



Minutes of the General Business Meeting Winter Virtual Conference 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was called to order on February 17, 2021, Virtually by President, Nathan Johnson. Proceeding with Pledge of Allegiance by Sam Isdell and Invocation by our Acting Chaplain, Scott Holwell.

Counties Present

All counties were present at time of roll call excluding Alameda, Glenn, Inyo-Mono, Lassen and Orange.

Approval of Minutes

Proposal: Approve minutes submitted electronically and posted to CVSO's for Fall Virtual Conference.

Motion: Robert John

Seconded: Ken Cruickshank

Passed

Correspondence President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: No correspondence received.

President Report President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: New Treasurer, Jason Cameron from Monterey has been appointed. Joe Farotte was promoted, and we wish him well. Thank Drew Norwood for being Sgt at Arms as he is turning his attention to his business and moving on. Thank Marion Moses, Executive Director for her phenomenal work on behalf of the association. Fifteen hundred bills introduced to Legislature. Thanks Jack Kirwan as a consultant for bringing to our attention the DMV funds and Katrina and Jim, Training Consultants. Celestina Traver and David West for filling in as newsletter chair. Celestina has taken over as chair. Training committee, Virginia Wimmer, and Rhonda Murphy. Thanks, all committee members and Executive Board members. Encourage everyone to participate on committees. Thank all committee chairs. Open door to all VSO's and VSR's to participate. Will hold special election on Sgt at Arms. Maintain order during conferences and meetings and member of eboard.

Treasurer Report Treasurer, Jason Cameron

Discussion: Address is still the same. Registration for this conference is done via RegFox, several counties have not registered as of last night. Take picture of screen and go to link to register today. As of 2/15/21 treasurer report at a glance was provided. Mailing address is the same with a change of attention to Jason Cameron. Technology grant info has approved 3 grants for \$1,500 technology equipment grants, Complete online survey and will review prior to next conference to approve 3 member counties. Survey closes 4/30/21. Application survey site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/22NYNL5>.

Proposal: To accept treasurer report.

Motion: Ken Cruickshank
Seconded: Salvador Torres
Passed

Legislative Report Chair, Scott Holwell

Discussion: Jack Kirwan discussed VSO is strictly for supporting CVSO's. Administration, training, and VetPro costs. Set number been appropriated for number of years, year-end balance 150,000 per year approaching 3 million dollars on June 30, 2021. Appropriate for one time uses. Proposing a bill to finance one-time costs all counties in setting up virtual office. Will run by CalVet for support. Fiscal year 2022-2023 would be affected by this bill. Revenue increase is being addressed as a Budget ask, meet, and confer committee must agree. Seth Reeb shared a worksheet showing district and capitol contact for each county. Assemblyman Norris strong inclination that she will carry budget ask. Deadline this Friday. Anticipating up to 2,000 bills by Friday. Will post on member section of website.

Jim Frazier is now joining us in zoom conference. Honor Assemblyman Jim Frazier with the Legislature of the Year award from our association. 2019 he undertook two-year process of DMV to accept certification from a VSO AB 408 signed into law 2020. 2015 veteran designation on Ca Driver License AB 235 authorized 3 bills in two-year period to make this happen. Thank you and Congratulations. Continues to be on Veterans Committee. Working on building relationship with CalVet director. Still wants to introduce Bill for a full property tax exemption for 100% service-connected veterans. Driver's License bill has changed thousands of veterans' lives.

Proposal: To accept Legislative report.
Motion: Tom Jackson
Seconded: Terry Sanders
Passed

Nominations Report Chair, Scott Howell

Discussion: Opening nominations under special election for Sgt at Arms
Nominations: Harry Hitchings
Defer until closing business meeting on March 3, 2021

Annual Report update -Pete Conaty

Annual Report update sending out one more time to check office info, thanks VSO's for stories. The annual report will be transitioned to 2020 special edition, 75th anniversary edition. Challenge to get out to legislatures. Advertisements pay for report. Collect histories on your counties and keep information in safe place. LA can be our curator to keep records. Ruth Wong being nominated for this.

By-Laws Report Chair, Dell Pratt

Discussion: At least four recommendations coming out. Clarify executive duties, succession plan, presidential appointees, add in historian to eboard. Will read in business meeting on last day.

Proposal: To accept By-law's report.
Motion: Alfred Sims
Seconded: Scott Holwell

Passed

Time/Place Report Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: New Chair. June Conference will be virtual. We were hoping to do live conference in June, but catering was an issue due to Covid, counties not allowing travel and those that did not want to travel. Celestina Traver and Ken Cruickshank will join committee. June Virtual Conference dates will be June 16, 23, 30 2021 and October conference will be in person held in Shasta October 17-22, 2021.

Proposal: To accept Time/Place report.

Motion: David Rose

Seconded: Terry Sanders

Passed

Citations Report Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: Retirement Plaque requests for Harry Hitchings and Terry Sanders have been received. Can we order plaques for those moving on and not retiring? Citation committee can make a vote to approve and take to eboard. Virginia Wimmer will be on citations committee. All committees to update procedures for committees and take to by laws.

Proposal: To accept Citation's report.

Motion: Rhonda Murphy

Seconded: David Rose

Passed

Funding Process Report Acting Chair, James Anderson

Discussion: 21P-509 form to be auditable, parents' dependency, shortening time frame for auditable points. 10-day rule extension for submission.

Proposal: To accept Funding Process report.

Motion: David Rose

Seconded: Don Parsons

Passed

Education and training Chair, Virginia Wimmer

Rhonda Murphy took lead on creating agenda for this conference. Uniformed training has been suggested. Child support, SBP, DIC. What you like us to provide to Vet Rep Academy. Medical Systems that we use. NACVSO training has been provided virtually for new VSO's and VSR's. Dates will be given out of future trainings. Trainings are applied to NACVSO CEU's. CEU's are being asked to carry over to next year. NACVSO were waived and accepted are CEU's. California set the bar for the nation as continuing CEU's.

Proposal: To accept Education and Training report.

Motion: Sam Isdell

Seconded: Terry Sanders

Passed

Proposal: 12:02 pm adjourning in memory of William Alcares, Solano CVSO

Motion: Ted Puntillo
Seconded: Virginia Wimmer
Passed

Deferred until Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

Reconvened

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was reconvened on March 3, 2021, Virtually by President, Nathan Johnson. Proceeding with Pledge of Allegiance by Sam Isdell and Invocation by our Acting Chaplain, Scott Holwell.

Nominations Report Chair, Scott Howell

Discussion: Opening nominations under special election for Sgt at Arms

Nominations: Harry Hitchings, Terry Sanders and Don Parsons.

Harry Hitchings was voted into Sgt at Arms position by Zoom virtual poll.

Elections are closed.

By-Laws Report Chair, Dell Pratt

Discussion: First Reading. Second reading will be held in next business meeting in June. Proposed amendments to our bylaws.

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.

Proposal: To accept By laws Report

Motion: Ken Cruickshank

Seconded: Kern County

Passed

Finance Report Chair, Jason Cameron

No Report.

Treasurer Report Chair, Jason Cameron

Minor changes to treasurer report. At-a-Glance report was provided. Additional conference costs dues and advertising noted. Transfer of names for treasurer have been completed. Address has not changed. Reminder of

Technical Grant submissions. Only 3 grants will be issued. Will email those that have submissions already to confirm receipt. If you are not contacted by the 15th of March, please reach out directly.

Proposal: To accept Treasurer Report with updates.

Motion: David Rose

Seconded: Celestina Traver

Passed

Automation Report Chair, Ryan Kegley

Discussion: VetPro. PDF 10 MG or larger unable to upload in to VetPro. Max page size exceeded during VA direct submit 21x21 inches. Review page size before uploading into VetPro.

Proposal: To accept Automation report.

Motion: Tom Jackson

Seconded: David Rose

Passed

Veterans Home Report Chair, Deborah Esque

Discussion: Vet homes are shut down to Covid 19. Join break out room today at 3:30 pm.

Proposal: To accept Veterans Home Report

Motion: Scott Holwell

Seconded: Josh Dhanens

Passed

License Plate Report Chair, Rob Daniel

Discussion: No Report.

Cemetery Report Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No Report.

NACVSO Report Chair, Virginia Wimmer

Discussion: Basic benefit courses offered online. Two advanced appeals courses being offered as well.

NACVSO Conference in June has been cancelled and coming up with hybrid course for next year. Invites will be going out to present to NACVSO to become a national trainer.

Proposal: To accept NACVSO Report

Motion: Scott Holwell

Seconded Derrick Oliveira

Passed

Newsletter Report Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No report.

Executive Director Report Marion Moses

Discussion: Covid has forced us to become virtual therefore we have had more executive meetings. NACVSO membership forms need to be turned in. Association pays for each VSO but have only received 19 forms. Annual Report has new logo for 75th anniversary. March 17 strategic meeting. Discuss memorable items in future. Already have coins.

Proposal: To accept Executive Director's Report

Motion: Ken Cruickshank

Seconded: Sam Isdell

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: No Report.

Unfinished Business President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: None

New Business President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: None.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned on March 3, 2021 at 3:25 pm. by President, Nathan Johnson. The next General Business Meeting will be held during Spring Virtual Conference 2021.

Discussion: To Adjourn.

Motion: Harry Hitchings

Seconded: Terry Sanders

Passed

Minutes submitted by: Yvette Mason