

Vietnam Veterans of America
Conference of State Council Presidents

April 18, 2012

Silver Spring, MD

Pre-Approved Minutes

Meeting of the Conference of State Council Presidents was called to order by Chair Charlie Montgomery at 8:00 am on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

Opening service conducted with Wayne Reynolds leading the Invocation..

Roll Call of States: The states represented at the meeting totaled 40 of 47 (Colorado is on suspension); a quorum was met. The following States were present:

ALABAMA	MARYLAND	NORTH DAKOTA
ALASKA	MASSACHUSETTS	OHIO
ARIZONA	MICHIGAN	OREGON
CALIFORNIA	MINNESOTA	PENNSYLVANIA
CONNECTICUT	MISSISSIPPI	PUERTO RICO
FLORIDA	MISSOURI	SOUTH CAROLINA
GEORGIA	MONTANA	SOUTH DAKOTA
IDAHO	NEBRASKA	TENNESSEE
ILLINOIS	NEVADA	TEXAS
IOWA	NEW JERSEY	VERMONT
KANSAS	NEW MEXICO	VIRGINIA
LOUISIANA	NEW YORK	WASHINGTON
MAINE	NORTH CAROLINA	WEST VIRGINIA
		WISCONSIN

Officers present were: Chair: Charlie Montgomery - Virginia

2nd Vice Chair Bill Messer - Arizona

Secretary: Avery Taylor – South Carolina

1st Vice Chair Tom Burke, Ohio, excused to being hospitalized.

Housekeeping:

Charlie Montgomery assigned Wayne Reynolds of Alabama as Parliamentarian.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The minutes of January 27-28, 2012, were accepted with changes.

Motion: 0418001, by Wayne Reynolds, 2nd by Avery Taylor, to **Rescind Motion 0112002**. That motion follows:

Motion: 0112002, by Dottie Barickman, 2nd by Pat Bessigano to have the 2013 Winter CSCP meeting at Silver Spring, MD in conjunction with our regular BOD meeting. Carried without objection.

Motion passed on a roll call vote: 23 F, 9 O, 3 A. (5 States did not vote because they were late arriving for the meeting.)

In favor: AL, AZ, CA, CT, IL, IO, KS, LA, MI, MN, MS, MO, NV, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OR, SC, TN, VA, WA, WV

Oppose: AK, FL, ID, NB, ND, PA, SD, TX, WI

Abstain: MN, NM, VT

Wes Guidry gave a rundown on possible meeting sites for the winter meeting.

Motion: 0418002, by Wayne Renolds, 2nd by Dennis Andras, to **Request Wes Guidrey research place for the January meeting and propose 4 locations. The CSCP will decide by electronic vote.**

Passed w/o objection. Charlie Montgomery is responsible for conducting the e-Vote.

Reports:

John Rowan gave a recap on activities of the organization.

Wes Guidry presented some housekeeping information relate to the hotel construction.

Quentin Butcher, Tom Corey and Wayne Reynolds presented an update on the Household goods program.

Wayne Reynolds presented an update on the iMIS project.

Butch Huber presented ideas on how state councils can raise funds.

Chair, Charlie Montgomery: reminded all about responsibilities during the week.

Joe Sternburg discussed the IRS 990N and other tax filings.

Herb Worthington: gave a presentation on the “Faces of Agent Orange” program.

Stacy Vasquez, Deputy Director VA Homelessness, gave a presentation on what the VA is doing about veteran homelessness.

CSCP Reports:

Following motions from CSCP to take to the BOD:

Motion 0418003 by Charlie Montgomery to **Eliminate the disciplinary Review Committee from the Disciplinary Code.**

Passed by voice vote.

Motion 0418004 BY Charlie Montgomery to **Form a committee to re-write the Disciplinary Code w/funding to be determined by the BOD.**

Passed by voice vote.

Motion 0418005 By Lionel Marmolejo, second by Larry Holman, to **Fully fund the Faces of Agent Orange program from the Ruth Mathews Bequest.** A copy of this request to be sent to the budget committee.

Passed by voice vote.

General Discussion –

Sara McVicker – discussed issue with suspended chapter and developed a motion for the BOD to deal with it.

The CSCP continued after a brief recess with the Advocacy training program to prepare participants for their visit to Capitol Hill on Thursday.

There being no further business, Meeting was recessed until adjournment of the BOD meeting, which was at 3:28, April 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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CSCP Secretary