

**VFP Board Meeting Minutes – Minneapolis, MN  
August 27 & 28, 2008**

8:10 AM

Present: Elliott Adams, Eli PaintedCrow, John Varone, Ellen Barfield, Mike Ferner, Michael Uhl, Michael McPhearson, Bill Collins, Anita Foster, Sharon Kufeldt, Kenneth Mayers, Thomas Brinson & Gary May

Agenda approved as amended

Treasurer's Report-Approved

ED Report-filed

Investments—ED proposes to go forward with exploring investing in financial instruments with varying maturity dates ranging from short term (more liquid) to long term (less liquid). Refer to Executive Committee. Motion Anita, Seconded Ellen—carried

Regional communication coordinator—proposed new position—part time volunteer—ED finalizing position description

Case statement—Erin Titcomb, consultant—trying to arrange a meeting with consultant during convention to help refine audience for, use for and content of case statement

National Convention—Slide Presentation about VFP—to be shown at membership meeting

Bylaws Committee- commend committee for good work by consent

Resolutions—2008-1 motion Foster offers motion to reject No second

Discussion: Mayers The whereas clauses are badly written, but we can accept Therefore's v. whereases. We can control what can get published. Moves that we control which whereas clauses get published for public consumption motion seconded Barfield amendment to not publish ANY whereases seconded amendment rejected vote on Mayers unamended motion passed motion to not recommend seconded passed debate on content of "Whereases" re: reflection on organization

2008-2

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-3

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-4

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-5

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-6

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-7

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-8

Consolidated edition—motion & second—passed

Motion to reject previous 2008-8 & 2008-11.

2008-9

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-10

Recommend reject—motion & second—passed

2008-11

Dropped

2008-12

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-13

Recommend reject—motion & second—passed

Poorly worded

2008-14

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-15

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-16

Recommend pass—motion & second—failed

Language problems

2008-17

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-18

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-19

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-20

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-21

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-22

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-23

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-24

Recommend pass—motion & second—passed

2008-25

Recommend—move to not recommend & second—passed

2008-26

Recommend reject—motion & second—passed

Thanks Bob & Resolution Committee for fine work—by consensus

Lapsed Calls—recommendations

Brinson—

Mayers—Recommends making follow up calls sooner/White Pages search helpful

Ferner—

Barfield—

Verone—

Collins—strengthens organization, but doesn't produce much \$

Kufeldt—

May—

Adams—

Foster—how we count members should change—shorten window between lapse in dues and action total: up to 17 renewals from follow up calls

recess for lunch motion & second—passed 12:10

reconvened 1:35

## Chapter Contacts

Management of problematic postings

Action: Thomas, Ellen & Sharon will comprise a Presidential-appointed committee to make recommendations re: responsibilities for chapter contacts. Report to Executive Committee by October 1, 2008. Additionally, this committee will also make recommendations re: what is required of chapters (e.g., annual chapter report).

Motion—Mayers--President and ED begin process to withdraw “organizing committee” status for Organizing Committee 929 and to draft a statement explaining the reason for the withdrawal. Seconded. Passed. Thomas Brinson--Abstains.

## Organizational Development

BoD Role. To:

- Maximizing strengths
- Mitigating weaknesses
- Strengthening message

Strategic Planning Update

- Toolkit—Ken Mayers
- Regional Collaboration—Woody Powell
- Messaging & Case Statement—Eli Painted Crow
- Media—Bill Collins
- Outreach—Mike Ferner
- Training—Thomas Brinson

Timeline—September 27, 2008 with 12 noon EDT conference call involving BoD and Woody Powell to monitor progress.

Break 3:15

Reconvene 3:35

Convention Update—Wayne Wittman

Minneapolis is ready to go!!

Future Conventions

Videoconference committee—Ken Mayers, Thomas Brinson—Ken commits to have report by September 30, 2008. Roland James added to committee.

2011 & 2012—Wayne will issue call for convention proposals at the Business meeting

We want to get input from Strategic Planning facilitator concerning the influence of the strategic plan and future conventions.

Portland, ME Conference Organizing Committee—Michael Uhl  
Committee must maintain close contact with National before committing to details

Moved & seconded to recess—passed--4:57 PM

Reconvened by President Adams 8/28/2008 8:07 AM

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Chapter Charters—Kufeldt—one chapter ready to be a new chapter—Committee recommends approve as Chapter 156 Rogue Valley Chapter, located in Grant's Pass Oregon—passed

Advertising on the Web—Adams

Suggest making policy recommendations—Mike Ferner, Ellen Barfield, Peter Bronson Charge—to develop guidelines for acceptance of advertising in VFP vehicles or acceptance of funds—report due October 1, 2008.

Executive Director Succession—Collins (Personnel Committee)

Pending—BoD to re-read previously submitted succession plan protocol

BoD engagement between meetings—Adams

Gather information about technology options/costs/staff demands, etc. Mayers and Brinson to take the lead

Michael Uhl—conference update

2010 Conference—Mayers—schedule regular BoD meeting in Portland, ME for Spring 2009. Seconded. Passed. Motion, second & passed meeting dates--May 16 & 17

Use of Minutes—

BoD should read minutes one month prior to meeting

Task list from minutes—members should select Tasks (highlighted in minutes)

Approval of minutes—motion, seconded & passed.

Motion, second & passed—adjourn 8/28/2008 9:50 AM

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