



As the National President, I had the honor and task of presiding over the business meeting and luncheon at the AVVA National Convention. However, my work began several months beforehand with the preparation and completion of several tasks. Convention meetings were held through our online conference calling; I commend the Board on their participation and dedication. The convention would not have gone as smoothly without their support and involvement.

One of my final tasks at the end of the convention was to give the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board. Only four changes took place. Nina Schloffel was elected as National Secretary and three new Regional Directors joined our Board: Region 1 elected Joanne Blum (CT); Region 3 elected Kaye Gardner (MD); and Region 7 elected Terri Rangel (TX). Congratulation to all; I know we will have a productive two years.

Since returning from the convention, my work has not stopped or even slowed down:

- Overseen the Service Officer's Program since January 2017. (see Veteran Benefits report)
- Wrote one (1) articles for the VVA Veteran magazine.
- Wrote one (1) report for the VVA Board.
- Conversed through scores of emails and telephone calls.
- Shipped three (3) orders of Paper Safes.
- Comprised two (2) monthly AVVA Membership Report & send to Membership Co-chair.
- Created the agenda for the October Board meeting.
- Created the agenda for Board Orientation for October
- Created and mailed seventy-seven (77) thank-you letters to all contributors to Project Friendship
- Updated the renewal letter sent to members
- Comprised and completed the 2017 Convention Report to the membership
- Mailed numerous applications & brochures to members across the US
- Ordered condolence cards
- Ordered AVVA Commendation Medals
- Ordered Membership and SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE plaques for the national office
- Reviewed and tallied the evaluation sheets from the convention delegates (94 submitted)
- Produced the October Consent Calendar
- Assigned the Board to VVA Committees as Advisors.
- Attended an all-day meeting of VVA Workgroup 1 as an advisor.

A comprehensive ***Convention Report to the Membership*** is posted on the AVVA website.

  
Sharon Hobbs, President