

Vietnam Veterans of America

**Conference of State Council Presidents
October 15, 2015 Meeting
Silver Spring, MD
Minutes**

Meeting of Council of State Council Presidents was called to order by Chair Charlie Montgomery at 9:01 AM.

Wayne Reynolds led the devotion. The Pledge of Allegiance was done. A moment of silence was observed.

A sign in sheet was passed around with Chair Charlie Montgomery asking all present to put down their personal email address.

Roll Call of States: At the time of roll call the States at the meeting totaled 40; a quorum was met. The following States were present:

Alabama	Michigan	Oklahoma
Alaska	Minnesota	Oregon
Arizona	Mississippi	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Missouri	Puerto Rico
California	Montana	Rhode Island
Colorado	Nebraska	South Carolina
Connecticut	Nevada	Tennessee
Georgia	New Jersey	Texas
Idaho	New Mexico	Utah
Kansas	New York	Vermont
Louisiana	North Carolina	Virginia
Maryland	North Dakota	Washington
Massachusetts	Ohio	West Virginia
		Wisconsin

Officers Present:

Chair - Charlie Montgomery
1st Vice – Rex Moody (After elections)
2nd Vice Chair - Richard Lindbeck

Charlie Montgomery appointed Wayne Reynolds as the Parliamentarian.

Agenda was adopted with additions.

Elections – Charlie Montgomery spoke about the 1st Vice-chair Dottie Barickman resigning. Therefore we need to have an election to fill the 1st Vice-chair position. Dave Simmons, as the election chair, took over the meeting. Dave explained the amount of time each candidate would be allowed to speak. John Weiss would be the time keeper. Marking the ballots was discussed. The three candidates then spoke and answered questions. Ballots were handed out, marked, collected by the election committee to be counted.

Minutes: Motion made to accept the minutes as written, seconded, passed without objection.

Announcements: Wes Guidry spoke about reservations at the hotel. He spoke about the wi-fi in the rooms being slow so he gave out another code to get a faster internet connection. E-reservations, get them in on time. The buffet for the weekend will be pre-pay so you don't have to wait to pay your bill after eating. Wes also spoke about the winter CSCP meeting for 2016. Lake Charles was approved at the February 2015 CSCP meeting, but it will be too expensive so if approved will be in Lafayette, LA at the Windham hotel from Jan. 21 to Jan. 23, 2016. Wayne Reynolds spoke about signing the contract with the hotel.

Motion #1015001 by Carlton Rhodes to go to Lafayette, LA for the CSCP winter meeting, second by Francisco Ivarra. Roll call vote, motion PASSED.

Election Results: Dave Simmons came in to announce the results of the election. Rex Moody was elected as the 1st Vice-chair. Rex Moody was then sworn in by Charlie Montgomery.

Wayne Reynolds announced the reception at the National Office tonight from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Charlie Montgomery had the Utah State Council President introduce himself. Dennis Howland spoke about being the president of Utah and also the National Public Affairs Committee Chair.

John Rowan, National President, welcomed everyone. John spoke about the new National VVA web site, the reception at the National office tonight and office personnel. John spoke about the Veterans Benefit department losing personnel. Marsha Four and Tracy Houston spoke about the office problems, mainly the membership department. Long discussion on fixing the problems in the membership department. John Rowan spoke about the toxic exposure bills. Marsh Four talked about the strategic plan group, the office and what VVA owns.

Dan Stenvold spoke about the National awards process and told what National awards there are. Go the National web site to get the applications.

Officers Reports: Chair Charlie Montgomery thanked everyone for their condolences, thoughts and prayers for his mother. Talked about the Jan. committee meetings, getting the minutes out to the committee members after the Jan. meeting.

1st Vice-chair Rex Moody spoke about the CSCP reimbursement forms, per diem, parking. Don't forget the per diem or parking.

2nd Vice-chair Richard Lindbeck spoke about taking care of the CSCP meeting agenda for Charlie Montgomery. He spoke about the Wisconsin Agent Orange Town Hall meetings.

CSCP Budget: Rex Moody and Charlie will be working on next year's budget. Will try to put into the budget for a Jan. meeting at National VVA.