



## **ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.**

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### Annual Membership Meeting

July 21, 2016

Hilton El Conquistador

Tucson, AZ

President Sharon Hobbs called the Annual Meeting of the AVVA to order at 2:00pm on Thursday July 21, 2016 in the Palo Verde I Room at the El Conquistador Resort in Tucson, AZ.

President Hobbs welcomed all attendees.

### **Board of Directors Roll Call:**

Secretary Pro-Tem Schloffel Called the Roll -

#### Board Members Present:

President: Sharon Hobbs  
Vice President: Elayne Mackey  
Secretary: Nina Schloffel (Pro-Tem)  
Treasurer: Kathy Andras  
Region 1: vacant  
Region 2: Nancy Rekowski  
Region 3: Beverly Pounds

Region 4: Jeri Wallis  
Region 5: Cecilia Essenmacher  
Region 6: Diane Nicholson  
Region 7: Percilla Newberry  
Region 8: John Birch  
Region 9: Casey Farrell

Quorum established.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda changed to delete committee reports.

**Motion #1** moved by Vice President, Elayne Mackey, seconded by Region 4 Director, Jeri Wallis, to accept the agenda as amended. – ***ADOPTED WITHOUT OBJECTION***

### **General Orders:**

- A. **Officer Reports** – President Sharon Hobbs, Vice President Elayne Mackey and Treasurer Kathy Andras provided summaries of their recent activities. President Hobbs advised the membership that National Secretary Joanna Henshaw was not present due to illness. Nina Schloffel has been named Secretary Pro-Tem for the duration of this Leadership Conference. Nina will record these proceedings in Joanna's absence.



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- B. **Board Reports** – Directors from Regions 2 – 9 provided updates of their activities within their respective regions.
- C. **Conference Report** – President Hobbs reported that the VVA handled registration for all attendees. There are 65 AVVA members registered and 105 people attended the AVVA Luncheon.
- D. **National Foundation for Veterans and Families (NFVF)** - New Chair is Linda Yates. Vice Chair is vacant. Secretary is Sandy Allen. Treasurer is Susan Price. Directors are Susan Henthorn and Greg Thibodaux. Sharon Hobbs and Jeff White remain as advisors.

The Foundation has received a \$10K grant that will be used for reprinting Paper Safes.

- E. **In Memory Plaque** – Next week President Hobbs is among those meeting with the Fine Arts Council, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, and National Park Service. Purpose of the meeting is to obtain approval for one of two final designs being proposed for the In Memory Plaque. Once the design is approved, we can begin raising funds for the project.
- F. **Financial Report** – Copies of the AVVA Unaudited May 2016 Financial Report were distributed to all attending members. There was little discussion and no questions were raised.

### **For the Good of the Order:**

Vice President Mackey raised the issue of national leadership in Region 1. Region 1 currently has no director and qualified leaders are not stepping up. VP Mackey is actively soliciting members to assume national leadership positions within the region.

### **Adjournment:**

Having no further business, the July 21, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.

Submitted by,

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Nina D. Schloffel  
AVVA National Secretary Pro-Tem