President Jack McManus called to order the meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors on Saturday November 6, 2021, at 4:21 pm, at the Sheraton Greensboro (Guilford D). Director G. Gomez delivered the opening prayer which was followed by a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Jack McManus, President        Gumersindo Gomez        Felix Peterson
Tom Burke, Vice President      Sharon Hobbs*           John Riling
Bill Meeks, Secretary           Charlie Hobbs            Dick Southern
Linda Schwartz, Treasurer      Dennis Howland           Dan Stenvold
Dennis Andras                  Richard Lindbeck         Kerwin Stone
Dottie Barickman               John Margowski           Ted Wilkinson
Sam Brick                      Charlie Montgomery        Sandie Wilson
Spence Davis                   Rossie Nance

Absent: Skip Hoehreich (excused) & Francisco Ivarra (unexcused)

President McManus welcomed the new board members, spoke about committee chairs and other Appointments he had already confirmed verbally.

Secretary Meeks submitted a motion with a second from Vice President Burke.

**Motion 1**

To appoint the following committee chairs; Sandie Wilson (Agent Orange/Dioxin), Dan Stenvold (Leadership Conf./Convention), Gumersindo Gomez (Minority Affairs), Grant Coates (POW/MIA), John Riling (Veterans Benefits), Chuck Beyers (Veterans Healthcare) and appointed Grant Coates (Sergeant-at-Arms): Without objection motion passed.

**Yes:** 21
Motion 2

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA) Board of Directors (BOD) directs creation of a select panel of inquiry consisting of the following individuals: Kerwin Stone, Chuck Odom and John Margowski.

The sole purposes of this panel is determining the genesis, purposes, sequence of events that lead to the creation of the Veterans Voices of America, Inc. (VetVOA) as a possible adjunct organization of VVA.

The select panel of inquiry shall make limited independent assessments of the legitimacy of historical actions of current or former employees and officers of VVA in the events leading to the creation of VetVOA.

The VVA president shall authorize the utilization of existing FY 2022 approved budget funding and resources for the execution of duties by the select panel.

The VVA General Counsel is designated the principal VVA staff executive responsible for providing resources, directing, planning, administrating and supporting this panel.

This panel of inquiry is not tasked with making determinations of wrongdoing or disciplinary actions.

If feasible, the BOD requests either agreement or consensus on recommendations of further actions required by the BOD to address any findings that require correction, revision, remedial action or approval by the BOD.

The suspense for submitting the panel’s findings and recommendations to the BOD is January 9, 2022 at the scheduled BOD meeting.

Motion was approved.

Yes: 15
No: 6
Non Vote: 1
Not Present: 2

Adjourn: 5:09 PM