

**Veterans For Peace
Board Of Director's Meeting
Radisson Hotel, St. Louis, MO
28-29 January 2006**

In Attendance:

Board members: David Cline, Sharon Kufeldt, Kenneth Mayers, Ellen Barfield, John Kim, Barry Riesch, Dana Briggs, Frank Ackles, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, Wayne Wittman

Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director, Gabriela Inderwies, Communications manager, Chris Snively Office Manager

Guests: Peter Bronson, Woody Powell, Charles (Chuc) Smith, Lincoln Grahlf

9:17 meeting was called to order by President

Minutes

Motion by Barfield, seconded and passed to accept minutes of 9-10 April 2005

Motion by Barfield, seconded and passed to accept minutes of 8-9 October 2005 with minor corrections and to indicate that John Kim had notified the board several days in advance that he would not be at the meeting, but his absence was, nevertheless, considered to be unexcused.

Excused Absence

By consensus: Frank Houde was excused

Point of Order

It was raised and over ruled: that it would be out of order to have a guest at the meeting speak

Swearing in of new board

Frank Ackles, Elliott Adams, Ellen Barfield, Bill Collins, Dana Briggs, David Cline, John Kim, Sharon Kufeldt, Ken Mayers, Barry Riesch & Wayne Wittman were sworn as 2006 board members.

Board Officer Elections

Nominations were made and seconded for Dave Cline President, Sharon Kufeldt Vice President, Elliott Adams Secretary, Kenneth Mayers Treasurer, there being no other nominations. They were elected by acclamation

Past Minutes

Kufeldt & Adams directed to review archiving of past minutes, be sure there are both hard copy and electronic copies of past minutes

Election Procedure

Reviewed and adopted election committee report by consensus Referred to committee

Charge: review of election process and suggest modifications of

Committee of: former election committee and secretary

Report: at the April meeting

Board Responsibility Document

Reviewed and referred to a committee of Riesch and Adams to report later in meeting.

Executive Director Evaluation

Motion by Riesch and seconded to create Personnel Committee, motion to amend by Mayers and seconded, committee charge is to develop a process for evaluating Executive Director. Amended notion passed Committee of: Wittman, Riesch, Adams, Collins (chairman), to report March 15

Board Communication

By consensus: special meeting in bylaws is understood to mean only physical meetings By consensus: conference calls will be used on an as needed basis, and Executive Board will keep the board informed

Next Meetings

By consensus: the following dates and locations of board meetings were set: April 8-9 meeting in Atlanta, alternate Baltimore Aug 9th, all day with over flow on 10th in Seattle Location of October meeting not to be set now.

Stieber Resignation

Motion by Adams, seconded, and passed to accept Stieber's resignation Motion by Collins, seconded, and passed offering vacant Board position to Alfred Dale

Moment of silence for Doug Barber

Executive Director's Report

Motion by Wittman, seconded, and passed to accept the Executive Director's report

Fund Raising Plan

Referred to committee Committee of: Mayers, Briggs, McPhearson & Zackery Charge: how we are going to design a campaign to solicit funds beyond dues from membership Report: by the Ides of March

Treasurers Report

Motion by Riesch, seconded, and passed to accept Treasures Report Telephone report by Carlton Cartwright about Veterans Oral History Project Telephone report by Stan Goff and Paul Robinson about Walk to New Orleans

Fiscal Year Change Referred to committee

Charge: to look into changing of fiscal year to end of year

Committee of: Mayers and Executive Director

Tax-exempt status

Moved by Briggs, seconded and passed that Briggs, Executive Director, and Barfield look into filing 501(h), including checking with Alliance For Justice. A report will be sent to Board. As long as there is no objection, they will be authorized to file 501(h) and establish a procedure to track possible lobbying. Moved by Kufeldt, seconded, and passed to notify chapters of the need to file a form 990 if they raise more than \$25,000 and send a copy of 990 to the national office.

Convention Report

Report to be sent out by Briggs Monday night

2007 Convention

Moved by Mayers seconded and passed to email all chapter contacts on Monday that any chapter interested in hosting the 2007 convention notify the Convention Committee Chair, Wittman, by March

1st.

Moved by Mayers seconded and passed that, hence forth, chapters interested in hosting a convention 2 years out provide a proposal to the board at the meeting at the convention.

Chapter Certification

Moved by Kufeldt, seconded and passed to establish charter Chapter #50, Bruce and Char Sanderson Chapter, East Jordan, Michigan

Moved by Kufeldt, seconded and passed to charter establish Chapter #129, Pueblo, CO

Moved by Kufeldt, seconded and passed to charter establish Chapter #130, Mobile, AL

Moved by Kufeldt, seconded and passed to charter establish Chapter #131, Oklahoma City, OK

Moved by Wittman, seconded and passed to charter establish Chapter #132, Corvallis, OR provided that dues are paid up

Moved by Kufeldt, seconded and passed to charter establish Chapter #133, Helena, MT Chapter #134, Tacoma, WA

Moved by Mayers seconded and passed that in the chartering process chapters designate a town, this town will be used in establishing the 25-mile radius limit for other chapters.

School of America

Moved by Briggs, seconded and passed that Wittman be appointed as VFP delegate to the SOAW

5:58 PM meeting adjourned until 9:00 AM Sunday morning

9:00 AM meeting reconvened

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Katrina Report

Motion moved by Mayers, seconded and passed: We support the AER mission, however we view with alarm the high salaries and administration costs.

By consensus: In the interests of transparency we will post, on the web site, the Katrina funds collected and dispersed

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed: based on verbal testimony refer the situation involving Gordon Soderberg to membership committee for possible disciplinary action

Motion moved by Wittman seconded and passed: the Board of Directors acknowledges and endorses the action taken by the Executive Committee reflected in the President's cease and desist letter of November 29, 2005 to Gordon Soderberg. The Board requests that the President publish the cease and desist letter to the membership

Committee Appointments

Nominations Committee - Wittman

Fundraising Committee - Briggs

Membership Chapter Development - Kufeldt

International Liaison Committee - Barfield will contact Houde

ZOCS - Ackles

Resolutions - Grahlf

Awards Committee - tentatively Frank Corcoran

Personnel Committee - Collins

Corporate Sponsorship

Motion made by Mayers, seconded and passed we will accept corporate donations under careful restrictions and not accept sponsorships. The vote was 7 in favor, 2 opposed

Korea Veterans For Peace

By consensus: ask convention committee to invite a delegation from Korea Veterans For Peace

Combatants for Peace

By consensus: agree send and financially support a representative to the April 10th meeting of Combatants for Peace, which is made up of Palestinian and Israeli ex-combatants. CFP is in contact with both Refuser Solidarity Network and Jewish Voice for Peace

Bylaw Review

Moved by Collins, seconded and passed to form a Bylaws Review Committee, which is to make regular reports to Board

Grahlfs appointed to committee

Motion made by Mayers, seconded and passed that proposed by-laws amendments submitted by John Kim be referred to Bylaws Committee for consideration

By consensus: directed Mayers to write a letter to chapter 27 regarding local and national dues

Bus Trip Policy

By consensus: Kufeldt and Briggs will draft a policy on oversight of VFP projects and bus trips

Annual Review

A discussion about planning, role of board meeting and annual meeting in that process.

Heifer Project/Friendship Village

By consensus: agree with Santa Fe, Chapter 55, establishing a relationship with Heifer Project to partner Heifer's experience and Chapter 55's money in stocking Friendship Village's fish farm.

Board Member Expectation

Motion by Briggs seconded and passed to adopt Board Member Expectations, see attached.

Convention

By consensus: theme of convention will be Strategies For Justice and Peace, 2/3rd of the breakout sessions focused on this subject, possibly a kick off plenary session on Thursday on strategic planning.

Korea Peace Campaign Project

By consensus VFP will help with registration and lodging at our convention of a small delegation from Korea Veterans For Peace

2:05 PM meeting adjourned

Elliott D S Adams, Secretary

Board Member Expectation

The collective responsibilities of the Board are laid out in the bylaws; the following expectations are a guide to individual member responsibilities.

- 1) Be familiar with bylaws and policies of VFP
- 2) Physically attend scheduled Board meetings (responsible for costs incurred in travel and lodging but funds are available on request for those in need)
- 3) Be available between board meetings for online discussion, conference calls and, voting on issues related to VFP
- 4) Serve on and chair committees as necessary for development and functioning of VFP.
- 5) Attend and participate in yearly National Convention plus aiding in its promotion and operation as necessary.
- 6) Support and participate in fundraising efforts for VFP.
- 7) Be available to membership for questions and concerns about VFP.
- 8) Be a strong voice in promoting VFP at national and local level.
- 9) Actively participate in financial oversight.