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Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors Meeting July 25, 2015 Approved by Board

President John Rowan called to order the meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors on Saturday July 25, 2015, at 11:15 am at the Ambassador (Hilton) -- Prayer; 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	Charlie Hobbs	Dick Southern
Marsha Four, Vice President	Sharon Hobbs *	Dan Stenvold
Bill Meeks, Secretary	Joe Kristek	Kerwin Stone
Wayne Reynolds, Treasurer	Sara McVicker	Craig Tonjes
Dennis Andras	John Miner	Sandie Wilson
Dottie Barickman	Charlie Montgomery	Ted Wilkinson
Tom Burke	Ron Morgan	Jerry Yamamoto
Richard DeLong	Felix Peterson	
Mike Demske	Dave Simmons	

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

Also present: Joseph A. Sternburg, CFO.

Preliminary Business

Secretary Meeks submitted a motion to accept the amended agenda.

Motion 1

To accept the BOD meeting amended agenda by adding 2015 VVA Convention Minutes under Preliminary Business and adding Appointments of Sgt-At-Arms, Chaplain and Appointment of Committee Chairs under New Business.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Secretary Meeks submitted the following motion:

Motion 2

**To have the 2015 VVA Convention Minutes approved at the 2015 October BOD meeting.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Secretary Meeks gathered the filled out forms pertaining to business cards and name tags from the board members and delivered the forms to CFO Sternburg.

Unfinished Business

Director Miner with second from Director McVicker submitted the following motion:

Motion 3

**To have each committee report their goals for the coming next two years at the 2015 October BOD meeting and give update at each BOD meeting until April 2017.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

New Business

Board Training: CFO Sternburg discussed travel arrangements, hotel room reservations, expense reimbursements and the budget cycle briefly with the board members. Secretary Meeks stated additional training would be provided pertaining to the BOD Information Site and E-Voting between meetings to the board members. Board members were notified that they should come in early on Wednesday October 14th and the training session would take place on Thursday. Those board members who are state council presidents would be excused from the training session to attend the CSCP meeting being held on Thursday.

Appointments of Committee Chairs & Others: President Rowan noted that Dick Southern would continue to assist the CSCP on the Combined Federal Campaign. President Rowan noted that he was continuing Dr. Berger's appointment as Executive Director of the Veterans Health Council, Treasurer Reynolds duties as the Compliance Officer and then submitted the following motions:

Motion 4

**To appoint Grant Coates as the Sgt-At-Arms.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 5

**To appoint Father Philip Salois as the National Chaplain.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 6

**To appoint Maynard Kaderlik as the Chair of the Agent Orange Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 7

**To appoint Leslie DeLong as the Chair of the Constitution Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 8

**To appoint Jim Blout as the Chair of the Credentials Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 9

**To appoint Frank Barry as the Chair of the Economic Opportunities Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 10

**To appoint Scott DeArman as the Chair of the Election Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 11

**To appoint Ned Foote as the Chair of the Finance Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 12

**To appoint Pete Peterson as the Chair of the Government Affairs Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 13

**To appoint Sandy Miller as the Chair of the Homeless Veterans Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 14

To appoint Dan Stenvold as the Chair of the Conference Planning Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 15

To appoint Charlie Hobbs as the Chair of the Membership Affairs Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 17

To appoint Jerry Yamamoto as the Chair of the Minority Affairs Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 18

To appoint Al “Butch” Huber as the Chair of the National Disciplinary Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 19

To appoint Richard DeLong & Grant Coates as the Co-Chairs of the POW/MIA Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 20

**To appoint Dr. Tom Hall as the Chair of the PTSD & Substance Abuse Committee.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 21

To appoint Dick Southern as the Chair of the Resolutions Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

President Rowan stated that the Veterans Against Drugs Task Force was really a committee instead of a task force.

Motion 22

To make the Veterans Against Drugs a Committee instead of a Task Force.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 23

To appoint Dave Simmons as the Chair of the Veterans Against Drugs Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 24

To appoint Tom Burke as the Chair of the Veterans Benefits Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Motion 25

To appoint Pat Bessigano as the Chair of the Veterans Health Care Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

Dominick Yezzo spoke up that the term veterans incarcerated was not used anymore and Dr. Tom Berger confirmed that statement.

Motion 26

To establish a new committee Veterans In The Justice System.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

(*This motion was rescinded on October 16, 2015)

Motion 27

To appoint Dominick Yezzo as the Chair of the new committee Veterans In The Justice System.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

(*This motion was rescinded on October 16, 2015)

Motion 28

To appoint Kate O'Hare-Palmer as the Chair of the Women Veterans Committee.

Without objection motion passed.

Yes: 23

No: 0

Non Vote: 1

Not Present: 0

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Bill Meeks, Jr.

National Secretary

Approved: October 16, 2015