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GUILD OF THE CORPS OF ROYAL CANADIAN
ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERS BOARD
OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD AT THE RCEME SCHOOL
CANADIAN FORCES BASE BORDEN 1315 HOURS 4 JULY 2023

ATTENDANCE

<u>Rank / Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Representation</u>
Col E.J.R.C. Gauthier	Co-Chairperson (Serving)	RCEME Guild Committee
CWO (Ret'd) R. Leclerc	Co-Chairperson (Retired)	RCEME Guild Committee
LCol C.M.M. Michaud	Admin Cmte Chairperson	RCEME Guild Committee
Maj W. Sett	Reserve Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
Capt T.A. Gervais	Secretary/Treasurer	RCEME Guild Committee
CWO A.G. Auger	NCR Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
MWO K.W. Lewis	3 Cdn Div Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
Col J.G.Y. Raymond	Heritage Chairperson	RCEME Guild Committee
CWO J.R. Peters	Trg Sys Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
Maj M. Nixon	Air and Navy Comd Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
WO (Ret'd) H. Schwab	LAD Rep (Sr NCO)	RCEME Guild Committee
Lt A. Kaintura	5 Cdn Div Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
MWO D. Forbes	Acting 4 Cdn Div Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
Maj J.O. Fontaine	RCEME Corps Coordinator	
Capt C.B. McDonald	SO RCEME	

Absent

Vacant	Colonel Commandant	RCEME Guild Committee
BGen (Ret'd) J.C.M. Giguère	Fundraising Chairperson	RCEME Guild Committee
WO (Ret'd) B.A. Thorne	LAD Rep (NCO)	RCEME Guild Committee
Vacant	LAD Rep (Officer)	RCEME Guild Committee
MCpl B.L. Muff	2 Cdn Div Rep	RCEME Guild Committee
Sgt D.R. Davis	4 Cdn Div Rep	RCEME Guild Committee

Invited

Col A.B. Lapointe	DRCEME (designate)	
MWO B.J.S. Bouffard	NCM Rep	RCEME Guild Committee

SUBJECT	ACTION
<p>1. <u>Opening address by Chairs.</u> Co-chair CWO (Ret'd) Leclerc welcomed all to the meeting. Col Gauthier explained that although the effects of a “post-covid” environment are still being felt, Guild activities are slowly ramping up. This APS will see many changes in leadership roles, however, support to Guild members and Corps activities are moving forward.</p> <p><u>SECRETARIAL NOTE.</u> Serialized agenda points are not necessarily in order.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	
<p>2. A motion was made to have the minutes of the 10 November 2022 meeting approved and accepted by the RCEME Guild Committee. Moved by Col Raymond, seconded by MWO Lewis. Approved by the majority.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Motion carried)</p>	
ACTION ITEMS	
RCEME TRADE COIN	
<p>3. The CANEX is actively working on the trade coin project, anticipated being ready for sale at the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	Corps SM
CADET UNIT AWARD	
<p>4. The criteria for the annual Dir RCEME Unit Cadet Award (given to a deserving Cadet unit associated with the Corps of RCEME in recognition of their significant and outstanding contribution to the Cadet movement and its community) have been defined and reviewed by the Board of Directors. Proposed by Col Raymond, seconded by LCol Michaud. Approved by the majority.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Motion carried)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Open Discussion - Determination of Award for Top Cadet Unit.</u> Members discussed a monetary award in the amount of \$500 for subject award. Col Raymond proposed that the winning unit receive an award plaque; CWO Auger agreed. LCol Michaud proposed that once the award suggestions were agreed upon, a call letter should be distributed to all Cadet units for submissions. Col Gauthier directed the Corps Adjt to engage with LCol Phillip Gideon (CO Regional Cadet Support Unit - Eastern) to determine the best options for Cadet recognition.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Open)</p>	Corps Adjt
SUPPORT TO CADETS	
<p>6. The RCEME affiliated Cadet units initially received financial support for the purchase of RCEME accoutrements, RCEME activities, etc. In the current Constitution, this benefit is not well defined, and it is not currently being used. There are eight RCEME affiliated Cadet units supported by different Reserve and Regular units across Canada.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Open Discussion.</u> At the last meeting, Col Gauthier proposed waiting for the 2023 budget to determine whether financial support of \$800 is feasible, and if so, to formally propose the addition of the \$800 to the Board of Directors at the next budget meeting. Col Raymond proposed that the monetary amount be considered as a requested</p>	Corps Adjt

<p>grant. Col Gauthier directed the Corps Adjt to engage with LCol Phillip Gideon to determine appropriate options.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Open)</p>	
MEMBERS RETIREE GIFTS	
<p>8. As a follow up to paragraph 14 of the previous minutes, MWO Lewis has accepted the task of gathering information in order to propose the creation of a Family and Art Scholarship.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Open)</p>	3 Cdn Div Rep
<p>9. Discussion from the previous meeting included exploring the CANEX gift card option to include cards from other outlets. While the Corps does benefit by members utilizing CANEX cards, the best interests of the members should be the primary focus. The Constitution would be updated and communicated Corps wide and would be effective once approved (not retroactive). Proposed by CWO Auger, seconded by CWO Peters. Approved by the majority.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Motion carried) (Item Open)</p>	Corps Adjt
NEW BUSINESS	
ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION	
<p>10. A motion was made to have the following administrative changes made to the Constitution:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. references of Queen changed to King; b. removal of the “framed certificate” comment (By-Law 1, paragraphs 27- 31), as this has not been done for quite some time and leads to unnecessary additional expenses; and c. extend the bursary deadline from 21 July 2023 to 25 August 2023 in order to allow more time for submissions. <p>Proposed by CWO Peters, seconded by Col Raymond. Approved by the majority.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Motion carried)</p>	Corps Adjt
RESERVE GUILD MEMBERSHIP	
<p>11. During Reserve training at the RCEME School, members are briefed on Guild benefits/membership. The pay allotment system cannot be done for these members; therefore, a one-time payment is accepted, and accoutrements are given. Once members leave the school, there is no visibility on members continuing to pay after the one year as they are not tracked. Col Raymond proposed no change. Col Gauthier concurred, as stated that absorbing the small cost of initial accoutrements is simpler than trying to formulate a complex method for Reserve member payments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	

PROMOTION OF REGIONAL SPORTING EVENTS	
<p>12. The Corps Adjt indicated that the promotion of Guild support to sports events is lacking as only two applications for summer activities have been received. Regional representatives are requested to ensure that this information is provided to all regions/personnel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	
ADDITION OF SPORTING EVENT	
<p>13. It was proposed that the RCEME Guild sponsor a team for the Canada Army Run as the National Capital Region does not have any sporting activity listed in the Constitution. It was noted that the Canada Army Run is too large of an event to sponsor only one RCEME team, as multiple RCEME Guild members participate. Col Gauthier directed that a review of National Capital Region RCEME events be done in order to identify other potential opportunities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	
DRCEME GROUP AWARD	
<p>14. The creation of a DRCEME Group award discussed as the current means to recognize group achievements is the awarding of multiple DRCEME Coins. Col Gauthier expressed the need to have a through examination of options done by the Corps SM with this item being discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Open)</p>	Corps SM
COL CMDT POSITION	
<p>15. It was mentioned that due to the unfortunate passing of the previous Colonel Commandant, the identification of a new Colonel Commandant is required. This is an ongoing discussion at the DRCEME level.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	
ROUND TABLE	
<p>16. There were no additional points raised during round table discussion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	
CLOSING REMARKS	
<p>17. The Co-Chairs thanked everyone for their continued support to Guild members and the Corps of RCEME.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Item Closed)</p>	

ADJOURNMENT	
18. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for some time near the end of October 2023. A MS Teams link will be forwarded once the date has been confirmed.	

E.J.R.C Gauthier
Colonel
RCEME Guild Co-Chairperson (Serving)

R. Leclerc
Chief Warrant Officer (Retired)
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Action

As per Opened Action Items

Information

All Board of Directors Cmte Members
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