

Veterans For Peace National Convention
Business Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2020

Meeting called to order; 10:12am PST- Kinne

Board Members present: Present: President - Adrienne Kinne, Executive Director - Garrett Reppenhagen, VP - Dave Logsdon, Secretary - Michael Dempsey, Marti GuyDowning, Willie Hager, Joey King, Patrick McCann, Miles Megaciph, Joshua Shurley, Ben Schrader, Elliot Abrams and Natasha Erskine

Welcome and Greetings - Kinne

Explanation of how the meeting is being conducted as a webinar, and how procedures will work - Kinne/Reppenhagen

Polling, Voting, Comments, Questions

Member Expulsion - Kinne

Unexpected explanation of compromise being reached between member and unknown committee, prior to meeting

Opening Remarks – Kinne

Request for Motion to accept today's agenda

Motion to accept Agenda made by David Wright, and Seconded by, Darrel Wilkes

Question and answer period while waiting for final vote

Majority vote 86% approve Agenda

Reading of Statement of Purpose and Code of Conduct - Dempsey

Minor problem during reading of Code of Conduct, during pause, there was Q & A of procedures and Zoom controls

Review of Submitted Reports:

Executive Director's Report /Treasurer/Membership - Reppenhagen

Full Report is online under "Governance" for all to view

Summary of Reports; Reason for becoming ED and how events have presented unexpected challenges

Year started very aggressively, numerous actions and events planned, with some set into motion, and then, COVID-19

Budget; Budget is in better shape than anticipated, due to Categories funds listed under, with explanation of same

Board approved Balance Budget

Screen shared with audience showing Financial Report and "Restricted Funding"

Post 9/11 membership has increased

Inactive Chapters being purged, Applications for new Chapters increasing

“At large” membership changed to “Independent”, this creates an atmosphere more inline with younger members

Brief explanation of closing current Headquarters, and moving to shared office space, all pertinent information is on website, staff is working from home

Online Convention has been positive experience

Online communications have improved

Review of Submitted Reports Q&A - Kinne

1. Has the Board done any fundraising? - Goldshlag
2. Why hasn't the Board appointed a Treasurer? - Goldshlag

Answers - Kinne

1. Fundraising is a work in progress, the current Board to has done limited fundraising but not enough

2. Reached out to general membership, with limited results, some Board members are helping

President's Report - Kinne

Positive comments about the Convention by attendees

Disappointed UN International Peace Convention cancelled due to COVID

Difficult last two years, combination of personal and Board issues
Reenergized by members taking responsibilities, and working with current Board

Expressed her vision of Board going forward, Regional Coordinators under consideration

Bylaws - Schrader

No new Bylaws submitted, Bylaws were submitted than withdrawn

Board Candidates - McCann

Nominees introduced with explanation of how process works, including voting for same

Michael Dempsey

Dave Logsdon

Danny Beever

Susan Schnall

Ken Mayers

Bruce West

Paul Cox

Bill Homans

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Acknowledge Award Recipients - King

Chapter of The Year: Ch.182 Mexico

Resolution Votes - Shurley

Eight Resolutions submitted, members instructed to use Q&A for “Yeah” or “Nay”

Comment by President Kinne; Name of Resolution and Board recommendation read in the interest of time going forward, Participants reminded that Q&A is for 'Stack", and approving Resolutions during this period

1. SATYAGRAHA - Phillip Pflager
2. Pivot to Peace with China and the World - Eugene Ruyle, No comments, 93% Approval, No Opposition
3. Call for a DoD review of the Henoko Base Project, Okinawa - Doug Lummis, 95% Approval, No Opposition
4. End Economic Sanctions by the United States- William Stansbery, Discussion both for and against resolution with following results, Yeah 97, Nay 27, Resolution Passes

5. Motion to Censure the Board of Directors of Veterans For Peace - Moved to separate agenda item
 6. Time to End the Korean War with a Peace Treaty - Ann Wright, John Kim, VFP- Korea Peace Campaign (project), No comments, 98% approval, Nay 0
 7. Cancel Enormous Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Naval War Rehearsals - Chapter 113 Hawaii, Passed with 94% approval, Yeah 154, Abstain 2, Nay 0
 8. Shut Down Red Hill Naval Fuel Tanks - Chapter 113 Hawaii, No comments Passed, 96% approval, 1% disapproval
 9. Creating My Lai Memorial Moment - Hollis Higgins, Passed, 92% approval
- President Kinne thanked all participants and hoped all had a positive experience with our first ever online Business Meeting. There is a Social Room available throughout Convention

Executive Session

Floor opened for comments from Board - Kinne

Overall appreciation of, President, Staff and ED putting together the Convention
Not all are happy with compromise, some felt blindsided, and left out of negotiations
Some technical issues, most addressed by staff

Mexico Chapter grateful for being awarded Chapter of the Year

Other Business - GuyDowning/Johnson

GuyDowning having technical issues, left meeting at 12:38pm PST

Ch. 192 has VFP Masks for sell

Acknowledgement of all organizations working for peace

VFP can revisit in-person convention for next year, all funds have been retained and can be used at initial site.

Closing -

Motion to adjourn - Reppenhagen, Seconded - Johnson

Meeting adjourned; 12:55pm PST

Respectfully,

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