



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2019

Davenport Grand Hotel

Spokane, WA

Call to Order:

President Sharon Hobbs called to order the final meeting of the 2017 – 2019 National Board of Directors at 7:03pm, July 15, 2019 in Room 1703 of the Davenport Grand Hotel in Spokane, WA.

Opening Exercises:

President Hobbs recognized Fran Davis, MO, National Chaplain, to deliver the invocation and call for a moment of silence. Nina Schloffel, CA, National Secretary, led the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

A roll call by Secretary Schloffel established a quorum.

President:	Sharon Hobbs	Region 4:	Jeri Wallis
Vice-President:	Elayne Mackey – NR*	Region 5:	Cecilia Essenmacher
Secretary:	Nina Schloffel	Region 6:	Fran Davis
Treasurer:	Kathy Andras	Region 7:	Terri Rangel
Region 1:	Joanne Blum	Region 8:	John Birch
Region 2:	Nancy Rekowski	Region 9:	Casey Farrell - Absent
Region 3:	Kaye Gardner		

*No Response, AVVA lost Vice-President Mackey on April 10, 2019.

Agenda:

President Hobbs amended the agenda to add item F, Wreath Laying, to Section V, Announcements, and called for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion 1: To accept the agenda as amended by Region 4; Jeri Wallis.
Seconded by Region 2, Nancy Rekowski – **ADOPTED**

Guests:

Region 8 Director, John Birch, introduced Chapter 805 officers, Jennifer Ellis and Ruth Feliciano from Roseville, OR. Chapter 805 sponsors Moods Through Music, a community-based music therapy program. The program was introduced in 2016 and, with support from the local VA facility, has positively changed the lives of over 50 veterans.



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Officer and Board Reports:

The following board and committee reports were presented:

Board - Region 4, Jeri Wallis
Committee – VISTA, Jeri Wallis
Committee –Veterans in the Justice System, John Birch

The remaining officer, board and committee reports were previously submitted and are available on the AVVA website. None were updated or changed.

E-Motions:

Motion 2: To accept and record all electronic motions made between the April 11, 2019 and July 15, 2019 board meetings by Region 5, Cecilia Essenmacher. Seconded by Region 1, Joanne Blum - *ADOPTED*

IEM13: To adopt AVVA's completed IRS Form 990 for the fiscal period beginning March 1, 2018 and ending February 28, 2019,
MOTION ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION

Financial Report:

An abbreviated quarterly financial summary is available and will be distributed at the forthcoming National Convention Meeting.

Product Sales:

Kathy Andras, Susan Price reported:

- Need additional staff for sales booth.
- Need to establish pricing for:
 - Convention bags
 - Neck wallets
 - 20th Anniversary Booklets

Motion 3: To set sales prices for convention bags at \$10.00, neck wallets at \$5.00, 20th Anniversary Booklets at \$5.00, by Region 6, Fran Davis. Seconded by Region 4, Jeri Wallace - *ADOPTED*

Project Friendship:

Kathy Andras reported that we are close to meeting our \$15,000 goal. Current donations approach \$14,000.



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Delegate/Registration:

Nancy Montgomery, Susan Price reported:

- 81 pre-registered voting delegates and alternates.
- 137 pre-registered (total).
- No delegate ribbons shipped. Delegates to be identified by a red dot affixed to their nametags.

Announcements:

- A. Setup VVA Convention Hall - Tuesday, 4pm to 6pm.
- B. Delegate Caucus - Wednesday, 1:45pm in Bay 111C.
- C. Setup AVVA Convention Hall - Wednesday, 5pm.
- D. Issue Resolution - Do not approach meeting planner (Wes) with issues; go through President Hobbs.
- E. Awards Luncheon – Request vegetarian meal no later than Tuesday. Go to Convention Situation Room.
- F. Wreath Laying – Tuesday, 2:15pm, meet in Grand Hotel lobby. Walking to memorial site.

Presentations:

In appreciation of their service to AVVA, President Hobbs presented the current board with specially designed commemorative pins. Regional directors John Birch, Joanne Blum, Cecilia Essenmacher, Nancy Rekowski and Casey Farrell (in absentia), who are not returning to the National Board, were recognized with additional presentations.

As outgoing President, President Hobbs was presented several small gifts from members of the Board. A beautiful Apple Watch and jewelry box was given from the Board collectively.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, President Hobbs adjourned the final meeting of the 2017 – 2019 National Board of Directors at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nina D. Schloffel
AVVA National Secretary