

**VFP Board Meeting Minutes – Drury Inn, St. Louis, MO
January 22-24, 2010**

In Attendance:

Board members: Collins, Eichholz, Viges, Bolger, Ferner, Hearington, Goldshlag, and Williams
Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director, Virginia Druhe Office Manager, and
Doug Zachary Fundraiser
Guests: Ken Mayer

7:00PM meeting was called to order by President

Secretary Pro Tem

Nate Goldshlag appointed as Secretary Pro Tem

Swearing in of new board

Mike Hearington, Joey King and, Cherie Eichholz sworn in as members of the board

Discussion Topic

Discussion of what we feel when we get discouraged in activism.

Policy Book Discussion

Motion was moved seconded and passed: leave Caucuses as is.
Motion was moved seconded and passed: repeal New Board Member Buddies
Motion was moved seconded and passed: repeal Communication Allowance
Motion was moved seconded and defeated: repeal National Presence

Convention Committee Report

Speakers - Chris Hedges confirmed
Video Streaming - Goldshlag (working with Jeffrey Keating), Hearington and Mayers will work on it. Ferner will get in touch with LA, San Diego, and Portland (OR) about hosting.

Haiti

By consensus: we need a statement on Haiti – Collins will draft

9:10 PM meeting adjourned until 9:00 AM Saturday morning

9:06 AM meeting called to order

In Attendance:

Board members: Collins, Eichholz, Viges, Bolger, Ferner, Hearington, Goldshlag, Williams,
McCann, King, and Adams
Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director, Virginia Druhe Office Manager, Doug
Zachary Fundraiser, Betsy Reznicek Communications and Outreach Coordinator
Guests: Ken Mayers

Election of Officers:

The following were elected to office

President: Ferner

Vice-president: Eichholz

Treasure: Goldschlag

Secretary: Adams

ED's Report:

Motion was moved seconded and passed: to direct ED to revise the budget to include a COLA increase for a staff.

President's Report:

Endorsed by ExCom and with no objection: to endorse people doing actions in CD on March 20th

Endorsed by ExCom and with no objection: endorse National Assembly meeting July in Albany

Treasurer's Report:

Development Committee Report:

Dues Increase:

Motion was moved seconded and passed: recommend to general membership to raise dues to \$40 (has to be approved by the general membership).

Next Meeting:

Motion was moved seconded and passed: next meeting April 16th -18th Atlanta

Membership Report:

Information and Action Team:

Motion was moved seconded: Adopt the proposal as drafted by Bolger

Motion was moved seconded and passed: to table the motion

Strategic Plan Committee Report:

2010 Committee appointments:

President will get out a list of committee members and chairs soon.

Planning Committee will have report for the April

12:05 PM meeting adjourned until 1:00 PM

1:05 PM reconvened

Interview ED Candidates

Motion was moved and seconded: board offered a position to a candidate.

Amendment was moved seconded and passed: to have a meeting to work out the details right now.

Executive session to discuss details of employment offer

Amendment moved, seconded, and passed: to immediately notify him, send him letter of offer promptly.

Motion passed.

5:49 PM adjourned

9:02 AM 24 Jan Reconvene

Fundraising training by Anita Foster, former board member

12:59 PM end training

1:00PM reconvene meeting at .

Moved, seconded, and passed: minutes of 8-9 Aug, 8 Aug, 21 Sept, 16-19 Oct, and 16 Nov
Recognition of retiring Board members Sharon Kufeldt, Ken Mayers, Anita Foster

Meeting adjourned 1:07 PM

Elliott D S Adams, Secretary