

Vietnam Veterans of America
Conference of State Council Presidents

April 18, 2013

Silver Spring, MD

Pre-Approved Minutes

Meeting of the Conference of State Council Presidents was called to order by Chair Charlie Montgomery at 9:03 am on Thursday, April 18, 2013.

Opening service conducted with Wayne Reynolds leading the Invocation.

Roll Call of States: The states represented at the meeting totaled 40 of 47; a quorum was met. The following States were present:

ALABAMA	MASSACHUSETTS	OHIO
ALASKA	MICHIGAN	OKLAHOMA
ARIZONA	MINNESOTA	OREGON
ARKANSAS	MISSISSIPPI	PENNSYLVANIA
CALIFORNIA	MISSOURI	PUERTO RICO
CONNECTICUT	MONTANA	RHODE ISLAND
FLORIDA	NEBRASKA	SOUTH CAROLINA
GEORGIA	NEVADA	SOUTH DAKOTA
IDAHO	NEW JERSEY	TENNESSEE
IOWA	NEW MEXICO	TEXAS
KANSAS	NEW YORK	VIRGINIA
LOUISIANA	NORTH CAROLINA	WASHINGTON
MARYLAND	NORTH DAKOTA	WEST VIRGINIA
		WISCONSIN

The following states were absent:

Delaware	Indiana	Maine
Illinois	Kentucky	New Hampshire
		Vermont

Officers present were:

Chair:	Charlie Montgomery - Virginia
1 st Vice Chair	Dottie Barickman - Nebraska
Secretary:	Avery Taylor – South Carolina

Housekeeping:

The agenda was adopted without objection

Charlie Montgomery assigned Wayne Reynolds, AL, as Parliamentarian.

The minutes of October 04, 2012, were accepted without change.

Announcements: Wes Guidry requested everyone please insure their hotel bill is correct when checking out due to the recent changes in the hotel and to also leave a gratuity when you take advantage of the “free” breakfast. He also pointed out that “Tradition Trumps Legislation” in regard to flag protocol: Marine veterans not in uniform do not salute as authorized by legislation.

Welcoming remarks: were made by John Rowan, National President with emphasis regarding the activities of the CSCP on Capitol Hill.

Returned from “The Hill”: Ric Davidge and Tom Burke gave an after-action report of the events on the “Hill” on Wednesday.

16th National Convention Report: Various announcements, status, etc. reports regarding the Convention were presented by Scott DeArman, Jim Blunt, and Joe Sternburg.

Officer Reports:

Chair: Charlie Montgomery appointed chair of VIC: Terry Hubert and chair of VAD: Dave Simmons. Appointments accepted without objection.

1st Vice Chair: Dottie Barickman reported 57% of reported expenses for January meeting were distributed at \$16,062. Discussed issue with distribution of expense checks for the “3rd Meeting.”

Motion 0413001: That Reimbursement for all CSC 3rd Meeting will be made to the respective State Council made by Dottie Barickman, 2nd by Wayne Reynolds. Roll call vote was 19Y, 19N, 1 A. CSCP Chair broke the tie with a No vote. **Motion failed.**

The vote:

ALABAMA	Y	MASSACHUSETTS	Y	OHIO	N
ALASKA	Y	MICHIGAN	N	OKLAHOMA	Y
ARIZONA	Y	MINNESOTA	N	OREGON	N
ARKANSAS	N	MISSISSIPPI	N	PENNSYLVANIA	Y
CALIFORNIA	Y	MISSOURI	N	OUERTO RICO	Y
CONNECTICUT	Y	MONTANA	N	RHODE ISLAND	Y
FLORIDA	Y	NEBRASKA	Y	S. CAROLINA	N
GEORGIA	N	NEVADA	N	SOUTH DAKOTA	N
IDAHO	Y	NEW JERSEY	Y	TENNESSEE	N
IOWA	A	NEW MEXICO	Y	TEXAS	Y
KANSAS	Y	NEW YORK	N	VIRGINIA (cscp)	N
LOUISIANA	N	N. CAROLINA	N	WASHINGTON	Y
MARYLAND	N	NORTH DAKOTA	N	WEST VIRGINIA	Y
				WISCONSIN	N

Reimbursement Forms: Deborah Williams, Director of Finance, discussed changes on the expense form along with instructions for completing. Dottie Barickman and Charlie Montgomery assisted with the presentation.

“Voices of War”: Amy Vanderman made a presentation on this veteran interviews project as part of the VN War Commemoration program. Interviews will be available for presentations during the prime years of the Commemoration (www.vow.com)

CSCP Reports:

CSCP Budget: Dottie Barickman reviewed the 2013-14 proposed CSCP budget of \$103,184. Further discussion was tabled until the exact amount needed could be verified. This report was taken from the table after the By-laws report. The final proposal was for \$98,150 to be requested from the Budget Committee.

By-laws: Bill Meeks reviewed proposed policy changes in the Disciplinary Code.

Motion 0413002: That the CSCP Endorse these changes was made from committee. Approved w/o objection.

Constitution: Leslie DeLong reviewed 15 proposed amendments and a resolution from the Constitution Committee to standardize terminology used in the Constitution.

Veterans Benefits: John Margowski gave a recap of the VSO grants procedure.

Government Affairs: Rich Lindbeck, along with Carl Tuvin, remarked on the results of the “Take the Hill” day stating that this seems to have been the “Best one yet.” He also reported that 36-37 states currently recognize VN Veterans Day with Alaska being the most recent.

Women Veterans: Pat Dumin reported that she needs point of contact information from each state.

CSCP Handbook: Dave Simmons reported that a new release of the handbook will be available after the convention.

Credentials Committee: Charlie Montgomery gave an update of the SF180 and other required procedures for CSCP credentialing.

Membership: Joe Kristek gave an update on the current membership numbers and announced the availability of the new revised application form.

Veterans Incarcerated: Terry Hubert distributed handouts of the VIC report and gave a short recap of the contents.

Veterans Against Drugs: Dave Simmons reported on the Skating event held in the Spring.

Political Action Committee: Dottie Barickman announced they have 15 questions for the candidates but the team will work this down to a manageable number for the convention.

AIVMI PROJECT: Stephen Bowers, Seminole Tribe of Florida, made a presentation of the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative. This initiative is to have a memorial for the American Indians added near the 3 Servicemen statue.

National Treasurer and VP Special Report: Wayne Reynolds discussed status of the contract with Medals of America and what is currently being planned for renewal. There will no longer be an exclusive on VVA Materials, the pro-forma contract will be 20%,

women's clothing will be offered, and the marketing and awards type products will be expanded. Fred Elliot presented information about Pro-forma Agreement discussions.

Wayne also reported on updates to the 50th Anniversary program and encouraged all states to become Commemorative Partners. A full report will be made at the Convention.

Round Table Discussion: At 3:45 the CSCP went into a round table to allow states to discuss what they have been doing since the last meeting. A non-state specific point mentioned was that the 2014 CSCP Elections will be in October, not at the Leadership Conference in August.

There being no further business, Meeting was recessed 4/18 at 4:37p.m. and adjourned 4/20 at 3:22 p.m.

(Complete audio transcript available on request using Digital Voice Editor 3.3.)

Respectfully submitted,

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