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;

- 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
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