

Minutes for the January 26, 2024 Appeals Sub-Committee Meeting

Starting Time: 1600

Location: CLE, Marshall Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Mr. John Adams (Chair), Mr. Scot Marsh, Mr. Ernie Edgar, MG James Ring, Lt. Col. (Ret.) James Joustra, Rear Adm. (Ret.) Terrance McKnight.

Honor Court Members Present: CDT Warner Collier (President), CDT Anne Townsend (VP Investigations), CDT Virginia Townsend (VP Education), CDT Derick Gyimah (2nd class Assistant Prosecutor), and CDT Harrison Williams (2nd class Assistant Prosecutor).

Others Present: COL Timmes, COL Brooke, and Ms. Kate Todd (visiting BOV member).

- Mr. Adams presided as chairman and called the meeting to order at 1604 and made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2023 meeting. Approved and seconded.
- All sub-committee members, Superintendent Representatives, and Honor Court members introduced themselves.
- COL Brooke offered that there have been six cases this year, with one being a hold-over from the Spring 23 semester.
- CDT Warner and other HC members offered their thoughts on various trends within the Corps. He stated the topic of unauthorized AI on work for grade has been a challenge and will likely be as its use and accessibility increases. CDT V. Townsend (VP for Education) has emphasized that the Help Received Statement is the appropriate place to list the use if AI on assignments.
- The topic of improved tracking of the time for cases to process from initial report to Pre-Trial was discussed with various factors at various stages of review. COL Timmes mentioned that the Superintendent would be meeting the following Wednesday with the members of the HC during their lunch meeting and continue to discuss the current cases.
- The trend of increased workload for the HC members was brought up and Mr. Edgar and later Mr. Marsh suggested perhaps additional HC members are needed. COL Timmes relayed that additional HC members was considered about 2 years ago, but the HC declined that offer from the Superintendent. CDT Collier again declined to entertain that offer.
- CDT Collier added a positive note about the relationship with MG Wins and the Commandant Staff going well. He mentioned the Honor Conference at the Citadel last year and that several HC members would participate again in February (at the Citadel).
- Mr. Adams offered that he would like to hold the next meeting in the Shell Hall HC Courtroom (implied task to the Supt Reprs and BOV Secretary).
- CDT Collier added that the VMI Alumni sponsored a trip for him to go to New York and he enjoyed talking about the Honor System to the gathered Alumni. CDT Collier indicated he would like to speak to more Alumni and Mr. Edgar thought it would be a great idea for him to speak at the Alumni reunions in the Spring and Fall (held at VMI).
- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1710.

COL Thomas C. Timmes '92
Assistant Superintendent Representative to the Honor Court