

# **Approved VVA Board of Directors' Motions Reference Guide**



**August 14, 2019**

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## **Agent Orange Committee**

### **January 2013**

Motion #9 – To add to the Agent Orange/Dioxin Committee a sub-committee called “The Legacy of Toxic Exposures in War” with the project of Faces of Agent Orange as the information gathering project of The Legacy of Toxic Exposures in War Committee.

### **October 2013**

Motion #41 - To endorse the “Agent Orange Legacy” children of Vietnam Veterans.

Motion #42 - To write a letter requesting the EPA to finalize the Dioxin Cancer Study which has been in development for the past 25 years.

### **April 2014**

Motion 12 - To endorse HR4261 – Gulf War Health Research Reform Act of 2014.

### **October 2014**

Motion 25 - To authorize the President in consultation with the other Officers, Agent Orange/Dioxin and Government Affairs Committee Chairs to formally participate in the Toxic Wounds Task Force at no cost to National.

Motion 26 - To authorize the President in consultation with the other Officers, Agent Orange/Dioxin and Government Affairs Committee Chairs to formally endorse other Toxic Wounds legislation as appropriate at no cost to National.

Motion 27 - To authorize the President in consultation with the other Officers, Agent Orange/Dioxin and Government Affairs Committee Chairs to endorse and push legislation that would restore the Gulf War RAC integrity at no cost to National.

### **January 2017**

Motion # 21 - To revise the Agent Orange Education pamphlet to include Gulf War disease and other diseases contributed to service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### **October 2018**

Motion 20 - VVA Board of Directors adopt the position that the USAF Health Study will not be completed until the collected 1) biological specimens collected from study subjects are compared with their physical health data, 2) VVA President convey this position to Secretary Veterans Affairs, Chief of Staff USAF and appropriate Institute of Medicine Administrators with a request that adequate funding for these comparisons including modernization of the computer language of the study data be authorized.

Motion 21 - The BOD to direct a comprehensive plan to address the IOM Assessment results, whether positive or negative, for full further research and feasibility as directed by Public Law 114-315 relating to as expressed by the results and determination when published currently expected January 2019.

Motion 22 - VVA to request to JSRRC and C&P's Agent Orange desk in support of Agent Orange Presumptive Service Connection for veterans of 905<sup>th</sup> Consolidated Maintenance Squadron between 1972-1982.

### **January 2019**

Motion # 12 - VVA National to donate \$100,000.00 to the Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc. Executive Director Betty Mekdeci address 976 Lake Baldwin Lane, Orlando, FL 32814.

Due to request from Director McVicker, President Rowan called for roll call vote by Secretary Pro Tem Four.

Board Members	Vote
John Rowan	Non-vote
Marsha Four	Yes
Bill Meeks, Jr.	Not present
Wayne Reynolds	Not present
Dottie Barickman	No
Tom Burke	No
Spence Davis	No
Richard DeLong	No
Gumersindo Gomez	No
Robert Grabinski	Yes
Herman Hochreich	Yes
Francisco Ivarra	Yes
Allen Manuel	No
John Margowski	Yes
Sara McVicker	No
Charles Montgomery, Jr.	Yes
Rex Moody	No
Felix Peterson, Jr.	No
Dave Simmons	No
Richard Southern	No
Dan Stenvold	No
Kerwin Stone	Yes
Ted Wilkinson	No
Sandie Wilson	Yes

#### **April 2019**

Motion # 18 - Request VVA President to send letter to all VSOs as written by Veterans Benefit staff outlining proper procedures for filing VA Form 21-0304 for veteran descendent VA claims.

Motion # 19 - Consider a new proposal to provide BDRC with a matching grant not to exceed \$50,000 to match other donations contributed for Birth Defect Registry. Effective to replace previous request on October 20, 2018 over the next 6 months.

President Rowan requested a roll call vote:

Board Members	Vote
John Rowan	Non-vote
Marsha Four	Not Present
Bill Meeks, Jr.	Yes
Wayne Reynolds	Not present
Dottie Barickman	Yes
Tom Burke	Yes
Spence Davis	Yes
Richard DeLong	Yes

Gumersindo Gomez	Yes
Robert Grabinski	Yes
Herman Hochreich	Yes
Francisco Ivarra	Yes
Allen Manuel	Yes
John Margowski	Yes
Sara McVicker	Yes
Charles Montgomery, Jr.	Not Present
Richard Lindbeck	Yes
Felix Peterson, Jr.	Yes
Dave Simmons	Yes
Richard Southern	Yes
Dan Stenvold	No
Kerwin Stone	Yes
Ted Wilkinson	No
Sandie Wilson	Yes

## **Board of Directors**

### **July 1984**

That the chairs of the Standing and Special Committees serve as the focal points for concerns and requests within their respective committee areas. That the committees report progress to the National office at least three times in between Board meetings (with the last report being presented two weeks prior to the regular Board meeting). That committee members be prepared (in conjunction with staff) to explain their work to the Board at the regular Board meetings.

### **June 1992**

Motion #40 – To reincorporate the “In Service to America” banner on all letterhead, documents and publications of the Corporation. And amend the logo copyright to include “In Service to America”, if appropriate.

Motion #54 – That Committee Chairs turn into National Office two weeks before the Board meeting their Committee meeting agenda.

### **September 1992**

Motion #36 - That in all facets of VVA, under no circumstances, will any form of sexual harassment be tolerated, whether serious or in jest. Any such action will be subject to action under the Code of Disciplinary Procedure.

### **January 1995**

Motion #27 - That litigation undertaken in VVA’s name, whether as a plaintiff or as an amicus must be reviewed by the National Service Representative, endorsed by a majority of the Veterans Advocacy Committee and approved by the National Board of Directors.

### **July 1996**

Motion #29 - To approve the amended National Chaplaincy Guidelines.

### **October 1997**

In response to an inquiry on VVA’s Drug Policy, President Duggins stated that substance abuse will not be tolerated during board meetings. The defined times were from the beginning of the board meeting until it adjourns. .

### **August 1999**

Motion #3 - To adopt the dress code policy that requires shirts with collars and excludes shorts. This policy applies to the Board of Directors, task force and committee chairs.

### **August 2001**

Motion #1 - That all senior staff, executive director, chief financial officer, contractors (e.g. Wes Guidry) general counsel and others that may be deemed appropriate by the executive officer shall file a Conflict of Interest Policy statement immediately.

### **January 2002**

Motion #37 - That the National Office of Vietnam Veterans of America has a portable first aid kit and that it be present and available at all Board Meetings, National Conferences and Conventions; the contents of which will be reviewed by Marsha Four, Mary Ellen White and Sandie Wilson.

### **August 2002**

Motion #2 – To authorize VVA to accept funds from companies who sell alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

### **January 2004**

Motion #5 – To establish a policy requiring National VVA Committee and Task Force Chairs to maintain a sign-in roster that reflects attendance of committee or task members, special advisors and others VVA and AVVA members attending the meetings, to include the State and/or title of that other VVA or AVVA member.

### **April 2004**

Motion #39 – To establish a special committee, entitled “Leadership Conference Planning” of four (4) members to review, evaluate, and determine seminars, programs, and ceremonies to be presented at national leadership conferences; and the four (4) members consist of one (1) National Officer or designee, one (1) Regional Director, selected by the Regional Directors, one (1) At-Large Director, and one (1) State Council President to review and evaluate what is being submitted. In addition the CFO and Meeting Planner will assist the committee. (Motion was amended on 10-7-05 by Motion #7 to add “or designee” after “National Officer”)

### **January 2005**

Motion #8 – To amend Motion #1 (above) to read all committee and/or task force reports will be limited to motions out of committee or pertinent and/or important information for this Board to two minutes.

Motion #11 – That members of the VVA National Board of Directors be allowed to ask questions regarding the report being given, regardless if the reporter of the committee has run out of official time allocated or not.

### **April 2005**

Motion #4 – To amend the VVA Household Goods Donation Procedure Liaison Committee Policy.

### **August 2005**

Motion #3 – To approve as policy the Board Confidentiality Policy.

### **April 2007**

Motion #5 – To accept the Deceased Member Protocol.

Motion #13 – To approve the Ethics Policy as presented to the Board.

#### **April 2009**

Motion #20 - That VVA support the Honor and Remember Flag program.

#### **October 2009**

Motion #15 – That VVA establish the specific position of Compliance Officer whose duties include the tracking and oversight of all contracts, MOUs, MOAs, and all such documents that define responsibilities and reporting that is required in order to remain in compliance of said documents. The Compliance Officer will provide a report to the VVA BOD and all VVA parties affected by said documents, outlining the compliance and timeliness regarding the required performance in order to maintain compliance.

#### **October 2010**

Motion #18 – That VVA brings the Veterans Against Drugs Program back into VVA.

#### **January 2012**

Motion #11 – To designate the VVA National President as CEO.

#### **April 2012**

Motion #17 – To amend Motion 32 from October 7, 2011 by adding the following verbiage: Chapters which have had their tax-exempt status revoked by the IRS to hold elections and conduct business meetings if in the opinion of the appropriate State Council President and/or Regional Director have demonstrated progress toward filing a Form 1024 and submitting any delinquent VVA reports. Such chapters shall have until July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 to file a 1024 and submit any delinquent VVA reports. Chapters which have not met this requirement and submitted both 2012 election and financial reports by that date shall be revoked without appeal.

#### **August 2012**

Motion #8 – The VVA Board of Directors, under the provisions of the VVA Constitution, Article IV, Section I, Paragraph A, will relieve Chapters which have filed IRS Form 1024 requesting reinstatement of their tax-exempt status from the responsibility of filing VVA Financial Reports for the fiscal year in which they filed the Form 1024 and the 3 preceding fiscal years. Such chapters also will be exempt from filing 990-Ns until their tax-exempt status is reinstated or application for reinstatement is denied. However, in fiscal year ending 2-28-2013 and each subsequent fiscal year, Chapters which have not received a decision from the IRS must file a VVA Financial Report Form (without verification of 990-N submission when eligible to file a 990-N).

#### **February 2013**

Motion #1 – To alter the conditions of suspension for Chapters which as of the date of this motion are: 1) suspended because their tax-exempt status has been revoked by the IRS; and 2) have filed a Form 1024 requesting reinstatement with the IRS and VVA National; and 3) are otherwise in good standing with VVA; and 4) to allow such Chapters to seat voting delegates at the 2013 National Convention. This motion does not alter any other terms of suspension.

#### **April 2013**

Motion # 18 – After ratification by the CSCP during their 2013 April meeting, a motion to approve the VVA National Disciplinary Policy and VVA National Disciplinary Policy Flow Chart by the numbers as amended.

Motion # 20 – To grant a waiver to WVSC for an ABC Liquor license to allow for a Video Gaming license in reference as a fund raiser.

#### **January 2014**

Motion # 17 - To change name of the National Leadership Conference to the National Leadership & Education Conference.

#### **April 2014**

Motion #16 - To establish a Strategic Working Group consisting of Dan Stenvold, Sandy Miller and Joe Kristek. This group will be charged with gathering all relevant information both internal & external to prepare an honorable, acceptable and appropriate plan for VVA's future at no cost to National.

#### **October 2014**

Motion #4 - To authorize VVA to reestablish and reengage the relationship with the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

Motion #30 - To approve J. Robert Gillette, Allan Nadeau, Col. Hemant K. Thakur and Kevin Yoder as Honorary Life Members (HLM).

#### **January 2015**

Motion #5 - To not sign a contract with the Rio Casino in Las Vegas for the 2018 National Education & Leadership Conference. Instead, to sign a contract with the Renaissance Hotel in Palm Spring, CA.

Motion #8 - Move to accept the 01/10/15 revised VVA Employee Handbook Personnel Policy.

#### **April 2015**

Motion #21 - To strike the word not in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of item # 14 and add VVA before campaign literature in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence of item # 14 in the Policy on Use of the Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Trademarks, Service Marks, and Logos by VVA State Councils, VVA Chapters, or VVA Regions.

Motion #22 - To endorse the Gold Star Mother's National Monument.

#### **July 21, 2015**

Motion #6

To bring disciplinary charges against member # 065670 for misconduct under the provisions of the VVA National Disciplinary Policy.

#### **July 25, 2015**

Motion #3

To have each committee report their goals for the coming next two years at the 2015 October BOD meeting and give update at each BOD meeting until April 2017.

#### **October 2015**

Motion 17 - To authorize Wes Guidry to negotiate a final contract with Spokane, WA for the 2019 National Convention.

Motion 29- To approve Tyco's proposal to provide security system to the National office.

Motion 31- That: 1) within two weeks following the October 2015 VVA Board of Directors meeting, all current motions and policies be assigned as determined by the VVA Secretary to a VVA committee or



department for review, updating/amendment , or retirement as appropriate; 2) that the responsible parties as assigned above will present a report at the January 2016 VVA Board of Directors meeting for each motion and policy with either a motion to retire, a motion continue as written, or recommendation for revision; 3) Drafts of all revised motions or policies will be submitted to the BoD for review no later than 3 weeks prior to the April 2016 BoD meeting.

Motion 32- That all departments and committees will conduct a review of all current policies and motions pertinent to their areas of operation at least every 2 years and recommend to the BoD continuation as written, retirement, or revision as appropriate. When continued, the review date will be noted on the policy.

### **January 2016**

Motion # 5 - To approve the 1<sup>st</sup> consent calendar.

Motion # 13 - To recommend revisions to the HGDP Liaison Policy at the 2016 April BOD meeting by the National Secretary.

### **April 2016**

Motion # 6 (Consent Calendar item # 2) - Motion to appoint Sandie Wilson as Chair the Veteran's Health Care Committee by President John Rowan.

Motion # 20 - To approve the amended Board Confidentiality Policy.

Motion # 21 - To approve the amended Board of Directors Meeting Policy.

Motion # 22 - To approve the amended Computer Back Up Policy.

Motion # 23 - To approve the amended Conflict of Interest (Board) Policy.

Motion # 24 - To approve the amended Orderly Transition Policy.

Motion # 25 - To approve the amended Special Event Coordinator Policy.

Motion # 26 - To approve Honorary Life Membership for the following.

Name	Requested By
Colonel Tim Moore	Chapter 1051 (KY)
Melissa Hall	Chapter 1051 (KY)
Dr. Scott Garrett	Chapter 196 (VA)
Kaye Gardner	Chapter 304 (MD)
Janna Hoehn	Chapter 858 (HI)
Cameron Smith	Chapter 271 (OR)
Nerle (Jack) Strickler	Chapter 820 (OR)

Motion # 27 - To postpone until July 2016 meeting the motion to send a start-up kit to form a new chapter in Watertown, SD.

Motion # 28 - To approve the amended VVA National Disciplinary Policy.

Motion # 29 - To appoint a Disciplinary Work Group of Butch Huber, Tom Burke, Sara McVicker and Bill Meeks for more revisions to the VVA National Disciplinary Policy.

### **July 2016**

Motion # 1 - To seat Rex Moody as the designated representative of the CSCP and Barry Rice as the designated Alternate Region 3 Director.

Motion # 9 - The VVA Board of Directors, under the provisions of the VVA Constitution, Article IV, Section I, Paragraph A, will accept the IRS acknowledgement that a 990-N has been filed as long as the following conditions are met: 1) provide verification of the filing with the Annual Financial Report to meet financial reporting requirements; and 2) are otherwise in good standing with VVA; and 3) to allow such Chapters to seat voting delegates at the National Convention. This motion does not exempt a chapter from suspension if the filing does not clear the IRS system.

Motion # 10 - Provided all Financial and Election reports are submitted and verified in even numbered FY (example 14, 16, 18) your delegation will be seated at the National Convention held on the next odd numbered year (regarding item # 3 in Motion 9).

Motion # 17 - Motion to approve the requests for Honorary Life Membership (HLM) that are listed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Elizabeth "Beth" Barnes	Chapter 391 (CA)
Richard "Dick" Pland	Chapter 391 (CA)

Motion # 18 - Motion to approve the requests for Honorary Life Membership (HLM) that are listed below:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Sharon Martin	Chapter 1104 (KY)
Heather French Henry	Chapter 1104 (KY)
Steve Beshear	Chapter 1104 (KY)

### **October 2016**

Motion # 8 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

1. To rescind the January 2016 - Motion # 4 - To approve the appointment of Dan Jackson as the VVA Parliamentarian;
2. To appoint Pete Peterson, Terry Courville and Dennis Andras as members of the 2017 VVA Convention Planning Committee; and Sharon Hobbs as a AVVA special advisor; and Wes Guidry as staff advisor;

Motion # 11 - For the VVA National Board of Directors to approve international travel for POW/MIA Committee Co-Chairs R. Delong and G. Coates, VVA Vice President M. Four and VVA Communications Director M. Porter to Vietnam.

Motion # 13 - To write a letter of support to the Helicopter Association for their request for a Medvac Monument at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Motion # 16 - Motion to approve the requests that the individuals listed below be given honorary life member.

Honorary Life Membership Requests

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Sheryl Jones	Chapter 704 (NY)
Tom McCormick	Chapter 704 (NY)
Burt Deferio	Chapter 704 (NY)
Karen Wood	Chapter 704 (NY)
Theresa Leonardi	Chapter 704 (NY)
Dr. Linda Townsend	Chapter 704 (NY)
Warden Darrel Vannoy	National Secretary Bill Meeks
Timothy Floyd Burchett	TN State Council President
Jennifer O'Neill	TN State Council President

Motion # 17 - A motion to revoke the VVA membership of member #000601 as a result of a disciplinary determination rendered by the VVA Region V Disciplinary Hearing Panel.

Motion # 18 - To allow the Illinois State Council to be reinstated until 1/17/2017 based on the IRS Extension of their filing requirement.

Motion # 19 - To establish two panels: Panel A) will formulate a strategic plan to "Transition" at a time certain in the future to be determined by the working group and communicated to the general membership for approval at a convention; and Panel B) will determine the feasibility of forming, chartering, funding and/or empowerment of a new veterans' organization to perpetuate our legacy and assure the tomorrow of all veterans which will be communicated to the general membership for approval at a convention. The proposed membership on these panels will be presented to the NBOD in January 2017 for approval and the chairs will be determined by their respective panels.

Motion # 20 - To retire the Strategic Working Group (April 2014 – Motion # 16) and thank the members (Dan Stenvold, Sandy Miller and Joe Kristek) for their service.

### **January 2017**

Motion # 3 - To amend Motion # 19 from the October 2016 NBOD meeting: To establish two panels: Panel A) will formulate a strategic plan to "Transition" at a time certain in the future to be determined by the working group and communicated to the general membership for approval at a convention; and Panel B) will determine the feasibility of forming, chartering, funding and/or empowerment of a new veterans' organization to perpetuate our legacy and assure the tomorrow of all veterans which will be communicated to the general membership for approval at a convention. The proposed membership on these panels will be presented to the NBOD in January 2017 for approval. By striking in the last sentence of the existing motion after approval; ~~and the chairs will be determined by their respective panels.~~

Motion # 4 - To appoint Bob Seal as Chair of Panel A.

Motion # 5 - To appoint Jake Barsottini, Ray Breault, Nick DeLeo, John Margowski, Sandy Miller, Jerry Morano, Stephen Brady, Kerwin Stone as members of Panel A, and Rod Farley and Bill Norton as alternate members.

Motion # 6 - To appoint Francisco Muniz, III as Chair of Panel B.

Motion # 7 - To appoint Robert Barquit, Frank Barry, Jack Mattingly, Jack McManus, Lynn McMillen, Felix Peterson, Jr., Frank Plichta, Dominic Yezzo as members of Panel B, and Ken Holybee and Keith King as alternate members.

Motion # 8 - To appoint Joe Jennings as Chair of the VVA Convention Rules Committee.

Motion # 16 - To designate Ned Foote as the Region 2 Alternate Director.

Motion # 17 - To designate Ken Rollins as the Region 4 Alternate Director replacing Rex Moody.

Motion # 25 - To approve the revised VVA National Disciplinary Policy.

Motion # 26 - To approve the revised VVA Board of Directors (BOD) Chapter Charter Revocation Policy.

Motion # 28 - To form a committee to incorporate At Large Director language into the unapproved Regional Director Handbook document. This will be one handbook.

Motion # 29 - To appoint committee members at no cost to National the following members: Dick Southern, Ted Wilkinson and Kerwin Stone.

#### **April 2017**

Motion 4 - To amend Motion # 3 from the January 2017 NBOD meeting which amended Motion # 19 from the October 2016 NBOD: To establish two panels working groups: Panel A Working Group I) will formulate a strategic plan to "Transition" at a time certain in the future to be determined by the working group and communicated to the general membership for approval at a convention; and Panel B Working Group II) will determine the feasibility of forming, chartering, funding and/or empowerment of a new veterans' organization to perpetuate our legacy and assure the tomorrow of all veterans which will be communicated to the general membership for approval at a convention. The proposed membership on these panels will be presented to the NBOD in January 2017 for approval.

#### **Motion 9**

##### **Honorary Life Member Requests**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Joseph L. Galloway	KY State Council
Thomas Bickel	KY State Council
Billy Wayne Bailey	WV State Council
Timothy Von Bon	UT State Council
Jill Von Bon	UT State Council
Howard Schlutter	UT State Council
William (Bill) Protzmann	VVA Region 9 Director
Ted Lieu	Chapter 53 (CA)
John Becker	Chapter 1078 (TN)
Martin J. Grohman	Chapter 1044 (ME)

Motion 10 - To not show the movie "The Human Cost of War" at the convention.

Motion 15 - To approve the VVA National Board of Directors Handbook as revised on 4-8-2017.

Motion 16 - To approve the revised VVA & AVVA MOU.

**August 8, 2017**

Motion 1 - *To authorize VVA to enter into an agreement, at no cost to National VVA, to be represented by The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization of Yale Law School (LSO) regarding obtaining of documents that relate to the 1966 Hydrogen bomb incident in Palomares, Spain, and its aftermath.*

Motion 2 - To seat the Alternate Region 1 Director Patti Dumin as requested by Region 1 Director John Miner.

Motion 3 - To accept the BOD meeting minutes from April 7-8, 2017.

Motion 4 - To approve the requests for honorary life memberships.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Don Phillips	Chapter 1119 (MO)
Carole Hanson Hickerson	Chapter 858 (HI)
Eddie Mannis	Chapter 1078 (TN)
Michael Rothfeld	Chapter 1084 (FL)
Robert E. Welch	AZ State Council
Jack Hakim	AZ State Council
Sonny Borrelli	AZ State Council

Motion 5 - To authorize the National Treasurer to work with the meeting planner to initiate planning for a 40th gala in 2018 and return to the NBOD for discussion/approval.

**August 12, 2017**

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

**October 2017**

Motion 2 - To approve Al “Butch” Huber as the National Disciplinary Chair.

Motion 3 - To seat the Alternate Region 5 Director John Riling as requested by Region 5 Director Tom Burke.

Motion 4 - To accept the 2017 October BOD meeting tentative agenda as amended.

1. Add motion to seat Alternate Region 5 Director;
2. Add motion for Temporary Working Group Chair;
3. Add motion for Temporary Working Group Members;
4. Add Presentation by AVVA President;
5. Add Expedition Agent Orange Ride;
6. Move Homeless Veterans Committee Meeting to Tier I;
7. Move Government Affairs Dept. report to Saturday;
8. Move National Meetings and Special Events report to Saturday;
9. Revoke Charter Chapter 883 (GA) under New Business.

Motion 5 - To approve the 2017 August BOD Meeting Minutes 8/8/17.

Motion 6 - To approve the 2017 August BOD Meeting Minutes 8/12/17.

Motion 7 - To approve the 2017 August VVA National Convention Minutes 8/9/17.

Motion 8 - To appoint Wayne Reynolds as Chair of the Temporary Working Group for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on October 20, 2018.

Motion 9 - To create a Temporary Working Group to develop a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner on October 20, 2018. To designate Dan Stenvold, Vice Chair, John Rowan, Dottie Barickman as members and Sharon Hobbs as AVVA Special Advisor and Wes Guidry, Joe Sternburg, Mokie Porter and Michael Keating as VVA Staff Liaisons for this temporary working group.

Motion 10 - Move that effective July 15, 2017, and annually thereafter, State Councils and Chapters that are on suspension will have until the following July 15 to resolve their issue(s) for suspension. Upon the one year anniversary of their suspension, any funds accrued to them, (dues, household goods payments, et al) will be forfeited and they shall not accrue any more possible funding throughout their time on suspension.

Motion 13 - To approve the Honorary Life Membership Requests.

Name	Requested By
Wilbert Vincent Rolves	Chapter 269 (IL)

Jean M. Gilomen	Chapter 269 (IL)
Carl G. Huels	Chapter 269 (IL)
Marvin A. Wiegman	Chapter 269 (IL)
Alfred Murphy	Chapter 154 (MI)
Michael McLendon	Chapter 972 (ID)
Stephanie Davis	KS State Council
Wayne Bollig	KS State Council
Charles "Chuck" Gyurek	WV State Council
LaVonnia "Vonnie" Cogdell	National Secretary

Motion 17 - To allow Wes Guidry to further negotiate with the Sheraton-Greensboro and Rosen Center Orlando and to contract with the best offer for the 2021 National Convention.

Motion 28 - For approval of international travel for the Veterans Initiative Program team consisting of Marsha Four, VVA Vice President, Grant Coates, VVA Chair, POW/MIA Committee, and Mokie Porter, VVA Communications Director and Protocol Officer.

Motion 34 - To amend Motion # 27, January 1995 to read: Litigation undertaken in VVA's name, whether as a plaintiff or as an amicus must be reviewed and endorsed by the Director, Veterans Benefits Program and Executive Director for the policy and Government Affairs and approved by a majority vote of the National Board of Directors.

Motion 36 - To temporarily approve the "Electronic Rules and Requirements" document as written until the January 2018 BOD meeting.

### **January 2018**

Motion #1: To file an amicus brief in support of Blue Water Navy Veterans in the Federal Circuit case *Robert H. Gray v. Secretary of Veterans Affairs* (filed 12/13/2017). If approved, VVA's amicus brief will be filed jointly with NOVA (National Organization of Veterans' Advocates).

Motion 14 - To approve the Electronic Meeting Rules and Requirements for conducting an electronic meeting.

### **April 2018**

Motion 1 - To seat the Region 2 Alternate Director Ned Foote on the Board at the written request of the Region 2 Director Ted Wilkinson who is absent.

Motion 7 - To support nomination/appointment of Abner Concepcion as the new Director of VARO San Juan to replace the current Director who is leaving after one year.

Motion 16 - To create an Outreach Initiative to Post VN Veterans.

Motion 17 - To appoint Ken Holybee Chair of the Outreach Initiative to Post VN Veterans.

Motion 20 - To support the separation of the VVA Website to a Public site and a Members only Site.

### **October 2018**

Motion 6 - To approve the Honorary Life Membership requests.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Barbara Hatch	AZ State Council
Wanda Wright	AZ State Council
Richard C. Andrade	AZ State Council
Kyrsten Sinema	AZ State Council
Jonathan Rothschild	AZ State Council
Lee Huff	AZ State Council
Nancy Caracciolo Warne	Chapter 908 (MA)
Bill Grady	Chapter 317 (MO)
Kimberly M. Lauderdale	Chapter 317 (MO)
Jeffrey B. Berry	Chapter 1078 (TN)
James E. McGin	GA State Council

**Motion 13** - To add Francisco Ivarra as a member to National Convention Planning Committee.

### **January 2019**

Motion # 1 - To accept the 2019 January BOD meeting tentative agenda.

Motion # 2 - To approve the 2018 October BOD Meeting Minutes 10/12/18.

Motion # 6 - To approve the Honorary Life Membership requests.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Brian Sandoval	NV State Council
Tammy Ramos	Chapter 805 (OR)
Diahn Escalante	Chapter 805 (OR)
Karen Hostetter	Chapter 805 (OR)
Anthony Evedes	Chapter 887 (PI)
Vilma Epil-Evedes	Chapter 887 (PI)
William Gibbs	Chapter 1091 (MD)
Mary McPhillips	Chapter 140 (NY)
Ben Upton	Chapter 240 (TN)
Allen W. Ericson, Sr.	Chapter 1087 (MT)
Jaime L. Wilson	Chapter 343 (TX)

### **April 2019**

Motion # 1 - To seat Richard Lindbeck (CSCP Vice Chair) for Rex Moody who is excused.

Motion # 2 - To accept the 2019 April BOD meeting tentative agenda as amended:

1. Striking the Committee Chairs Luncheon.

Motion # 3 - To approve the 2019 January BOD Meeting Minutes 1/11/19.

Motion # 8 – Consent Calendar

1. Move to amend the VVA BOD Motions Reference Guide – Membership Committee Section by retiring all of the motions indicated.

### **\*October 2012**

*Motion #13 – To amend the Life Membership dues structure by deleting the age bracket 50-55 (\$225), revise the age bracket of 66+ to 66-71 (\$150) and establish a new age bracket 72+ (\$100).*



\*January 2013

Motion #6 – To accept the newly created trifold membership application with the following change: delete the entire paragraph “VVA is a “home of our own” – a community of fellowship with people who share your experiences, needs, and hopes for the future. We are rebuilding the camaraderie of Vietnam Veterans and providing a sense of self-worth and pride in service.”

\*April 2014

Motion 14 - To rescind the BOD motion from January 1998: National will no longer require a DD 214 from a member when the application comes from the chapter level. This does not include incarcerated chapters. Life members still must submit a DD 214 to process life memberships. A SF-180 will alleviate this problem.

Motion 15 - Motion that each chapter shall file with the Corporation a copy of a DD Form 214, or other proof of qualification for membership for each member.

\*April 2015

Motion #11 - To have a “Life Member Fire Sale” at \$100 starting August 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

\*January 2016

Motion # 13 - To amend the Life Membership dues structure by deleting the age bracket requirements and to set the Life Membership dues at \$100 effective January 1, 2016.

\*July 2016

Motion # 4 - 1. Motion to approve requests for honorary life memberships for the following individuals:

Name	Requested By
LA Lt Governor William Nungesser	National Secretary
Eric Da Rosa	CA State Council
Tony T. Lamson	CA State Council
KY Senator Dennis Parrett	Chapter 1051 (KY)
Nancy Berarbo	Chapter 317 (MO)
Colin Ford	Chapter 317 (MO)
Charles Jean-Baptiste	Chapter 317 (MO)
Brain Lauderdale	Chapter 317 (MO)
Senator Joe Manchin (WV)	WV State Council
John O'Neal	Chapter 820 (OR)

\*January 2018

Motion 10 - To remove the certification section of the VVA Election Report.

Motion 15 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.

Name	Requested By
Billie Eugene Stephens	Chapter 1124 (TN)
Harrison Conyers	Chapter 1046 (FL)
Mitchell D.K. Kalauli II	AZ State Council
Mark Nexsen	AZ State Council
Many-Bears Grinder	TN State Council

<i>Peter Radford</i>	<i>UT State Council</i>
<i>Carolyn Collins</i>	<i>Chapter 1087 (MT)</i>

**\*April 2018**

*Motion 9A - As of April 14, 2018 there will be one class of membership; 1) life membership will be \$50.00; 2) all individual members (April 1, 2017 to April, 2018) who have paid \$20.00 will need to add \$30.00 by December 31, 2018 to meet the requirement; and 3) all 3 year members who paid \$50.00 will automatically become a life member. (Motion 9B to postpone)*

*Motion 9B - To postpone motion on the floor to change membership fee and category.*

*Motion 15 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Requested By</i>
<i>Diane Shufelt</i>	<i>Chapter 101 (WI)</i>
<i>Shon Pernice</i>	<i>Chapter 70 (MO)</i>
<i>James N. Mathias, Jr.</i>	<i>MD State Council</i>
<i>Judge Margie Enquist</i>	<i>Chapter 1071 (CO)</i>

**\*July 2018**

*Motion 3 - To move the Life Membership question to the 2018 October BOD meeting.*

*Motion 4 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Requested By</i>
<i>Reagan Taylor</i>	<i>Chapter 1066 (KY)</i>
<i>Bill Byers</i>	<i>Chapter 669 (IL)</i>

Motion # 24 - Upon receipt of the charges filed by the California State Council against chapters 1065 and 1081. The charges are in compliance the National Disciplinary Policy Section VIII; therefore the National Board of Directors should move them forward to revoke the chapter charters.

Motion # 25 - To appoint Dennis Beauregard past SCP from NJ as Special Advisor to the President for the Chapel of Four Chaplains at no cost to VVA National.

**July 16, 2019**

Motion # 1 - To accept the 2019 July BOD meeting tentative agenda.

Motion # 2 - To approve the 2019 April 12-13 BOD meeting minutes.

Motion # 3 - Move to amend the VVA BOD Motions Reference Guide – Membership Committee Section by retiring the motion indicated.

- Upgrading Active Membership to Life Membership Policy (Approved 7/19/16)

Motion # 4 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Leon Hunt	Chapter 109 (MI)
Gwen Hamel	Chapter 109 (MI)
Dale Current	Chapter 109 (MI)

Beverly (Bev) Donner	Chapter 227 (VA)
ID Governor Brad Little	ID State Council

Motion # 5 - To revoke the chapter charter for Chapter 561 (NC) upon written requests from the NC State Council.

Motion # 6 - MOU between Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) and VVA and MN State Council.

### **July 16, 2019**

Motion # 1 - To appoint the 2019-2021 Committee Chairs and Appointments.

#### **2019-2021 Committee Chair List**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>
Agent Orange/Dioxin	Maynard Kaderlik
Constitution	Leslie DeLong
Credentials	Richard Linbeck
Economic Opportunities	Frank Barry
Elections	Scott DeArman
Finance	Ned Foote
Government Affairs	Felix "Pete" Peterson
Homeless Veterans	Sandy Miller
Leadership Conf./Convention	Dan Stenvold
Membership Affairs	Dick Southern
Minority Affairs	Gumersindo Gomez
Nat'l Disciplinary	Al "Butch" Huber
POW/MIA	Grant Coates
PTSD & Substance Abuse	Dr. Tom Hall
Public Affairs	Dennis Howland
Resolutions	John Magowski
Rules	Joe Jennings
Veterans Against Drugs	Dave Simmons
Veterans Benefits	John Riling
Veterans Healthcare	Chuck Beyers
Veterans Incarcerated	Dominic Yezzo
Women Veterans	Kate O'Hare-Palmer

#### **2019-2021 Appointment List**

<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Name</b>
AVVA Special Advisor	Tom Burke
National Chaplain	Fr. Philip Salois
Chapel of 4 Chaplains	Dennis Beuregard
Sergeant-at-Arms	Grant Coates
Veterans Health Council	Col. Artie Shelton, MD (USA ret.), Executive Director

## **Chapter Charter Revocations (National Secretary)**

### **April 2016**

Motion # 6 (Consent Calendar item # 1) - To revoke the charter for Chapter # 348 (TX) and Chapter # 379 (TX) as the membership notified the TX State Council they were voluntarily closing the chapters down.

### **July 2016**

Motion # 4 (Consent Calendar) - 2. To revoke the charter of Chapter 568 by the IA State Council; and  
3. Revoke the Charter of the Maine State Council by the ME State Council; and  
4. Revoke the Charter of Chapter 478 (ME) by voluntary closure request from Chapter.

Motion # 5 - To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 225 as recommended by the determination of the Chair of the VVA National Disciplinary Committee.

### **October 2016**

Motion # 8 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

3. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 549 (WI) as they have voluntarily dissolved their operation and the WI State Council has confirmed the request;
5. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 1001 (LA) as requested by the LA State Council since every effort to rejuvenate the chapter has failed;

### **January 2017**

Motion # 15 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

1. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 681 (NY) as they have voluntarily dissolved their operation and the NY State Council has confirmed the request;

### **October 2017**

Motion 35 - To revoke the charter of Chapter 883 (GA) upon a written recommendation for volunteer closure from the GA. State Council as the chapter no longer conducts business.

### **January 2018**

Motion 16 - To revoke the charter of Chapter 822 (OH) upon a written recommendation from the Buckeye State Council.

### **July 2018**

Motion 5 - To revoke the chapter charters' for Chapter 842 (MS) & Chapter 807 (NY) upon written requests from the MS State Council and the NY State Council.

### **October 2018**

Consent Calendar (item # 3) - Move to revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 151 (NJ) and this is a decision made by the Chapter 151 (NJ) Board Directors.

Consent Calendar (item # 4) - Move to revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 706 (FL) on the recommendation of the VVA Florida State Council.

### **January 2019**

Motion # 7 - To revoke the charter of Chapter 556 (PR) as the PR State Council has done everything they can to rejuvenate the chapter without success.

### **April 2019**

Recommendations from the New Mexico, Missouri and New York State Councils to revoke the chapter charters of Chapter 998 (NM), Chapter 1023 (MO) and Chapter 205 (NY) as all efforts to save the chapters had failed.

## **Communications Department**

### **August 1987**

Motion #5 - That VVA National Office will inform State Councils and Local Chapters of nationally sponsored events (e.g. Clyde Beatty – Cole Brothers Circus), when events come into local areas.

### **January 1994**

Motion #11 – To translate our materials into formal Spanish.

### **April 1996**

Motion #32 - That all VVA generated and promotional materials be identified with a VVA logo unless a specific waiver is granted by the national president or his designee.

### **January 2014**

Motion # 13 - To approve the revised Policy on Use of the VVA and AVVA Marks.

### **January 2016**

Motion # 15 - To approve the VVA Media Policy and Guidelines from the VVA Communication Department.

Motion # 16 - To approve the amended VVA Policy on Use of the VVA & AVVA Marks & Logos from the VVA Communication Department.

## **Credentials Committee**

### **October 1999**

Motion #42 – To adopt the following proposals as policy concerning convention delegate selection and rule for ensuing conventions. 1) All delegate registration forms will require the signature of at least two (2) officers from the appropriate state council/chapter. (2) Members transferred between states or chapters within ninety (90) days prior to the convention, are prohibited from being delegates. 3) Chapters unable to seat a delegate to the convention, may authorize the appropriate state council president, in writing, permission to assign a delegate(s) to represent them. Letters should specify the number of delegates not names of individuals. 4) The membership of any suspended chapter, shall be counted in the state council total for purposes of computing delegate strength. 5) The Elections Committee shall establish a cut-off time and date for on-site registration of new delegates. 6) Employees of Vietnam Veterans of America, national office staff are prohibited from being a delegate to the national convention.

### **April 2001**

Motion #18 – To accept the New State Council/Chapter Convention Representation Policy which reads any newly formed state council/chapter having completed the official process for presentation of Charter shall be eligible for representation at the National Convention if all criteria is filed and verified by the National Office up to 30 days prior to the opening of said Convention. This would include any state council/chapter having completed all other steps, but await Incorporation. All other rules outlined in the Constitution remain in effect.

#### **April 2019**

Motion # 20 - Amend 1999 motion requiring 2 signatures on the convention registration form to only one signature of an Officer at Chapter level/or State Council level.

### **Conference of State Council Presidents**

#### **July 1984**

That the Board specifically recognizes that State Council Chairpersons are allowed to attend National Board meetings and participate in discussions.

#### **September 1990**

Motion #39 - That a standing agenda item be a report from the Chairman of the Council of State Council Presidents or his/her designated representative and that the minutes of the meeting of a State Council Presidents be distributed by National to Board members, State Council Presidents and other as requested by Chair of State Council Presidents.

#### **April 2012**

Motion #35 – The Chair of the Conference of State Council Presidents is forever a member of the Government Affairs Committee.

#### **April 2015**

Motion #4 - The CSCP request that the BOD accept the Chapter President, SC/C Secretary and SC/C Treasurer Handbooks as revised.

Motion #5 - The CSCP request that the BOD insert into the National Disciplinary Policy under Section II Temporary Suspension Part A, item # 3: "Any and all temporary suspensions imposed by a State Council President, Regional Director, or National Officer may not be reversed prior to the completion of the appropriate disciplinary action other than by a majority vote of the National Board of Directors."

### **Economic Opportunities Committee**

#### **January 2006**

Motion #14 – To change the ETaBO Committee Policies and Procedures approved by the BOD, October 95, section process for committee membership, to strike in the next to last sentence "and the endorsement of the prospective members State Council President".

#### **October 2014**

Motion 22 - That President Rowan in association with the Economic Opportunity Committee, other Officers and the Government Affairs Committee write a letter of support endorsing S-2834 introduced by Senator Pat Toomey.

Motion 23 That the VVA support the creation of a 4<sup>th</sup> Division of the Veterans Administration – Economic Opportunity Division.

Motion 24 - That the VVA support the expansion of sole source contacting opportunities for service disabled veteran owned small businesses and Women owned small businesses.

#### **April 2015**

Motion #13 - To have the VVA President send a letter to all State Governors calling them to support recent legislation that allows any Veteran who has served at least 90 days of active service to pay resident tuition rates in any state within three years of leaving the military.

Motion #14 - To have the VVA President send a letter to Congressman Wenstrup, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, calling for support of H.R. # 476 GI Bill Education Quality Enhancement Act of 2005 to consider the inclusion of language that any state including DC the VA Secretary can approve without the two year waiting period.

Motion #15 - For VVA to support H.R. # 1141 "GI Bill Fairness Act of 2015 introduced by Rep. Takano that calls for the consideration of time spent by members of the Guard and Reserves for medical care by DOD as active duty time.

Motion #16 - The VVA co-sponsor at no additional cost to VVA National the Leave no veteran behind-Veterans Employment Opportunity Fair and Expo Initiative intended to increase the number of veterans employed and doing business in the Airport/Airlines Industries.

#### **October 2017**

Motion 24 - That VVA write a letter to the Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration who chairs the Interagency Taskforce on Veterans' Business Development to re-emphasize the guidelines of the Executive Order 13-540 which was intended to increase contract opportunities for service disabled veteran owned business in the Federal market place.

### **Finance Committee**

#### **June 1992**

Motion # 56 That paid staff members of VVA not be Chairs or members of any committees.

#### **January 1996**

Motion # 12 – To expand the malpractice insurance coverage to allow state councils to participate under the existing professionally liability and malpractice insurance policy carried by VVA national for the cost of the premium plus VVA's administrative costs.

#### **April 1996**

Motion #18 – Reimburse state councils for the cost of dissolving chapters that are in default.

#### **January 1997**

Motion #21 – That the board approve implementation of a 401 (k) plan for VVA employees, effective March 1, 1997.

#### **January 1998**

Motion # 11 – That funds raised in the name of VVA will be VVA funds. With the restriction being that said funds will be used for the purpose in which they where raised. Rational: better tracking of funds raised in our name at the national level.

#### **April 1998**

Motion # 21 – To aggressively pursue electronic transfer of funds to chapters and state councils. Wthe current \$100 threshold to the lowest feasible amount. It is requested an update on progress toward this change via the Membership Committee and the National Board of Directors at the next quarterly meeting and each meeting as necessary thereafter until implemented.



### **March 2002**

Motion # 8 - To accept the proposed Special Events Coordinator Policy.

### **August 2002**

Motion # 2 – To authorize VVA to accept funds from companies who sell alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

### **April 2003**

Motion #12 – That VVA not enter into any more deferred officer salary arrangements in the future, and move to conclude the remaining current deferred salary arrangement by entering into written agreements to (a) pay Tom Corey the deferred amount remaining less appropriate withholding and to (b) pay Lupe Alviar the deferred amount remaining over the next three years less appropriate withholding.

### **October 2004**

Motion # 11 Move that all VVA officers and Board of Director members be encouraged to make an annual financial donation to VVA in support of its operations or specifically designated as the donor deems. Committee and Task Force chairs as well as State Council Presidents are encouraged to support, endorse and fulfill this policy as well.

### **October 2006**

Motion # 7 That all committee and taskforce members, special advisors, and AVVA liaisons, other than chairs will serve at no cost to National without specific approval of the BOD.

### **April 2008**

Motion #13 – To accept the VVA Membership Policy to release dues rebates accumulation of revoked or failed VVA Chapters.

Motion # 28 That all consultant license agreements monthly reports between VVA and consultant will be reviewed by Finance Committee's Budget Oversight Sub-Committee and reported out as part of the Finance Committee's quarterly report to the Board of Directors.

### **July 2008**

To endorse the creation of the Veterans Health Council as a program of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., and to approve the creation of a new cost center with a proposed budget funded by external contributors.

### **January 2009**

Motion #5 – That when the current Life Membership Dues fund is depleted, the current policy of disbursing life membership rebates will be replaced by a new policy: On a quarterly basis, life member dues received in the previous quarter will be fully rebated at a rate of \$9/20 to National, \$9/20 to the Chapter, and \$2/20 to the State Council. VVA will carry life member funds for only one quarter (three months) and will no longer have long term life member dues available.

Motion # 11 Whereas, VVA desires to enter into a business agreement with Charity Funding, Inc. to develop, implement, and manage a car donation program; Whereas VVA desires to expand its Veterans Benefits Program operations and intends to utilize the funding received from this program for said expansion; Whereas, VVA will appoint a program manager to cultivate the business relationship under the direction of a National Officer; Whereas, VVA is a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 © (19) of the Code and is seeking to institute a car donation



program; Whereas, Charity Funding, Inc. is a for-profit company that consults on the establishment, organization and management of charity car donation programs (Car Donation Program); Whereas, VVA desires to engage Charity Funding, Inc. upon the terms and conditions set forth in separate Agreements for each state in which VVA desires to operate a VVA Car Donation Program; and Now, Therefore, the National Board of Directors of Vietnam Veterans of America authorizes the National President or the contracting officer to execute the contracts required to implement the program after approval of the National Officers and consultation with the state council and regional director.

**April 2009**

Motion #19 – To report Budget performance to the board at the end of each fiscal quarter.

**April 2010**

Motion # 4 To approve the VVA Investment Policy as amended.

Motion # 10 To approve the amended MOU between VVA and AVVA.

**January 2011**

Motion # 4 That Vietnam Veterans of America accept the proposal from the United States Automobile Association (USAA) for a credit card and financial services program, and enter into an agreement as proposed.

**October 2011**

Motion # 5 To amend the Household Goods Donation Program (HGDP) report for 6 month and 12 month report.

**April 2012**

Motion #13 – To accept the revised VVA Contracting Policy.

**October 2012**

Motion #7 – To approve the Budget Oversight Policy as amended.

**April 2013**

Motion # 8 To approve Requesting Opinions or Advice from VVA General Counsel Policy as presented.

Motion # 9 To approve the MOU between VVA and VSF reference “Operational Expenses”.

Motion # 11 To approve the Medals of America agreement.

Motion #17 (Consent Calendar) – To approve the revised VVA Finance Committee Policy from the Committee.

**October 2013**

Motion # 34 To approve Tom Berger as a full time employee of Vietnam Veterans of America which will be funded under the dedicated funds received for the VHC. This will take effect as of 10-13-13 at which time his contract with VVA will be terminated by mutual consent.

Motion #36 - Move to approve the Bequeathed Funds Policy as presented.  
Bequeathed Funds Policy.

Motion #37

Move to approve the VVA Finance Committee Policy as presented.

Motion # 39 To approve the Military Best Marketing Agreement.

#### **October 2014**

Motion #29 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

Motion #3 - Move to approve the Cash Reserve Fund Policy as amended from the VVA Finance Committee.

Motion #6 - Move to approve the Officers Salary and Benefits Policy as amended from the VVA Finance Committee.

Motion #7 - Move to approve the Deceased Member Protocol Policy as amended from the VVA Finance Committee.

#### **January 2015**

Motion # 7 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

Motion #1 - Move to approve the revised Budget Oversight Policy from the VVA Finance Committee.

#### **April 2015**

Motion #18 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

Motion #2 - Move to increase the per diem for VVA staff to forty-five (\$45) per day effective April 15, 2015.

#### **October 2015**

Motion # 15 - Move to approve the Use of Restricted / Designated Revenue (RR/DR) Policy as amended.

#### **January 2016**

Motion # 6 - Move to approve amending the Corporate Printing Policy as indicated below.

#### **October 2016**

Motion # 7 - Move to increase Per Diem from the current \$45.00 per day to \$50.00 per day effective January 1, 2017.

#### **January 2017**

Motion # 9 - To fund Panel A & B for operations until February 28, 2019 for \$200,000 from funds donated in FY 2017.

Motion # 13 - Move to approve the changes to the VVA Travel Policy as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion # 14 - Move to amend the VVA Travel Policy, page 2, Implementation, Section A., number 5, last line to read "Travelers must accept all insurance coverage which the company offers."

Motion # 15 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

2. Move to approve the changes to the VVA Annual Financial Report Form and Instructions as recommended by the VVA Finance Committee;

3. Move to approve the revisions to the VVA Credit Card Policy as recommended by the VVA Finance Committee.

### **October 2017**

Motion 1 - To approve the Finance Committee Members: Sara McVicker Vice Chair, Chair of Budget Oversight sub-committee, Tom Burke, Chair of investment subcommittee, Jake Barsottini, Barry Rice, Dottie Barickman, Allen Manuel, Dan Stenvold and Jacob Barsottini; Wayne Reynolds as special advisor, and Joe Sternburg and Deborah Williams as staff liaisons.

Motion 11 - Move to approve the proposed Bequest Program.

Motion 14 - Move to approve signing the Membership Directory agreement.

### **January 2018**

Motion #4 - To approve allocation of \$30,000 to 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Bequests Funds.

Motion #5 - Consent Calendar – To approve VVA Annual Financial Report;

Motion 17 - To authorize the National President & National Treasurer to negotiate lease for National Office to be ratified by BOD in April meeting.

### **April 2018**

Motion 4 - Move to approve the Veterans Health Council Proposed FYE 2-28-19 Budget as presented.

Motion 5 - Move to approve the VVA National Convention (July, 2019) Proposed FYE 2-28-20 Budget as presented.

Motion 6 - Move to approve the VVA Proposed FYE 2-28-19 Budget as presented.

Motion 10 - To direct the National Treasurer to obtain an actuarial analysis of the life membership fund projecting various scenarios regarding revenue projection and payments, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 with funding to be taken from current year bequests.

### **July 2018**

Motion 6 - To approve the IRS submission of 990N “pending” annual reports be accepted as accepted annual financial reports and not be considered as suspended chapters or state councils.

### **October 2018**

Motion # 4 Move to approve the Consent Calendar (item # 1) – Move to amend the VVA BOD Motions Reference Guide – Finance Committee Section by retiring all of the motions indicated.

Consent Calendar (item # 2) - Move to amend Motion 1 of October 2017 by deleting Deborah Williams and inserting Joy Diggs. Motion 1 - To approve the Finance Committee Members: Sara McVicker Vice Chair, Chair of Budget Oversight sub-committee, Tom Burke, Chair of investment subcommittee, Jake Barsottini, Barry Rice, Dottie Barickman, Allen Manuel, Dan Stenvold and Jacob Barsottini; Wayne Reynolds as special advisor, and Joe Sternburg and ~~Deborah Williams~~ Joy Diggs as staff liaisons.

Motion # 5 - To accept the unaudited Finance Report as presented.

Motion 24 - To amend the previous motion funding the Future of VVA Work Groups to allow expenditure of the allocated funding until expended past 2-28-19.

### **January 2019**

Motion # 3 - Move that all unbudgeted financial issues that will have an impact on the VVA Board of Directors approved budget must be presented to the VVA Finance Committee for review and recommendation prior to being presented to the VVA Board of Directors.

Motion # 4 - Move to approve the Amended Contracting Policy per the attached.

Motion # 5 - Move to approve the Policy on Requesting Legal Opinions or Advice.

#### **April 2019**

Motion # 4 - Move to approve the VVA Investment Policy as amended.

Motion # 5 - Move to approve the VVA National Leadership & Education Conference (July, 2020) Proposed FYE 2-28-21 budget as presented.

Motion # 6 - Move to approve the Proposed FYE 2-29-20 Budget as presented.

Motion # 7 - I make a motion that we, CSCP, request the Finance Committee reinstate cutting the CSCP budget by \$40,000.00 funding from Prior Years' Excess.  
President Rowan requested a roll call vote:

Board Members	Vote
John Rowan	Non-vote
Marsha Four	Not Present
Bill Meeks, Jr.	Yes
Wayne Reynolds	Not present
Dottie Barickman	No
Tom Burke	Yes
Spence Davis	Yes
Richard DeLong	Yes
Gumersindo Gomez	Yes
Robert Grabinski	Yes
Herman Hochreich	Yes
Francisco Ivarra	Yes
Allen Manuel	Yes
John Margowski	Yes
Sara McVicker	No
Charles Montgomery, Jr.	Not Present
Richard Lindbeck	Yes
Felix Peterson, Jr.	Yes
Dave Simmons	Yes
Richard Southern	Yes
Dan Stenvold	No
Kerwin Stone	Yes
Ted Wilkinson	No
Sandie Wilson	Yes

### **Government Affairs Committee**

#### **April 1994**

Motion #51 – That the VVA Flag be immediately placed in both the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee/hearing rooms.

#### **April 2006**

Motion #15 – That VVA becomes the first congressionally chartered VSO to become a member of the US Chamber of Commerce.

#### **October 2006**

Motion #9 - Moved by the Government Affairs Committee to affiliate VVA with the new Veterans Coalition headed by Harry Walters.

#### **January 2012**

Motion #25 (Consent Calendar) – That VVA National fully supports Maryland Senate Bill 19 “Sales and Use Tax Exemption – Veterans Organizations” to repeal the automatic termination of previously enacted sales and use tax exemption for sales to specified veterans’ organizations, and will send a letter of support/endorsement to the Senate, Judicial Proceedings Committee, MD General Assembly.

#### **April 2012**

Motion #33 – That Vietnam Veterans of America fully supports Chairman Jeff Miller’s Bill, H.R. 3895, that would exempt VA accounts from sequestration should this be forced to go into effect on January 2, 2013.

Motion #34 – That Vietnam Veterans of America supports the legislation that will set aside federal lands in our nation’s Capital for a Gold Star Mother’s Memorial.

#### **January 2014**

Motion #10 - To approve the final draft of the January 2014 VVA Legislative Agenda.

#### **January 2015**

Motion 17 - To approve the 2015 VVA Legislative Agenda with edits.

#### **April 2015**

Motion #12 - To support H.R. Bill # 1581 Veteran’s Education Tax Security Act of 2015.

#### **January 2016**

Motion # 10 - Request National BOD to provide the National President authority to proceed with approval of FOIA suits at the Jerome Frank Yale Law School Clinic at no cost to VVA National or the BOD. President will notify BOD of all actions.

#### **January 2017**

Motion # 20 - To approve the MOU between VVA and the High Ground Veterans Advocacy.

#### **April 2017**

Motion 11 - That VVA join as a plaintiff in a lawsuit at No Cost to VVA, represented by Clinical Legal Education Program at Buffalo School of Law against DoD in order to enforce privacy limits on DoD website that currently allows public access to private information on Veterans.

Motion 12 - Authorize VVA Officers to enter this suit as plaintiff’s to enforce FOIA at VA Regional Offices.

Motion 13 - To approve the VVA 2017-2018 Legislative Agenda & Policy Initiatives.

Motion 14 - To support draft legislation on Education Post 911 GI Bill. The Bill makes permanent several beneficial changes to support educational benefits for active duty & Veterans at No Cost to VVA.

#### **October 2017**

Motion 20 - To authorize VVA to support legislation that expands Chapter 18 benefits to all children who have spinabifida or certain enumerated birth defects and are biological descendants of Veterans with qualifying service.

Motion 21 - Request the VVA to write a letter to Secretary of VA to review lack of implementation of PL113146 Sec 402 Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 in regards to MST. Care for Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard Troops.

#### **January 2018**

Motion 6 - VVA to join NVLSP amicus brief in the Monk vs Shulkin case – a class action suit against the CAVA.

#### **October 2018**

Motion 19 - Submit FOIA for law firms or schools at no cost to National regarding pollution on military bases and toxins and other harmful materials.

### **Incarcerated Veterans Committee**

#### **October 2012**

Motion #16 – To approve the Resolution for Relief of Incarcerated Chapters for filing the Annual Financial Report for the period in question until resolution of this issue by amending VVA Constitution.

#### **January 2014**

Motion # 6 - The Membership Affairs Committee moves to amend the January 1994, Motion # 26 to: The Membership Committee, in conjunction with the Veterans Incarcerated Committee, recommends that membership dues for incarcerated members (IVI) shall be waived in Vietnam Veterans of America. The exception will be in states that require a membership fee; in these states, the membership dues shall be \$1.00 per member per year.

### **Membership Affairs Committee**

#### **June 1990**

Motion #23 - To authorize the Chapters when there is a question on the authenticity of documents presented by an individual that they have the authority to demand the signing of a SF 180 (request for military records) and without that signature the person will not be considered for full membership.

#### **March 1992**

Motion #12 - That Chapter Start Up Kits only be sent to State Membership Chair or State President or Regional Director in states without State Council

#### **April 1994**

Motion #29 – That the membership cards be sent to VVA members first class mail.

#### **July 1995**

Motion #13 – That the board approve the rental or exchange of VVA membership list for the purpose of increasing revenue and membership (this motion was coordinated with the Membership Affairs Committee).

Motion #36 – That all inquiries to the national office for at-large membership lists be directed to the appropriate state council president.

#### **January 2000**

That effective February 29, 2000, that all Congressional Medal of Honor recipients of the Vietnam War receive life membership to Vietnam Veterans of America's organization if they so desire.

#### **April 2003**

Motion #25 – To adopt the proposed VVA membership eligibility policy: "The term "active duty" in the VVA Constitution means that the applicant completed the initial training required by the applicant's branch of service and was found fit to be assigned to active duty for the remainder of his/her obligated service. In the case of an applicant who served in a Reserve or Guard component, active duty means that the applicant was called to federal active duty in a status other than active duty for training.

Evidence of greater than 180 days of active service (as shown on the "Total Active Service" or "Net Active Service This Period" line of the DD Form 214) generally qualifies the applicant for membership. The Membership Affairs Department may determine that, even with more than 180 days of active service, an applicant served only in a training status and is not eligible for membership. Applicants with less than 180 days of active service, who were separated due to a service-connected disability, are eligible for membership.

In the case of denial of an application for membership, the applicant may appeal the decision, in writing to the national Membership Affairs Committee. The denial of membership must be in writing and must inform the applicant of the right to appeal to the national Membership Affairs Committee within 90 days of receipt of the denial of membership. The VVA National Board of Directors will have the final decision."

Motion #34 – To approve the State Council/Chapter Secretary Handbook pending any grammar change or other revisions deemed necessary by the VVA Membership Department.

Motion #36 – To make two changes to the veterans incarcerated membership policy currently in effect. In the 43 states where the veteran incarcerated (membership type IVI) dues is zero, change the term of membership from "one year" to "duration of confinement" and replace the "membership identification card" with a "membership letter" for veterans incarcerated.

#### **October 2006**

Motion #10 – to approve the Membership Policy for members who previously joined under the old date system.

#### **October 2007**

Motion #11 – To accept the VVA Chapter Membership Development Plan as a membership tool and any updates or grammar changes will be addressed by the VVA Membership Department.

#### **April 2008**

Motion #16 – To amend the VVA Chapter President's Handbook with allowance for grammar or spelling changes as necessary from VVA Communications Department and VVA Membership Department.



Motion #17 – To amend the new State Council Treasurer’s Handbook with allowance for grammar or spelling changes as necessary from VVA Communications Department and VVA Membership Department.

#### **April 2010**

Motion #13 – To approve the “Guide to Understanding an Applicant’s DD-214” for VVA membership eligibility as a membership tool.

#### **August 2010**

Motion #3 – To approve the proposed VVA At-Large Membership Policy.

#### **April 2012**

Motion #22 – To amend paragraph A.2 of the VVA Chapter Charter Revocation Membership Policy dated 10/10/09 by removing the phrase “conduct Chapter business only for the purposes of calling meetings for disbursing funds previously raised in VVA’s name to pay Chapter obligations,” and to add immediately following, a new paragraph to read: “While suspended under the provisions of this policy, Chapters may conduct Chapter business only for the purposes of calling meetings for disbursing funds previously raised in VVA’s name to pay Chapter obligations unless specifically exempt from this restriction by the National Board of Directors. Such exemptions shall not be granted when suspensions are due to filing of charges or imposition of sanctions under the VVA Code of Disciplinary Policy & Procedures. When such exemptions are granted by the National Board of Directors, Chapters may hold business and informational meetings, hold elections, and otherwise engage in organized Chapter activities.”

#### **August 2012**

Motion #6 – To approve the VVA BOD Policy on Issuance of Petition for a Charter as a VVA Chapter.

#### **January 2014**

Motion #5 - The Membership Affairs Committee moves to amend the March 1990, Motion # 6 to: The flagging of members in the database shall include suspension, revoked membership, BOD approved transfers of problem members to at-large status, monetary sanctions due to disciplinary action, disciplinary sanctions which restrict members from holding elected office, or disciplinary sanctions which restrict a member from starting a chapter in another area.

Motion #6 - The Membership Affairs Committee moves to amend the January 1994, Motion # 26 to: The Membership Committee, in conjunction with the Veterans Incarcerated Committee, recommends that membership dues for incarcerated members (IVI) shall be waived in Vietnam Veterans of America. The exception will be in states that require a membership fee; in these states, the membership dues shall be \$1.00 per member per year.

#### **April 2014**

Motion 17 - To approve the revisions to the State Council Presidents Handbook.

#### **January 2015**

Motion #7 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

3. Move to approve the revised VVA Honorary Life Membership Policy and the revised HLM form from the VVA Membership Affairs Committee.

#### **January 2016**

Motion # 14 Consent Calendar



Motion # 1 - To approve the revised VVA Election Report form (Jan 2016) as presented by the Membership Affairs Committee.

Motion # 4 - To recommend revisions to the At Large Membership Policy at the 2016 April BOD meeting by the VVA Membership Affairs Committee.

Motion # 5 - To recommend revisions to the Chapters that are Suspended, but Active or Suspended, but Failed VVA Membership Policy at the 2016 April BOD meeting by the VVA Membership Affairs Committee.

Motion # 6 - To recommend revisions to the Chapter Charter Revocation Membership Policy at the 2016 April BOD meeting by the VVA Membership Affairs Committee.

Motion # 7 - To continue the Membership Policy on Honorary Life Membership as written by the VVA Membership Affairs Committee.

Motion # 8 - To continue the Membership Policy for Members Who Previously Joined Under the Old Date System as written by the VVA Membership Affairs Committee.

#### **April 2016**

Motion # 18 - To retire the "Chapters that are Suspended but Active or Suspended but Failed VVA Membership Policy.

#### **July 2016**

Motion # 6 - To approve the Upgrading Active Membership to Life Membership Policy.

Motion # 7 - To approve the amended VVA Membership Policy on Honorary Life Membership.

#### **January 2017**

Motion # 23 - That incarcerated members upon discharge from prison will be given a one year membership.

Motion # 27 - To approve the revised VVA At Large Membership Policy.

#### **April 2018**

Motion 8 - To postpone motion by G. Gomez to redesign VVA Membership Application; to include "Diversity" Section on Side A; until a proposed cost to this project can be ascertained.

#### **October 2018**

Motion 11 - As of Oct. 20, 2018, there will be one paid class of membership: Life. Life membership will be \$50. All 3 year members who paid \$50 will automatically become life members. All 1 year members will continue as individual 1 year members until their membership expires and will then have to pay \$50 and become life members. Due to objection President Rowan called for roll call vote by Secretary Meeks.

Board Members	Vote
John Rowan	Non-vote
Marsha Four	Yes
Bill Meeks, Jr.	Yes
Wayne Reynolds	Not present

Dottie Barickman	Yes
Tom Burke	Yes
Spence Davis	Yes
Richard DeLong	Yes
Gumersindo Gomez	Yes
Robert Grabinski	Yes
Herman Hochreich	No
Francisco Ivarra	Yes
Allen Manuel	Yes
John Margowski	Yes
Sara McVicker	No
Charles Montgomery, Jr.	Yes
Rex Moody	Yes
Felix Peterson, Jr.	Yes
Dave Simmons	No
Richard Southern	Yes
Dan Stenvold	Yes
Kerwin Stone	Yes
Ted Wilkinson	Yes
Sandie Wilson	Yes

#### **January 2019**

Motion # 8 - To print new application cards for Vietnam Veterans of America, with borders removed, add VVA logo to front and do away with tri-fold.

#### **April 2019**

Motion # 22 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested By</b>
Terry W. Wilson	Chapter 1128 (TN)
Judy Squire	Chapter 649 (OH)

### **MOUs/MOAs/Contracts (National Treasurer)**

#### **October 2005**

Motion #42 – That VVA endorses Vet Jobs and enters into a MOU with them to enhance employment opportunities for veterans, families, particularly OIF/OEF, disabled veterans and veterans at risk to find meaningful employment at a living wage.

#### **January 2006**

Motion #4 – To accept the MOA between VVA and United Spinal Association entered into by President Rowan on January 11, 2006, as ratified by VVA's Board of Directors.

#### **July 2006**

Motion #2 – To approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. and the National Association of State and County Service Officers.

#### **October 2008**

Motion #4A – To approve the execution of the qualified, limited exclusive marketing agreement between Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. and Medals of America, Ltd.

Motion #5 – To authorize execution of the Memorandum of Understanding between Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. and the Veterans Support Foundation.

Motion #17 – To authorize the execution of a lease agreement of the 8719 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD, office space utilizing scenario “A” in the information packet distributed to the National BOD contingent upon approval of using funds from the CR fund. See motion 18.

#### **January 2009**

Motion #11 – Whereas, VVA desires to enter into a business agreement with Charity Funding, Inc. to develop, implement, and manage a car donation program; Whereas VVA desires to expand its Veterans Benefits Program operations and intends to utilize the funding received from this program for said expansion; Whereas, VVA will appoint a program manager to cultivate the business relationship under the direction of a national officer; Whereas, VVA is a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(C)(19) of the Code and is seeking to institute a car donation program; Whereas, Charity Funding, Inc. is a for-profit company that consults on the establishment, organization, and management of charity car donation programs (Car Donation Program): Whereas, VVA desires to engage Charity Funding, Inc. upon the terms and conditions set forth in separate Agreements for each state in which VVA desires to operate a VVA Car Donation Program; and Now, Therefore, the National Board of Directors of Vietnam Veterans of America authorizes the National President or the contracting officer to execute the contracts required to implement the program after approval of the National Officers and consultation with the state council and regional director.

#### **October 2009**

Motion #8 – To approve the presently submitted MOU between VVA and VSF.

#### **January 2010**

Motion #3 – To approve the MOU as amended between VVA and VSF regarding grant funds by VSF to VVA in support of the VVA Veterans Benefits Program.

Motion #4 – To amend paragraph D, subparagraph 2, under Operational Plan of VVA's Investment Policy.

Motion #5 – To amend the Oversight Budget Policy.

Motion #11 – To approve the MOU between VVA, Inc. and the Veterans Health Council Foundation, Inc.

#### **April 2010**

Motion #4 – To approve the Investment Policy as presented.

Motion #10 – To approve the amended MOU between VVA and AVVA.

Motion #11 – To approve an amended Logo License Agreement with AVVA.

#### **October 2010**

Motion #3 – To accept the MOU between AVVA and VVA.

Motion #11 – To support the establishment of an MOU with NVLSP to create dual accreditation between VVA and NVLSP.

### **January 2011**

Motion #4 – That Vietnam Veterans of America accept the proposal from the United States Automobile Association (USAA) for a credit card and financial services program, and enter into an agreement as proposed.

Motion #7 – To accept the MOU between VVA and NVLSP.

### **January 2012**

Motion #12 – To authorize the President/Treasurer to contract with Lane Services: 1) To perform the additional work outlined in Dr. Lane's January 6, 2012 report at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 including travel and software; 2) To evaluate iMIS related issues in the membership department and obtain work hours/cost estimate at a cost not to exceed \$3,600; 3) To perform the work identified in the evaluation of the membership department at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 including travel and software. Approximately, \$15,000 is available in unused funds in the FY'12 Information Technology budget. The remaining costs will be taken from the Professional Fees account in the Administration cost center. A monthly report will be provided to the BOD on progress in resolving issues. The contract will include a timeline for completion of tasks.

### **January 2013**

Motion #12 – To enter into a Statement of Understanding with the Department of Defense as a Commemorative Partner on the Vietnam War Commemoration.

### **April 2013**

Motion #9 – To approve the MOU between VVA and VSF reference "Operational Expenses."

Motion #11 – To approve the Qualified, Limited Non-Exclusive Marketing Agreement between Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. and Medals of America, Ltd. With the following amendments.

### **August 2013**

Motion #6 – To approve MS&K (Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp (LLP) client Engagement Agreement regarding legal work for VVA.

### **October 2013**

Motion #39 - Move to approve the Military Best Marketing Agreement.

Motion #40

Move to approve the Proforma Marketing Agreement.

### **April 2014**

Motion #8 - To approve the Double Tree Hotel Contract.

### **April 2015**

Motion #7 – To enter into a contract with the Double Tree, Silver Spring for sleeping rooms and meeting space for our BOD meetings in 2016, 2017 & 2018.

### **July 2016**

Motion # 8 - To approve the renewal of the VVA/AVVA MOU.

### **April 2017**

Motion 16 - To approve the revised VVA & AVVA MOU.

## Personnel (National Officers)

### June 1992

Motion #56 – That paid staff members of VVA not be Chairs or members of any Committees.

### September 1992

Motion #36 – That in all facets of VVA, under no circumstances, will any form of sexual harassment be tolerated, whether serious or in jest. Any such action will be subject to action under the Code of Disciplinary Procedure.

Motion #21 – That the board approve implementation of a 401 (k) plan for VVA employees, effective March 1, 1997.

### January 1998

It was clarified that personnel issues are not board functions, the only positions that are approved by the national board of directors are that of the executive director, chief finance officer, and Director, Veterans Benefits.

### April 2005

Motion #35 - That the Board packets (to include the meeting agenda) be available at the hotel (upon check-in) on Wednesday for all Board members and Committee Chairs.

### October 2007

Motion #9 – That VVA purchase an AED device to be housed in VVA office and that selected personnel be certified (American Heart Association certified) to perform CPR and operate the AED device – approximate cost for device and supplies \$1,500.

### January 2013

Motion #14 – To revise “G. Recognition of Service” on page 18 of the VVA personnel Policy as follows: to change “continuous service” on each of the lines to “total service” to bring this section into line with section “F. Seniority” on page 7.

Motion #15 – To amend Paragraph 7 of Subsection O of Section VIII of the VVA Personnel Policy: 7. Paternity Leave. Paternity leave **is three weeks of paid leave for participating in the birth or adoption of your child or providing newborn care to your child. Paternity leave may be taken at your choice during the period ending five weeks after the child’s birth.** ~~consists of three weeks paid leave, to be taken at your choice consecutively with advance notice to your immediate supervisor. Such advance notice must be accompanied by appropriate medical certification from the physician of the pregnant woman. Eligibility for paternity leave begins after one year of continuous employment and may be taken in conjunction with annual leave in order to extend the leave period.~~

Motion #16 – To amend Paragraph 1 of Subsection Q of Section VIII of the VVA Personnel Policy: 1. Family Leave. This leave is to attend to an ill family member i.e., spouse, child or parent, or other event such as **participating in the birth or adoption of one’s child or providing newborn care to one’s child up to 16 weeks after birth** ~~child adoption or foster parenting.~~ You are entitled to a total of 16 workweeks of unpaid family leave **for each such event.**

## Post Vietnam Outreach Committee

## **POW/MIA Committee**

### **October 1997**

Motion #10A – To accept the proposed protocol for handling artifacts of KIAs brought back from Vietnam as a result of Veterans Initiative trips. 1) locate the individual's home of record or next of kin; 2) ask appropriate state council president to try and locate family in their state; 3) if state council president is unsuccessful in locating family, a designee from the national office will contact the appropriate military service to attempt to locate family; 4) after locating family, a personal call from VVA's national president shall be made to determine the family's wishes for receiving the artifacts; 5) if the family chooses to have the item/items returned and is open to a ceremony of some kind, the VVA national president or his/her designee will work with the appropriate state council to arrange the presentation; 6) if the family wishes to have the artifact but no ceremony, the item/items will be delivered by the appropriate state council president with accompanying letter from VVA's national president will be sent by an overnight service to the family; 7) if no family can be located, item/items should be left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall for the Smithsonian Museum display.

### **June 2000**

Motion #19 – That when remains are identified and returned from CIL-HI to the families that VVA notifies chapters and state councils so that VVA can provide support for the returned service member and the family.

### **October 2005**

Motion #33 - dated April 23, 2005, to replace a POW/MIA table with a covered POW/MIA chair, at all VVA National Board meetings.

### **January 2006**

Motion #20 – That it shall be the policy of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. that information that comes to the attention of the Veterans Initiative Task Force through its effort to account for all Prisoners of War and Missing in Action unaccounted for in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and the surrounding areas shall be considered confidential. Veterans Initiative Task Force members, the President of Vietnam Veterans of America or designee, Vietnam Veterans of America POW/MIA Chair, affected families, and appropriate government agencies as defined by the Veterans Initiative Task Force shall be the exclusive viewers of any confidential reports pertaining to this stated information. This information, with no exception, may be released only by any of the above stated members, as individuals, team members, or titled positions, and only if written permission is on file with Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. from a representative of the service member's family.

### **January 2016**

Motion # 12 - To proceed with the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and the Vietnam Veterans of America at no cost to VVA National.

Motion # 14 - To approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Consent Calendar:

Motion # 2 - To amend the Veterans Initiative Task Force Confidentiality and Sensitivity Policy (January 2006, Motion #20). Change "Veterans Initiative Task Force" to "Veterans Initiative Program" (three places) within the policy. Change the title of the document to "Veterans Initiative Program Confidentiality and Sensitivity Policy."

### **January 2018**

Motion 9 - TO SPONSORS OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS: Senate Resolution 61 – A resolution calling on the Department of Defense, other elements of the federal government, and foreign governments to intensify efforts to investigate, recover, and identify all missing and unaccounted-for personnel of the United States. Senate 120 – Bring Our Heroes Home and House Resolution 2765 – Perpetual POW/MIA Stamp Act.

#### **April 2019**

Motion # 11 - To authorize international travel for Veterans Initiative Mission to Vietnam, Grant Coates & Mokie Porter, mission date projected for October 2019 time frame.

### **PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee**

#### **January 2004**

Motion #6 – That the PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee be formally recognized by the Corporation's Board of Directors as a Special Committee as of January 24, 2004.

#### **April 2013**

Motion #16 – For VVA to join with SWAN (Service Women's Action Network) in its petition for rulemaking to the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding service connection for mental health disabilities resulting from sexual trauma.

#### **April 2014**

Motion #11 - The PTSD/SA Committee moves that VVA join the lawsuit with the Service womens Action Network to afford veterans suffering from MST and MST related PTSD the same evidenciary presumption used for other claims.

### **Public Affairs Committee**

#### **January 1987**

Motion #6 - VVA establish a Media Recognition Award (named after a journalist killed in Vietnam) to be given annually for the best reporting on Vietnam Veterans and their issues.

#### **September 1990**

Motion #17 - To accept the new categories for awards to be given at the National Leadership Conference, the categories being: Congressional Staffer of the Year; President's Award for Outstanding Achievement; and Special recognition.

#### **October 1998**

Motion #12: To accept the policy and procedures for the Commendation Medal.

#### **June 2000**

Motion #31 – That all policy decisions with respect to editorial content on the VVA Web Page shall originate in the Public Affairs Committee.

#### **January 2002**

Motion #24 – That all requests for change or additions to the VVA web page ([www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)) shall be directed to the Communications and Publications Department for review and action.

#### **October 2005**

Motion #32 – To allow banner advertising on the home page of VVA.org.



### **January 2013**

Motion #7 – VVA Incorporated hereby endorse the establishment of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the town of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland to honor the sacrifice of those Irish Citizens who served with U.S. Forces in Vietnam.

### **October 2014**

Motion #31 - To approve the Policy & Procedures for VVA Medals.

### **April 2016**

Motion # 7 - To rescind Motion # 7 from the January 2016 meeting: *“To remove and refrain the use of the terminology Vietnam ERA Veteran. To remove from organization publications, etc. Suggested to begin using terms such as Vietnam Veteran or Vietnam Generation.”*

### **January 2017**

Motion # 24 - To remove the current Resource button on the website Home Page and replace it with an “Info For Members” button located at the top of the Home Page between the Donate and Join/Renew buttons. Recommend white letters to fit the red, white & blue format.

### **October 2017**

Motion 32 - For clarification on Item # 11 on the 1<sup>st</sup> Consent Calendar remove the words within parenthesis (Awards Sub-Committee Chair). Motion would now read: “To appoint Dan Stenvold (Awards Sub-committee Chair) – Grant Coates – Wayne Reynolds – Ken Holybee – Robert Grabinski – Bill Hodges as members and Wes Guidry – Michael Keating – Marc Leepson – Mokie Porter as VVA Staff Liaisons and Terri Rangel – Betty Pike as AVVA Special Advisors to the Public Affairs Committee.”

### **April 2018**

Motion 12- To begin the new National VVA JROTC Medal and Ribbon immediately at the Chapter level only, for this school year and roll out the total program this Fall in the new school year.

Motion 13 - That the new JROTC Medal and Ribbon be designated the only official National Vietnam Veterans of America JROTC Medal and Ribbon and that Mokie Porter be the National VVA contact for Chapters to procure this award.

### **October 2018**

Motion 12 - The National Level JROTC Award be established for 3 Top Cadets @ 1<sup>st</sup> Place \$2,500.00; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place \$1,500.00; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place \$1,000.00 in scholarships.

### **April 2019**

Motion # 12 - To change the National Monetary JROTC Awards to cash instead of scholarships at the same breakdown as already passed by the BOD: 1<sup>st</sup> \$2,500; 2<sup>nd</sup> \$1,500; and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1,000.

Motion # 13 - To designate the new Eagle Scout Medal as the official Vietnam Veterans of America Eagle Scout Medal. Available to Chapters and State Councils at a price of \$15.00 per unit. Coordination and sales to be handled thru National Communications office.

## **Resolutions Committee**



### **July 1986**

Motion #11 - Any alteration of the VVA national flag be made by resolution at the National Convention.

## **Veterans Benefits Committee**

### **March 1991**

Motion #39 – To amend the VVA Policies concerning Veterans Service activities by adding a new section as follows: SECTION VIII – CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – A. Upon attending VVA Service Representative Training School and successfully completing the written examination to become an accredited Service Representative, the attached Certificate of Completion will be awarded to those who become active VVA Service Representatives. B. No additions or deletions of any kind will be made.

### **September 1991**

Motion #31 – That VVA's policy will be that in cases where one of our accredited Service Reps becomes a Federal employee they will lose their accreditation effective the date of Federal employment.

### **September 1993**

Motion #42 – That a full time service representative with county or state agencies who is accredited with VVA will be eligible for "Full Time Service Representative of the Year" Award.

### **January 1995**

Motion #29 – To accept the additional proposed amendment to VVA Service Activity Policies, on Page 19 that the back of the Accredited Service Representative Card shall be amended to read as follows: delete "Dept." and insert "Department" in its place; and add "U.S." before Department.

### **January 2002**

Motion #26 – To amend the Veterans Benefits Program Policies Manual to read:

A. Purpose: It is the desire of the VVA Board of Directors that VVA's veteran's benefits representation be overseen and coordinated by a small committee of the Board whose members, if possible, have had practical experience in claims advocacy. VVA Service Representatives who are members of the National Board of Directors may serve on the Veterans Benefits Committee. Should they become the subject of a complaint under Section VI of these "Policies", the VVA service Representative will not be part of the decision making process. This Committee shall be referred to as the "VVA Veterans Benefits Committee, "and its members shall be appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Board. The Committee shall maintain a standing sub-committee called the "Service Representative Grievance Sub-Committee", which shall be comprised of at least three (3) committee members. Sub-committee membership and its chairmanship shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman may not serve on the sub-committee.

In general, the committee shall have oversight responsibility for all VVA veterans benefits representation; and, coordinate with the VVA Veterans Affairs Committee to define or further refine VVA positions on issues of concern to veterans and their families. A member of the Committee must recuse himself or herself from any Committee vote, procedure or process that would present an actual conflict of interest. If recusal is not voluntary, Committee members shall be bound by the decision of the Committee Chairman concerning conflict of interest and disqualification from participation. Furthermore, any member of the Committee who simultaneously holds office as a VVA State Council President, whose state is in receipt of VVA Service Representative Program grant funding, must abstain from voting on any issue concerning the administration and allocation of the funding process.

Moreover, members of the Committee who currently are accredited as VVA veterans service representatives must abstain from voting on Veterans Benefits Program policies in the presence of an actual or potential conflict of interest.

**B. Revocation Responsibility:** The VVA Director, Veterans Benefits Program, and the Service Representative Grievance Sub-committee (Sub-committee) are charged with oversight responsibility, unless otherwise indicated in this section, in the revocation of privileges for individual VVA Service Representatives or recognized agencies.

**D. Service Representatives Appeals of Revocation:** 1. Upon being informed of an act or acts justifying suspension or revocation of accreditation, the Director, VVA veterans benefits Program shall conduct an investigation and present his or her findings and recommendations to the Sub-committee. If the sub-committee finds that suspension or revocation is warranted, the Subcommittee Chairman shall instruct the Director to send a letter to the VVA Service Representative who allegedly committed the act(s), suspending or revoking their accreditation. Such a letter must be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and must inform the recipient of their right to appeal the revocation. The Service Representative is then required to return all clients or potential clients records to the Director, VVA Veterans Benefits Program, or his or her designee.. Members of the Sub-committee shall be prohibited from participating in the appellate review process delineated below.

**Section X- Quarterly Reporting:** A. All VVA accredited service representatives, regardless of their employer or volunteer status, are required to submit to their respective state council (or chapter if there is no state council), and to the Director, VVA Veterans Benefits Program, a quarterly claims activity report in a format prescribed by the VVA VBP.

#### **October 2005**

Motion #34 – To adopt the Confidentiality Policy as part of the Veterans Benefits Program Policy Manual. (President Rowan stated that this Confidentiality Policy would be in the service Reps handbook and all service representatives will have to sign one.)

#### **April 2007**

Motion #16 – To amend C.D.P&P. section VII – Appeals, Para B-3.

#### **April 2011**

Motion #10 – To approve the Veterans Benefits Policy Manual to include the policy update that addresses the conflict of interest that is created when a VVA Rep becomes a VA Agent.

#### **November 2011**

Motion #1 – To allow the Yale Law Clinic to provide a quote in a press release that VVA supports a female veteran, with the assistance of YLC to appeal a denial for spousal VA benefits because she is in a same sex marriage. Also, allow VVA to participate in a Friend-Of-The-Court Brief with the Yale Law School to be filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (CAVC).

Motion #2 – That VVA join in an amicus brief, at NO COST to VVA, to be filed by Winston & Strawn LLP, to the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of over 23 military and veterans groups in United States vs. Alvarez, a case in defense of the Stolen Valor Act of 2005 which was ruled as being unconstitutional under the First Amendment in July 14, 2011 decision by the U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals. VVA attorneys will have the opportunity to review the amicus brief before it is filed with the court.

#### **January 2012**

Motion #22 – That VVA join PVA and other Veterans Organizations in an amicus brief on behalf of a 100% service connected veteran who was denied special monthly compensation benefits by the VA. (at no cost to VVA National)

### **October 2012**

Motion #18 - To endorse VVA being named a party, at no cost to VVA, in an amicus brief for Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court for *Veterans for Common Sense and Veterans United for Truth, Inc., on behalf of themselves and their members, v. Eric K. Shinseki, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, et al.*

### **November 2012**

Motion #1 – To join as a named party in a class action: SHEPHERD v. McHUGH, at no cost to VVA, represented by Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization of Yale Law School (Yale).

### **April 2013**

Motion #21 – To approve the VVA Veterans Benefits Policy Manual as amended.

### **January 2014**

Motion #8 - That VVA, at no cost to VVA, join NVLSP and the private law firm Paul Hastings LLP in petitioning the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit to invalidate the part of a VA rule that deprives veterans who are service connected for diseases due to Agent Orange exposure during service in the Korean DMZ from receiving disability benefits for these diseases during the period between the date of claim and February 2011.

### **October 2014**

Motion #19 - That VVA join as a plaintiff in a class-action suit, at NO COST to VVA, to be filed by the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) and Morrison & Foerster LLP, to the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia, against the Army Board of Corrections of Military Records (ACBMR) challenging several practices of the ABCMR that are highly unfair to veterans who apply to that Board to correct errors or injustices that occurred during their military service. VVA attorneys will have the opportunity to review the amicus brief before it is filed with the court.

Motion #20 - That VVA join as a plaintiff in a class-action suit, at NO COST to VVA, to be filed by the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP) and a private law firm (TBA), to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) against the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA), challenging the agency's final rule to RIN 2900—AO81—Standard Claims and Appeals Forms.

Motion #21 - VVA strongly favors directing the Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs to replace any Government issued headstone in unreadable or damaged condition with a new headstone as requested by Veterans Service Officers, Cemetery Officers, Funeral Directors and others, with their signature as requester.

### **April 2015**

Motion #23 - To approve the changes made to the Veterans Benefits Program Policies Manual update is 4/11/2015.

### **January 2016**

Motion # 8 - That authorizes the VVA President, at no cost to VVA, to file suit against the Department of Defense (DOD) and other defendants that are a party to the suit, if the DOD and other defendants fail to comply with the Stipulation of Settlement and Proposed Order, filed in the United States District

Court for the District of Connecticut on January 6, 2016. See Stipulation of Settlement and Proposed Order, Vietnam Veterans of America v. U.S. Dep't of Defense (D. Conn. Jan. 6, 2016). Specifically, pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), the Stipulation of Settlement and Proposed Order requires the DOD and other named defendants to release certain documents related to discharge upgrade applications for veterans claiming PTSD.

#### **April 2016**

Motion # 8 - To file suit with The Few, The Proud, The Forgotten and the VVA Connecticut State Council file suit, at no cost to VVA, against the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to compel the production of documents responsive to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on December 7, 2015 by Vietnam Veterans of America; the Vietnam Veterans of America Connecticut State Council; and The Few, The Proud, The Forgotten.

Motion # 10 - To authorize Veterans Benefits Director to cancel VVA accreditation of County Veterans Service Officers (CVSOs) in states where approved by VVA State Councils in states where there is no VVA office at the State's VARO.

Motion # 11 - To rescind Motion # 9 from the April 2016 meeting: *"At no cost to VVA, join an existing rulemaking petition with NVLSP and Swords to Plowshares to ask VA to amend regulatory bars in 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.12(a), 3.12(d), 17.34, 17.36(d) (regulations interpreting 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) ) that prevent veterans with Undesirable Discharges or Discharges Under Other Than Honorable Conditions to be eligible for VA benefits UNLESS the misconduct leading to discharge is serious enough that it would have resulted in a Dishonorable Discharge (assuming the veteran had been charged for the misconduct in a General Court-Martial)."*

Motion # 12 - At no cost to VVA, join an existing rulemaking petition with NVLSP and Swords to Plowshares to ask VA to amend regulatory bars in 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.12(a), 3.12(d), 17.34, 17.36(d) (regulations interpreting 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) ) that prevent veterans with Undesirable Discharges or Discharges Under Other Than Honorable Conditions to be eligible for VA benefits UNLESS the misconduct leading to discharge is serious enough that it would have resulted in a Dishonorable Discharge (assuming the veteran had been charged for the misconduct in a General Court-Martial). This motion is also to authorize related follow-on court action at no cost to VVA to file as a petitioner, joint petitioner, or a party to an amicus brief at the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC) and U.S. Supreme Court.

#### **April 2018**

Motion 18 - The Veterans Benefits Committee moves for the adoption of agreement between National Association of County Veteran Service Officers and VVA.

Motion 19 - To support the proposal from Dr. Hall on putting a survey together on how the Vet Centers work with Veterans.

#### **January 2019**

Motion # 10 - Approval to file an amicus brief with National Organization of Veterans Advocates (NOVA) and other VSO's in support of Vietnam Veteran Marine James L. Kisor in Supreme Court case Kisor vs Wilke.

#### **April 2019**

Motion # 14 - Board to approve MOU between VVA and ODVS (Ohio Department of Veterans Services).

## **Veterans Health Care Committee**

### **April 2006**

Motion #16 – That VVA adopts the Assured Funding for veterans' health care 12-step program as presented by Dennis Koehler.

### **April 2013**

Motion #19 – To approve the Policy on Research Involving Human Subjects (RIHS) and RIHS Form.

### **January 2016**

Motion # 9 - The Veterans Health Care Committee moves that the National Board of Directors support, on record, H.R.3016 "The Veterans Employment Education and Health Care Improvement Act (sponsored by Rep. Brad Werstrup (R-OR 1-2).

### **October 2018**

Motion 18 - Board of Directors support the concept and development of a program designed to educate veterans and their families about the need and process of educating Health Care Providers about the Stressors, exposes and hazards encountered during their military service and the increased health risks and health conditions that can result from these conditions. To include the creation of an Educational Publication designed to inform Health Care Providers.

## **Veterans Healthcare Council**

### **July 2008**

Motion #7 – To endorse the creation of the Veterans Healthcare Council as a program of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. and to approve the creation of a new cost center with a proposed budget funded by external contributors.

### **April 2013**

Motion #5 – To approve the FYE 2-28-14 Veterans Health Council budget as presented, subject to receiving donations in excess of Carry Over Revenue, to meet or exceed Proposed Expenses.

### **April 2014**

Motion #7 - To approve the VHC Budget FYE 2-28-15 as presented.

### **April 2015**

Motion #9 - Move to approve the FYE 2-29-16 VHC proposed budget as presented.

### **January 2017**

Motion # 10 - To approve the MOU with the Veterans Health Council of America, Inc.

Motion # 11 - To retire Motion # 5 of April 2008 as follows: "To approve a Veterans Health Council (VHC) program and to establish a VHC cost center to be funded by specific donations from the Veterans Support Foundation as well as any other donations specified for the VHC."

Motion # 12 - To modify Motion # 7 of July 2008 as follows: "To endorse the creation of the Veterans Healthcare Council as a program of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. and to approve the creation of a new cost center with a proposed budget funded primarily by external contributions."

## **VVA Veteran Department**

### **Women Veterans**

#### **April 2012**

Motion #32 – To send a letter of support from VVA, under the signature of the President, to Business Professional Women’s Foundation (BPWF) regarding its women Veterans Peer Support Program. Additionally, if approved through the VVA Logo Use Policy, BPWF can display the VVA logo on its web site with a statement of VVA support for its peer program.

#### **April 2016**

Motion # 13 - To request the VVA Board of Directors to approve submitting an application to the “Nurses on Board Coalition” on behalf of the VVA at no cost to National.

#### **January 2017**

Motion # 19 - To request to VVA National for \$5,000 financial contribution for 2017 National Women Veterans Summit March 17-18 in Dallas, TX.

## **Rescinded Motions (National Secretary)**

#### **Motion of April 1984**

“To establish policy that National Officers and Directors cannot hold any position as a state council or chapter officer or director, beyond expiration of any current term of an Officer or Director affected.”

**rescinded by motion #25 of January 2004**

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#### **Motion #31 of February 1989**

“That the Finance Committee fund a full time position for and incarcerated liaison on the national staff.....”

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2006**

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#### **Motion #28 of June 1990**

“That the National Commanders of other nationally chartered veterans organizations be invited individually to attend our National Board of Directors meetings.....”

**rescinded by motion #28 of January 2005**

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#### **Motion #30 of June 1990**

“That at the installation of each new Board, a packet containing previous and still liable Board resolutions and summary of current contracts.....”

**rescinded by motion #29 of January 2005**

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#### **Motion #8 of September 1990**

“That a standard business card be designed.....”

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2006**

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#### **Motion #20 of March 1991**

“To support the concept of soliciting employment ads for the VETERAN.”

**rescinded by motion #9 of October 2005**

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**Motion #36 of March 1991**

"That beginning in January 1992...VVA will mail materials necessary....."

**rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009**

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**Motion #47 of March 1991**

"To expand our invitation to National Commanders of other major veterans service organizations for attendance of our Board meetings to include his/her designee."

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2005**

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**Motion #48 of March 1991**

"To expand our invitation to National Commanders of other major...."

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2005**

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**Motion #19 of March 1992**

"To establish the life membership plan using the 15-year methodology...."

**rescinded by motion #6A of April 2008**

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**Motion #45 of March 1992**

"That the Board of Directors create a three person panel in order to develop a policy for application of penalties for non compliance of Nominating....."

**rescinded by motion #31 of January 2005**

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**Motion #43 of June 1992**

"That the NBOD of VVA authorizes VVAF to use the registered logo....."

**rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009**

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**Motion #29 of March 1993**

"To all VVAF to use the registered trademark, circular log....."

**rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009**

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**Motion #30 of July 1994**

"That the national office develop an operational procedure to cause the certification of DD Forms 214, or similar proof of military service....."

**rescinded by motion #32 of January 2005**

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**Motion #48 of July 1994**

"That VVA National solicit flags, at no cost to VVA from the embassies of SEATO countries that provided military support to the U.S. during the Vietnam War....."

**rescinded by motion #33 of January 2005**

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**Motion #13 of January 1995**

"To move the Scholarship Fund from being a subcommittee of....."

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2006**

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**Motion #36 of April 1995**

"To instruct the Nominating Committee to place Bill Klase's name back on the ballot....."

**rescinded by motion #15 of July 1995**

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**Motion #37 of April 1995**

"That the Nominating Committee be instructed to reinstate Dave Mann on the ballot...."

**rescinded by motion #15 of July 1995**



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**Motion #38 of April 1995**

"That the Nominating Committee submit to the national board for review and approval....."

**rescinded by motion #17 of July 1995**

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**Motion #18 of July 1995**

"To instruct the Nominating Committee to revise or adjust as necessary....."

**rescinded by motion #39 of November 2003**

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**Motion #28 of July 1995**

"To approve the following awards to be presented at the national convention..."

**rescinded by motion #39 of November 2003**

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**Motion #41 of July 1995**

"To create a Homeless Veteran Transitional membership....."

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2004**

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**Motion #48 of July 1995**

"To approve the report of the Scholarship Fund"

**rescinded by motion #39 of November 2003**

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**Motion #7 of January 1996**

"To authorize Veterans Collectibles...."

**rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009**

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**Motion #31 of July 1996**

"That the Region 2 Scholarship be named....."

**rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009**

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**Motion #7 of October 1996**

"That employee positions only be created or eliminated by action of the Board of Directors....."

**rescinded by motion #31 of January 2006**

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**Motion #12 of January 1997**

"That no employee search firm may be hired to identify any potential new employees without prior approval of the board of directors."

**rescinded by motion #9 of October 1999**

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**Motion #15 of January 1997**

"That the position of Director of Development be eliminated."

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2006**

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**Motion #17 of January 1997**

"That the position of bookkeeper in the Finance Department be established...."

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2006**

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**Motion #29 of January 1997**

"That all international travel funded by VVA be approved by the board of directors in advance"

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2006**

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**Motion #7 of January 1998**

"To establish a position of Public Relations Director...."

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2006**

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**Motion #9 of January 1998**

"To combine the Veterans Incarcerated Liaison position...."

**rescinded by motion #30 of January 2006**

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**Motion #10 of July 1998**

"That the board approves a voluntary contribution program....."

**rescinded by motion #14 of January 2000**

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**Motion #11 of July 1998**

"That all solicitations and grant proposals be submitted to the ....."

**rescinded by motion #14 of January 2000**

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**Motion #18 of March 1999**

"That Vietnam Veterans of America at its national conventions and national leadership schools hold annual blood drives...."

**rescinded by motion #35 of January 2005**

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**Motion #11 of July 1999**

"To authorize the Officers, CFO, staff along with legal counsel to execute lease agreement....."

**rescinded by motion #44 of January 2000**

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**Motion #17 of July 1999**

"That the National Secretary....send out....."

**rescinded by motion #22 of April 2009**

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**Motion #13 of January 2000**

"That all airlines reservations that will ultimately be paid for by VVA...."

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2006**

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**Motion #7 of June 2000**

"To approve the Investment Policy....."

**rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009**

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**Motion #33 of June 2000**

"To charge the National Membership Committee to immediately begin the development of a national marketing strategy....."

**rescinded by motion #39 of January 2005**

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**Motion #34 of June 2000**

"To have a representative from the National Department of Veterans Benefits...."

**rescinded by motion #39 of January 2005**

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**Motion #10 of January 2001**

"To hereby allow the Finance Committee to remove....motions....."

**rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009**

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**Motion #11 of January 2001**

"That all VVA Officers, Board of Director members, and Committee and Task Force chairs are hereby limited to spending no more than 50%...."

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2006**

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**Motion #12 of January 2001**

"To initiate necessary paperwork to establish Veterans Against Drugs (VAD) as a 501 (c) (3) organization...."

**rescinded by motion #8 of October 2005**

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**Motion #8 of January 2002**

"To ....determine an expenditure....to implement each resolution...."

**rescinded by motion #10 of January 2009**

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**Motion #35 of January 2002**

"To allow Chapter 542 to obtain a liquor license...."

**rescinded by motion #33 of March 2002**

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**Motion #10 of March 2002**

"To participate in the Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul, 10% donation Program."

**rescinded by motion #40 of January 2005**

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**Motion #24 of November 2003**

"That all committee reports and minutes (in synopsis form) and any other information deemed necessary be posted to the VVA web site...."

**rescinded by motion #5 of January 2005**

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**Motion #30 of January 2004**

"To allow the Order of the Silver Rose the use of the VVA logo and use of the name of the Corporation....."

**rescinded by motion #17 of October 2009**

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**Motion #6 of October 2004**

"To prohibit the expenditure, use, or obligation of VVA budgeted funds by incumbent VVA officers, board members and committee/task force chairs for the purpose, in whole or in part, or running for, campaigning for, or otherwise seeking...."

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2006**

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**Motion #10 of October 2004**

"To highlight and enforce the 30 day and 21 day travel policy....."

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2006**

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**Motion #10 of January 2005**

"That the VVA Chief Financial Officer be hereby directed to bill individuals for charges incurred...."

**rescinded by motion #9 of January 2006**

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**Motion #24 of January 2005**

"To transfer member #004363 from Chapter 752, Culpepper, VA, to an at-large status."

**rescinded by motion #3 of October 2008**

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**Motion #25 of January 2005**

"That a letter be generated by the President of VVA....."

rescinded by motion #31 of April 2005

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**Motion #12 of April 2005**

"That VVA send a letter to the DPMO....."

rescinded by motion #47 of October 2005

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**Motion #14 of April 2005**

"That VVA send a letter to the leaders to the Socialist Republic...."

rescinded by motion #48 of October 2005

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**Motion #15 of April 2005**

"That VVA send a letter to the DPMO....."

rescinded by motion #49 of October 2005

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**Motion #17 of April 2005**

"That VVA send a letter to the DPMO....."

rescinded by motion #50 of October 2005

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**Motion #28 of April 2005**

"To file charges and temporarily suspend Chapter 585...."

rescinded by motion #25 of April 2006

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**Motion #43 of October 2005**

"To appoint to the National Disciplinary Committee....."

rescinded by motion #32 of January 2006

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**Motion #5 of April 2006**

"To accept the VVA Contracting Policy."

rescinded by motion #5 of January 2007

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**Motion #4 of April 2008**

"Move to authorize the VVA Executive Committee to take whatever action..."

rescinded by motion #18 of April 2009

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**Motion #12 of January 2009**

Chapter certification by State Councils.

rescinded by motion #19 of April 2012

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**Motion #26 of June 1990**

Submission of written committee reports.

rescinded by motion #20 of April 2012

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**Motion #5 of October 2006**

Use of Unbudgeted Revenue Policy

rescinded by motion #3 of August 2012

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**January 1998**

National will no longer require a DD 214 from a member when the application comes from the chapter level. This does not include incarcerated chapters. Life members still must submit a DD 214 to process life memberships. A SF-180 will alleviate this problem.

**rescinded by motion # 14 of April 2014**

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**April 2014**

Motion 10 - For VVA sign on as Amicus Curiae on Writ of Certiorari Petition Andrew Howard Brannan vs Carl Humphrey, Warden Georgia filed April 7, 2014 requesting review of imposition of death sentence for mitigating PTSD consideration and imposing a life without parole.

**rescinded by motion # 1 of August 2014**

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**August 2012**

Motion #9 – To approve an MOA between Vietnam Veterans of America and Blinded Veterans Association as amended.

**rescinded by motion # 29 of October 2014**

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**July 2015**

Motion # 26 of the July 25, 2015 National Board of Directors meeting which stated: "To establish a new committee Veterans in the Justice System."

**rescinded by motion # 10 of October 2015**

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**July 2015**

Motion # 27 of the July 25, 2015 National Board of Directors meeting which stated: "To appoint Dominick Yezzo as the Chair of the new committee Veterans in the Justice System."

**rescinded by motion # 11 of October 2015**

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**September 2015**

Motion 13- To rescind motion # 1 of the National Board of Directors E-Vote on September 8, 2015 "To approve the appointment of Richard Tribble as the VVA Parliamentarian."

**Rescinded by motion # 13 of October 2015**

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**January 2016**

Motion # 7 - To remove and refrain the use of the terminology Vietnam ERA Veteran. To remove from organization publications, etc. Suggested to begin using terms such as Vietnam Veteran or Vietnam Generation.

**Rescinded by motion # 7 of April 2016**

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**April 2016**

Motion # 9 - *"At no cost to VVA, join an existing rulemaking petition with NVLSP and Swords to Plowshares to ask VA to amend regulatory bars in 38 C.F.R. §§ 3.12(a), 3.12(d), 17.34, 17.36(d) (regulations interpreting 38 U.S.C. § 101(2) ) that prevent veterans with Undesirable Discharges or Discharges Under Other Than Honorable Conditions to be eligible for VA benefits UNLESS the misconduct leading to discharge is serious enough that it would have resulted in a Dishonorable Discharge (assuming the veteran had been charged for the misconduct in a General Court-Martial)."*

**Rescinded by motion # 11 of April 2016**

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**January 2016**

Motion # 4 - To approve the appointment of Dan Jackson as the VVA Parliamentarian.

**Rescinded by motion # 8 of October 2016**

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## **Retired Motions (National Secretary)**

### **Chief Financial Officer/Executive Director:**

#### **September 1990**

Motion #42 - That the previous Board of Directors and all Board of Directors in the future, receive a personalized memento for their service to the National organization.

### **March 1991**

Motion #37 - That beginning in January 1992 VVA's Washington Office will mail materials necessary for the completion of annual financial report to State Councils and Chapters no later than January 15 of each year and that State Councils and Chapters must submit completed financial statement postmarked no later than July 15 of each year, or the State Councils or Chapters will be suspended, and the suspension continued until the report is filed.

### **October 1995**

Motion #16 - That we broaden VVA's Commercial General Liability coverage to include chapters and state councils at the cost of \$12,500.00 annually. This policy would go into effect March 1, 1996.

### **April 1996**

Motion #5 - The investment policy be modified to allow for investments in the following ratios (+/-) treasuries and agencies; (+/-) high-quality corporate bonds; (+/-) liquid money markets.

### **October 1996**

Motion #11 - That the employees' health care contribution formula shall revert back to the one in effect on September 30, 1996.

### **August 1997**

Motion #3 - To accept the Corporate Banking and Borrowing Resolution relative to check signing authority, authorizing the VVA officers, executive director, chief financial officer and controller as check signers.

### **April 2000**

Motion #35 - To remove from the Veterans Benefits Policy Manual the requirement that the National Board of Directors approve the hiring of the Veterans Benefits Director. That the hiring and firing of that position be turned over to the Executive Director.

### **January 2001**

Motion #9 - That any funds received from the calendar end of year Household Goods Solicitation Program (HGSP) revenue and expense reconciliation ("true-up") be disbursed in the following manner after the distribution to the respective VVA State Councils participating in the HGSP program in accordance with HGSP policy: 15% up to \$50,000 be allocated the VVA Contingency Fund and to subsequently be used in accordance with the VVA Board of Directors approved Contingency Fund Policy; 35% to be used as additional funding of the Fundraising program; and the remaining balance to be deposited into the VVA Cash Reserve Fund and to subsequently be used in accordance with VVA Board of Directors approved Cash Reserve Fund Policy.

## **Board of Directors:**

### **April 1984**

To allow Secretary to record meetings, for purposes of generating minutes, with condition that tapes are to be possessed and secured by Secretary and not available for dissemination.

To charge Board committees with: (1) Statements of Purpose and Goals; (2) Review of Problems/Needs developed in consultation with appropriate staff; (3) Recommendations for action, defined along immediate and long-term lines.

### **July 1984**

That the Board President, through ratification by Board, may grant life memberships or associate life memberships to veterans and non-veterans in recognition of their services and contributions to VVA.

### **September 1987**

Motion #4 - To transfer the authority to review restricted fund-raising activities as described in the Constitution from the Constitution Committee to the Finance Committee along with a Finance Committee resolution. A friendly amendment offered to the Finance Committee Resolution which would change the first sentence to read: The Finance Committee shall formulate and upon board approval implement a National Policy.....

### **January 1988**

Motion #18 - That National Officers and staff, through its Special Counsel be authorized to research recent amendments to the New York State Not-For-Profit Corporation Law with respect to limitations on the personal liability of Directors and Officers and to take all necessary steps including, where appropriate, an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation of the National organization to ensure the highest level of protection for officers and board members in the proper conduct of the affairs of the corporation.

Motion #22 - To accept that it is the policy of VVA to expose and, where appropriate, to cause legal actions to be taken against any groups or individuals who are shown to be exploiting Vietnam veterans or Vietnam veterans issues for primarily personal, political or financial gain; and it is the responsibility of the VVA National Board of Directors and all leadership levels within the organization to educate our membership and the public as to factual nature of such exploitive individuals or organizations.

### **April 1988**

Motion #18 - To accept the guidelines for the VVA Chaplaincy Program.

### **April 1989**

Motion #20 & 30 - That the Board of Directors direct the General Counsel of VVA to obtain an attorney who will render an opinion of the legal and constitutional issues as to the meaning of access to, and copies of, records requested by any of the four principal officers, an officer acting in the capacity of the President, and the Board of Directors directs the best pamphlets or summaries regarding the rights and responsibilities of non-profit Board of Directors. Copies of this opinion and pamphlets will be given to all officers and Board of Directors within 45 days.

### **August 1989**

Motion #1 - That VVA's Officers be exempt from full-time employment if they so desire.

### **December 1989**

Motion #32 - That the VVA Chaplaincy Guidelines be amended to change the contact person for selection and certification of VVA Chaplains, as outlined in Section IV of the Guidelines, from the Chair of the VVA Veterans Affairs Committee to the National Secretary.

### **March 1990**

Motion #34 - That the budget for fiscal 1990/91 be amended to provide that the salary of the President be increased from \$52,000 per year to \$56,500 per year and that the salary of the Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary be increased from \$46,000 to \$50,000. That these increases be retroactive to January 1, 1990.



Motion #37 - To reassure State Council President and reinforce the organizational structure of VVA, the National office communicate regularly with State Council Presidents.

#### **June 1990**

Motion #5 - That the draft minutes of each Board meeting be distributed to the Board members within a reasonable time following the conclusion of each meeting not to exceed 30 days.

#### **September 1990**

Motion #40 - That all Board members be furnished a standard format for cards, including names, phone, and address of member on card. To be done by member and expense be submitted to national.

#### **November/December 1990**

Motion #27 - To fill a vacancy in the position of Regional Director on the National Board of Directors. The President shall nominate and the Board approve a Nominating Committee made up of three (3) Regional Directors. The Nominating Committee will solicit candidates from within the region of the vacated seat and use the eligibility criteria from the immediate past National Convention to certify eligibility. The Nominating Committee shall set deadlines for reception of candidates' credentials, distribution of information to all Chapters in the region and reception of votes. The entire process must not exceed three (3) months from the date of determination of the need to fill the vacancy. The Nominating Committee will certify eligible candidates, prepare and distribute ballots to all Chapters in the region and act as tellers to receive, count and certify the election results. Each Chapter in the region will be entitled to one vote to be cast by the Chapter President. The election shall be conducted by mail through procedures established by the Nominating Committee.

#### **September 1991**

Motion #71 - That individuals on the Board of Directors who are engaged in fund raising on behalf of the Corporation or a VVA Committee shall coordinate their efforts with the National office and the National Treasurer.

#### **June 1992**

Motion #43 - That the National Board of Directors authorizes Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund to use the registered logo of VVA, Inc. with the modification of Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund incorporated in the logo. The Board of Directors reserves the right to cancel this modification at anytime, without notice.

#### **January 1994**

Motion #44 - That the Board of Directors endorses, in principle, the practice by Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., of directly soliciting contributions from its membership provided that such solicitations clearly set forth their purpose and do not utilize deceptive or misleading statements or formats.

Motion #57 – To accept the proposed resolution “Policies and Procedures Concerning Intolerable Conduct at VVA Meetings”.

#### **April 1994**

Motion #48 – To have 8” x 10” photographs of all recipients of the VVA Commendation Medal prominently displayed in the national office.

#### **July 1995**

Motion #40 – To adopt the 1995 Orderly Transition Policy for incoming and outgoing officers, board members, and committee chairs.

#### **October 1995**

Motion #20 – That it shall be the practice of the Board of Directors that motions brought to the floor by committees shall be considered as moved and seconded at the time of presentation.

Motion #67 – To print and attach the ground rules that were adopted at the training session to the agenda for each future meeting.

#### **January 1996**

Motion #13 – That the requirement to provide receipts for reimburse of per diem be eliminated.

Motion #53 - To begin Board meetings on Fridays at 9am and ending Saturday evenings.

#### **January 1997**

Motion #29 – That all international travel funded by VVA be approved by the board of directors in advance.

#### **August 1997**

Motion #7 – That the officers be allowed to devote some of their interest in other areas of the organization.

#### **April 1998**

Motion #8 - That the Board of Directors reinforce the existing policy that no one has the authority to bind the corporation other than individuals identified in the current contracting policy and VVA's constitution.

President Duggins asked that when a board member leaves the meeting, he/she should notify the secretary, so that it can be properly recorded in event of a motion.

#### **October 1998**

Motion #14: To approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. The forms will be kept in safe keep in the office of the Executive Director. Only board members will be privileged with reviewing them

#### **January 1999**

Motion #12 – To authorize President Duggins to execute agreement to allow adjunct associates organization to the use of Vietnam Veterans of America name/logo trademark and copyright as submitted.

#### **July 1999**

Motion #17 – That the National Secretary following a national board of directors meeting send out in appropriate format, prior to each Board of Directors meeting, an interim synopsis progress report of all motions passed, to include action required, responsible party and date to be completed. – amended version by Motion #36 of January 2005

#### **October 1999**

Motion #3 – That each National Standing Committee must examine the Strategic Plan and identify how that committee's goals and objectives satisfy the specific components of the Strategic Plan.

Motion #46 – That the board and staff make every effort to cut costs of consumables, re: by copying on both sides of paper in all areas; better use of mailings and better coordination departments.

#### **January 2000**

That National Board of Directors pursue a thorough and prompt investigation of the DVA Conservatorship Program for incompetent veterans. Further, that this investigation shall address the policy, procedure, assignment and oversight of conservators, to include a review of their activities and appropriate delivery of their services.

Motion #30 - To authorize the President to take all steps necessary to affiliate Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. with the Federation of Military and Veterans Affairs, if and when the President, with the advice of the Executive Committee and the appropriate members of the national office staff determines that such affiliation is in the best interests of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

#### **January 2001**

Motion #10 -To hereby allow the VVA Finance Committee to remove all finance related VVA Board of Directors active motions which have become obsolete by time, events or completion. Any motions so removed will be reported to the board via the Finance Committee report.

#### **November 2003**

Motion #21 – That regularly scheduled VVA National Board of Directors meetings, with the exception of board meetings held at the National Convention and Leadership Conference, include an hour to an hour and a half of board training. The subject(s) of this training is/are to have been agreed to before hand by the members of the board. This training will be on the agenda and considered as an integral part of the meeting.

#### **January 2004**

Motion #4 – To strictly enforce time clock of committee reports and presenters with the exception of the presentation by the CFO & Finance Committee.

Motion #25 – To rescind 1984 motion regarding prohibition of Officers and Directors from holding office at the state council and chapter level and other items as delineated.

#### **January 2005**

Motion #1 – That all committee reports for which there are no motions to come before the Board be filed as part of a consent agenda.

#### **April 2005**

Motion #3 – To approve as policy the Board Confidentiality Policy.

Motion #33 – That a POW/MIA table be set up at all Board meetings, conventions, leadership conferences, and where feasible. This will not require any assistance from the national office staff – amended by Board motion #46 of October 2005: to replace a POW/MIA table with a cover(ed) POW/MIA chair at all VVA National Board meetings.

Motion #35 - That the Board packets (to include the meeting agenda) be available at the hotel (upon check-in) on Wednesday for all Board members and Committee Chairs.

#### **April 2007**

Motion #15 – To provide the VVA National Board of Directors access via the Secretary's Information website to copies of all contracts, MOAs, and MOUs that are entered into by the

national office on behalf of the corporation and that a status report on each be given to the BOD at each of its scheduled meetings.

#### **October 2010**

Motion #14 – To direct the officers of VVA to take appropriate action to ensure that the DoD program to lead the commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War be fully funded and implemented for the years 2011 through 2026.

#### **April 2011**

Motion #6 – To amend previous Motion 12 from January 10, 2009, to strike “furthermore the National secretary is directed to file charges and suspend all State Councils failing to satisfy this motion.

#### **October 2011**

Motion # 5 – To amend the Household Donation Program (HGDP) report for 6 month and 12 month report.

#### **April 2012**

Motion #11 – To adopt the revised Personnel Policy.

#### **August 2012**

Motion #7 – The VVA Board of Directors, under the provisions of the VVA Constitution, Article IV, Section I, Paragraph A, will relieve all Chapters from the responsibility of filing verification of 990-N submission (when eligible to file a 990-N) with their VVA Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2-28-2011.

#### **October 2012**

Motion #25 - To accept the recommendations of the Suspension Workgroup as amended by the CSCP and as amended by the Veterans Incarcerated Committee's Resolution approved by the BOD 10-6-12.

#### **January 2012**

Motion #18 - That the VVA Board of Directors explore the possibility of filing a lawsuit to secure a temporary restraining order against the VA stopping their ongoing recertification for qualifying any veteran owned business.

#### **January 2013**

Motion #18 – To change the name of the document presented as “VVA Code of Disciplinary Policy & Procedures” to “VVA National Disciplinary Policy.”

Motion 19 – To approve the amended VVA National Disciplinary Policy pending ratification by the Conference of State Council Presidents at their April 2013 meeting.

Motion #20 – To approve the amended “VVA National Disciplinary Policy by the Numbers” pending ratification by the Conference of State Council Presidents at their April 2013 meeting.

#### **October 2013**

Motion # 29 – To extend the term of office of the National Treasurer as the Compliance Officer for the 2013-2015 term of office.

Motion #32 - Move to approve hiring Mary Stout as the part time Director of Membership Affairs to be funded from the current Salary line in the Membership Department budget.

#### **October 2014**

Motion #14 - To approve international travel to Vietnam in 2015 for Richard DeLong, Grant Coates, Marsha Four and Mokie Pratt-Porter to be in compliance with amended motion # 38 of October 11, 2013 of the VVA Travel Policy.

#### **January 2015**

Motion #1 - To approve Holley Watts as an honorary life member (HLM) as requested by VVA Chapter 1061 (VA).

Motion #9 - Motion to approve the requests for Honorary Life Membership (HLM) that are listed below:

NAME	REQUESTED BY
Dr. Jeff Heider	1087 MT
Mayor Randell Hutto	1004 TN
Edward Cook	233 NJ
Eileen Ward	1104 KY
Anu Bhagwati	Marsha Four
Tony Cordero	Wayne Reynolds
Dreama Denver	WV State Council

Motion 11 - To direct the National Officers to prepare a specific proposal on the office security project to address specific concerns with itemized pricing and multiple price quotes. Alternates for the renovation should be included in the presentation.

Motion #32 - To have our National President write a letter to Secretary McDonald in concert with the NASVH.

#### **April 2015**

Motion #2 - To amend the BOD meeting minutes from January 9, 2015 in Silver Spring, MD to include the minutes from the executive session held during the January 2015 National BOD meeting in the official minutes of that meeting.

Motion #6 -To have each committee evaluate their committee's performance over the last two years.

Motion #19 - Motion to approve the requests for Honorary Life Membership (HLM) that are listed below:

NAME	REQUESTED BY
Bill Kennedy	334 MT
Abraham H. Sternberg	23 FL
Marilyn McKenzie	23 FL
Ronald P. McVaney	WV State Council

Motion #20 - Award the VVA Achievement Medal to Donald Grella former MIA from State of Nebraska and his remains have been found and identified.

**July 21, 2015****Motion #3**

To have each committee report their goals for the coming next two years at the 2015 October BOD meeting and give update at each BOD meeting until April 2017.

**Motion #4**

To postpone consideration of submitted honorary life membership until October BOD meeting.

**October 2015**

Motion 27- Motion to remove the requests for Honorary Life Membership (HLM) that are listed below:

Name	Requested By
Mac Thornberry	Chapter 404 (TX)
Alice Dexter	Chapter 1036 (FL)

Motion 28- Motion to approve the requests for Honorary Life Membership (HLM) that are listed below:

Name	Requested By
John Bartkowiak	MD State Council
Mark Epley	Chapter 110 (MI)
Tan Quach	Chapter 641 (MD)
Steve Lavagnino	Chapter 982 (CA)
Michael B. Clayton	Chapter 982 (CA)

**August 2005**

Motion #3 – To approve as policy the Board Confidentiality Policy.

**October 2015**

Motion 29- To approve Tyco's proposal to provide security system to the National office.

**April 2016**

Motion # 26 - To approve Honorary Life Membership for the following.

Name	Requested By
Colonel Tim Moore	Chapter 1051 (KY)
Melissa Hall	Chapter 1051 (KY)
Dr. Scott Garrett	Chapter 196 (VA)
Kaye Gardner	Chapter 304 (MD)
Janna Hoehn	Chapter 858 (HI)
Cameron Smith	Chapter 271 (OR)
Nerle (Jack) Strickler	Chapter 820 (OR)

Motion # 27 - To postpone until July 2016 meeting the motion to send a start-up kit to form a new chapter in Watertown, SD.

Motion # 28 - To approve the amended VVA National Disciplinary Policy.

Motion # 29 - To appoint a Disciplinary Work Group of Butch Huber, Tom Burke, Sara McVicker and Bill Meeks for more revisions to the VVA National Disciplinary Policy.

### **July 2016**

Motion # 1 - To seat Rex Moody as the designated representative of the CSCP and Barry Rice as the designated Alternate Region 3 Director.

### **October 2016**

Motion # 16 - Motion to approve the requests that the individuals listed below be given honorary life member.

#### **Honorary Life Membership Requests**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
Sheryl Jones	Chapter 704 (NY)
Tom McCormick	Chapter 704 (NY)
Burt Deferio	Chapter 704 (NY)
Karen Wood	Chapter 704 (NY)
Theresa Leonardi	Chapter 704 (NY)
Dr. Linda Townsend	Chapter 704 (NY)
Warden Darrel Vannoy	National Secretary Bill Meeks
Timothy Floyd Burchett	TN State Council President
Jennifer O'Neill	TN State Council President

Motion # 20 - To retire the Strategic Working Group (April 2014 – Motion # 16) and thank the members (Dan Stenvold, Sandy Miller and Joe Kristek) for their service.

### **Communication Department:**

#### **April 1984**

To establish a communication mechanism that sends information from the national board to the chapters and state councils. The Board, acting through its Secretary and Treasurer, should be responsible for: (1) "Meeting highlights" mailed to Board within two weeks of the national board meeting; Board to comment within seven days. (2) Approved meeting highlights mailed to chapters/state councils within 30 days of the of the national Board meeting, or in the next "National Update", whichever comes first. (3) Complete minutes of the Board meeting mailed to board members for their approval within thirty days of the national Board meeting. (4) Minutes approved by the Board at the most recent Board meeting for the previous meeting sent to chapters/state councils within 30 days of the recent Board meeting. (5) A quarterly Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Loss sent to chapters/state councils within 30 days of the end of the quarter in question.

#### **April 2000**

Motion #25 – That *The VVA Veteran* section of the web page may contain advertising at the discretion of the publisher. Staff will determine policies with respect to rates and content.

#### **November 2000**

Motion #25 – To add Vietnam History electronic Library Bookmarks link to the VVA web page at a cost of less than \$100, which was donated by AVVA.



### **March 2002**

Motion #9 – To accept the proposed computer system backup policy.

### **April 2012**

Motion #18 – To allow the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) to use the VVA logo on a proposed challenge coin to be sold by AVVA to raise funds for the AVVA Veterans Service Officer Program. All funds realized through this effort to be the sole property of AVVA.

## **Finance Committee & CFO:**

### **April 1989**

Motion #31 - That VVA National pay the Board of Directors expenses to attend the National Convention.

### **December 1989**

Motion #17 - Resolved, that the National Officers in conjunction with the Finance Committee and General Counsel aggressively explore opportunities for fund-raising in support of VVA national programs consistent with the continued growth of Vietnam Veterans of America and the programs and objectives of this Board.

### **June 1991**

Motion #5 - To authorize Finance Committee to appropriate funds up to \$2000.00 for recognition awards for outgoing Board members and past Board members.

### **August 1991**

Motion #10 – To exempt National Officers from full-time employment and allow them to receive compensation from other sources.

### **March 1992**

Motion #26 – That the National Board of Directors adopts the scholarship guidelines submitted by the Scholarship Committee.

### **April 1995**

Motion #12 – To approve the policy concerning bonding of chapters and state councils.

### **January 1997**

Motion #14 – That the CFO be authorized to reimburse no more than 50% of travel & related expenses to the National Convention for officers, members of the board of directors, liaisons and committee chairs. This limitation does not apply to the members of the Nominating Committee, whose expenses will be fully reimbursed.

### **April 1997**

Motion #17 – To adopt the “Officers Compensation and Benefits Policy”, dated April 26, 1997, as amended.

Motion #19 – To set the compensation of the executive officers for FY 1999 at the following levels: President @ \$55,000.00, Vice President @ \$27,500.00, Secretary @ \$27,500.00, Treasurer @ \$27,500.00 starting 3/98.

### **January 1998**

Motion #17 – To establish nine (9) four (4) year region scholarships and add one (1) four (4) year special scholarship at \$1000 each starting FY99.

### **April 1998**

Scholarship Sub-Committee Report – The chair reported that a four-year scholarship was introduced. Once it has been awarded to a student, as long as the grade point average is kept on or above the requested level, then the scholarship funds will continue. The scholarship applications are included in the monthly mailing and also the VVA Veteran.

### **January 1999**

Motion #11 - That each newly appointed Finance Committee (following each National Convention) resubmit previous motions to the National Board to affirm or negate any previous motions to compensate a member of the corporation for any product or services performed for the corporation. This policy does not include reimbursement of reasonable expenses. (Reference, Constitution Article IV General Provisions, Section 2 – Discipline part A).

### **October 1999**

Motion # 7 – To authorize Vietnam Veterans of America to accept funds to be accounted for separately and to authorize VVA to make expenditures charged against said account for operational purpose for all ordinary business transition for the Veterans and Disabled Veterans' Entrepreneurship Task Force.

### **October 29-30, 1999**

Motion # 7 - To authorize Vietnam Veterans of America to accept funds to be accounted for separately and to authorize VVA to make expenditures charged against said account for operational purpose for all ordinary business transition for the Veterans and Disabled Veterans' Entrepreneurship Task Force.

### **April 2000**

Motion #9 - To accept the cash reserve policy.

### **January 2001**

Motion #8 - To accept the VVA Board of Directors Contingency Fund Policy as presented.

### **January 2002**

Motion #7 – That all cost center directors must present to the CFO a narrative with their budget proposal for the upcoming fiscal years (FY 04), which provides a rationale for their proposed expenditures for that fiscal year.

### **March 2002**

Motion #7 – To accept the VVA Travel Policy as presented.

### **April 2004**

Motion #3 – To present future budgets in a “cash format” and further to convert the periodic VVA Unaudited Financial Statements from accrual to cash basis.

Motion #6 – Move the VVA budget process permanently from the former October/January time frame to the new January/April time frame and further; to authorize spending in the first two months of each fiscal year based upon the prior year's budget subject to change if necessary.

**January 2006**

To accept the rewritten VVA Travel Policy (Oct 2013 - # 38).

**April 2006**

Motion #4 – To accept the ANC (At No Cost) definition policy in lieu of ANAC (At No Additional Cost).

**April 2007**

Motion # 5 – To accept the Deceased Member Protocol.

**October 2007**

Motion # 7 – To approve the Officers Salary Policy as amended.

**January 2008**

Motion #2A - To approve a loan up to \$225,000 from the Vietnam Veterans of America to the Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund for the purpose of publishing and distributing a VVA 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book.

**April 2008**

Motion # 26 That all consultant license agreements monthly reports between VVA and consultant will be reviewed by Finance Committee's Budget Oversight Sub-Committee and reported out as part of the Finance Committee's quarterly report to the Board of Directors.

**October 2008**

Motion #8 (Consent Calendar) - To approve using Councilor Buchanan & Mitchell (Certified Public Accountants) to prepare the FYE 2-28-09 VVA audit in accordance with Article IV, General Provisions, Section 1 – Finance, Paragraph D of the VVA Constitution which states in part ... “a CPA firm selected by the National Board not less than annually”

That consultants that monthly reports have not been submitted to the Finance Committee budget Oversight Subcommittee as requested will have their payments suspended until the reports have been submitted to the Budget Oversight Subcommittee.

Motion #18 - To utilize approximately \$300,000 from cash reserve fund to fund expenses associated with lease agreement of 8719 Colesville Road as a result of dual payments of rent.

**January 2009**

Motion #3 - To amend VVA Travel Policy approved 01/21-22/06 by adding the following under the third section – “Exceptions”: For all VVA functions for which there is a “Master List” of individuals to be paid for by VVA, reimbursement of hotel and possible subsequent taxi expenses will not exceed one half of room cost of the VVA designated hotel should someone choose to move to another hotel for their own convenience.

Motion #4 - To have the Finance Department develop and distribute a request for proposal (RFP) of not less than three (3) accounting firms to conduct an audit for FY '10.

**April 2009**

Motion #4 - To approve the FYE 2/28/11 VVA Leadership Conference budget as presented.

Motion #8 – To approve the 02/28/10 budget as amended with the following:

Reduce Veterans Benefits \$29, 500; IT –\$7,000; Government Affairs Department - \$14,000; President's salary - \$11,645; Convention - \$10,000; Printing (Corporate level) - \$50,000 – freeze on all printing unless approved by president and/or board; Membership Committee - \$12,000; Communication Dept. - \$20,000; Membership Dept. - \$15,000; and Public Relations - \$27,000 for a total reduction of \$196,145.

Motion #12 - To record the appropriate entries in VVA's financial records the amount of one hundred twenty-four thousand and 90/100 (\$124,897.90) dollars from our accounts receivable (owed from VSF) to an expense item incurred by VVA in regards to its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wall Parade. This move to take place as of 02-28-09.

#### **October 2009**

Motion #3 – In regards to the loan of \$210,000 from VVA to VSF, VVA acknowledges receipt of \$38,500 in payment from VSF to VVA leaving a balance of \$171,500 as an Account Receivable on the books of VVA. Be it resolved that VVA will accept a payment of \$64,272 as full and complete payment from VSF to VVA.

Motion #4 – To take one hundred five thousand five hundred seventy nine (\$105,579.00) dollars from the cash reserve fund for the purpose of signing a contract with IBC (Intuitive Business Concepts) to begin purchasing IMIS Software & Services to include conversion, implementation, training a report writing as a replacement for the current VVA Database System; in the amount of \$177,579.00.

#### **January 2010**

Motion # 11 - To approve the MOU between VVA, Inc. and the Veterans Health Council Foundation, Inc.

#### **October 2010**

Motion #5 – To modify the Annual Financial Report Instructions for State Councils/Chapters whose revenue is LESS than \$25,000.00 by inserting the following – “Submit a copy of your 990-N email confirmation letter acknowledging that you have in fact submitted your 990-N for the fiscal year.

#### **January 2011**

Motion #3 – To amend the VVA Annual Financial Report instructions to comply with the current IRS requirements.

#### **April 2011**

Motion #8 (Consent Calendar) – To increase the per diem for Board of Directors, Committee/Taskforce Chairs to forty-five (\$45) effective April 13, 2011.

#### **October 2011**

(Consent Calendar # 8) – Move to approve the VVA Credit Card Policy (Jan 2017 - # 15 – items # 2 & # 3).

Motion # 30 To amend the Budget Oversight Policy by adding the following to the end of the “Purpose” paragraph to wit:

In 2008, the VVA Board of Directors directed that all consultant monthly reports would be reviewed by the Finance Committee's Budget Oversight Sub-Committee and reported out as part of the Finance Committee's quarterly report to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors further directed that consultants who do not submit monthly reports to the Finance Committee's Budget

Oversight Sub-Committee will have their payments suspended until the reports have been submitted.

**Motion 32** - Move that all VVA State Councils and Chapters currently on the IRS Revocation List (noncompliance with 990-N filing requirements) or on future IRS Revocation List, other than those already revoked through the VVA process, be automatically placed in a Suspended status as being in noncompliance of the VVA Constitution dated August 18, 2011, Article IV, General Provisions, Section 1 – Finance to wit: “Each Chapter and State Council shall conform to all applicable Federal, state, and local laws...”

That all State Councils and Chapters placed in a Suspended status as per the above, will immediately receive a “certified receipt requested” letter signed by the VVA Treasurer or VVA Chief Financial Officer and sent to the State Council/Chapter address as carried in the VVA database (uncertified copy sent to State Council President and Regional Director – e-mail copy acceptable), explaining the reason for this status, and options for resolution of this revocation per IRS guidelines, (either State Council or Chapter VVA revocation or submission of an IRS 1024 requesting IRS exemption).

That all State Councils and Chapters placed in a Suspended status as per the above will have one hundred and twenty days (120) from the date of the above certified receipt date to submit a letter to VVA National requesting revocation of the respective State Council or Chapter or a copy of the IRS 1024 and certification that the IRS 1024 has been submitted to the IRS. Letters returned as “undeliverable” or absence of either of the aforementioned documents will mean instant VVA revocation with no appeal for the respective State Council/Chapter.

### **January 2012**

Motion #25 (Consent Calendar) – To approve the VVA Annual Financial Report Form as amended.

Motion #25 (Consent Calendar) – To amend the Household Goods Donation Program (HGDP) 6 month and 12 month report.

Motion #25 (Consent Calendar) – To amend Motion #12, October 9, 2004, by striking the words “Mike Nash Memorial Scholarship Fund” and inserting the words “VVA General Fund” as indicated: That each time a cell phone rings during a VVA Board of Directors meeting, the owner will be penalized. Fines for a ringing cell phone will initially be \$5.00 for the first ring and increase in increments of \$5.00 per ring until the end of the respective meeting. Fines will be paid immediately or deducted from any reimbursement due the offending party. If the offending party is a visitor they will be expected to pay or vacate the meeting. This policy will be announced before each VVA Board of Directors meeting and all fines collected will be donated to the ~~Mike Nash Memorial Scholarship Fund~~ VVA General Fund.

Motion #25 (Consent Calendar) – To amend the Finance Committee Policy, Motion #25, November 15, 2003 by inserting the words “the State, or Chapter” as indicated: The VVA Finance Committee shall provide oversight of the financial activities of the Corporation, the State, or Chapter and shall recommend policies on financial matters to include, but not limited to, assisting and consulting with the Treasurer on all financial planning, budgeting, reporting and other related matters.

### **April 2012**

Motion # 23 To allow Chapters that are suspended due to IRS revocation of tax-exempt status, but that have filed a Form 1024 requesting reinstatement and are otherwise in good standing with VVA (i.e., election and financial reports submitted for 2010 and subsequent years) to

continue to hold meetings, conduct elections and otherwise engage in Chapter activities pending decision by the IRS regarding reinstatement of tax-exempt status. The prohibitions enumerated in paragraph A.2 of the Chapter Charter Revocation Policy as amended April 21, 2011 will remain in effect.

### **August 2012**

Motion #4 – To approve Use of Restricted Donations Policy.

Motion #5 (Consent Calendar) – To remove completed/outdated Financial BOD Motions.

### **October 2012**

Motion #8 – To approve the Finance Committee Policy as amended.

### **January 2013**

Motion #13 – To approve the revised “VVA Corporate Printing Policy – January 2013” as presented (Jan 2016 - # 6).

### **February 2013**

Motion #1 – To alter the conditions of suspension for Chapters which as of the date of this motion are: 1) suspended because their tax-exempt status has been revoked by the IRS; and 2) have filed a Form 1024 requesting reinstatement with the IRS and VVA National; and 3) are otherwise in good standing with VVA; and 4) to allow such Chapters to seat voting delegates at the 2013 National Convention. This motion does not alter any other terms of suspension.

### **April 2013**

Motion # 4 To approve the proposed budget for FYE 2014.

Motion # 5 To approve the FYE 2-28-14 Veterans Health Council budget as presented, subject to receiving donations in excess of Carry Over Revenue, to meet or exceed Proposed Expenses.

Motion # 6 To approve the 2014 VVA National Leadership Conference as presented.

Motion # 7 To amend the approved FYE 2-28-14 VVA Budget for the POW/MIA Committee by adding \$5,000 to the budget line for Travel & Related Expenses. Funds to support this expense will be taken from the Carry Over Revenue of \$7,119.

Motion #17 (Consent Calendar) – To approve the revised VVA Finance Committee Policy from the Committee.

### **August 2013**

Motion # 4 To rescind Motion 3A of January11, 2013 adopting the Ruth Mathews Special Projects Fund Policies and Procedures.

Motion # 5 Direct the Finance Committee to develop a policy for the distribution of funds or property bequeathed to VVA.

Motion # 6 – To approve MS&K (Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp (LLP) Client Engagement Agreement regarding legal work for VVA.

Motion # 7 - To approve payments for registering the Veterans Health Council Marks.

### **September 10, 2013**

Motion # 1 To approve the following individuals as members of the 2013 – 2015 VVA Finance Committee at no cost to VVA: Sara McVicker as Vice Chair; Dottie Barickman, Tom Burke, Allen Manuel and Jim Pace as members; Wayne Reynolds, VVA National Treasurer as Special Advisor.

### **October 2013**

Motion #29 - (Consent Calendar #17) To approve Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell as the independent certified public accounting firm to perform the VVA audit for FYE 2-28-14 in accordance with the VVA Constitution, Article IV, General Provisions, Section 1 – Finance, paragraph D.

Motion 29 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:18. Move to approve Sara McVicker as chair of the Budget Oversight Sub-Committee and Tom Burke as Chair of the Investment Sub-Committee and further to approve Allen Manuel and Wayne Reynolds as members of the Budget Oversight Sub-Committee and Jim Pace as a member of the Investment Sub-Committee.

Motion # 30 - Move to add Barry Rice as a member of the VVA Finance Committee and as a member of the Investment sub-committee:

Motion # 32 – To approve hiring Mary Stout as the part time Director of Membership Affairs to be funded from the current Salary line in the Membership Department budget.

Motion # 33 To approve the VVA Women Veterans Committee overspending their approved budget by \$680 authorizing them to design and print 500 posters in support of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial.

Motion #38

Move to approve the VVA Travel Policy as presented (Jan 2017 - # 13).

Motion # 49 – To phase out the Membership Time Payment Plan on all VVA applications.

### **January 2014**

Motion # 15 - To allow Chapters who remain under IRS revocation but who have filed IRS Form 1024 requesting reinstatement and are otherwise in good standing with VVA: 1) to participate in 2014 State Council elections unless prohibited by State Council bylaws, 2) to receive all deferred dues rebates, 3) to begin receiving Household Goods Donation Program funds, and 4) send delegates to the 2015 National Convention.

### **April 2014**

Motion 5 - To approve the FYE 2-28-15 VVA Budget as presented.

Motion 6 - To approve the VVA 2015 National Convention Budget (FYE 2-28-16) as presented.

Motion # 7 – To approve the VHC Budget FYE 2-28-15 as presented.

### **October 2014**

Motion #9 - To approve the Disaster Relief Fund Policy as amended and to retire the Disaster Relief Fund Committee.

Motion #10 - To approve the expenditure by the Agent Orange Committee of \$8,000 in current year donations for posters and temporary help. Funds to be taken from current year donations.



Motion #11 - To approve request from the Agent Orange Committee for additional funds in the amount of \$20,656 for photocopying (\$8899), office supplies (\$2757), shipping (\$5000), and travel (\$4000). Funds to be taken from unexpended funds in other budget lines.

Motion #12 - To approve the request of the POW/MIA Committee for additional funds in the amount of \$30,000 to fund 3 people to travel to Vietnam. If the trip cannot be arranged prior to the end of FYE 2015, funds will be considered designated revenue and carried over to FYE 2016. Funds not used for this trip will be returned to the general fund. Funds to be taken from unexpended funds in other budget lines.

Motion #29 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

1. To approve Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell as the independent certified public accounting firm to perform the VVA audit for FYE 2-28-15 in accordance with the VVA Constitution, Article IV, General Provisions, Section 1 – Finance, paragraph D.

5. Move to retire the following Finance related motions as having been completed, amended or addressed in subsequent motions or policies.

9. Move to approve the Use of Restricted /Designated Revenue (RR/DR) Policy from the VVA Finance Committee.

10. Move to retire the Use of Restricted Donations Policy from the VVA Finance Committee.

### **January 2015**

Motion # 7 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

Motion #8 - Move to approve a donation of \$6,000, from the Presidents Cost Center, to the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. in support of the repairs / renovations project to the In Memory Plaque.

### **April 2015**

Motion # 7 To enter into a contract with the Double Tree, Silver Spring for sleeping rooms and meeting space for our BOD meetings in 2016, 2017 & 2018.

Motion #8 - Move to approve the 2016 National Education & Leadership Conference proposed budget as presented.

Motion #9- Move to approve the FYE 2-29-16 VHC proposed budget as presented.

Motion #10 - Move to approve the VVA FYE 2-29-16 proposed budget as presented.

### **July 21, 2015**

Motion #3

To accept the Consent Calendar.

Motion # 1- Move to retire the Disaster Relief Fund Policy.

### **October 2015**

Motion # 26 – To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

Motion # 4 – Move to accept Mullins PC as the VVA auditors for FYE 2-28-16.

Motion # 5 – Move to approve the updated VVA Annual Financial Report Form (Jan 2018 - # 5).

Motion # 8 To retire the Contingency Fund Policy.

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Motion # 13 To approve international travel to Vietnam in 2015 for Richard DeLong, Grant Coates, Marsha Four and Mokie Pratt-Porter to be in compliance with amended motion # 38 of October 11, 2013 of the VVA Travel Policy.

Motion # 29 To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

1. To approve Councilor, Buchanan & Mitchell as the independent certified public accounting firm to perform the VVA audit for FYE 2-28-15 in accordance with the VVA Constitution, Article IV, General Provisions, Section 1 – Finance, paragraph D.

5. Move to retire the following Finance related motions as having been completed, amended or addressed in subsequent motions or policies.

10. Move to retire the Use of Restricted Donations Policy from the VVA Finance Committee.

Motion #16 - Move to retire Motion 9 of October 2014 to wit: To approve the Disaster Relief Fund Policy as amended and to retire the Disaster Relief Fund.

### **December 2015**

Motion # 1 To approve Next Generation (NextGen) Fundraising to replace Mansfield Assoc. as our Direct Mail vendor effective 3-1-16.

### **April 2016**

Motion # 3 - Move to approve the FYE 2-28-17 Veterans Health Council Budget as presented.

Motion # 4 - Move to approve the 2017 National Convention Budget as presented.

Motion # 5 - Move to approve the FYE 2-28-17 VVA Budget as presented.

### **October 2016**

Motion # 3 - To authorize Wes Guidry to do final negotiations for the 2020 Leadership Conference with the Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, NM and the Crowne-Plaza Dayton, Ohio. Also to have contract signed with the property that offers the best proposal.

Motion # 4 - Move to amend the President's approved budget by adding \$10,000 to the Travel & Expense line to fund necessary travel for the remainder of the VVA fiscal year.

Motion # 5 - Move to amend the Region 9 Director's approved budget by adding \$2,500 to the Travel & Expense line to fund necessary travel for the remainder of the VVA fiscal year.

Motion # 6 - Move to amend the POW/MIA approved budget by adding \$55,000 to the Travel & Expense line to fund a proposed trip for four to Vietnam in February 2017.

#### **April 2017**

Motion 5 - Move to approve the National Leadership & Education Conference proposed FYE 2-28-18 budget as presented.

Motion 6 - Move to approve the Veterans Health Council proposed FYE 2-28-18 budget as presented.

Motion 7 - Move to approve the VVA proposed FYE 2-28-18 budget as presented.

#### **October 2017**

Motion 15 - Move to amend the POW/MIA budget by adding \$35,000 to the Travel and Related expense line, funds to be taken from current year Bequests.

### **Credentials Committee:**

#### **April 1983**

Non-qualifying states be appointed a non-voting delegate in the capacity of state coordinator who also chairs the state delegation.

State coordinators which are non-voting delegates at the National become voting delegates when there is one-hundred and fifty unaffiliated members not to exceed one vote.

### **Conference of State Council Presidents:**

#### **June 1990**

Motion #14 - To accept VVA's plan to provide a portion of the monies derived from donations of discarded household goods to Chapters and state Councils with the additions of a thorough communications component addressing the rationale for the current distributions of thrift store net revenues and an outline of future activities that would result in fund distribution for Chapters and State Councils not participating in thrift store revenues.

#### **April 2015**

Motion #5 - The CSCP request that the BOD insert into the National Disciplinary Policy under Section II Temporary Suspension Part A, item # 3: "Any and all temporary suspensions imposed by a State Council President, Regional Director, or National Officer may not be reversed prior to the completion of the appropriate disciplinary action other than by a majority vote of the National Board of Directors."

### **Health Care Task Force:**

#### **April 2006**

Motion #24 – To appoint Ned Foote as Chair of a prosthetics Utilization Task Force that will act as an advisory committee to a VA researcher. Tim Forrest and Adolph Gardner will serve as members of this Task Force at no cost.

## **Leadership Conference/National Convention:**

### **June 1996**

Motion #12 – To approve a new class of registration for the VVA National Convention. That class of registration would be “observer” and would include only a name badge and no other materials. The cost of “observer” status will be \$10 and would allow the observer access to the convention observation areas (not the convention floor) during the period(s) the convention is in session.

## **Officers & Directors:**

### **April 1994**

Motion #14 – To purchase fax machines for board members and advisors who currently do not have fax capability.

### **January 2006**

Motion #8 – To accept the rewritten VVA Travel Policy.

### **April 2008**

Motion #18 – To approve the policy on the use of the Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America trademarks, service marks, and logos by VVA State Councils, VVA Chapters, or VVA Regions.

### **August 2010**

Motion #4 – To approve the proposed VVA Membership Policy on Honorary Life Memberships as amended.

Motion #4A – Bruce Whitaker moved to amend the proposed VVA Membership Policy on Honorary Life Memberships by striking reference to spouses.

### **April 2011**

Motion #5 – To accept the proposed Corporate Printing Policy as presented.

## **Meetings and MOUs/Contracts:**

### **April 2008**

Motion #8 – To authorize the Director of Meetings to negotiate and enter into contract with Crowne Plaza, Silver Spring, for BOD meetings 2011-2012-2013.

### **January 2006**

Motion #24 – To enter into a three (3) year contract with Crowne Plaza in Silver Spring for lodging, breakout rooms, and general session room for years 2008, 2009, and 2010 as proposed.

### **April 2009**

Motion #15 – To approve the new MOU clarifying the relationship between VVA and VSF as presented to the board.

Motion #16 – MOU – VVA outstanding loan VVAF/VSF - \$171,500.00.

### **October 2013**

Motion #40 - Move to approve the Proforma Marketing Agreement.

### **Restricted Activities and Travel:**

#### **November/December 1990**

Motion #10 – That the Board accept the process of developing a contract to present to the State Council Presidents and if accepted by a majority of State Councils, the Officers are authorized to enter into an agreement. If an agreement is signed, no State Council will be permitted to engage in telemarketing for advertising outside of the signed agreement.

#### **September 1993**

Motion #53 – To retain the per diem rate at \$37.50/day; and to review the per diem rate annually starting with the budget preparation meeting of January 1995 for the FY 3/1/95-2/29/96.

#### **January 2006**

To accept the rewritten VVA Travel Policy.

### **Chapter Charter Revocations:**

#### **April 2008**

Motion #21 - To revoke the charter of Chapters 296, 420, 567, 662, 718, 728, 782, 792, 811, and 814.

#### **July 2008**

Motion #4 - To revoke the VVA National charter of “voluntarily dissolved” Chapters #330 (TX) and #831 (FL).

Motion #5 - To revoke the VVA National charter of “suspended” Chapters #323, 536, 567, 615, 943.

#### **October 2008**

Motion #16 - To revoke the charters of Chapters 690 and 813.

#### **April 2009**

Motion #21 - To revoke the charters of VVA Chapters 246 and 761.

#### **July 2009**

Motion #1 - To revoke VVA Chapters 712, 375, and 895.

#### **August 2009**

Motion #5 - To revoke the charters of chapters 94,126,and 713.

#### **October 2009**

Motion #18 - To revoke the charters of VVA Chapters 726 (FL), 855 (NJ), 127 (FL), and 916 (FL) following voluntary dissolution.

Motion #19 - To revoke the charter of Chapter 34 (OH).

#### **January 2010**

Motion #13 - To revoke the charter of dissolved chapters: Biloxi, MS Chapter 1005, and Minnesota Chapters 214 and 375 at the request of the respective state presidents.

#### **April 2010**

Motion #7 - To revoke the charters of Chapters 878 (OK), 460 (CA), 573 (MI), 612 (MI), 497 (MI), 516 (MI), and 884 (NE), at the request of the state council presidents. MI incarcerated chapters 573 and 612 are disbanded as the prisons have closed. MI Chapters 497 and 516 are inactive and do not respond. Chapter 884 has been dissolved by the state of Nebraska. Chapter 878 of Oklahoma has formally dissolved.

#### **October 2010**

Motion #7 - To revoke the charter of Chapters 418 (OH) and 826 (FL).

#### **April 2011**

Motion #7 - To revoke the charter of VVA Chapters 766 (Montana), 241 (Minnesota), 976 (Tennessee), and 838 (Arkansas).

#### **January 2012**

Motion #15 – To revoke the charters of VVA Chapters 418 (OH), 646 (OH), and 901 (ID) at the request of the OH State Council and the ID State Council.

#### **April 2012**

Motion #15 – To revoke the charters of Chapter 281 (OH), 762 (MN), 714 (IL), and 591 (VI) at the request of the OH SCP, MN SCP, IL SC, and Region 4 Director: The OH SC, MN SC, IL SC, and Region 4 Director have done all they needed to do to keep the Chapters and the efforts failed to rejuvenate the membership.

Motion #16 – To revoke the charter of the Colorado State Council.

#### **August 2012**

Motion #5 (Consent Calendar) – To revoke the charter of Chapter 121 FL, 1026 FL & 797 TN. At the request of the FL & TN SCP: The FL & TN SC have done all they needed to do to keep the Chapters and the efforts failed to rejuvenate the membership.

#### **October 2012**

Motion #24 (Consent Calendar) – To revoke the charters of Chapter 57 (CO), 735 (WA), 737 (WI), 745 (WA), 802 (NJ), 889 (IN), 924 (UT), and 971 (MN) at the request of the IN SCP, WA SCP, WI SCP, MN SCP, Region 2 Director, and Region 9 Director: The IN SC, WA SC, WI SC, MN SC, Region 2 Director, and Region 9 Director have done all they needed to do to keep the Chapters and the efforts failed to rejuvenate the membership.

#### **January 2013**

Motion #11 (Consent Calendar) – To revoke the charters of Chapters 128 (TN), 518 (ME), 545 (NV), 627 (VA), 880 (CA), and 934 (KS) at the request of the CA SCP, NV SCP, TN SCP, ME SCP, VA SCP, and KS SCP. The State Councils have done all they needed to do to keep the Chapters active and the efforts have failed to rejuvenate the members.

#### **April 2013**

Motion #10 – To reinstate the VVA Colorado State Council.

Motion #17 (Consent Calendar) – To revoke the charters of Chapters 849 (WY), 917 (VA), and 927 (WY) at the request of the VA SCP and the Region 8 Director. The VA SCP and the Region 8 Director have done all they needed to do to keep the Chapters and the efforts have failed to rejuvenate the membership.

### **April 2014**

Motion 13 - To revoke the charter of Chapter # 493 (LA), Chapter # 963 (MO) and Chapter # 1007 (PR) because the LA, MO and PR State Councils has done everything they could to revive the chapter membership and these efforts have failed.

### **APRIL 2015**

Motion #18- To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

Motion #1- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 682 (VA) as the VA State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

### **July 21, 2015**

Motion #3- To accept the Consent Calendar.

Motion #1- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 799 (OR) and VVA Chapter 867 (OR) as the OR State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #2- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 691 (CA) and VVA Chapter 781 (CA) as the CA State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #3- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 897 (ID) as the ID State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #4- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 68 (MI), VVA Chapter 589 (MI), VVA Chapter 640 (MI), VVA Chapter 692 (MI), VVA Chapter 736 (MI), and VVA Chapter 760 (MI) as the MI State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #5- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 338 (MA) as the MA State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #6- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 359 (PA) as the PA State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

### **October 2015**

Motion 26- To approve the Consent Calendar:

Motion #1 - To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 903 (AK) as the AK State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #2 - To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 185 (ME) as the ME State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #3- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 318 (NM) as the NM State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #7- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 616 (OH) as the OH State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #8- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 877 (OK) as the OK State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #9- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 768 (WI) as the WI State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

Motion #10- To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 956 (IN) as the IN State Council has done everything necessary for this voluntary closure.

### **April 2016**

Motion # 6 (Consent Calendar item # 1) - To revoke the charter for Chapter # 348 (TX) and Chapter # 379 (TX) as the membership notified the TX State Council they were voluntarily closing the chapters down.

### **July 2016**



Motion # 4 (Consent Calendar) - 2. To revoke the charter of Chapter 568 by the IA State Council; and

3. Revoke the Charter of the Maine State Council by the ME State Council; and

4. Revoke the Charter of Chapter 478 (ME) by voluntary closure request from Chapter.

Motion # 5 - To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 225 as recommended by the determination of the Chair of the VVA National Disciplinary Committee.

### **October 2016**

Motion # 8 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

3. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 549 (WI) as they have voluntarily dissolved their operation and the WI State Council has confirmed the request;

5. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 1001 (LA) as requested by the LA State Council since every effort to rejuvenate the chapter has failed;

### **January 2017**

Motion # 15 - To accept the Consent Calendar Motions:

1. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 681 (NY) as they have voluntarily dissolved their operation and the NY State Council has confirmed the request;

### **April 2015**

2. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 657 (MI) and the MI State Council has completed the steps for dissolution and proper notification has been completed to the members;

3. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 118 (NY) as the NY State Council has made every effort to rejuvenate the chapter without success;

4. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 699 (MT) and the MT State Council has completed the steps for dissolution;

5. To revoke the charter of VVA Chapter 277 (OK) and VVA Chapter 846 (OK) as voluntary closures determined by their membership and then voted on by the OK State Council.

## **Meetings:**

### **October 2004**

Motion #12 – That each time a cell phone rings during a VVA Board of Directors meeting, the owner will be penalized. Fines for a ringing cell phone will initially be \$5.00 for the first ring and increased in increments of \$5.00 per ring until the end of that respective meeting. Fines will be paid immediately or deducted from any reimbursement due the offending party. If the offending party is a visitor they will be expected to pay or vacate the meeting. This policy will be announced before each VVA Board of Directors meeting and all fines collected will be donated to the Mike Nash Scholarship Fund.

### **January 1999**

It was agreed upon to go along with the recommendations of the task force. Committee reports will be limited to ten minutes. There was also a suggestion that those who did not have anything to report, to submit a written report for the minutes. All issues will be reported on should there be a need.

Submittal of committee budgets were discussed and formatting the process. It was stated that committee chairs have a responsibility to uphold as far as submitting their budget. It was suggested that a policy manual, divided by monthly obligations, be provided to the board, to include what their responsibilities are.

#### **April 2008**

Motion #8 – To authorize the Director of Meetings to negotiate and enter into contract with Crowne Plaza, Silver Spring, for BOD meetings 2011-2012-2013.

### **Convention Awards:**

#### **March 1991**

Motion #27- That the Board of Directors authorize the Special Committee on Women Veterans to present awards at the 1991 Convention to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Women Veterans.

#### **June 1991**

Motion #13 - To increase awareness of and participation in the Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) program. VVA institute a program to acknowledge accomplishments for (1) Outstanding State Council (2) Outstanding Chapter (3) Outstanding Volunteer; with the presentation of said awards to commence at the Fifth National VVA Convention.

#### **March 1992**

Motion #33 - To establish a community service award to be presented annually. On odd years at the National Convention, on even years at State Convention and/or the National Leadership Conference. Will have 3 categories, 0 to 50 members, 51 to 150 members, 150 members and up. Judging to be done by the National Public Affairs Committee.

### **Membership Committee:**

#### **October 2001**

Motion #18 – To adopt the State Council Presidents Handbook as an official Vietnam Veterans of America membership document and may be subject to further grammar or spelling corrections by the Membership Department.

#### **March 2002**

Motion #23 – To accept the Chapter Presidents Handbook as an official Vietnam Veterans of America membership document and may be subject to further grammar or spelling corrections by the Membership Department.

#### **April 2003**

Motion #26 – To approve the State Council/Chapter Treasurer handbook pending any grammar changes or other revisions deemed necessary by the VVA Membership Department.

#### **January 2007**

Motion #14 – To approve the proposed amendment to the membership policy on Suspended but Active, or Suspended but Failed Chapters.

#### **October 2009**

Motion #14 – To approve VVA Membership Policy on Chapter Charter Revocation.

### **January 2011**

Motion #19 – To accept the newly revised online membership application.

### **October 2012**

Motion #13 – To amend the Life Membership dues structure by deleting the age bracket 50-55 (\$225), revise the age bracket of 66-+ to 66-71 (\$150) and establish a new age bracket 72+ (\$100).

### **January 2013**

Motion #6 – To accept the newly created trifold membership application with the following change: delete the entire paragraph “VVA is a “home of our own” – a community of fellowship with people who share your experiences, needs, and hopes for the future. We are rebuilding the camaraderie of Vietnam Veterans and providing a sense of self-worth and pride in service.”

### **April 2014**

Motion 9 - To approve the new Honorary Life Membership Form.

Motion 14 - To rescind the BOD motion from January 1998: National will no longer require a DD 214 from a member when the application comes from the chapter level. This does not include incarcerated chapters. Life members still must submit a DD 214 to process life memberships. A SF-180 will alleviate this problem.

Motion 15 - Motion that each chapter shall file with the Corporation a copy of a DD Form 214, or other proof of qualification for membership for each member.

Motion 18 - To designate the following individuals as Honorary Life Membership (HLM) within the Corporation: Brain Guzucki, James Goldsworthy, Teresa Schmitt, John Hilgert, Y-Jut Buonto, Emanuel Cleaver, Thuy Smith, Veron Horton and Brenda Horton.

### **October 2014**

Motion #17 - To amend Motion 49 of the October 11, 2013 BOD meeting as, To phase out the Membership Time Payment Plan on all VVA applications. All Time Payment Applications will not be accepted after 2/28/15.

### **April 2015**

Motion #11 - To have a “Life Member Fire Sale” at \$100 starting August 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015.

### **January 2016**

Motion # 13 - To amend the Life Membership dues structure by deleting the age bracket requirements and to set the Life Membership dues at \$100 effective January 1, 2016.

### **July 2016**

Motion # 4 - 1. Motion to approve requests for honorary life memberships for the following individuals:

Name	Requested By
LA Lt Governor William Nungesser	National Secretary
Eric Da Rosa	CA State Council
Tony T. Lamson	CA State Council
KY Senator Dennis Parrett	Chapter 1051 (KY)

Nancy Berarbo	Chapter 317 (MO)
Colin Ford	Chapter 317 (MO)
Charles Jean-Baptiste	Chapter 317 (MO)
Brain Lauderdale	Chapter 317 (MO)
Senator Joe Manchin (WV)	WV State Council
John O'Neal	Chapter 820 (OR)

### **January 2018**

Motion 10 - To remove the certification section of the VVA Election Report.

Motion 15 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.

Name	Requested By
Billie Eugene Stephens	Chapter 1124 (TN)
Harrison Conyers	Chapter 1046 (FL)
Mitchell D.K. Kalauli II	AZ State Council
Mark Nexsen	AZ State Council
Many-Bears Grinder	TN State Council
Peter Radford	UT State Council
Carolyn Collins	Chapter 1087 (MT)

### **April 2018**

Motion 9A - As of April 14, 2018 there will be one class of membership; 1) life membership will be \$50.00; 2) all individual members (April 1, 2017 to April, 2018) who have paid \$20.00 will need to add \$30.00 by December 31, 2018 to meet the requirement; and 3) all 3 year members who paid \$50.00 will automatically become a life member. **(Motion 9B to postpone)**

Motion 9B - To postpone motion on the floor to change membership fee and category.

Motion 15 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.

Name	Requested By
Diane Shufelt	Chapter 101 (WI)
Shon Pernice	Chapter 70 (MO)
James N. Mathias, Jr.	MD State Council
Judge Margie Enquist	Chapter 1071 (CO)

### **July 2018**

Motion 3 - To move the Life Membership question to the 2018 October BOD meeting.

Motion 4 - To approve the honorary life membership requests.

Name	Requested By
Reagan Taylor	Chapter 1066 (KY)
Bill Byers	Chapter 669 (IL)

## **Policies:**

### **January 2006**

Motion #8 – To accept the rewritten VVA Travel Policy.

**October 2006**

Motion #5 - To approve the Unbudgeted Revenue Policy.

**January 2007**

Motion #13 – To approve the proposed amendment to Section I.C. of the Code of Disciplinary Policy and Procedures.

**April 2007**

Motion #14 – To amend the Travel Policy, dated January 2006, administrative, by removing paragraph 3 in its entirety to include subparagraphs 1 and 2.

**July 2007**

Motion #4 – To terminate the National Gulf War Resource Center's MOU.

**October 2007**

Motion #6 – to approve the addendum to the VVA Travel Policy.

Motion #7 – To amend the Officers' Salary and Benefits Policy as indicated.

Motion #15 – That VVA adopt the E-Rules of Order and the E-Motions for consideration of specific questions submitted electronically in the intervals between board meetings as prescribed by the VVA Constitution, Article I, Section 4, Paragraph G, Votes.

**July 2009**

Motion #2 – To add the following language to the Code of Disciplinary Policy & Procedures, Section II – Temporary Suspension ... D. Any and all temporary suspensions imposed by a State President, Regional Director, or National Officer may not be reversed prior to the completion of the appropriate disciplinary action other than by a majority vote of the National Board of Directors at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

**October 2009**

Motion #7 – To amend Finance Committee Policy by striking "Use of VVA's Names, Logos, Trademarks, or Copyrights" paragraph from policy.

**August 2010**

Motion #6 – Bruce Whitaker moved to strike paragraph #8 – E-Rules of Order – Interval BOD Motions, adopted Oct 6, 2009 to wit: "Debate shall be in sequence, round robin, in the order in which members sign in\_" – in its entirety.

**October 2010**

Motion #8 – To amend the National Board of Directors E-Rules of Order by adding Rule 13 – that interval motions presented and acted on between Board meetings, are to be included in the minutes of the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

**January 2013**

Motion #17 – To remove sub-paragraph 2 from Section 1, Paragraph A (Disciplinary Code).

**October 2014**

Motion # 8 – To retire the Contingency Fund Policy.

### **July 21, 2015**

Motion #3

To accept the Consent Calendar.

1. Move to retire the Disaster Relief Fund Policy.

### **Travel:**

#### **September 1993**

Motion #53 – To retain the per diem rate at \$37.50/day; and to review the per diem rate annually starting with the budget preparation meeting of January 1995 for the FY 3/1/95-2/29/96.

### **Miscellaneous:**

#### **June 1990**

Motion #25 - That the national office display the American flag, the VVA national flag, and the POW/MIA flag in the national office.

#### **April 2010**

Motion #12 – To create a strategic planning taskforce regarding the future of VVA; members of the taskforce are Linda Schwartz (Region 1), Sandy Miller (Region 2), Joseph Kristek (Region 3), Albert Lewis (Region 4), Jack Devine (Region 5) also appointed chair of the taskforce, Dan Stenvold (Region 6), Nate Washington (Region 7), Jim Pace (Region 8), and Barry Schloffel (Region 9).

### **Veterans Healthcare Council:**

#### **January 2012**

Motion #14 – To approve funding through April 30, 2012 for consultant fees for Dr. Tom Berger & expenses for the Veterans Health Council in the amount of \$7,500 per month. Funding to come from prior year excess funds as the period of time in the motion overlaps two VVA fiscal years.

#### **April 2008**

Motion #5 – To approve a Veterans Healthcare Council (VHC) program and to establish a VHC cost center to be funded by specific donations from the Veterans Support Foundation as well as any other donations specified for the VHC.

### **Veterans Health Care Committee:**

#### **October 2007**

Motion #14 – To permit Dr. Tom Berger to develop an I.R.B./human subjects policy statement in concurrence with the VVA Healthcare Committee and legal counsel subject to VVA Board approval.

### **VVA Veteran Department:**

#### **April 1988**

Motion #11 – To approve the operational policy for the VVA Veteran.