

**Highlights from Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Springhill Suites, Marriot Hotel, Atlanta, GA**  
**8-9 April 2006**

**Treasurer Report**

Charge the Executive Director with getting financial report and a narrative of their actions from Iraq Veterans Against the War for tax accountability and establishing a process to getting it into the future.

**Walk'n to New Orleans March Report**

Establish a Public Relations Committee with Collins as chairman

**Convention Committee:**

Accept St. Louis' proposal to host the 2007 convention.

**Convention Guidelines Committee**

Form a Convention Guidelines Committee with Dick Underhill as chairman and one member from each of the Boston, Seattle, St. Louis, San Francisco convention committees and, Bernie Jezercak. Committee will report preliminary guidelines by July 06.

**Complaints against Executive Director and associated issues.**

Form an Investigation Committee, consisting of Collins as chairman, Riesch, Houde and, Debra Clark. To report with a recommendation for any action June 15, 2006.

**April 29th Mobilization in New York (UFPJ)**

Needs support, both financial and other wise

**Selling Advertising Space, Fundraising Committee – website and newsletter**

Will not take advertising for newsletter

Will wait until new web site is up and running to decide about advertising on web site.

**Fundraising Plan, Fundraising Committee**

Written report

Executive Director move ahead without Board approval on

1. Give a VFP membership gift. Promote especially during Holiday Season. Develop a special gift card.
2. Promote buying items through VFP on Amazon, Barnes and Nobles and other online stores that we can create affiliate accounts. If people buy items online, they should buy from us.
6. Board members calling major donors
8. I think non-renewals should receive at least four chances to renew and a phone call. If the phone call is completed before the fourth renewal reminder and the person chooses not to renew they will be taken off the renewal list.

Executive Director will design a program and bring it back to board to accomplish this:

3. 2020 for peace. Help Veterans For Peace spread our vision of a world without war.

Help us eliminate war as a way to solve conflicts by 2020. We need 2020 members to give \$20 a month. This would generate \$484,800 a year. Doug could work on this campaign. This campaign could generate enough money to sustain national, fund regional coordinators and provide funds for specific chapter projects. We need to work on the language and presentation.

Assign to Zackery to rename and/or to set levels

4. Renaming our support levels

Ask membership if we have any grant writers

5. Intensifying grant writing

### **Refer to fundraising committee**

7. Appealing to high-income people for support. Asking members to introduce us to people they know (friends and family) who have high incomes and can give \$1,000 or more.

### **Executive Director Evaluation**

That Personnel Committee continue improving job evaluation and come up with job description in consultation with Executive Director.

### **Planning**

Include strategic planning in October meeting, looking for input on meeting including: how much time should be allocated to this, maximum number of people for meeting, possible facilitators, possible non board members to attend, kind of facilities, etc. by May 1st.

### **Change Fiscal Year**

Change Article 11 section 3 to read: The fiscal year of VFP shall be from Jan 1st through Dec 31st.

### **Resolutions Committee**

Approve resolution process as submitted by Committee Chairman Grahlfs

### **Arlington Memorials**

Encourage chapters to follow wishes of parents, to be compassionate and, to be sensitive to love ones. Also to encourage chapters to keep the memorial a memorial not a protest.

### **Special Projects**

Require each special project to submit a report including description of project, budgetary estimate, anticipated income sources, quarterly paragraph of status of project and, end of year financial report.

### **Veterans Service Organization Status**

Authorize Santa Fe Chapter #55 to look into national VFP becoming a VSO, report date 15 June.

### **Chapter & Membership Development**

Executive Director will send each board member 10 chapters to contact and survey by end of April, survey data to be submitted to national office by 1 July.