



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes August 19, 2024 407 N. Virginia St., Silver Baron Conf. Rm. B Reno, NV

Call to Order:

President Sharon Hobbs (TN) called the regular meeting of the AVVA Board of Directors to order at 7:11 PM (PDT) on Monday, August 19, 2024, Secretary Nina Schloffel (CA) was in place.

Opening Exercises:

President Hobbs recognized National Chaplain Bobbie Morris (PA), to deliver the invocation, and call for a Moment of Silence. Vice President Kathy Andras (TX)), led the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

President Hobbs welcomed the Board and other attendees to the 2024 Leadership and Education Conference.

Board of Directors Roll Call:

Secretary Schloffel called the roll

President: Sharon Hobbs (TN)
Vice President: Kathy Andras (TX)
Secretary: Nina Schloffel (CA)
Treasurer: Kaye Gardner (MD)
Region 1: Vacant
Region 2: Bobbie Morris (PA)
Region 3: Wynella Bethards (KY)

Region 4: Mary Anne Newman (FL) *
Region 5: Tony Gigli (IN)
Region 6: Barbara Coan (MO)
Region 7: Terri Rangel (TX)
Region 8: Jennifer Ellis (OR)
Region 9: Kelly Frederickson (CA)*

*Excused

Quorum established.

Other Attendees:

Ruth Feliciano (OR)
Penny Meinhardt (MI)
Beverly Pounds (TN)
Nancy Montgomery (VA)

Region 8 Deputy
Region 5 Deputy
Region 3 Deputy
Chair, Elections Committee



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Agenda:

President Hobbs proposed amending the agenda by striking out item 'G', Educational Coordinator, from Section IV General Orders. Discussion on Educational Coordinator is postponed until the October Board Meeting.

Motion (#1) Region 2, Bobbie Morris (PA) and it was seconded, to accept the agenda as amended.

Adopted by Unanimous Consent

Approve April Minutes:

Motion (#2) Region 3, Wynella Bethards (KY)) moved, and it was seconded, to adopt the April 18, 2024 minutes as presented.

Adopted by Unanimous Consent

Consent Calendar:

There was no Consent Calendar.

Policy and Procedure Proposals:

There were no non-committee Policy and Procedure proposals.

Out-of-Committee Proposals:

Secretary Schloffel introduced a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee, to amend the Policy and Procedure 11, Committee Policies, Finance Committee, IX subsection C.2. to C.3., then renumber subsequent subsections accordingly and insert the following text as subsection C.2.

2. The Committee Chair receives quarterly unaudited Financial Statements from the VVA Financial Department and ensures that they are forwarded to the National Board.

Motion (#3) The Finance Committee moved, no second required, to change the Policy and Procedure Section 11, Committee Policies, Finance Committee, IX subsection C.2. to C.3. renumber subsequent subsections accordingly, and insert new text, as presented, as subsection C.2.

Adopted by Unanimous Consent



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Electronic Motions:

The following electronic motions were made between the April 2024 National Board Meeting and the August 2024 National Board Meeting:

IEM308 The Finance Committee moved to transfer \$50,000 out of AVVA operating account into an existing Certificate of Deposit that matures on April 30, 2024.

Adopted Without Objection – April 30, 2024

IEM309 The Spousal and Survivor Benefits Committee moves to purchase 10,000 Survivor brochures with price not to exceed \$2500.

Adopted Without Objection - June 18, 2024

Motion (#4) Treasurer Kaye Gardner (MD) moved, and it was seconded, to accept into the permanent record, electronic motions made between the April 2024 National Board Meeting and the August 2024 National Board Meeting .

Adopted by Unanimous Consent

General Orders:

- A. Awards – Tony Gigli
 - a. Member of the Year: 10 nominees – 1 awardee
 - b. Fellowship: 5 nominees – 2 awardees
- B. Educational Seminar – Sharon Hobbs, Jennifer Ellis, Beverly Pounds
 - Wednesday, August 21st 3:45pm – 5:15pm, Silver Baron A
 - Subject: Spousal and Survivor Benefits – Planning and Holding an S & S Seminar; Q & A with Veterans Service Officer
- C. Luncheon – Wynell Bethards, Nancy Montgomery, Kathy Andras, Sharon Hobbs
 - Thursday, August 22nd 12:15pm – 2:00pm, Expo C
 - Luncheon Gifts – Distribute at the door, Helpers arrive at 12:00pm
 - Speaker – (Sharon Hobbs) Project Friendship: Horsemanship for Heroes
- D. Project Friendship – Kaye Gardner
 - ‘Big’ Check(presentation check) printed and onsite.
 - Still collecting donations. Donations received to date - \$15,407
- E. Annual Meeting with Members – Sharon Hobbs, Nina Schloffel
 - Thursday, August 22nd – Immediately after AVVA Luncheon, Expo C
- F. Luncheon and Banquet Tickets
 - President Hobbs has event tickets for BOD
- G. Condolence Program
 - President Hobbs presented a cost/benefit overview of the Condolence



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Program and noted that related expenses will only increase as we and our veterans age. After considerable discussion, the following motion was presented:

Motion (#5) Vice President Kathy Andras (TX) moved, and it was seconded, to discontinue the Condolence Program.

Adopted by Unanimous Consent

Chair Bobbie Morris noted that Fran Davis and her daughter, Paula, have done an outstanding job of running the Condolence Program. While Fran is a longtime AVVA lifetime member, Paula is not. In recognition of Paula's support of the program, Chair Bobbie Morris suggested presenting Paula Davis with an AVVA life membership.

Motion (#6) Program Chair Bobbie Morris (PA) moved, and it was seconded, to provide Paula Davis with an AVVA life membership at no cost to her.

Adopted by Unanimous Consent

H. Membership Applications

President Hobbs informed the Board that membership applications are in short supply. President Hobbs requested a motion to authorize printing 10,000 membership applications

Motion (#7) Region 7 Director Terri Rangel (TX) moved, and it was seconded, to print 10,000 membership applications.

Adopted by Unanimous Consent

Announcements:

- A.** Reports required for each seminar attended
- B.** Will present Project Friendship check at closing ceremonies
- C.** Don't bother Meeting Planner Wes Guidry
- D.** Registration opens on Tuesday, August 20th
- E.** Menu adjustments (food allergies, vegetarian meal) – Go to VVA Situation Room
- F.** Visit Product Sales
- G.** Next Board Meeting is October 16 – 19
 - a.** Officer Travel – Tuesday, October 15th
 - b.** Board Travel – Wednesday, October 16th
 - c.** AVVA DOD Meeting – Thursday, October 17th
 - d.** VVA Meeting – Friday, October 18th thru Saturday, October 19th



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- e. Board Training – Saturday, October 19th
- f. Travel Home – Saturday, October 19th after Board Training
- H. Begin Convention planning in October

Adjournment:

Having no further business, President Hobbs adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM (PDT), to meet at the call of the President for the next five days, should the need arise.

Submitted by,

Nina D. Schloffel
National Secretary
Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America

2024 AWARDS
AVVA Luncheon, Reno, Nevada
August 22, 2024

AVVA Annual Awards:

<i>AVVA Commendation:</i>	Penny Meinhardt, Michigan	Chapter 1083
	Wayne Reynolds, Alabama	VVA Nat'l Treasurer
<i>Fellowship:</i>	Linda Blocher, Oregon	Chapter 805
	Terry Byron, Arizona	Chapter 106
<i>Member of the Year:</i>	Brigitte Stafford, Nevada	Chapter 989

VISTA (2023):

<i>First Place, Individual:</i>	Linda Myer, Tennessee	Chapter 1004
<i>Second Place, Individual:</i>	Kim Biddle, Florida	Chapter 1059
<i>Third Place, Individual:</i>	Rose Wright, Tennessee	Chapter 240
<i>Top Region:</i>	Region 3	
<i>Top State:</i>	Tennessee	
<i>Top Chapter:</i>	Chapter 1004, Tennessee	
<i>2024 - Members Submitting VISTA Hours:</i>		229
<i>2023 - Members Submitting VISTA Hours:</i>		161



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AVVA Annual Membership Meeting

August 22, 2024

407 N. Virginia St. Expo C

Reno, NV 89501

CALL TO ORDER:

President Sharon Hobbs called the AVVA Annual Membership Meeting to order at 2:07PM (PDT) on Thursday, August 22, 2024. The meeting immediately followed the AVVA Luncheon and was held in Expo Room C at the Silver Legacy Resort Hotel in Reno, Nevada..

OPENING CEREMONIES:

President Hobbs recognized National Chaplain Bobbie Morris (PA), to deliver the invocation. After a moment of silence, Vice President Kathy Andras led the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ROLL CALL:

Secretary Nina Schloffel called the roll.

President: Sharon Hobbs
Vice President: Kathy Andras
Secretary: Nina Schloffel
Treasurer: Kaye Gardner
Region 1: Vacant
Region 2: Bobbie Morris
Region 3: Wynella Bethards

Region 4: (Deputy) Kim Biddle
Region 5: Tony Gigli
Region 6: Barbara Coan
Region 7: Terri Rangel
Region 8: Jennifer Ellis
Region 9: Kelly Frederickson

A quorum was established.

Other Attendees / Guests:

See attached sign-in sheets

AGENDA:

Motion (#1) – Moved by Region 7 Director Terri Rangel and was seconded, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopted By Unanimous Consent



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GENERAL ORDERS:

A. *Officer and Board Reports*

Attendees were informed that quarterly Officer and Board reports are available on the AVVA website. The Board was polled for updates to their posted reports. None were offered.

B. *Financial Report*

The unaudited Financial Report (attached) was distributed with the meeting agenda. Attendees had no questions regarding the information provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. *Project Friendship - President Hobbs, Treasurer Gardner*

Local charity Horsemanship for Heroes is this year's Project Friendship partner. Contributions will be accepted through Friday, August 23rd. The Project Friendship donation will be presented at this Saturday's closing ceremonies.

B. *Product Sales –*

President Hobbs invited everyone to visit AVVA Product Sales at the Vendor Mall on ground floor.

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS:

What About *AVVA's Future?*

President Hobbs noted that AVVA and VVA are committed to at least two more National Conventions. In the meantime, both organizations are formulating plans and setting objectives for AVVA to become VVA's legacy organization.

Our members can support this transition in a number of ways. We can actively recruit younger members, bring in veterans from other eras, and seek out those with technical skills and fresh ideas. And, we can promote incorporation. Currently, there are five chapters and one state in the process of incorporating. Our AVVA Incorporation Chair, Bobbie Morris, is always available to answer any questions on Incorporation.

President Hobbs polled the assembly for other questions. There were none



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ADJOURNMENT:

Hearing no questions and having no further business, President Hobbs adjourned the Annual Membership Meeting at 2:25 PM (PDT)

Submitted by,

Nina D. Schloffel
AVVA National Secretary

Attachments:

Sign-in Sheets

Unaudited Financial Report



Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Annual Meeting Sign-in
Reno, Nevada
August 22, 2024

Name (please print)	State and/or Title
1. Penny Chamway	Chapter Rep CA
2. Joy n. Klein	Chapter 25 Rep FL
3. Beverly Pounds	Tennessee, State President
4. Belle Berman	Chapter 594 FLORIDA
5. Sandra Colson	Chapter 1059 Texas
6. Nancy S. Switzer	Founding AVAA President
7. Rhonda Brown	Chapter 259 Michigan
8. Dana Buza	Chapter 259 Michigan
9. Bethany Pragenzer	Chapter 259 Michigan
10. Mike Goodpaster	Chapter 259 Michigan
11. Paula M Braxton	LA State Council Representative
12. Gail Broussard	Chapter 14 Louisiana
13. Osa Wall	Louisiana 141
14. Debbie Derrall	Louisiana 141
15. Bob Johnston Sr.	Nevada
16. Shirley Scott	CA
17. Patrick Graham	CA
18. Kathryn Reddick	CA 472
19. Brenda Nix	GA
20. Wynella Bethards	Ky



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Annual Meeting Sign-in
Reno, Nevada
August 22, 2024

	Name (please print)	State and/or Title
1.	Terri Rangel	TX Chp 574
2.	Diana Gilpin	FL 1059 sec.
3.	Bruce Gilpin	FL 1059
4.	Julie Hayes	AVVAF President / FL 195 Adviser
5.	Kim Biddle	AVVAF Region 4 Dep. Director / President 1059
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AVVA
UNAUDITED STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION
For the Four Months Ending 6/30/2024

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS:

CASH	254,794
MONEY MARKET	254
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT - ST	391,944
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	99,094
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	9,540
PREPAID EXPENSES	3,875
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>759,501</u>
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LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	10,564
DEFERRED REVENUE - DUES	<u>7,925</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES:	<u>18,489</u>

NET ASSETS:

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	736,425
CURRENT YEAR NET ASSETS	<u>4,587</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>741,012</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>759,501</u>