



# Minutes of the General Business Meeting Summer Virtual Conference June 16, 2021

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was called to order on June 16, 2021, Virtually 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 Alameda, Marin, and San Diego.

## **New VSO's Introduction**

Orange County-Elena Kim; Butte County-Matt McCoy; Ventura-Jim McHugh

## **Approval of Minutes**

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

Motion: Terry Sanders

Seconded: Ken Cruickshank

Passed

## **Correspondence** President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: No correspondence received.

## **President Report** President, Nathan Johnson

Discussion: As an association we have been very busy from annual report, planning in person conferences, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and leadership summit. Thanked appointed and voting positions. Very proud of the work the association has accomplished. Recognizes offices challenges in reopening. He shared that it has been an honor to serve as president and serves with a lot of pride and humbleness and that our entrusting him as the president hasn't been taken lightly.

## **Treasurer Report** Treasurer, Jason Cameron

Discussion: Provided treasurer's report as of today June 16, 2021. At a glance provided on Edward Jones, CACVSO account and Hospitality Suite. Treasurer does send follow up if payments have not been received. Reminder goes out around mid-August.

Recap for Tech grants was for 3 grants up to \$1500 each. We have received 8 applications. Have sanitize applications and will send out to executive board for a vote. Treasurer has removed himself from voting. Would like to announce grant recipients at end of Summer training session.

Proposal: To accept treasurer report.

Motion: Ken Cruickshank  
Seconded: Tom Jackson  
Passed

**Legislative Report** Chair, Scott Holwell

Discussion: Our budget proposal through senate and assembly has been forwarded to governor office. Governor has until 30<sup>th</sup> to approve. Jack Kirwan has been pushing on this for the last 10 years. Please reach out to veterans, colleagues, friends, family to have their voices heard in support of this proposal. Legislative Advocates are excited and positive about the proposal and still recommend for ongoing support. Commanders Veterans Council used the voters voice tool to include veterans in drawing. Vietnam Veterans of CA took on task in 2018 looking for missing Vietnam veterans on Washington monument, they found last picture yesterday and now all have been identified.

Proposal: To accept Legislative report.

Motion: Marvin King  
Seconded: David Rose  
Passed

**Nominations Report** Chair, Scott Howell

Discussion: Start thinking about upcoming available positions.

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

Discussion: Working on drafts clarifying election procedures, historian position for executive board, and code of conduct-ethics to strengthen association.

Proposal: To accept By-law's report.

Motion: David Rose  
Seconded: Terry Sanders  
Passed

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

Discussion: Shasta contract is signed and moving forward. Sacramento has been finalized. San Luis Obispo moving into June 2022 spot. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary scheduled for Sacramento. Need pictures from every county (staff, military pictures). Formal attire required for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet.

Proposal: To accept Time/Place report.

Motion: Rhonda Murphy  
Seconded: Ken Cruickshank  
Passed

**Citations Report** Chair, Sam Isdell

Discussion: If you have someone retiring from your staff, please notify our committee.

**Funding Process Report** Chair, Grant Gautsche

Discussion: Proposed changes in new subvention manual. Dvs19 change workload unit from 10-30 days. Added additional forms 21-509, 21-0779. Multiple awards can be taken on claims merged by VA.

Proposal: To accept Funding Process report.

Motion: David Rose

Seconded: Bob Johns

Passed

**Education and training** Chair, Virginia Wimmer

Discussion: Provided report noting ongoing education topics: CACVSO training consultants on appeals and other high-level topics, just in time training for subvention, DMV, college fee, audit prep, best practices, and mentorship program.

Proposal: To accept Education and Training report.

Motion: Terry Sanders

Seconded: Joshua Christopherson

Passed

**Automation Report** Chair, Ryan Kegley

Discussion: No update on VetPro launch. Issues with VetPro and certain browsers. Data retentions option is to select download instead of view button. Finger ink option must be used for college fee waiver letters. Review fax button to be reactivated through VetPro and expand box on denial letter for college fee waiver.

Proposal: To accept Automation report.

Motion: Lorena Lacar

Seconded: Scott Holwell

Passed

Proposal: ***Recess Business Meeting until Wednesday, June 30, 2021.***

Motion: Terry Sanders

Seconded: Virginia Wimmer

Passed

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## **Reconvened**

The regular meeting of the CACVSO General Business Meeting was reconvened on June 30, 2021, Virtually by President, Nathan Johnson. Proceeding with Pledge of Allegiance by Tom Jackson and Invocation by our Acting Chaplain, Scott Holwell.

**Legislative Report** Chair, Scott Holwell

Discussion: Announced governor signed AB128 bill. Much discussion and grass roots went into this effort. Super big effort going on for 10 or 15 years. We thank Jack Kirwan for all his efforts. Jack states this has been a long haul and team effort to obtain these 11 million dollars. We now must navigate agreement with CalVet to how this subvention will be distributed. Plan on meeting in net few weeks. Proper respects go out to Jack to his retirement. August strategic planning meeting set with CalVet. Press release will be going out for distribution in the next 24-48 hours. Discussed language of the bill and that it is ongoing. We want to be involved in the

process of distribution of funds. Every county will see almost a doubling amount of what they get. Certain small counties with low workload numbers will see small increase.

**President Report: Nathan Johnson**

Discussion: Renew contracts that were approved by executive board. Email contracts out to association as they are now.

Proposal: Reeb and Associates contract extension until end of October

Discussion: Contract extension until October and then reevaluate.

Motion: Sam Isdell

Seconded: Bob Johns

Passed

Proposal: Approve one year contract for Training Consultant

Motion: David Rose

Seconded: Ken Cruickshank

Passed

Proposal: Approve Contract renewal for Executive Director with additional \$500 Professional Fee

Motion: Rhonda Murphy

Seconded: Terry Sanders

Abstention: one

Passed

**Finance Report** Chair, Jason Cameron and Nathan Johnson, President

Discussion: We received 8 tech grants, and awarded to 3 counties, Madera, Trinity, and Nevada county receive purchases up to \$1,500 grants. Congratulations! Treasurer Report was shared again.

**Veterans Home Report** Chair, Deborah Esque

Discussion: Hoping to get a tour of Redding Vet Home.

Proposal: To accept Veterans Home Report

Motion: David Rose

Seconded: Kern

Passed

**License Plate Report** Chair, Rob Daniel

Discussion: No Report.

**Cemetery Report** Chair, Celestina Traver

Discussion: No Report.

**NACVSO Report** Chair, Virginia Wimmer

Discussion: Conference next month. Delegates have been invited. We need to be more represented than we currently are at the National level. Be mindful NACVSO dues are \$50 per person to ensure membership.

Proposal: To accept NACVSO Report  
Motion: Amador  
Seconded: Yolo  
Passed

**Newsletter Report** Chair, Celestina Traver  
Discussion: Working on next newsletter issued August 1.

Proposal: To accept Newsletter Report  
Motion: Ken Cruickshank  
Seconded: Tom Jackson  
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: We had 3 winners. \$200 gift card-Lorena Vasquez, VetPro Gift Basket -Ted Puntillo, \$300 gift card- Tiara Whitfield. Congratulations!

**Unfinished Business** President, Nathan Johnson  
Discussion: None

**New Business** President, Nathan Johnson  
Discussion: Frank Guevara has asked association anyone interesting into taken over printing badges or being backup. Celestina Traver stated she will. Not aware of any capabilities for virtual conference included into in person conferences.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned on June 30, 2021, at 4:14 pm. by President, Nathan Johnson. The next General Business Meeting will be held during Fall Conference 2021.

Discussion: To Adjourn.  
Motion: Harry Hitchings  
Seconded: Celestina Traver  
Passed  
Minutes submitted by: Yvette Mason