

**CSCP MEETING**  
**LAFAYETTE, LA**  
**JANUARY 22-23, 2016**

Called to order by Chair Charlie Montgomery at 9:00AM

Thanks to LA State Council for the great meal last night.

Charlie gave a short talk on what is going on in his life.

**Roll call 32 of 48 in attendance.** A quorum was met.

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| Alabama     | Minnesota      | Oregon        |
| Arizona     | Mississippi    | Pennsylvania  |
| Arkansas    | Montana        | Tennessee     |
| Colorado    | Nebraska       | Texas         |
| Connecticut | New Jersey     | Utah          |
| Georgia     | New Mexico     | Virginia      |
| Idaho       | New York       | Iowa          |
| Kansas      | North Carolina | West Virginia |
| Louisiana   | North Dakota   | Rhode Island  |
| Maryland    | Ohio           | California    |
| Michigan    | Oklahoma       | Wisconsin     |

**Officers Present:**

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| <b>Chair-Charlie Montgomery</b>              |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice- Rex Moody</b>        |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice- Richard Lindbeck</b> |

Terry Courville-LA State Council President opening remarks. Welcome to LA. Thanks for the assistance from the crew that helped get this together.

Guest Speaker-None

Parliamentarian-Wayne Reynolds

Changes to agenda-none at this time. Accepted as published.

Moved to accept as published-Dick Southern

Wes Guidry-Plan for 35 and it grew. Please make a donation to the LA State Council.

Tabasco products handed out to all. More for the trip to Tabasco on Sat.

Cane sugar syrup, seasoning, Tabasco Vietnam Cook Book

**John Rowan Remarks:** Arizona presented President Rowan with a historian book.

Whit paper on donations to veteran's org. Not a good piece. More focus on homeless programs instead of veteran programs.

Questions to Dem/Rep. Received five(5) responses from candidate list. Dem-Clinton/Sanders.

The Republican convention is the same week as Leadership in Tucson. No one from National will be able to attend.

Veterans are the largest group voting today. Members go back to their chapters to have those with contacts with politicians. Put out word to chapters who have contacts with the various parties for info to National.

To do Town Halls at the National Conventions to see if it will work.

Hr 1769/S901: 152 House members have signed on. 30 Senators.. Boseman/Arkansas/ LA has not signed on. Get back to your senators on Monday to them to respond.

**GET ON THE PHONE TO MAKE THEM RESPOND TO THE BILLS**

**Joe Sternburg: New Reports:** Handouts from National on reports that need to be submitted. Finance Report Annual. One to the State Council and one to the National Office. New report has been reduced to one page. Goes to Finance Office. Can be submitted scanned, electronic, snail mail. Make sure you keep a copy for yourself. Submit both the 990N and acceptance. If these are not attached you have not filed your report.

**The 990N report that National needs is the one that has ACCEPT. Not the one that has thanks for submitting.**

Needs to be at the National Office by July 15. All reports Finance/990N, Accepted. **If not in by July 15 National will Suspend.**

Wayne Reynolds understanding contracting. Handout on Contracts. Document the services. Make sure that you read prior to signing. If you do not understand do not vote or sign.

Montgomery: Report from National Board Meeting. New person on the POW/MIA committee is a retired LTGen.

Bill Meeks doing a great job as Secretary. Meeks and Sternburg received the Commendation Medal. Rex Moody gave a report on the Budget. Outstanding turn over of the information from Dottie on the finance reports.

Gene Greco had a problem at the October meeting. Security Socks.

**Lindbeck: Welcome Guide:** For new CSCP Presidents. Asked to review and send me the comments. Need to have ready for the April CSSCP Meeting.

**Rex Moody: Motion: \$100 donation to LA State Council. Second Colorado. Motion carried without objection.**

Wes Guidry reported all flights to DC are cancelled and the earliest to get there will be Monday. Atlanta also being affected.

Had all members introduce themselves.

Budget for CSCP 2016/2017: Moody/Montgomery: Increase from \$89,300 to \$113,800. Increase is for the third meeting at Silver Spring, MD. Why are we showing \$3000 for rent of meeting facilities? This is for audio/visual rental if necessary. At this time we have not had to use since it is negotiated by the meeting planner.

Leave it in the budget as proposed.

**John Rowan:** Is this the last meeting for the CSCP off site? **Montgomery:** This item is on the agenda later.

**Motion: Dave Simons: Move to accept as presented. Passed**

**Reimbursement: Montgomery:** No one has to fill out. Montgomery/Moody/Lindbeck are the only ones  
This is the last time that we will be meeting off site.

**Dave Simmons:** 2016 Elections. Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Secretary. Elections open to July 1. Submit a letter of intent to the Nominations Committee. It will be posted once a month.

You cannot run for multiple positions. You vote for one position and not others because you lost does not mean you will get the next position.

**Life Membership:** Montgomery. All LM will be \$100 from now on.

CSCP Annual Meeting. Wayne Reynolds-Are we anticipating the Jan. 2017 meeting.

We will not go in January. Lengthy discussion on the purpose. Function is to attend Committee meetings that we are assigned.

Dan Stenvold: BOD will ask why the third meeting is on your own dime. Why fund it now.

Can we come in on Thursday just like the BOD meeting. We would not have a meeting on Thursday.

Wes Gudiry: At the last meeting he reported that National would not set the meeting up since it is at a cost of \$50,000.

**Motion: Wayne Reynolds: The off site meeting be eliminated. Second: Dumin. Abstained: Foote. Motion Carried.**

Wes Gudiry advised the evening activities; MORE FOOD.

The off site meeting being eliminated. Room availability for the Jan. Meeting with Hotel rooms and meeting rooms???

The hotel will not hold rooms for four months without a contract. The Hotel has 300 sleeping rooms and eight meeting rooms. In order to hold the meeting a contract is necessary.

Finance Committee has to approve the requested budget to fund the January Meeting. If it does not get approved there would not be a CSCP meeting.

At this time if there are rooms available for the hotel we can attempt to renegotiate for the Jan. meeting.

1-23-16 9:00AM

The tour bus will be coming in at 11AM for the trip to Tabasco.

Keep the round table to a minimum. Problems are the focus.

**Lets Travel:** Beth Comeaux, Sheila Miolbert, Mindy Early.

Mission is to get the best travel accommodations available. 21 days before travel. Best to make it as early as possible for the best fare. Be flexible with the airlines and times to fly. Which airport are you going. Your Drivers license has to be current in order to fly. Passports work.

Arrive at the airport at least 2 hours early, International should be three hours.

TSA Pre-check. This is random and not guaranteed. The cost to have Pre-Check is \$85 and good for five years.

Use the airline app on you phone because it allows you to remain in contact with you flights if they are cancelled or delayed. This allows Let's Travel to get the jump on rescheduling of the trip ahead of the other passengers. Check in On Line 24 hours in advance. This will get you a seat assignment.

Getting bumped. If you have done everything in advance and get bumped. Be courteous and need to get to the location for a meeting.

Let's Travel has 24 hour service.

Kentucky Mostly we do airlines for VVA. We also do cars, trips, etc. Will shortly have a web site to work with.

Wes Guidry: Four states that do not accept DL are Minnesota, Louisanna, Connetticuit.

Honorary Members of Louisanna. Cajons. All CSCP present were made Honorary Cajons.

51 took the trip to Tabasco.

Tonight is the Pig Roast. The gift baskets will be auctioned off.

Dan Stenvold. Terry received a donation from the CSCP.

**Charlie Montgomery:** We will nto be going to the Hill in April. Decision from the BOD that it was not going to happen. Logistics the big problem.

Washing the Wall. There are more people and groups to wash and more people are standing around.

**Bev Stewart:** State council operations issue. By Laws amended. Six chapters in the state. Three have more delegates than the others. To make it fair each chapter will have two delegates. Elections are in April. We do not have an election or nominations committee.

The State Council would not have a secretary or treasurer. That would leave a non existence State Council.

The Chapters can still be active and be represented at the Convention with delegates. Leslie DeLong responded. There is a officer pro tem. One can be appointed for the meeting. The delegates want to dissolve the State Council. May need to contact the State of Montana laws. **Section 5 VVA Constitution.**

Suggestion to send a letter to each member stating that we have a problem and need your help. The chapters are in compliance and do not want to step to take a position in the State Council.

Lengthy discussion on how to resolve the problem.

*The is a problem that all State Councils will have in the future. We need to consider this for the membership.*

Round Table. MS. Travel Policy 2015 Pass on to new members and download for more info. Turn over files to the new person.

IN: Second Rex's info. Having someone in position of respect. AZ. Legislative issue. VVA Leg. CAPWIZ.COM/VVA/HOME. Arizona bill to support the Toxic Exposure Bill by the State Legislature., OH Pushing the bills, PA VN Vets day for the whole country. Problems that there are no WWI/WWII day. OK Same problem that Montana has., AR Encourage Bev to keep on. NM Same problem, TX, TN Letter to members. CT doing OK, Choice Card Problems. WV, Support Bev. CA Talk list names on emails., VVA talk list. AL Thanks to LA for the conference. OR doing food here to learn. Both Senators on board with S901. RI, NJ Toxic Bill on line. MI hostile takeover for the state MVA, NY thanks to Bev for bringing the issue forward. ND no problems, KA get one person to run and bring to the April meeting, NC, ID local chapters thinks the SC not a good old boys club., MT claims, GA vets have fought where we are and keep pushing forward, CO membership is growing. New chapter Pueblo and coming back on board. IA communications with National. NB Officers lined up for elections, MN Jim Fisher update. He had several strokes and is home as of last weekend. Has a hard time reading. LA

John Rowan let him know of problems we can work on.

New person in the membership department. Discipline goes to Bill Meeks. LM membership has been a huge success.

*Would members like to open membership to VVA. But that would mean we may need to change the name. Iraq/Afghan vets are not joining and could assist with keeping VVA going. Not a vote or anything in the works.*

How many feel VVA will be viable in 10 years?

Meeting adjourned at 11:40AM with trip to Tabasco.

Respectfully submitted;

Richard Lindbeck