



**MILITARY DIVISION MINUTES  
WITH GOVERNMENT LIAISONS**

Friday, November 19, 2021

Virtual

Subject to the approval of the ION Military Division Officers, the following minutes are submitted. The meeting of the Military Division officers and government liaisons was called to order virtually on November 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. EST. Those virtually present were:

**VOTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

John Langer, Chair  
Jan Anzperger, Vice Chair

**NON-VOTING GOVERNMENT LIAISONS:**

Jacob Campbell  
John Del Colliano  
Elliott Kaplan  
J.P. Laine  
Steven Lewis  
Keith McDonald  
Paul Olson  
Chad Pinkelman  
Tom Powell  
Greg Reynolds  
Joe Schnecker  
Ben Wash  
David Wolfe

**OTHER PARTICIPANTS:**

Lisa Beaty, ION Executive Director

**AGENDA**

1. Review of Proposed New Liaisons
2. Proposed Changes to Military Division Leadership
3. Criteria for JNC Site Locations
4. Proposed Military Division Bylaws Changes

See Attached File: [MilDiv Langer Slides Nov 19 2021](#)

Review of Proposed New Liaisons: Langer

Langer reported that Spellerberg and Wash were stepping down as government liaisons as they

had taken jobs in the private sector. Additionally, it was reported that Eddy Emile had resigned after having completed multiple terms.

Langer reported the following candidates had been circulated to the liaisons in advance of the meeting for review:

Rod Earwood has been working in the navigation warfare community for 21 years. He started with the Joint GPS Combat Effectiveness JT&E in 2000 and has been with the Joint Navigation Warfare Center since its inception. He currently serves as the Chief Engineer/Technical Advisor at the JNWC. He is also the JNWC J9 division chief in charge of the JNWC modeling and simulation, NAVWAR anechoic chamber, engineering, analysis, and innovation development.

Christine D. Morlock serves as the Deputy Director of the JNWC responsible for managing and integrating NAVWAR across the DoD, coordinating DoD NAVWAR programs with other federal agencies, and providing NAVWAR expertise and assistance to coalition partners. Her primary focus is to serve as the principal for direct CCMD support to Joint and Service components for contingency planning and provide expertise for current operations at operational CCMD and strategic levels of war. Christine steers organizational activities to create NAVWAR knowledge through experimentation and operational assessments; operationalize NAVWAR capability through development and demonstration of NAVWAR operational employment concepts; and institutionalize NAVWAR into intelligence, operational planning, requirements, acquisition, policy, and doctrinal processes.

Brian Louie is a government civilian with 32 years of civil service. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley (UCB) with a BS and MS in Chemical Engineering. In 1985, he started his government career at the Sacramento Air Logistics Center (SM-ALC). Mr. Louie specialized in structural adhesives, sealants, and fiberglass composites, developed new repair processes for A-10, F-111, F-15, T-38 bonded honeycomb aircraft structures, and created new processes for rebuilding phased array antennas. He became a base closure refugee when they closed McClellan AFB and he transferred to the GPS Joint Program Office (JPO) in May 1999. For over 14 years he was the deputy program manager for the GPS IIF Operational Control Segment (OCS) Program and helped deliver the current GPS ground system. In 2013, he moved over to the GPS User Equipment Division. He currently works in the Military GPS User Equipment (MGUE) Increment 1 program developing integration guides and managing the integration of MGUE ground embedded receiver cards into the Army's Lead Platform—the Stryker family of vehicles—and the US Marine Corps Lead Platform—the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV).

Multiple liaisons expressed support for the candidates. There were no negative comments. Langer reported that he had received no private concerns. The liaisons were advised that invitations to these individuals would be extended shortly to formally join the Military Division

as government liaisons.

**Action:** Langer to notify the three new liaisons by telephone. Beaty will follow-up with formal liaison appointment paperwork.

#### Proposed Changes to Military Division Leadership: Langer

It was reported that John Langer had been serving as the Military Division Chair for the past four years, with Jan Anszperger serving as Vice Chair upon the departure of Sharon Donald during her term of office. Langer recommended that there were now enough FFRDC representatives to accommodate a transition in leadership and recommended Tom Powell assume the role of Chair, and Keith McDonald assume the role of Vice Chair with the goal that they would each serve in their respective capacities for a two-year term.

There were no objections to Langer's recommendations.

Langer reported that he would make the recommendation to the ION president, Dr. Frank van Diggelen, who would officially make the appointment. At the time of the transition, the newly appointed Military Division Chair would become a member of the ION Executive Committee.

#### Criteria for JNC Site Locations

Langer reported that, to date, ION had no official contracted space for the JNC meeting beyond 2023. There was some question as to whether or not JNC was returning to Covington in 2024 in compensation for the year that was lost due to the 2020 Covid cancellation. Beaty reported that contractually this was not required, but ethically it was the right thing to do.

The group reviewed Beaty's current list of priorities being used in determining JNC site selections as follows:

1. Accommodation of classified session without attrition/capacity restrictions
2. Meeting space for FEDCON sessions, commercial exhibit, and meal functions; preferable to be in a hotel facility where sleeping room fulfillment can be traded for meeting space
3. Adequate airlift in/out of location to facilitate capacity of meeting
4. Government-rate hotel rooms for all
5. Affordability of conference registration fees and meeting location
6. Attractive location

Beaty suggested that in order to meet the criteria, in the order specified, the group might need to accept returning to the same location for multiple years—even if this location was not deemed as attractive.

Wash suggested that ION look at Las Vegas in the future, which had previously been considered a *politically incorrect* government meeting location.

Action: The discussion of future site criteria and locations was deferred to the February 2023 Military Division meeting.

Action: Powell asked Beaty to provide a listing of the classified government facilities that ION had investigated. Beaty to revisit this list and provide an update to Powell prior to the February Military Division Meeting.

Proposed Military Division Bylaws Changes: Langer

Langer described the process for bylaws changes as: 1) propose the change; 2) seek comment/advice from liaisons; 3) Military Division Chair approves change(s); and 4) Military Division Chair forwards proposed changes to the ION President for approval and adoption.

The following changes were proposed to the Military Division bylaws:

1. Add an Immediate Past Chair as a member of the Military Division Executive Committee:  
*ARTICLE III, Section 4. Immediate Past Chair. The Immediate Past Chair shall assist the Chair as directed. The Immediate Past Chair shall not receive any financial compensation other than reimbursement of reasonable and customary expenses incurred on behalf of the Division as authorized by the Division Chair.*
2. Executive decisions to be made by the Military Division's Executive Committee comprised of Chair, Vice Chair, and Immediate Past Chair:  
*ARTICLE III, Section 2. Authority. All decisions, except revision of bylaws (see Article VII), shall be made by the Division's Executive Chair Committee with the advice and recommendations of the Vice Chair and government liaisons. The Division's Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, and the Immediate Past Chair. The Chair shall advise the Vice-Chair, Immediate Past Chair, all government liaisons, ION President, and ION's Executive Director of all decisions during meetings of the Division or by teleconference or email.*  
  
*Immediate Past Chair will be added to all sections of bylaws where members of the Executive Committee are specified.*
3. A commission on the annual meeting will be allocated to the Military Division at a flat rate of 5% of total conference revenues. This revenue will be used to fund Division programs as outlined in the Division's budget, or as appropriated by the Military Division's Executive Committee.
4. Military Division Chair will be noted as a voting member of the ION Executive Committee.
5. References to the Military Division Chair being required to sign checks will be removed

and replaced with the Division Chair authorizing expenditure(s)/transfers from Division's restricted funds.

6. Line of authority will note that the JNC Program Chair (for the JNC meeting) reports to the Division Chair. All references to a *JNC General Chair* (from the JNC meeting) will be removed.

All changes were discussed. Langer noted that all the proposed changes were consistent with the ION's Satellite Division bylaws and would have both ION's divisions operating under the same terms. There were no objections to any of the proposed changes by the liaisons.

**Action: Langer to officially approve the amended bylaws and direct Beaty to coordinate the adoption of the amended bylaws and appointment of the new Division officers with the ION President, Frank van Diggelen.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

*Postscript, November 22, 2021:*

ION President, Dr. Frank van Diggelen, approved the proposed changes to the Military Division's bylaws: [Military Division Bylaws Approved November 2021](#)

ION President, Dr. Frank van Diggelen, appointed Dr. Tom Powell to serve as the Military Division Chair. Dr. Powell will assume this role, and his role as a voting member of the ION's Executive Committee, effectively immediately.