pending their review. *A motion to approve the changes to the Policy Governing the Awarding of the VMI New Market Medal was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Hall.* The motion passed unanimously. The policy is filed with the minutes of this meeting as **Appendix I.**

4. General J. H. Binford Peay III ’62, VMI Superintendent, then addressed the Board. A copy of the briefing slides will be appended to these minutes as **Appendix II.**

a. General Peay provided a Look Back review of the events and activities that have occurred since the previous Board meeting. He highlighted the following key events: the VMI STEM Conference, the successful Reunion Weekends, the VMI Leadership Conference, the Senior Military Colleges Conference, the Association of Naval ROTC Colleges and Universities Conference, Founders Day and Institute Society Dinner weekend, Ring Figure for the Class of 2019, the December Commissioning and Graduation ceremonies, and the recent success of the Virginia Gubernatorial Inauguration Parade.

b. General Peay provided a brief overview of the ongoing General Assembly legislative session in Richmond and the potential impacts to VMI. He provided the Board members with a handout of the various budget amendments being presented this session. They include the following: 1) Corps Physical Training Facility (CPTF) Phase III Aquatic Center ($1.8M) -- this request is for the authorization to use private funds to complete the detailed planning (35% design). The existing pool was designed to support 1K cadets, but the Corps has grown to over 1.7K cadets. The new center will house a 50-meter swimming pool, diving well and support spaces. The larger pool can be subdivided to allow for multiple users at one time and will support the Physical Education Department swim class, ROTC training, and NCAA athletics. A donor has pledged $10M for the construction of the facility and the total cost is $41.2M; 2) Uniform Transition from the Army Combat Uniform to the Operational Camouflage Pattern Uniform ($1.4M) -- this request funds the cost of transitioning VMI cadets and select faculty and staff to the new uniform requirement by 30 Sept 2019; 3) Improvements to Clarkson-McKenna Press Box ($1.5M) -- this request authorizes VMI funding to expand and improve the press box to adhere to the new NCAA Southern Conference requirements beginning in 2019; 4) Renovation of 412 Parade (Superintendent’s Quarters—$2M) -- this request authorizes funding for the renovation of this National Historic Landmark facility. The facility requires improvements to core systems, the exterior envelope, and other modernizations.
c. General Peay discussed additional legislative issues with regards to tuition as it relates to high school dual enrollment and community college courses. The movement is for universities to begin accepting these courses as full credit courses towards the attainment of a four year degree, vice universities having the flexibility to decide which courses meet the institutional requirements. These initiatives are being driven by efforts to reduce the cost of higher education across the Commonwealth. The impacts on the VMI culture, degree requirements, and financial budget are still yet to be determined.

d. General Peay briefed that he continues to stress the uniqueness of the VMI experience to legislators when it comes to various initiatives being levied on institutions of higher learning. VMI will need to remain postured to request an exemption to various legislative mandates that may come into direct conflict with our uniqueness as a 4-year public military institution.

5. Colonel Dallas Clark ’99, Director of Finance, Administration, and Support, briefed the members on the Operating Budget Preliminary Assumptions, the Governor’s Proposed Budget, Non-Capital Improvement, a VMI Construction Update, Real Estate Actions, the Post Facilities Master Plan, and Local Government Issues. A copy of his slides will be appended to these minutes as Appendix III.

a. Colonel Clark reviewed the VMI Operating Budget and the major elements to include enrollment, tuition and fees, local unrestricted funds, education and general programs (E&G), the auxiliary enterprises program, and the unique military activities program. The projected enrollment for the class of ’22 is 500 cadets (300 in-state/200 out-of-state), with a total projected census date enrollment of 1,688 cadets. The tuition and fees projection is $28,344 for Virginia residents (3.25% increase) and $55,188 for non-residents (3.85% increase). The proposed increases are within the parameters included in VMI’s Six-Year Plan submitted to the state in June 2017. Colonel Clark discussed the FY19 Budget Personnel Priorities moving forward which includes compensation in the high turnover areas, targeted faculty salary increases, A&P faculty salary increase, classified employee bonuses, and the flexibility to adjust State funding outcomes.

b. Colonel Clark covered the Governor’s Proposed Budget for FY19 and FY20. The proposal provides added funding for 1) new State general operating funds to achieve 100% of base adequacy funding, 2) additional State general funds for financial aid, 3) a funding increase in the State Maintenance Reserve for both years, 4) a 2% salary increase in November 2019, and 5) employer share of health insurance premium costs. The budget proposal also calls for level funding for the Unique Military Activities program and the Equipment Trust Fund. Finally, the Governor’s proposal provides for the authorization to issue debt for certain projects contained within VMI’s Six-Year Plan Capital Improvement Plan to improve post facilities.

c. Colonel Clark provided the Board with an overview of Non-Capital Improvements which included the Stonewall Jackson House and Davidson-Tucker Improvements, 450 Institute
Hill renovations (Chaplain’s Quarters), Limits Gate and Letcher Avenue improvements, Post Security improvements, and the barracks window restoration project.

d. Colonel Clark provided an update to the various construction projects across post. These included projected renovations and upgrades to the Heat Plant, demolition and replacement of Post Police headquarters, upgrades to post utilities, a replacement to the Anderson Drive Bridge, along with a broadening of Anderson Drive and addition of an adjacent sidewalk. Colonel Clark covered the plan for the renovation and expansion to Scott Shipp Hall, the demolition and construction of the South River Bridge on the Chessie Nature Trail, and the conversion of the 100 level track locker room in Clark King Hall into two engineering laboratories for a Biomechanics and Mechatronics lab.

e. Colonel Clark discussed ongoing real estate actions. The VMI Foundation gifted the Glass House property and Alexander property in January 2018. VMI has solicited out for a contract to prepare appraisals for easements along the Chessie Nature Trail in the East Lexington area.

f. Colonel Clark concluded his remarks by discussing the Post Facilities Master Plan which outlines VMI’s priorities for the future (capital and non-capital improvements, development plans, and property acquisitions/demolitions) and ongoing Local Government issues. He applauded the extensive coordination efforts between VMI, W&L, and local leaders in preparation for the Lee-Jackson Day events and the MLK/Care parade planning.

6. BG Jeffrey Smith ’79, Dean of the Faculty, updated the members on the Academic Program at VMI. A copy of his slides will be appended to these minutes as Appendix IV. His topic items focused on updates of cadet academic performance, faculty activities, right-sizing efforts, the academic program and assessment, program modernization and enrichment, faculty compensation, and the academic endowment progress.

a. General Smith provided the Board an update on the current status of cadet performance. From 2014-2018, the grade inflation at VMI has gone from 2.831 to 2.813 during this period. Additionally, he discussed the impacts of the new standards for attaining the Dean’s List which has moved from a 3.0 to a 3.2 grade point average. As a result of this change, the Dean’s List has gone from 48.7% to a 33% achievement rate.

b. General Smith provided an overview of the faculty activities over the past year. Six faculty members were awarded national grants totaling $273K with nine proposals for next year. Five faculty members were awarded two Jackson-Hope grants totaling $100K. Over 50 faculty members served as mentors for the Undergraduate Research and Honors theses. Additionally, the faculty produced hundreds of scholarly articles, textbooks, and books over the past year and presented their work as part of conferences worldwide.

c. General Smith provided an update on the Right-Sizing of the Academic Program effort, as well as an update on the SACS COC Accreditation and Assessment progress. He also provided an update on the Academic Program Enrichment. The Center for Leadership and
Ethics and various academic departments have collaborated on several conferences this year. Additionally, 22 cadets presented at conferences as part of the Undergraduate Research Program. Regarding International Programs, the participation rate by cadets is approaching 40%. VMI's effort in this area has been aligned with academic programs focused on the Pacific Region, Europe, Africa, South America, and the Middle East.

d. General Smith provided an update on the faculty compensation effort. The goal is for VMI to be in the top third of the state for average full time salaried faculty members. The faculty received significant pay raises this year and VMI has identified significant endowment revenue for faculty compensation over the next several years. General Smith concluded his remarks by discussing the various academic endowments and future endowment initiatives on the horizon.

7. Colonel Vern Beitzel '72 provided the Board with an update to the current Admissions target for the matriculants of 2022. The current projection is 500 cadets with 54% in-state and 46% out-of-state. He is estimating that over 60 females will be accepted in this class. There are 115 recruited athletes and 70% have indicated a desire to commission upon graduation. The average high school grade point average is 3.76, and an average SAT score of 1241/ACT score of 27.

8. Colonel Bill Wanovich '87 provided the Board with an update on the Corps activities to date. Colonel Wanovich discussed the current attrition rates for the year, and the commissioning forecast for FY17 and FY18. The commissioning numbers have increased heading into FY18 since some of the Air Force and Army are accepting more officers due to increases in officer end strength. Colonel Wanovich provided the Board with an overview of the upcoming Breakout plan and timeline. He concluded his remarks by covering the upcoming spring activities for the Corps.

9. Colonel Sam Ratcliffe '74, Director of Career Services, briefed the Board on the most recent employment data and services provided to our 2017 graduates. Of those graduating in May 2017, 99% of them were either employed, attending graduate school, or commissioned following graduation. Of those graduates that accepted full-time employment, 75% accepted salary offers above the national entry-level average for their respective majors. Colonel Ratcliffe concluded his remarks to the Board with a summary of the top employers and graduate programs for the Class of 2017.

10. General Peay concluded the morning session by providing brief remarks related to the ongoing plan to enhance VMI Athletics, a review of the Vision 2039 Simplified Descriptors, and a Look Ahead of the major events scheduled for the upcoming semester. He highlighted the Cyber Fusion Conference (23-24 Feb), the Southern Conference Track championship hosted by VMI (23-25 Feb), the National Security Symposium (8-11 Mar), the Environment Virginia Conference (3-5 Apr), Spring FTX (6-10 Apr), the WWI Commemoration Symposium (27-28 Apr), and two Spring Reunions that are the major events slated prior to the next meeting of the BOV in May.
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11. Mr. Boland called the meeting to order at 0800. MG Williams departed early and was unable to attend the morning session.

12. A motion was made by Mr. Boland, seconded by Mr. Hall, to approve the minutes of the 12-13 September 2017 meeting of the Board of Visitors. The motion passed unanimously.

13. First Class President Joseph Brown ’18, Regimental Commander Finn Swenson ’18, and Honor Court President Liam Burke ’18 were introduced and made brief statements to the Board regarding their particular areas within the Corps of Cadets.
   a. Cadet Brown briefed the Board on various issues that have occurred in barracks since the last meeting. Issues related to social media, class issues, and the upcoming conclusion to the ratline. He commented that the rats recently completed a unity event benefitting the Green Beret Foundation and that they raised over $15K for this worthy cause. Additionally, he provided the Board with an overview of breakout day events. He concluded his remarks by discussing the successful Ring Figure event, the positive reception for Parkhurst in Crozet Hall, upcoming class music concerts at Lime Kiln, and the ongoing safety measures within the Corps to take care of one another throughout the semester.
   b. Cadet Burke provided an update to the Board referencing the VMI Honor Court. He reviewed his goals for the year which were presented in September, and outlined the actions of the Honor Court taken to date to help achieve those goals. A briefing for the entire Corps will be conducted over the next few weeks to review some of the ongoing honor related issues in an effort to provide continuing education.
   c. Cadet Swenson reported that cadre training has been very successful this year and great improvements have been made on standardizing their training efforts for improved consistency. The cadre leadership is preparing for breakout the following week with much of their emphasis on safety. He commented on recent improvements to the Guard Team system and how professional and responsive they have been with handling issues inside and outside of barracks. He discussed the continued focus on academics for all cadets, and the ongoing efforts by his staff in making sure that the necessary resources and Corps activities are keeping in line with providing an environment for academic success. He concluded his remarks by discussing the upcoming cadet rank selection process, graduation and commissioning events in May, and thanked the Board for their continued support.

14. The Board received remarks from the President and CEO of the VMI Alumni Agencies: Mr. Robert P. Louthan ’82, President and Commander Steve Maconi, Chief Executive Officer of
the combined agencies. They provided an update on the current status of the VMIAA and efforts to date. Mr. Louthan provided the Board with some personal perspective and encouraged the Board to remain focused on the mission and vision, look for opportunities in every challenge they face, and have a sense of urgency because the Class of 2039 will be here before we know it. CDR Maconi thanked Mr. Louthan for his leadership and recognized Mr. T. Bryan Barton ’68 as the next President of the Agencies beginning 1 July 2018. CDR Maconi is continuing the work on improving the Agency Bylaws with emphasis on simplification. CDR Maconi provided an update on personnel changes across the VMI Agencies. He introduced Mr. Meade King ’85 as the next Chief Operating Officer of the VMI Keydet Club. CDR Maconi provided an update on programs and initiatives to help move the Agencies forward, gave a brief financial overview of the VMI Investment Holdings LLC, and discussed the continued work on the Peay Endowment for Academic Excellence. He concluded his remarks by providing the Board an update on fundraising efforts and the great work by the Agencies of working together towards a common goal.

15. Mr. Boland introduced Dr. Rob Havers, the President of the George C. Marshall Foundation. Dr. Havers provided a brief overview of the Marshall Foundation Strategic Plan and Capital Campaign. His goal, and that of the Marshall Foundation Board, is to continue promoting the life and legacy of George Marshall, and keeping him at the forefront of public consciousness well into the future. The goal is for the Foundation to raise $10M in fundraising with $5M allotted to their current endowment and the remaining $5M spent on capital improvements. He thanked the Board for their continued support of the Marshall Foundation.

16. Mr. Hines, Chair of Academic Affairs, reported on the meeting of his Committee.

a. A motion was made by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Hall: The Academic Affairs Committee has considered the Changes in Faculty and Staff list dated 15 January 2018, and recommend that the Board of Visitors approve these changes and that the list be made part of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. These Changes will be filed with the minutes as Appendix V.

b. Mr. Hines made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Collins: The Academic Affairs Committee recommends that the final list of 15 September 2017 graduates (Memorandum Number 11, dated 18 September 2017 and Memorandum Number 13, dated 29 September 2017 – Enclosure 1) and 20 December 2017 graduates (Memorandum Number 18, dated 20 December 2017 – Enclosure 2) be accepted and filed with the minutes of this meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The final list of September and December 2017 graduates is filed with the minutes of this meeting as Appendix VI.

c. Mr. Hines made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Collins: The Academic Affairs Committee has considered the recommended Curricular Changes dated 15 January 2018. The Committee recommends that the Board of Visitors approve these changes and that they be made part of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. These changes will be filed with the minutes of this meeting as Appendix VII.
d. Mr. Hines covered the proposed changes to the Academic Regulations as discussed in his Committee. Based on recommended changes to the verbiage, and the need for additional clarity to the regulation, Mr. Hines stated that his Committee will put on hold approval of the Academic Regulation until the next meeting of the full Board in May.

e. *Mr. Hines made the following motion, seconded by Mr. Gottwald: The Academic Affairs Committee has considered the Recommended Entrance Rate Guidelines for Faculty Salaries for the 2018-2019 academic year, dated 15 January 2018. The Committee recommends that the Board of Visitors approve these changes and that they be made part of the minutes. The motion passed unanimously. These changes will be filed with the minutes of this meeting as Appendix VIII.*

f. Mr. Boland commented on the very informative and positive visits with the academic faculty the day prior. He commented that the faculty was well focused on their cadets, their overall academic program performance, and how the faculty is committed to providing the best education possible. He thanked General Peay and the Board for their work in addressing faculty compensation, and asked General Peay for an update with regards to improvements to staff compensation so that VMI remains competitive with other institutions of higher learning. Colonel Clark provided a brief overview of the ongoing efforts to address improvements to the salaries of VMI’s classified employees. Colonel Clark further commented that a review of the A/P salaries also remains a priority, but the main focus has been on the faculty and classified workforce to date. Mr. Boland requested that a review of the A/P workforce remain a priority so that the Institute will continue to be highly competitive and able to retain our strong talent pool of A/P employees.

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17. Mr. Hall, Chair of the Audit, Finance and Planning Committee reported on the meeting of his Committee.

a. The Committee approved their minutes from the 12 September 2017 meeting.

b. *A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Hines, that the Board of Visitors approve VMI’s unaudited financial statements for the fiscal year ending on 30 June 2017. The motion passed unanimously. The FY 2017 unaudited financial statements are on file in the Office of the Comptroller and were provided to the members.*

c. *A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Collins, that the Board of Visitors amend VMI’s 2017-18 Operating Budget by the amount of $1,260,000 as outlined in Attachment A. The motion passed unanimously. The amendment is on file in the Office of the Comptroller and was provided to the members. The memorandum supporting these requests will be filed with the minutes as Appendix IX.*

d. *A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Collins, that the Board of Visitors approve the Post Facilities Master Plan dated January 2018. The motion passed*
unanimously. The 2018 Post Facilities Master Plan is on file in the Office of the Deputy Superintendent for Finance, Administration, and Support and was provided to the members.

18. Mr. Miller, Chair of the Appeals Committee, reported on the meeting of his Committee.

   a. The Committee met with six of the cadet Honor Court leaders. Also in attendance were Colonel Thomas S. Baur '75, Lieutenant Colonel George M. “Merce” Brooke IV ’94, and Captain Mary E. Schriver '14, the Superintendent’s representatives to the Honor Court. The Committee received an update on current Honor Court cases and a brief review of trends as it relates to honor violations. The Committee also received a comprehensive update from Cadet Burke ’18 on the continued efforts by the Honor Court as it related to his goals and objectives for the year.

   b. Mr. Miller commented that the Committee discussed in closed session a recent disapproval of an appeal by a former cadet convicted of an honor violation. The discussion included how the process for an appeal is handled and the rationale for disapproval of this particular appeal.

   c. Mr. Miller concluded his remarks by stating that the Committee had a brief discussion on the Summer School Honor policy and that the recommendation is to keep the current policy in place with no future changes.

19. Mr. Scott, Chair of the Athletics Committee, reported on the meeting of his Committee.

   a. Mr. Scott briefed that the Committee had the opportunity to meet three cadet-athletes and hear their stories about the upcoming season and life as a cadet. The Committee was very impressed by those cadets that were able to attend.

   b. Mr. Scott highlighted the selection of Cadet Greg Sanders ’18 as the “Defender of the Nation” award winner. He was presented with this honor on 4 December 2017 in Charlotte, NC.

   c. Mr. Scott covered the fall 2017 VMI Academic Report. A review of the difference between NCAA cadet-athletes term grade point averages (GPA) compared to the VMI Corps of Cadets was discussed. The cadet-athlete term and cumulative GPA increased by .06 in the fall of 2016. The spring 2017 term GPAs represented the highest percentage over the last six terms.

   d. Mr. Scott highlighted a report on the Academic Values Based Revenue Distribution which was provided to the Board members. He discussed the program background and the academic unit criteria for distribution. He encouraged the Board members to review this report for their situational awareness.
e. Mr. Scott discussed that the Committee had a Compliance and NCAA Rules Education briefing. An overview of this material was provided to the Board in their binders for review.

f. Mr. Scott discussed the current National Letters of Intent (NLIs) signees and the increase in scholarship growth. The 2017 fall early signing period saw the issuance of 43 NLIs (up 126% from the previous year) with grant-in-aid totaling at ~$540K (up 86% from the previous year). Of the 43 NLIs issued, 28 were signed and returned.

g. Mr. Scott concluded his remarks by discussing nutrition and impacts on our NCAA athletes. He requested that Major Meghan Ullrich, VMIs Health and Wellness Coordinator, provide an overview of the program to his Committee. The discussion focused on caloric intake, caloric burn rates, and the types of foods our cadet-athletes are consuming daily. He stated that Dr. Diles would follow-up on this issue and continue working with MAJ Ullrich on improving nutrition for our athletes.

20. LtGen Wilson, Chair of the Cadet/Military Affairs Committee, reported on the meeting of her Committee.

a. LtGen Wilson provided an update on the extracurricular club and staff activities. She covered in detail the roles and responsibilities of each of the regimental staff positions (S1 through S7).

b. She reported that the ROTC and commissioning programs remain very strong. In FY17 the Institute commissioned 182 officer, but the projections for FY18 have increased significantly to 250. This is due in large part to the increase in recruitment by the Army and Air Force departments. She covered the activities and programs being covered by each of the ROTC departments.

21. Mr. Reeder, Chair of External Relations, reported on the meeting of his Committee.

a. Mr. Reeder reported that Colonel Gibson provided an update on the Stonewall Jackson House project.

b. Mr. Reeder reported that Colonel Clark provided his Committee with an update on funding in the Governor’s Budget and the various budget amendments that may impact VMI. He mentioned that Colonel Kim Parker is VMI’s Government Relations Officer and she continues to do a great job with tracking all of the bills that relate to higher education during this General Assembly session. Mr. Reeder reported that Colonel Dale Brown provided an update on the local government relations effort. The Chessie Trail access and removal of the Jordan’s Point Dam were discussed.
c. Mr. Reeder reported that Colonel Stewart MacInnis provided an update on current media relations issues. He discussed some of the challenges the Institute faces with social media, particularly posts made by members of the Corps of Cadets and by their parents over the past semester.

d. Mr. Reeder concluded his remarks by stating that the Jonathan M. Daniels ’61 Humanitarian Award will be presented next spring. He will be chairing the selection committee which plans to meet in the near future. He asked the Board members to consider any nominees worthy of recognition and to provide those inputs to Lt Col Harrington for consideration by the Committee. The proposed nominee will be presented to the full Board for a vote at the next Board meeting.

22. Mr. Scott, serving as temporary Acting Chair, reported on the meeting of the Nominating and Governance Committee.

a. Mr. Scott stated the Committee had reviewed a slate of candidates for appointment and reappointment to the Board. The terms for Mr. Hall, Mr. Hines and Mr. Reeder are expiring at the end of the academic year and they are eligible for reappointment. The Committee voted to advance Mr. Hall, Mr. Hines and Mr. Reeder for reappointment. The term for Mr. Gottwald is expiring after 8-years of service to the Board and he is not eligible for reappointment. A list of candidates to replace Mr. Gottwald were reviewed by the Committee and a name was submitted to the Board to fill the vacant position.

b. *A motion was made by Mr. Scott, seconded by LtGen Wilson, that the slate of candidates for appointment and reappointment be approved by the Board.* The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the approved slate of candidates will be provided to the VMI Alumni Agency for consideration.

23. **Entered into Closed Session:** *A motion was made by Mr. Boland, seconded by Mr. Hines, to enter into a Closed Session.* The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered into Closed Session at 1045 hours to discuss:

1. Disciplinary, admission, and other matters that would involve disclosure of information contained in the scholastic records of specific cadets, pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) (2), relating to discipline, Honor Court cases, and a cadet resignation.

2. An admission matter that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning a student in a school system pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(11) relating to an applicant for the class of 2022.

3. Personnel matters related to the employment, assignment, appointment, or performance of specific individuals (pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711 (A) 1), pertaining to (i)
the Commandant’s staff; (ii) a probationary, non-tenured faculty member; and (iii) the Deputy Superintendent for Academics and Dean of the Faculty

4. Discussion or consideration of honorary degrees or special awards, pursuant to Va. Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(11), pertaining to the New Market Award.

24. Return to Open Meeting: At 1148 hours, a motion was made by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Hall, certifying the Closed Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The Board returned to open session at 1148 hours.

25. Following the closed session, Mr. Boland requested that the Board vote on the next recipient of the VMI New Market Medal as discussed in the closed session. A motion was made by Mr. Boland, seconded by Mr. Hall, selecting General John P. Jumper ’66 as the next recipient of the VMI New Market Award. The motion passed unanimously. Presentation of the award will be held on 15 May 2018 during the VMI New Market Ceremony.

26. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1150 hours.

SEAN P. HARRINGTON, Lt Col, USAF (Ret.)
Secretary