

Making History Project, Corp.

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

November 2, 2021, 1PM

Present telephonically: Andrae Marak, Gene Garren, Patrick Russell

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm by President Patrick Russell.

A brief project update was provided by Patrick Russell for the activities in the past year. Notable was the project's recent American Heartland Tour which crossed 15 states in 39 days. The American Heartland Tour resulted in an additional 39 new oral history interviews of Veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Additionally, the Making History Project was able to assemble its first Intern Team consisting of 3 graduate and 1 undergraduate film student from Governors State University. The Intern Team is working hard on editing all the oral history interviews so they can be archived with the US Library of Congress, the University of Florida Samuel Proctor Oral History Program, and the project website of the Making History Project. Once the final product has been completed, the goal will be to undertake a fundraising campaign to continue the work of the Making History Project, whether through additional summer tours or the hiring/training of additional interviewers.

Next order of business was the consideration of Dominique Francois as a member of the Board. Dominique Francois resides in Normandy, France and has written many articles and several books on the D-Day as well as the 507/508 PIR. Andrae Marak moved to add Dominique Francois to the Board and Gene Garren seconded the motion. Dominique Francois was added to the Board by a unanimous vote.

Additionally, Gene discussed his desire to have his collection of videos and materials that he has been collecting since 1994 be preserved and utilized if possible. Likewise, Gene volunteered to reach out to several notable World War II Veterans that he knows to gauge their interest in an oral history interview as well as whether Valerie Gautier would be interested in helping the Making History Project in some capacity. Similarly, Andrae volunteered to look into possible grants that he is aware of that could be utilized as additional financial support for the project.

The final order of business was the election of officers for 2021-2021 proceeded with the current officers agreeing to continue in their present roles until further notice. As such, Patrick Russell will remain as President; Andrae Marak as Vice-President; and Gene Garren as Secretary.

At 1:32 pm, business was concluded, and the meeting adjourned.

These minutes were prepared on November 2, 2021, by the undersigned.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Russell', is written in a cursive style.

Patrick Russell – President