



# Minutes of the General Business Meeting Fall-Nevada County Conference October 17, 2022

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was called to order on October 17, 2022, by President, Rhonda Murphy. Proceeding with Pledge of Allegiance by Harry Hitchings and Invocation by Scott Holwell.

## **Counties Present**

All counties were present at time of roll call excluding El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Orange, Sierra, and San Diego.

## **New VSO/VSR Introductions**

## **Approval of Minutes**

Discussion: None.

**Proposal:** Approve minutes submitted electronically July 6, 2022, for Summer-San Luis Obispo Conference.

**Motion:** Bob Johns

**Seconded:** Josh Dhanens

**Passed**

## **Correspondence** President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: None.

## **President Report** President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: Concerns brought forward regarding IRS issues were reviewed and found to be current with no issues. CEU'S and NACVSO Conference updates and training available on website. Update provided on Executive Director hurricane survival/recovery status.

## **Treasurer Report** Treasurer, Ryan Kegley

Discussion: Provided Virtual power point presentation noting conference attendance, costs, proposed budget, contracts. Expenses, Revenues, and summary of notable changes.

**Proposal:** To accept Treasurer report.

**Motion:** Terry Sanders

**Seconded:** Tom Jackson

**Passed**

## **Executive Director Report** Chair, Marion Moses

Discussion: No Report.

**Legislative Report** Chair, Scott Holwell

Discussion: The 2021-2022 legislative session concluded on August 31, 2022. Our firm worked on behalf of CACVSO with the Newsom Administration and Legislature to help improve the quality of life for veterans and their families. During the 2022 legislative year, our firm worked on and monitored 90 military and veteran bills. A total of 24 of those bills were sent to the Governor, who had until September 30, 2022, to take action on all bills sent to his desk. He signed 22 of the 24 bills presented to him.

Reeb Government Relations also worked on and collaborated closely with several interested parties to obtain state funding (\$110,000) through the State Budget Act to restore the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial (CVVM) located in the State Capital Park. The budget was signed by the Governor on June 27, 2022. The money for CVVM is appropriated to the Department of General Services to conduct repairs and restoration of the memorial. On a somber note, long-time Veterans Advocate Pete Conaty passed away on July 31, 2022. Pete was involved from the beginning of planning for CVVM and was instrumental in securing its construction and celebrating key milestones. One of his final achievements was seeing that his fellow brothers and sisters in arms would continue to be honored and recognized through the restoration and maintenance of the memorial.

The state budget totals \$308 billion. Governor Newsom announced that \$50 million would be appropriated for the establishment of the [California Veterans Health Initiative \(CVHI\)](#). The CVHI will deliver a comprehensive, coordinated statewide approach to ending veteran suicide by focusing on prevention, early intervention, and direct services to effectively combat the risk factors associated with suicidal ideation. Details on this initiative will be developed and released by CalVet.

SB 837 has been sent to the Governor for his signature. This bill removes the requirement for a payment to have the “VETERANS” designation. We have had many bills requiring the removal of the \$5 fee in front of the legislature. Over the past couple of years, this type of bill was delayed due to the legislature prioritizing and focusing on pandemic-related legislation. Effective 1/1/2023.

**Proposal:** To accept Legislative report

**Motion:** Ken Cruickshank

**Seconded:** Chris Mancebo

**Passed**

**By-Laws Report** Chair, Dell Pratt

Discussion: Where we are and where we would like to go with the By-Laws. To promote transparency, we will have proposed changes approached through appropriate committee in which they would put together proposal by developing, coordinating through standing committee then recommendation will be read during business meeting on Monday and then voting on Thursday meeting. Excluding admin changes. Lifetime achievement awards review. Voting protocols are looking at being updated. Finance officer has been entered into bylaws.

**Proposal:** To accept By-Laws report

**Motion:** Tom Jackson

**Seconded:** Alfred Simms

**Passed**

**Time/Place Report** Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: No report.

**Finance Report** Chair, Marvin King

Discussion: No report.

**Citations Report** Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: No report.

**Veterans Home Report** Chair, Deborah Esque

Discussion: Update on Veteran Homes of California, as of 11 Oct 2022

Barstow - No Memory Care, Admissions: 1-760-252-6200 (Crystal)

Site Visits – NO; Available units – Yes, priority is given to homeless veterans; Semi-Private rooms, so you could get a roommate.

Fresno- Admissions: - 1-559-493-4224; Site Visits – NO; However, they are allowing residence to have visits from family; Available units – NONE– Wait Lists for All Units; Assisted Living – 3-4 months; Skilled Nursing and Memory Care – 3-5 yrs.; Private Rooms-Double rooms for Married Individuals.

Redding - Admissions: 1-530-224-3800; Site Visits – Currently closed campus. They do have a virtual tour on you tube: Living at the Veterans Home of California – Redding - it's approx. 4 minutes in length; Available units – None currently; Residential Care – (independent living) 1-2 years, Skill Nursing – 6+ years; Memory Care - 3+ years; All Rooms are single occupancy with private bath.

West LA- Admissions: 424-832-8200 then press 4 (Windy or Diana x2); Site Visits – None currently; Available units – NONE; Assisted Living – Just open wing 60beds+ No wait list; Skilled Nursing and Memory Care (Always accepting any applications); Normal wait list is 2-3 years for both Skilled Nursing and Memory Care

Chula Vista - Admissions: 619-482-6010 press 4, then you must choose by alpha character either, 1 for A-L or 2 for M-Z; Site Visits - YES – You need to bring your vaccination card and if not vaccinated, a COVID NEG test within 48 hrs; Available units – NONE - All three Independent Living, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing Care applicants are placed on a Wait List; Roommate situation

Lancaster – William J Pete Veterans Home; Admissions: 661-974-7035 then press 6 (Norma); Site Visits - Yes – you need to wear a mask. No vaccination required; Available units – Some availability, 30 day to move in- Wait List, normally 6 months); Roommate suite situation, common area and a share bath situation, but private bedroom (10x10) which has a hospital bed, TV and chair

Ventura- Admissions: 805-659-7500 then press 6, (Leana); Site Visits – YES. Vaccination card required, if not vaccinated you must bring your own test and they will test you prior to accessing the facility (these changes are ongoing for they are governed by CDV guidelines); Available units – No availability -- Normal wait list is approx. 6 months; Roommate situation: one big room with a divided floor to ceiling device and a curtain. They share a bathroom. Common area within the building which is utilized by all.

Yountville - Oldest and Largest Facility; Admissions: 707-944-4601 – Dick Sutton; Site Visits - Now suspend due to COVID; Available units – Independent – private rooms, however, communal bath facilities which are down the hall. They are getting people in NOW, since for two years they did not admit anyone and through

attrition they now have space. Assisted living – Private room and they too have available slots. Skilled, Assisted and Memory are Roommate situations, so they are on a pause due to COVID. They are working on the 2017 wait list. They are not taking anyone currently, due to various reasons to include COVID and Staffing issues.

Waiting list times are noted on website.

#### **Nominations Report** Chair, Scott Howell

Discussion: process of nominations, reopen on Thursday at close of business meeting, then move forward with elections. Those willing to remain in office typically stay in office.

President-Rhonda Murphy

Vice President-Marvin King

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Ken Cruickshank

Sgt at Arms-Harry Hitchings

3yr trustee-Josh Dhanens

2yr trustee-Rochelle Arnold

1yr trustee-Terry Sanders

Nominations recessed until Thursday for final voting.

**Proposal:** To accept entire slate of nominations.

**Motion:** Bob Johns

**Seconded:** Terry Sanders

**Passed**

#### **Funding Process Report** Chair, Grant Gautsche

Discussion: No report.

#### **Strategic Planning Report** Chair, Marvin King

Discussion: In development, handed out worksheet requesting following information:

1. What is our mission? Please provide a short statement of what you believe the mission of CACVSO is/should be. This can be as short as 2 or 3 words. This will be used in concert with other inputs to develop a mission statement
2. What is our vision? Please provide a short statement or list of areas that CACVSO should be looking at. I.E., the operational health of member offices...
3. What are our values? Please provide a list of key/core values that CACVSO should have/maintain. I.E., integrity in claim submission, commitment to our clients, improvement to of our member county offices...

Please provide your responses by 10/31/2022.

Please let Marvin King know if you would like to help with the association strategic plan. Would like 6-8 counties to assist. SWAT analysis, POG, long term objective each committee work on vision statements. Association help members. Continuity, and Vetpro muscle.

#### **Education and training** Chair, Tammy Bender

Discussion: No Report.

**Audio Visual Report** Chair, Clinton Taxdahl

Discussion: No report.

**Automation Report** Chair, Rob Daniel

Discussion: No Report.

**Communications Report** Chair, Cindy Holley

Discussion: No report.

**Disaster Relief Report** Chair, Chris Mancebo

Discussion: Raffle basket will be passed around.

**Facebook Report** Chair, Cindy Holley

Discussion: No Report.

**Homeless Veterans Report** Chair, George Dixon

Discussion: No Report.

**Hospitality Report:** Chair, Chris Mancebo

Discussion: Open at 5 daily room 328. Raffle tickets will go on sale tomorrow morning, bring gift to banquet at veteran's memorial building.

**Mentorship Report** Chair, David West

Discussion: New VSOs need assistance please reach out for assistance. Process of requesting a mentor. Office closed do we have a plan, work in progress. CVSO business guide.

**NACVSO Report** Chair, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: Refer to President's report.

**Newsletter Report** Chair, Vacant

Discussion: No Report.

**Photographer Report** Chair, Eva Jimenez

Discussion: No Report

**Raffle Report** Chair, Chris Mancebo

Discussion: No Report

**Training Consultant Report** Chair, Katrina Eagle

Discussion: No Report

**Veterans Cemetery Report** Chair, Vacant

Discussion: No Report

**Veterans License Plate Report** Chair, Vacant

Discussion: No Report

**Website Report** Chair, Yvette Mason

Discussion: No report.

**Women, Minority & Underrepresented Veterans Committee** Chair, Rochelle Arnold

Discussion: No Report

**Unfinished Business** President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion:

**New Business** President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: How do we get VSO salaries increase. Refer to strategic committee. Would like report for 800#, committees background, and zoom meetings for committees. Next Friday is last day for Nathan Johnson, Contra Costa VSO.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned on October 20, 2022, at 5:00pm. by President, Rhonda Murphy. The next General Business Meeting will be held during Winter Sacramento County Conference.

**Proposal:** To Adjourn General Business Meeting.

**Motion:** Scott Holwell

**Seconded:** Terry Sanders

**Passed**

Minutes submitted by: Yvette Mason