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Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors Meeting August 20, 2011

President John Rowan called to order the meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors on Saturday August 20, 2011, at 12:10 pm, at the Silver Baron E room in Reno, Nevada following adjournment of the general session of the VVA Convention.

Roll call was accomplished by each member of the Board of Directors providing a brief introduction of themselves to those present.

John Rowan, President
Fred Elliott, Vice President
Bill Meeks, Secretary
Wayne Reynolds, Treasurer
Bob Barry
Pat Bessigano
Richard DeLong
Marsha Four

Ken Holybee
Joe Jennings
Allen Manuel
John Margowski
Sara McVicker
John Miner
Charlie Montgomery
Tom Owen

Felix Peterson
Jackie Rector
Dick Southern
Dan Stenvold
Sandie Wilson
Herb Worthington
Jerry Yamamoto

Excused: Nancy Switzer, AVVA President and Pastor Toro.

Also present: Joseph A. Sternburg, CFO/Staff Director.

Preliminary Business

There was no set agenda for the meeting and each Board of Director completed the initial paperwork (confidentiality agreement, business card information, name tag, etc.) necessary for the staff. Vice President Elliott noted the date on the Conflict of Interest form needs to be changed every year to be current. It was unanimous amongst the members of the Board of Directors that materials should be sent out to the BOD thirty (30) days in advance whenever possible and that will include the Conference of State Council Presidents (CSCP).

President Rowan greeted the new Board of Directors and everyone present at the meeting. President Rowan noted that the Board of Directors should schedule to come in a day early for the October meeting to receive training on the duties of being a board member, submitting reimbursements, travel requirements and other procedures or policies involving their elected office. CFO Joe Sternburg spoke briefly on the travel arrangement options and procedure for room reservations.

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President Rowan noted he will need additional time on the Committee Chair appointments. Treasurer Reynolds asked that the Committee Chair nominees be voted on individually and President Rowan agreed not to seek group approval.

President Rowan discussed the chapters that had their tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS; the list had grown from fifty-seven to eighty-three chapters and whether VVA suspension letters needed to be sent out immediately. Director McVicker wanted further legal clarification because she understood the General Counsel had issued an opinion that said chapters did not need to maintain tax-exempt status. Vice President Elliott noted pertinent background information on the matter should be developed so the BOD members can review before a decision is made to suspend the chapters involved. The “profile” on each chapter under IRS revocation should contain the state, number of members, last time the chapter filed VVA required reports and whether the chapter is incarcerated or not. CFO Sternburg noted that he is already developing a “profile” on each chapter and will provide that information to the BOD members.

After additional discussion President Rowan submitted the following motions to the BOD members for a vote.

Motion 1

To inform all chapters revoked by the IRS and provide them with information on how to resolve their status. The State Council President and Regional Director will be informed about these identified chapters and will report the status of the affected chapters by the October BOD meeting.

Yes: 22
No: 0
Non Vote: 1
Not Present: 1

There was discussion on formally giving the regional directors responsibility for chapters in states with no state council and Secretary Meeks will prepare a motion for the October BOD meeting.

Motion 2

To appoint Mike Swift as Parliamentarian.

Yes: 22
No: 0
Non Vote: 1
Not Present: 1

Motion 3

To appoint Grant Coats as Sergeant-of-Arms.

Yes: 22
No: 0
Non Vote: 1

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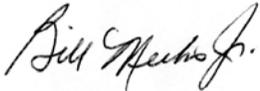
Not Present: 1

Meeting attendee Ric Davidge asked President Rowan if Rick Weidman could develop talking points on the VA budget and President Rowan agreed.

President Rowan thanked everyone and said “see you in October.”

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Meeks, Jr.".

Bill Meeks, Jr.

National Secretary

Approved: October 7, 2011