



## VVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 8, 2023

Meeting Minutes

2023 VVA 21st National Convention

Orlando, Florida

President Jack McManus called to order the meeting of Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors on Tuesday August 8, 2023, at the Rosen Centre (Salon ¾) in Orlando, Florida. Director Gumersindo 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:

Jack McManus	Ned Foote	Rossie Nance
Tom Burke	Gumersindo Gomez	Pete Peterson, Jr.
Dr. Linda Schwartz	Charlie Hobbs	John Riling III
Bill Meeks	Sharon Hobbs*	Dick Southern
Terry Courville	Dennis Howland	Ted Wilkinson
Dottie Barickman	Francisco Ivarra	Sandie Wilson
Sam Brick Jr.	Richard Lindbeck	
Spence Davis	Charlie Montgomery, Jr.	

*\* AVVA President is a non-voting member of the National Board of Directors*

Absent: Skip Hochreich, John Margowski and Dan Stenvold

Present: Phil Waite

### **Affidavit of Jack McManus, National President, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.**

Jack McManus, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the National President of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA). The purpose of this affidavit is to comply with the requirements of Article I, Section 4.G. of the VVA Constitution which authorizes VVA's President to submit a question to the VVA Board of Directors for a vote in between Board meetings when he determines that the matter requires the Board's immediate attention.

2. On May 11, 2023, the National Board of Directors was presented with the following motion:

**Motion 1: To authorize VVA to participate and submit an amicus brief of willing organizations  
In lawsuit at Supreme Court on behalf of CFPB case.**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Motion 1</b>
Jack McManus	Y
Tom Burke	Y
Bill Meeks	Y
Linda Schwartz	Y
Dottie Barickman	Y
Sam Brick	Y
Spence Davis	Y
Terry Courville	Y
Ned Foote	Y
Gumersindo Gomez	Y
Charlie Hobbs	Y
Skip Hochreich	Y
Dennis Howland	Y
Francisco Ivarra	Y
Richard Lindbeck	Y
John Margowski	Y
Charlie Montgomery	Y
Rossie Nance	Y
Pete Peterson	Y
John Riling	Y
Dick Southern	Y
Dan Stenvold	Y
Ted Wilkinson	Y
Sandie Wilson	Y

<b>Results</b>	<b>Motion 1</b>
Yes	24
No	0
Abstention	
Non Vote	
No Response	
<b>Total</b>	24

***J. McManus***

**Preliminary Business**

Secretary Meeks submitted the following motions with a second from Vice President Burke:

**Motion 2**

**To seat the Alternate Region VI Director Greg Paulline because John Margowski is excused:  
Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 21**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 3**

**Motion 3**

**To approve the meeting agenda:  
Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 2**

**Motion 4**

**To approve the amended meeting minutes by deleting page 12 and all on page 13 up to line reading  
“Call to Order” of the proposed minutes.**

**Motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 2**

**Officers Reports**

**President** – gave a verbal report.

**Vice President** – gave a verbal report.

**Treasurer** – gave a verbal report.

**Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America** – S. Hobbs gave a verbal report.

**Conference of State Council Presidents** – S. Brick gave a verbal report.

**New Business**

**Honorary Life Memberships** – Secretary Meeks made a motion with a second from Director Southern:

**Motion 5**

**To approve the request for HLMs listed:**

**Glenn Jacobs Chapter 1078 (TN)**

**Harry Garcia St Rep. Chapter 996 (NM)**

**Lisa E. Lopez 996 (NM)**

**Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 2**

**Finance Committee** – Dottie Barickman made the following motion:

**Motion 6**

**To fund & purchase Public Affairs camera for 2034 Camp Legacy & BOD meetings.**

**Without objections motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 2**

Revocation of Chapter Charters - Secretary Meeks made a motion with a second from Director Southern:

**Motion 7**

**To revoke the Charters of Chapters listed:**

**Chapter 320 (MN)**

**Chapter 176 (IL)**

**Without objection motion passed.**

**Yes: 22**

**No: 0**

**Non Vote: 0**

**Not Present: 2**

**Adjourn: 4:34 pm**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Meeks Jr.", is written below the adjournment text.