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**Vietnam Veterans of America
National Board of Directors Meeting
August 12, 2017
Approved by Board**

President John Rowan called to order the meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors on Saturday August 12, 2017, at 11:37 am, at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, LA. President Rowan gave the opening prayer which was followed by a moment of silence.

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

John Rowan, President	Bob Grabinski	Felix Peterson
Marsha Four, Vice President	Skip Hochreich	Dave Simmons
Bill Meeks, Secretary	Sharon Hobbs *	Dick Southern
Wayne Reynolds, Treasurer	Francisco Ivarra	Dan Stenvold
Dottie Barickman	Allen Manuel	Kerwin Stone
Tom Burke	John Margowski	Ted Wilkinson
Spence Davis	Sara McVicker	Sandie Wilson
Richard DeLong	Charlie Montgomery	
Gumersindo Gomez	Rex Moody	

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

Present: Joseph A. Sternburg, CFO

Preliminary Business

Secretary Meeks will distribute packets to the elected 2017-2019 VVA National Board of Directors: Packet will contain numerous forms to be filled out by board members, instructions for board meeting travel, instructions for room reservations, order form for name badge, order form for business cards and direct deposit for reimbursements from the VVA Finance Department.

Secretary Meeks submitted the following motion with a second from Treasurer Reynolds:

Motion 1

**To accept the 2017 August BOD meeting tentative agenda as presented.
Without objection motion passed.**

Yes: 23
No: 0
Non Vote: 1
Not Present: 0

National President/J. Rowan

President Rowan greeted the new board of directors and gave a brief verbal report on upcoming business.

National Vice President/M. Four

Vice President Four gave a brief verbal report.

National Secretary/B. Meeks

Secretary Meeks gave a brief verbal report on what e-mail traffic the new board members should expect in the coming weeks.

National Treasurer/W. Reynolds

Treasurer Reynolds gave a brief report on financial issues.

Unfinished Business

Secretary Meeks stated there was no unfinished business.

New Business

Appointment of Committee Chairs & Others

President Rowan made a motion with a second from Secretary Meeks:

Motion 2

To appoint the following Committee Chairs and other individuals to positions during 2017-2019 term of office;

**VAVS - Ken Rose & Judy McCombs as Emeritus VAVS National Rep.
Sgt-at-Arms - Grant Coates
Chaplain - Fr. Phil Salois
Executive Director of the Veterans Health Council - Dr. Tom Berger
Compliance Officer - Treasurer Wayne Reynolds
Special Advisor to the President for Health - Linda Schwartz
POW/MIA - Grant Coates
PTSD and Substance Abuse - Dr. Tom Hall
Veterans Incarcerated and Justice System - Dominick Yezzo
Membership Affairs - Charlie Hobbs
Public Affairs - Dennis Howland
Health Care - Carol Baker
Women Veterans - Kate O'Hare Palmer
Homeless Veterans - Sandy Miller
Minority Affairs - Gumersindo Gomez**

Government Affairs - Felix Peterson
Constitution - Leslie DeLong
Economic Opportunities - Frank Barry
Election - Scott DeArman
Finance - Ned Foote
Veterans Against Drugs - Dave Simmons
Convention Rules - Joe Jennings
Convention & Conference Planning - Dan Stenvold
Resolutions - Dick Southern
Agent Orange/Dioxin - Maynard Kaderlik
Veterans Benefits - Tom Burke
Credentials – Richard Lindbeck
Combined Federal Campaign Coordinator – Dick Southern
Without objection motion passed.
Yes: 23
No: 0
Non Vote: 1
Not Present: 0

Board Training

CFO Sternburg spoke about travel arrangements, room reservations and other aspects related to the training session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bill Meeks, Jr.
National Secretary
Approved 10/13/17