The Citadel Board of Visitors (BOV) held a teleconference in the Executive Conference Room, Bond Hall, on 17 February 2015 to conduct an executive session for personnel matters and to receive a recommendation from the Education and Leadership Development Committee.

The following members were present: Lieutenant General W. Michael Steele, Chair; Colonel Dylan W. Goff, Vice Chair (telephone); Colonel Allison Dean Love (telephone); Colonel Fred L. Price, Jr. (telephone); Lieutenant General John B. Sams, Jr.; Colonel “Tee” Hooper, Jr. (telephone); Colonel Peter M. McCoy, Sr. (telephone); Colonel Robert H. Nuttall, Sr. (telephone); Colonel L. E. “Gene” Pinson (telephone); Colonel Greg A. Lapointe (telephone); Colonel Stanley L. Myers, Sr. (telephone); Mr. Claudius E. Watts IV, Chairman, The Citadel Foundation (telephone); and Mr. Scott Tucker, President, The Citadel Alumni Association. Also present were Lieutenant General John W. Rosa, President; Mr. Mark C. Brandenburg; and Mrs. Patricia M. Kinard, Assistant to the President for Board Matters.

Voting members absent: none. A quorum was present.

Colonel Myron C. Harrington, Board Secretary, stated the meeting was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act in that notice had been posted 24 hours in advance in Bond Hall and local media sources were notified at the same time by electronic means.

Chair Steele opened the meeting and called for a motion to go into executive session. Motion made by Colonel Price, seconded by General Sams and unanimously approved.

Colonel Love motioned to come out of executive session, seconded by General Sams, and unanimously passed.

General Sams made the following motion:

**MOTION**

“That the Board of Visitors rescinds the Honorary Degree extended previously at the January 2014 Board of Visitors meeting.”

Following discussion, the motion passed 9-1.

Due to a previous commitment, Colonel Myers disconnected from the teleconference prior to the vote.

Chair Steele called for a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters. Motion made by Colonel Price, seconded by Colonel Nuttall, and unanimously passed.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Colonel Goff, seconded by General Sams, and unanimously approved.

By unanimous vote, the following were selected to receive the Palmetto Medal at Corps Day:

- Brigadier General Samuel M. Hines, Jr.
- Colonel Joseph W. Trez, Sr., ’69
- Mr. Kevin M. Elmore, ’74
- Cadet John C. Brosch, Class of 2015

Colonels Hooper, Nuttall and Pinson left the teleconference.

General Sams was called on to review the status of sending BOV members to the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) National Conference on Trusteeship to be held 19-21 April in Phoenix, Arizona. General Sams noted that AGB was the “gold standard” of providing best practices for higher education boards and administrators. Participation by BOV members will further enhance Board professionalism, as well as provide an opportunity to identify talented experts in the field of college governance who could provide in-house campus workshops for the full Board.

Funding is available to send two Board members to the conference. Colonel Myers, currently the junior member, and newly elected member Colonel Harrington will attend. Colonel Harrington will also attend two preconference workshops. General Sams will develop and present for approval at the April BOV meeting a Board policy outlining this initiative and detailing funding for it.

General Sams made the following motion, seconded by Colonel Goff:

**MOTION**

“That the Board of Visitors provides funding in the current budget to send two members to the AGB National Conference on Trusteeship, 19-21 April 2015, in Phoenix, Arizona, to bring back recommendations for potential speakers and share learning experiences.”
Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously (General Steele, Colonels Goff, Love and Price, General Sams, Colonels McCoy and Lapointe).

Colonel Love mentioned there is lots of good information on Board member development available online and by phone for free.

Colonel Lapointe will send out a notice to Board members reminding them to submit all potential changes to the College Regulations to him for discussion at the April BOV meeting.

Colonel Goff and Mr. Brandenburg will coordinate to prepare a policy regarding honorary degrees and will present it at the April BOV meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1630 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Myron C. Harrington, Jr.
Colonel, USMC (Retired)
Secretary to the Board of Visitors