



Minutes of the General Business Meeting Fall Shasta Conference October 18, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was called to order on October 18, 2021, in Shasta County by President, Nathan Johnson. Proceeding with Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Jackson and Invocation by our Chaplain, Grant Gautsche.

Counties Present

All counties were present at time of roll call excluding Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, and Trinity.

New VSO's Introduction

Clint Taxdahl-Alameda County, Brian Galicia-Calaveras County, Gordon Greene, Inyo-Mono County, Glen Galman-Merced County, Bill Cook- Plumas County, and Jim McHugh-Ventura County.

Approval of Minutes

Discussion: none

Proposal: Approve minutes submitted electronically July 14, 2021, for Summer Virtual Conference.

Motion: Ken Cruickshank

Seconded: Tom Jackson

Passed

Correspondence President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: No correspondence received.

President Report President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: Shared feelings of gratitude to executive board and executive director for challenges having to endure past couple of years. Going forward, association is in a good place and will continue to have in person conferences.

Executive Director Report Chair, Marion Moses

Discussion: Registration fees. Conference challenges we are facing. Costs, room rates at per diem, and getting things comped are part of the past. It's been four years since we've raised registration fees. Increase registration fees in lieu of us making our hotel reservations. No more having to explain to counties the increase in venue. Still register normally and association will make reservations for you.

Proposal: To increase registration fees for CVSOs to \$450 and VSO Staff to \$300 and roll over room costs (including all taxes, fees, and parking) to add to the conference registration fee.

Motion: Jason Cameron

Seconded: Sam Isdell

Passed

Discussion: Membership Dues increase to be independent from sponsorship, donations and continue to operate as we do. The last increase in county membership dues was effective July 1, 2016.

Proposal: To increase annual membership dues by \$1000 per year per county, effective July 1, 2022

Motion: David West

Seconded: Renee Maveety

Passed

Legislative Report Chair, Scott Holwell

Discussion: Reeb Associates Contract Renewal

Proposal: To approve increase to Reeb Associates Contract at \$6,000 per year while renewing contract with them working with legislative chair to complete objectives and renew contract.

Motion: Harry Hitchings

Seconded: Ken Cruickshank

Passed

Mentor Report Chair, David West

Discussion: Handed out first draft on mentorship program for VSO's and VSR's. Why we need it and how it benefits the association. Assigned to 2nd Vice President. Have association reimburse in lieu of CalVet.

Nominations Report Chair, Scott Howell

Discussion: The following nominations were entered:

Nominations for President: Rhonda Murphy and David West

Nominations for 1st Vice: Bob Johns and Celestina Traver

Nominations for 2nd Vice: Ken Cruickshank

Nominations for Sgt at Arms: Harry Hitchings

Nominations for 3yr trustee: Rochelle Arnold, Don Parson and Terry Sanders

Nominations closed temporarily until Thursday.

By-Laws Report Chair, Dell Pratt

Discussion: By laws are located on CAVSO Website. Historian does not have voting power on executive committee, this would require a bylaw change. "Draft Version" handout was provided on CACVSO Grievance Procedure Policy. We have two proposed amendments. This is first reading.

ARTICLE VIII

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 7. Should any of the **Non-Elected Officer** Executive Committee positions become vacant for any reason, the President shall appoint a member of the Association to fill the position until the next Fall Conference.

- **Elected Officer positions should follow the guidance/succession plan in Section 5 and Section 6.**

ARTICLE X

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the following officers and shall be voting members of this committee: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliamentarian, Junior Past President, the three (3) elected Trustees, the Chairpersons of the Funding Process Committee and the Legislative Committee, the Executive Officer, **and the Historian.**

Deferred to Thursday for second reading.

Time/Place Report Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: Sacramento change of dates due to holiday. Conference dates will be Feb. 22-25, 2022 and will have same room rates for Sunday and Monday for those attending normally. Banquet is Black Tie and still held on Wednesday for 75th anniversary. Summer-June 12-17, 2022, in San Luis Obispo, Fall-October 16-22, 2022, in Nevada; Winter- February 19-24, 2023, Sacramento; Summer-Tuolumne and Fall-Yuba-Sutter. There are 2024 openings.

Citations Report Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: Any retirees, or staff leaving, please enter a request.

Funding Process Report Chair, Grant Gautsche

Discussion: Proposed subvention manual changes still in process. Recommendation of distribution of funds and any changes to be brought forth and discussed amongst the association in the future,

Education and training Interim Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: Changes to agenda due to Covid. CalVet and VHA will be virtual due to no travel allowed.

Finance Report Chair, Ryan Kegley

Discussion: No report.

Veterans Home Report Chair, Deborah Esque

Discussion: Vet Homes still not accepting new admissions due to Covid. Couple year waiting list. Update application package every 6 months.

License Plate Report Chair, Rob Daniel

Discussion: No Report.

Newsletter Report Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: Highlight new staff, stories, or something to share, please be a part of it and submit to committee.

NACVSO Report Interim Chair, Vacant, Nathan-President

Discussion: 5th annual CalVet Leadership Summit, in San Diego and NACVSO blended Hybrid conference in July in Washington DC which was well attended.

Hospitality Report: Chair, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: Update on location, housekeeping for hospitality room during this conference. Buy raffle tickets.

Reconvened

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was reconvened on October 21, 2021, in Shasta by President, Nathan Johnson. Proceeding with Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Jackson and Invocation by our Acting Chaplain, Scott Holwell.

Treasurer Report Treasurer, Ryan Kegley

Discussion: Power point viewed for current expenditures, revenues, balances, outstanding registration fees and dues.

Proposal: To accept treasurer report and pay bills.

Motion: Tom Jackson

Seconded: Josh Dhanens

Passed

Automation Report Interim Chair, Ryan Kegley

Discussion: New VetPro status, using finger.ink, and download options.

By-Laws Report Chair, Dell Pratt

Discussion: Second reading.

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Proposal: To accept second reading of Article VIII, Election of Officers changes.

Motion: Josh Dhanens

Seconded: David Rose

Passed

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Proposal: To accept second reading of Article X Executive Committee changes.

Motion: Jason Cameron

Seconded: Ken Cruickshank

Passed

Cemetery Report Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No Report.

Passed

Strategic Planning Report Chair, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: No report.

Disaster Relief Report Chair, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: No Report.

Hospitality Report: Chair, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion:

Nominations Report Chair, Scott Howell

Discussion: Roll Call completed to hand out ballots for voting purposes. Additional nominations and removals entered below:

Nominations for President: Rhonda Murphy and David West

Nominations for 1st Vice: Celestina Traver and Marvin King

Nominations for 2nd Vice: Ken Cruickshank

Nominations for Sgt at Arms: Harry Hitchings

Nominations for 3yr trustee: Rochelle Arnold, and Don Parson

Campaign speeches were provided by nominated presidents: Rhonda Murphy, David West and nominated Vice Presidents: Celestina Traver and Marvin King.

Voting complete and election closed:

1st Madam President: Rhonda Murphy

1st Vice: Marvin King

2nd Vice: Ken Cruickshank

Sgt at Arms: Harry Hitchings

3yr trustee: Rochelle Arnold

Proposal: To destroy ballots

Motion: Harry Hitchings

Seconded: Bob Johns

Passed

Unfinished Business Interim President, Scott Holwell

Discussion: None

New Business Interim President, Scott Holwell

Discussion: None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on October 21, 2021, at 4:14 pm. by President, Nathan Johnson. The next General Business Meeting will be held during Winter Sacramento 2022 Conference.

Discussion: To Adjourn.

Motion: Harry Hitchings

Seconded: Bob Johns

Passed

Minutes submitted by: Yvette Mason