



## Vietnam Veterans of America

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### **Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors Meeting August 13, 2013 Approved by Board**

Vice President Fred Elliott called to order the meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors on Tuesday August 13, 2013, at 4:05 pm, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Jacksonville, FL. National Treasurer Wayne Reynolds delivered the opening prayer which was followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The National Secretary conducted the roll call of the National Board of Directors. Present were:

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  
Nancy Switzer \*  
Pastor Toro  
Sandie Wilson  
Herb Worthington  
Jerry Yamamoto

*\* AVVA President is a non-voting member of the National Board of Directors*

Late: John Rowan & John Margowski  
Also present: Joseph A. Sternburg, CFO.

#### **Preliminary Business**

Secretary Meeks submitted a motion to accept the agenda.

#### **Motion 1**

**To accept the BOD meeting agenda.  
Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 2**

Secretary Meeks submitted a motion to accept the BOD meeting minutes:

**Motion 2**

**To accept the BOD meeting minutes from April 19, 2013 in Silver Spring, MD.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 2**

**Reports**

**Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America/ N. Switzer**

AVVA President Switzer provided a verbal report.

**Consent Calendar**

Secretary Meeks submitted the following motion to approve the Consent Calendar:

**August 13, 2013 - Consent Calendar Motion**

**Motion 3**

**To accept the Consent Calendar.**

- **To revoke the charter of Chapter 368 CA, 816 SC, 1016 SC & 1020 AZ. At the request of the AZ, CA, & SC SCP: The State Councils has done all they needed to do to keep the Chapters and the efforts failed to rejuvenate the membership.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 1**

**Not Present: 1**

**Unfinished Business**

**Veterans Benefits Grants:** This item was moved to the bottom of New Business because of flight delay by John Margowski.

**New Business**

**Ruth Matthews Special Projects Fund Policies and Procedures:** Secretary Meeks presented the following motion:

**Motion 4**

**To rescind Motion 3A of January 11, 2013 adopting the Ruth Matthews Special Projects Fund Policies and Procedures.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

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

Director Four presented the following motion:

**Motion 5**

**Direct the Finance Committee to develop a policy for distribution of funds or property bequeathed to VVA.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

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

**MS&K Client Engagement Agreement:** Secretary Meeks presented the following motion:

**Motion 6**

**Move to approve MS&K (Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp (LLP) Client Engagement Agreement regarding legal work for VVA.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

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

**Billing for the VHC Logo/Marks:** Treasurer Reynolds presented the following motion:

**Motion 7**

**To approve payment for registering the Veterans Health Council Marks.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

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

**65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment Resolution:** Director Yamamoto presented the following motion:

**Motion 8**

**That the Vietnam Veterans of America endorses and promotes HR1726, and the upcoming Senate Companion Bill S1174, which requests the award of the Congressional Gold Medal to the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 1**

**Not Present: 1**

**Appeal to the VVA National Board of Directors on VVA Membership Eligibility:** Secretary Meeks presented the following motion:

**Motion 9**

**To revoke the VVA membership of #430900 for failure to meet eligibility requirements established by VVA National Board of Directors by Motion 25 approved on April 2003 which requires minimum of 180 days active duty military service.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 1**

**Not Present: 1**

**Agent Orange Riders Letter of Support:** Director Worthington presented the following motion:

**Motion 10**

**To have the VVA President write a letter of support for the Agent Orange Riders.**

**Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 1**

**Not Present: 1**

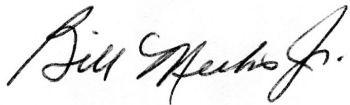
**Irregularities on Business Between VHCF & VVA:** President Rowan spoke about the circumstances that required immediate action to get the VHCF's application as a 501(c)(3) resolved which circumvented normal VVA policy and procedure regarding new contracts. Dr. Berger did agree to produce written notes or report since normal minutes are not taken from future VHC meetings and to include an attendance roster of all organizations attending.

**Update on Accomplishments by VVA in Puerto Rico and Moving Forward:** Director Toro gave a brief background on past conditions in Puerto Rico as to dealing with the VA and provided documents from the VA Office of Inspector General which led to further discussion on the matter.

**Veterans Benefits Grants:** Director Margowski and Veterans Benefits Department Director Vale spoke on the grant process, the backlog of disability claims and provided data on the growth of VVA claims.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Meeks, Jr." in a cursive style.

Bill Meeks, Jr.

National Secretary

Approved: October 11, 2013