

VFP Board Meeting
August 15-16, 2007 St. Louis

Attendees

Board: Elliott Adams, Sharon Kufeldt, Ken Mayers, Ellen Barfield, Pat McCann, Frank Houde, Wayne Wittman, Anita C. Foster, Mike Ferner
Staff: Michael McPhearson

Call to Order 8:11 am

Agenda approved

Statement of Purpose and Moment of Silence

Minutes approved from May board meeting

Each One Bring Committee Report

Kufeldt reported a lack of progress organizing a committee for the project. Adams appealed to Board members for assistance finding members to serve on committees in general.

Report on '07 convention

Last minute plans reported.

Executive Director Report

Submitted in writing by McPhearson, Wittman moved to accept Executive Director Report. Seconded. Approved.

Ideas discussed re: ideas for Membership Committee for consideration. Uhl moved that VFP extend a free membership to members of IVAW, amended to "for a period of one year." Seconded. Approved.

Awards Committee Report

Houde gave the report. Wittman moved to approve the committee report. Seconded. Approved.

Nominations

Zachary submitted the following list for nominations to the Board
Lane Anderson, Gary May, George Johnson, John Varone, Patrick McCann, David Cline, Thomas Brinson, Dan Shea.

Motto Proposal

Motion to decline but thank Sam Coleman for his suggestion. Seconded. Approved

Recessed for lunch

Soderberg Appeal

Motion to reserve 30 minutes during the annual meeting for any appeals. Seconded. Approved.

Resolutions

The Resolutions Committee reported the following resolutions to the Board for approving/disapproving and referring to the Annual Meeting:

2009 Convention

No proposal for a site at this time.

2008 Convention

Report from Wittman on plans in St. Paul

Representative to "No Bases" Campaign

Uhl requested he be designated a representative to the "No Bases" campaign in Italy. Moved. Seconded. Approved.

Bylaws Review Committee

Adams reported on the proposal and requested members for the committee

Proposed Revisions to Board Policies

Adams presented the following changes to the Board Policy Manual for adoption:

Additional rules pg 25

Drop the section that delineates examples of documentation leaving "Record of Separation from Military Service (DD 214 or WDAGO) or some other appropriate document." *referred list of approved documentation to membership committee to remove documentation which are not appropriate*

Chapter Organizing page 28

Drop it we use forming chapter typically now, but we don't have to define the term. No action.

Chapter Formation Process page 28

Says a 000 number will be used, change that to a 900 number because that is what we are using. Passed

An Application for Chapter Charter page 28

Change location to closest post office location. Passed

Note: Intended to mean post office closest to where the forming chapter meets.

Chapter Name page 29

"The National Office will prepare a Certificate of Acknowledgement for the family." add
"and issue a new charter with the new name." Passed

Hiring Policy page 30

Change "give right of first refusal" to "give hiring preference" Passed

Executive Committee Approval of Endorsements page 18

Change 5 days to 2 days No action

Proposed New Board Policies

Records

The national office shall be the repository of Board records. Passed

Discussion and Approval of Resolutions at Annual Meeting:

All resolutions will be voted on as they are submitted, there will be no amendments or changes to resolutions. Each speaker will have two minutes to speak. Speaker will be called on alternating between those speaking for the resolution and those speaking against the resolution. A vote will be called on any resolution after 15 minutes even if there are more who want to speak. Passed.

Unfunded Resolutions

The Board will not approve any resolution that draws on national funds not already authorized for that purpose or that calls for unfunded expenditures. Passed

Recessed until Thursday 8:00am

Thurs morning

Resolution "On Civil Disobedience" discussed. Motion to approve. Seconded. Passed.

Project Reports

SOAW

Wittman gave report.

International Liaison Committee

Barfield gave report.

Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign

Wittman gave report.

Public relations committee

Collins gave report.

Committee Reports

Chapter Development
Kufeldt gave report.

UN NGO Committee
Barfield gave report.

ZOCS
Ackles gave report.

Development
Foster gave report.

adjourned 10:35

Treasurer's Report:

Mayers moved: The national office will respond to unsolicited earmarked contributions by informing the contributor that no existing project appears to match the intent of the contribution. The contributor will be informed that unless a request for a return of the contribution is received by a specified date, the funds will be applied to current use. Seconded. Passed.

Houde moved that the following list of dormant funds be placed on the VFP website, in the newsletter and other appropriate places for review, set a 60 day comment period after the mailing of the newsletter, and if no information is received from donors, the funds will be placed in the general fund. Seconded. Passed

Palestine Ambulance Fund: \$770.00

National Ad Campaign: \$297.00

Emissary Fund: \$7.60

Afghanistan Fund: \$17,742.83

Global Peace Project: \$7,808

Prisoners of Conscience: \$50

My Lai Project: \$785

Motion to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded. Approved.

Discussion about number and function of committees

Foster moved to refer committee discussion to Ex. Com for recommendations on establishing committees and working groups.

New Chapters

Kufeldt reported several new chapters are ready to be chartered: Chapter 151 Big Bend

(Alpine) TX; Chapter 150, Charlotte NC; Chapter 153, Northwest WI; Chapter 152, Lehigh Valley (Bethlehem) PA; Chapter 138, Long Island NY.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Ferner

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