



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

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Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2017

Marriot New Orleans Hotel

New Orleans, LA

The final meeting of the 2015-2017 board was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Hobbs.

Moment of silence and invocation by Beverly Pounds.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Jeri Wallis.

Motion 1: Motion to accept the agenda as presented, by Cecilia Essenmacher; second by Jeri Wallis. *PASSED*

Roll call by Secretary Joanna Henshaw established a quorum.

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| President: | Sharon Hobbs | Region 4: | Jeri Wallis |
| Vice-President: | Elayne Mackey (*) | Region 5: | Cecilia Essenmacher |
| Secretary: | Joanna Henshaw | Region 6: | Fran Davis (excused) |
| Treasurer: | Kathy Andras | Region 7: | Percilla Newberry |
| Region 1: | Vacant | Region 8: | John Birch (excused) |
| Region 2: | Nancy Rekowski | Region 9: | Casey Farrell |
| Region 3: | Beverly Pounds | | |

* (Elayne Mackey was present via telephone/speakerphone connection)

There were no officer or board member report updates since the written reports were submitted.

Motion 2: Motion to confirm the Electronic Motions (E-motions) that were adopted between April 10, 2017 and August 7, 2017, by Jeri Wallis, second by Casey Farrell. *PASSED:*

1. IEM 27: Move to adopt the April 6th BOD minutes as amended. (quorum achieved – total 9). *Motion Died due to lack of minimum vote.*
2. IEM 28: Move to adopt the April 6th BOD meeting minutes as presented on 4/17/17. (quorum achieved – total 10) Amended with one correction (Gold star instead of blue star). *Passed w/o objection.*
3. IEM29: Move to amend Section 11, subsection III.C.1 with the following addition:
"a. While VISTA tracks all hours turned in for accounting purposes, this program was



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created to give recognition to AVVA Regular Members”, so that C.1.a will read:

C. RECOGNITION

1. AVVA National will recognize those individuals and chapters recording and submitting the most volunteer hours during the applicable fiscal year for their efforts and accomplishments.

a. While VISTA tracks all hours turned in for accounting purposes, this program was created to give recognition to AVVA Regular Members. (Quorum achieved 10) **Passed w/o Objection**

4. IEM30: Move to accept the AVVA 2016 tax documents as submitted to the board. (quorum achieved – total 9) **Passed w/o Objection**

Motion 3: move to confirm motions 1a through 3a which were made during the June 29 Go-To-Meeting with the board; by Jeri Wallis and seconded by Casey Farrell. **PASSED**

1a: To give AO Challenge coin to each registered person in AVVA in the convention bags.

2a: To reduce the price of the challenge coins sold at the convention from \$10 each to \$8 each, or \$5 each for 3 or more, this convention week only.

3a: To subscribe to the brochure-creating software program In-Design at approximately \$31 per month on an as needed basis for the months needed only. The cost to be taken from the website budget.

Financial report by Susan Price: There are no updates since the latest published report.

Cecilia Essenmacher: We need more A.O. pins as we only have about 315 left at this time.

Project Friendship update: The tour went well and the facility appears to be very worthy. They are grateful for our contribution and will be using the funds to remodel the facility bathrooms for the residents. Currently there are only 4 bathrooms for 40 people and they are old. At this time we have collected over 8K, and we have confidence that we will meet our goal.

Registration update - Kaye Gardner: We have a final count of 97 delegates and 23 non-voting alternates. There are 3 that still need to register for convention. Registration will begin at 9:00 am on Tuesday.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1 VVA convention room set-up will be Tuesday night, exact time to be determined. President Hobbs will let us know.
- 2 The Delegate Caucus may get delayed about an hour or so, as the hotel staff will have to clear the room from the luncheon and set up. TBA
- 3 AVVA convention room set-up will be Wednesday night at approximately 5 pm. May be delayed in accordance with the caucus time.
- 4 The new board (2017-2019) will meet on Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
- 5 Closing ceremonies for VVA Convention will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, at which the Project Friendship donation check will be presented.
- 6 There will be thank you notes sent to all contributors to P/F.
- 7 Do not approach Wes with issues; bring them to President Hobbs to take to him.

President Hobbs thanked the current board for their service to AVVA, and presentations were made to the three board members who are leaving the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, at the call of the president.

Recorded by Joanna Henshaw.

Submitted by:

Nina D. Schloffel
AVVA National Secretary