

Vietnam Veterans of America
Conference of States Council Presidents

April 21, 2022

Doubletree Hotel

Silver Springs, MD.

Following Minutes by former Secretary Corrigan:

Meeting of the CSCP was called to order by the Chair at 9 am on April 21, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for POW/MIA'S and our troops in harm's way

Devotion was led by SCP NC

Roll Call of States President: 43 states were presented, a requirement for a quorum (22), 2/3 majority (29). Following States were absent/excused, Delaware, Illinois, New Hampshire, New Mexico. Total number of SC (46) and Puerto Rico. Minnesota revoked.

Chair gave the floor to National President McManus, he discussed the panel report, support of state council to move forward and HR 3967. Q&A next.

CSCP Officers present: Chair Brick

1st Vice Chair Mattingly

2nd Vice Chair McGinty

Secretary Corrigan

Chair reminder all SCP to silence your cell phone, sergeant of arms would be collecting fines (\$5)

Chair reminded all SCP to turn in expenses forms to 1st vice chair

Chair appointed SCP Alabama Parliamentarian for the April 21, 2022 meeting

Chair appointed SCP Montana Sergeant of Arms for the April 21, 2022 meeting

Chair appointed SCP NC Chaplain

Agenda adopted without objection

Minutes accepted without objection

Chair's report, 4th meeting at the Leadership conference, no funding available, Chair's withdrawal of amend bylaws, CSCP Secretary told the Chair that the Bylaws were never reported out of committee, CSCP Secretary told the Chair to ask the bylaws chairman if he gave a report on the bylaws

CSCP Secretary received permission from the Chair to speak, CSCP Secretary reported he was going to speak to the email dated (March 21) to (Finance Chairman), Chair ruled that the CSCP Secretary was out of order, CSCP Secretary appealed the Chair's ruling, Parliamentarian rule that Chair had given the CSCP

Secretary the floor to speak, a vote was taken, passed, the CSCP Secretary read the email report to the SCP. (March 21 email in the records CSCP)

Chair opens the floor to Officers and Liaison for reports. 1st Chair's reported thanks to the SCP for the donation. The 1st chair reminded the SCP about the expenses report, the CSCP Chair cut into the 1st Chair reported without asking for his permission from the 1st Chair. The chair stated that we would return to reports from the officers. Chair recognize and gave the floor to VVA National VP Burke would make his reported, expenses reports. Chair recognize the VVA National Treasurer Schwartz, audit position very good, over 89000 members, Chair recognize the Finance Chairman, Finance Chairman read from the Constitution about the CSCP meeting, Finance Chairman was asked about funding for the meeting at the leadership meeting by the CSCP Secretary, no funding available

CSCP Conference break

CSCP Chair recognize the Wes Guidry, planning manager, reported on the Greenville leadership meeting.

CSCP Chair started on the liaison reports.

CSCP Secretary approach the podium to speak, the CSCP Chair failed to recognize the CSCP Secretary, after sometime someone told the chair that the CSCP Secretary was at the podium, the chair addresses the CSCP Secretary. Secretary reported that he had a report to give. CSCP Chair told the CSCP Secretary that he didn't give the Secretary an assignment to report on, Secretary said that I didn't need an assignment from the chair to make a report. At that point in the meeting the Secretary told the Chair the only way he was going to seat down, you the Chair tells the Secretary to sit down. CSCP chair then instructed the CSCP Secretary to sit down. CSCP Secretary returned to his seat, the CSCP Secretary announced that he QUIT as the CSCP Secretary.

Foregoing provided by former Secretary Corrigan

Misspelling corrections approved by Conference

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

On April 21, 2022, during the Conference of State Council Presidents, the Secretary unexpectedly resigned and left the Conference. The Chair requested the First Vice to take over keeping minutes for the Conference. The First Vice immediately moved to censure the Chair. The Parliamentarian ruled that since the First Vice was the moving party, the Second Vice had to manage the Motion. The motion was discussed, a vote was taken and the motion failed. The Chair than recessed the meeting for lunch. The Chair then appointed Chuck Odom (State Council President for Mississippi), as pro tem Secretary and he agreed to act for the duration of the meeting. No one objected.

John McGinty, Second Vice Chair (CSCP).

Call to order by Chair Sam Brick at 1:25pm.

Chuck Odom, Mississippi State Council President appointed secretary for this afternoon meeting only.

Discussion ensued regarding any proposed MOU between VVA and the entity(s) VVoA (Vietnam Volunteers of America) or any subsequent entity. The language in that MOU must be written in such a manner that protects and inures the corporation from harm created by the transfer of the claimants P.O.A. (Powers of Attorney) to the VVoA should the VVA cease to exist in its current form.

Dr. Wayne Reynolds asked if the officers of the VVoA would stay in place if the POAs resided in the VVA. Reasoning that the VVoA would be experienced and familiar with the VVA way of handling these claims thereby avoiding a steep learning curve.

Sam Brick proposed moving this question to a committee to discuss, seconded by G. Gomez.

Comment: John McGinty to John Margowski – consider on Saturday at VVA BOD Meeting.

Dennis Howland: Asked What is the purpose of Committee? “To get a consensus of the CSCP on the question of who handles claims.”

Mark McCabe was asked to respond by Chair Brick: McCabe stated the intent was to anticipate long-range handling of Board of Appeals claims for spouses and children, Representation thru the appeal resolution. Veterans Benefit Committee to discuss as they anticipate to be around after VVA dissolves. Possibly overseeing work processes.

VVA VSO accreditation advanced training, three months to complete training.

Sam Brick: Any questions for Mark McCabe?

Wayne Reynolds – Please identify members of the VVoA when available
Claire Coursey (Chief Counsel for VSO program) Has 6 attorneys on staff,
Explained process for POA clients. VVA sets a high bar and expectations for claims handling.

Sam Brick: Where would funding come from? Claire: Self-funding thru donations, etc.

Charlie Montgomery: Process for VVA shedding of POAs? Answered by Mark and Claire. (Signed Letter of revocation by the claimant/ Under no circumstances could the POA be reassigned without the knowledge and consent of Claimant).

Puerto Rico: Brief discussion re: Widows and Children’s benefits are slow to resolution need quicker responses from VA. Veterans day meeting including Clinic Visits were a big success and greatly appreciated. Participants felt uplifted and inclusive.

G. Gomez: 10 VSOs for Massachusetts. President of State Council responsible for ensuring smooth operation and oversight.

Discussion of Suspension list and resolving their issues.

Dick Southern: Discussed the one-time waivers for those chapters in suspension for the purpose of attending the National conference/ Data Base issues/ There were some errors

Dave Simmons: Discussed November Elections of officers for CSCP meeting November 6-11 ; President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Those interested in running please send Letter of Intent ASAP if possible to dsimmons@vva.org Letter of Intent to be published on talk list.

Leslie DeLong: Virtual Chapter implemented and appears to be a big help in growing State Chapter formations.

Chapter Presidents gave updates on their respective State and Chapter initiatives.

President Brick asked for and received a motion and a second to adjourn until Friday at 3:00pm.

Meeting adjourned

Sam Brick
Sam Brick, Chair

Chuck Odom
Acting Secretary