

October 10, 2014

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# National Committee Meeting Board Report

Silver Spring

Minority Affairs Committee

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## National Committee Chair

Jerry Yamamoto

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### Attendees:

Jerry Yamamoto, Chair	Dave Simmons, Vice Chair	Pete Peterson
Horace Brown	Joe McIntyre	Henry Urioste
Virgie Hibbler	Joanna Henshaw AVVA	Jorge Pedroza
Manuel Pedraza	Gumersindo Gomez	Joe Jennings

### Absent:

Alan Manuel	Cecilio Besares	Connie Steers
James Maddox	Joe Wynn	Paul Washington
Ric Davidge	Ron Speight	Stephen Bowers
Tony Molina		

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### Report of the Chair:

- None
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### Approval of Agenda:

<b>Motion by:</b>	Gumersindo Gomez	<b>Second by:</b>	
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### Discussion:

Approved as presented

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### Approval of Minutes

<b>Motion by:</b>	Gumersindo Gomez	<b>Second by:</b>	Frank Medina
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### Discussion:

None. Minutes were from April 11, 2014 meeting in Silver Spring

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### Old Business:

#### Discussion:

- Congressional Gold Medal Award to Puerto Rican 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment for vKorean War Service discussed,
  - Committee booths discussed. **NAACP Booth** in July in Las Vegas. Joanna Henshaw dropped off vva brochures but no committee member worked in it. **Congressional Black Caucus Fdn** booth in sept in DC was held but no committee members worked it. Plan no booth for 2015. **SW Native American Veterans Assn Conference** in New Mexico in Sept 2015 considered. Seeking other minority veteran conferences to attend in 2015.
  - Committee recruitment Brochure Update is to be done moving three vets photo to front cover and do revision of text including Spanish language. Lou Nunez working on translation. Will report on solicitation of donations and grants to reproduce brochure and find grant writer. Second brochure discussed.
  - Discussion of committee developing health concerns dvd's for minority communities.
  - Monitoring of VA brochures printing in Spanish discussed and needs monitoring.
  - Naming of committee Diversity Award for Lane Evans to be pursued.
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### New Business:

#### Discussion:

- 2014 Convention Resolutions to be reviewed. New 2015 Resolutions are solicited if needed.
- Committee 114<sup>th</sup> Congress Legislative Agenda item discussed for support of HR 411 by Rep. Tonko to support establishing a Ft. McClellan Alabama Health Registry Act for toxic substances.
- FY 2015/2016 Budget proposal will be presented for input and final approval of budget request for submission.

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**Committee Motions:**

- Nominate Francisco Ivarra, Lou Nunez and Horace Brown as regular members (on consent calendar). Nominate Gumerindo Gomez as Vice Chair for Hispanic Affairs and remove name of Pat Toro as Vice Chair for Puerto Rico.

**Meeting Adjourned: At 4 PM**