



Minutes of the General Business Meeting WINTER Virtual Conference February 23, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was called to order on February 23, 2022, Virtually by President, Rhonda Murphy. Proceeding with Pledge of Allegiance by Harry Hitchhins and Invocation by our Chaplain, Grant Gautsche.

Counties Present

All counties were present at time of roll call excluding Marin and Santa Clara.

New VSO/VSR Introductions

Joseph Hedberg, VSR-Siskiyou; Susan Feighery, VSO-San Joaquin; Terry Thomas, VSO-El Dorado, Judy Roach, VSR-San Diego; Maurice Delmar, VSR- San Francisco; Dan Henson, VSO- Sierra; and Domonique McPherson, VSR-San Joaquin.

Approval of Minutes

Discussion: None.

Proposal: Approve minutes submitted electronically December 13, 2021, for October Shasta Conference.

Motion: Ken Cruickshank

Seconded: Tom Jackson

Passed

Correspondence President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: None.

President Report President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: As our new President, she would like to welcome us to our Winter Training conference, which unfortunately had to be moved to this virtual platform due to restrictions placed by Sacramento County regarding public gatherings. Those restrictions made it impossible for us to host an in-person conference and with the short notice, the only option was to go virtual once more. Nonetheless excited to have all of us together for training and look forward to our upcoming training events.

This year has already brought a lot of changes to our organization. The newly elected and appointed Executive Board members, along with their outgoing counterparts attended a very successful training and transition retreat in January. She can tell you; the executive board is knowledgeable and motivated to lead the CACVSO into the future with new programs, new projects, and a strong desire to make the lives of our California Veterans better.

Since her swearing into the president position, we have already begun our work by revitalizing and strengthening our mentorship program. David West will chair a new committee, dedicated to ensuring our new CVSOs have all of the tools and knowledge they need to be successful in their positions. We are looking at a new focus regarding women and minority Veterans. We are looking to strengthen our committees with a refreshed purpose and visions to further their programs. More than that, we are looking to move the CACVSO forward in unison: a united voice to better the programs and services for our Veteran communities, to provide advocacy to our Veterans and their families. With that, she wants to encourage all of you to step up to our cause. Join a committee, chair a committee, or bring suggestions for improvement to your executive board.

Treasurer Report Treasurer, Ryan Kegley

Discussion: Shared Power point overview on revenue, online conference registration, expenses, current balances, and annual dues received.

Proposal: To accept treasurer report.

Motion: Harry Hitchings

Seconded: Jason Cameron

Passed

Executive Director Report Chair, Marion Moses

Discussion: No Report.

Legislative Report Chair, Scott Holwell

Discussion: Will have an open position and will be looking to fill member position. Reviewed 2020 Legislative Platform which is included in Annual Report. Bill list distributed through email. Biggest difference is we are no longer going after additional funds due to recent increase. Ninth CalVet Veterans Home will be added as legislative priority. Contract with Reed Government Relations has been reviewed. Fee \$30,000-year, two-year contract since 2015 with no increases. \$6,000 increase in contract authorized. Modification of \$1,800 ended up increasing to \$7,800, a contract was move forwarded. Discussion on Request for Proposal RFP should be done on all contracts, shows due diligence and protects us from charges of favoritism. Visit local legislative offices in lieu of capital visit this year.

Proposal: Add Ninth CalVet Veterans Home to Legislative platform

Motion: George Dixon

Seconded: Marvin King

Passed

Proposal: Modify amount of Reed Contract to \$7,800 expiring 2023

Motion: Marvin King

Seconded: Jim McHugh

Passed

By-Laws Report Chair, Dell Pratt

Discussion: Read Proposed Updates to the CACVSO Bylaws. A “Slide” with the wording/affected Sections will be distributed through email. Will be voting in summer conference.

Proposal: To accept By-Laws Report.

Motion: Glen Galman

Seconded: Saul Sanabria
Passed

Time/Place Report Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: Will distribute new dates and locations after conference.

Finance Report Chair, Marion Moses

Discussion: Working with treasurer for budget next budget year. Bank transition is closed.

Citations Report Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: Retirement Plaque for Ruth Wong has been requested.

Veterans Home Report Chair, Deborah Esque

Discussion: No Report.

Nominations Report Chair, Scott Howell

Discussion: No Report.

Funding Process Report Chair, Grant Gautsche

Discussion: Increased value of WLU for FY 21/22 based on increased state funding. Distributed Subvention estimates for FY 20/21 and FY 21/22. The edits to the subvention manual mentioned in previous reports is still pending completion by CalVet.

Proposal: To accept Funding Process Report.

Motion: Harry Hitchings

Seconded: Jason Cameron

Passed

Education and training Chair, Tammy Bender

Discussion: No Report.

Strategic Planning Report Chair, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: No report.

Audio Visual Report Chair, Frank Guevara

Discussion: No Report.

Automation Report Chair, Rob Daniel

Discussion: No ETA for Gen 2 Vetpro, phased implementation for some functions in process. DVS 40 portal is top priority to implement, no ETA currently. Separate letter will be required for each school. New reports are on hold indefinitely.

Communications Report Chair, Cindy Holley

Discussion: No report.

Disaster Relief Report Chair, Rena' Maveety

Discussion: Links share in chat and email.

Facebook Report Chair, Cindy Holley

Discussion: No Report.

Homeless Veterans Report Chair, George Dixon

Discussion: Data support from each county.

Hospitality Report: Chair, Rena' Maveety

Discussion: No Report.

Mentorship Report Chair, David West

Discussion: No report.

NACVSO Report Chair, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: Next conference San Antonio, Texas. Will bring updates forward to San Luis Obispo Conference.

Newsletter Report Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No Report.

Photographer Report Chair, Eva Jimenez

Discussion: No Report

Raffle Report Chair, Rena' Maveety

Discussion: No Report

Training Consultant Report Chair, Katrina Eagle

Discussion: No Report

Veterans Cemetery Report Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No Report

Veterans License Plate Report Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No Report

Website Report Chair, Frank Guevara

Discussion: No report.

Women, Minority & Underrepresented Veterans Committee Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No Report

Unfinished Business President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: Executive Board decided all October conferences to be virtual 2023. This allows us to have more staff present than in an in person. All October conferences have been cancelled since 2019. Costs will be down as well. This benefits small counties.

Proposal: To Adopt Executive Board recommendation for October conference to be virtual starting in 2023.

Motion: Nathan Johnson

Seconded: Sam Isdell

Passed: Per electronic Poll results

New Business President, Rhonda Murphy

Discussion: With great sadness Glenn Galman, Merced VSO will be stepping down next Friday due to family reasons. Very appreciative and support received while being VSO and will take knowledge forward with him.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on March 9, 2022, at 5:00pm. by President, Rhonda Murphy. The next General Business Meeting will be held during Summer San Luis Obispo 2022 Conference.

Proposal: To Adjourn General Business Meeting.

Motion: Harry Hitchings

Seconded: Jason Cameron

Passed

Minutes submitted by: Yvette Mason