



Veterans For Peace
2006 Board Meeting Minutes

(January, April, August, November)

**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

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

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

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.



Veterans For Peace

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

9:11 AM April 8, 2006 meeting called to order by Vice President Kufeldt

In Attendance:

Board members: Sharon Kufeldt, Kenneth Mayers, John Kim, Barry Riesch, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, and Frank Houde

Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director

Guests: Reid Jenkins, George Sossenko (9:57), Debra Clark (12:23)

Agenda

By consensus: add to agenda reading mission statement and introductions

Mission statement read

Moment of silence

Introductions

Excused Absence

Dave Cline - just back from Vietnam, Ellen Barfield - Palestine/Israel, Dana Briggs - high cost, Alfred Dale - not on list serve, found out about the meeting late, high cost, Frank Ackle - emergency job situation, Wayne Wittman - family commitments

Minutes

Motion by Collins, seconded and passed to accept minutes of 28-29 January 2006

Executive Director's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Motion by Adams, seconded and passed to 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 for getting it into the future.

Motion by Riesch, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's report

Walk'n to New Orleans March Report

Motion by Collins, seconded and passed to establish a Public Relations Committee with Collins as chairman

Break 11:25 - 11:43

Follow up work linking Katrina to War

Convention Committee:

Teleconference report with Briggs

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed to accept St. Louis' proposal to host the 2007 convention.

Katrina Relief - Money Statue/AER Status

Report on funds and accounts of Katrina relief work

AER report

Break for lunch 12:32 - 2:13

Convention Guidelines Committee

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed to 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.

Gordon Soderberg and Dennis Kyne complaints against Executive Director and associated issues.



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Motion by Kim, seconded and passed to 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

Nominations Committee (for Board of Directors)

Wittman emailed report

Election Procedures Committee,

Motion by Riesch, seconded and passed that the President call the Chairman of the Election Procedures Committee and ask for a report by 15 June 06

Selling Advertising Space, Fundraising Committee – website and newsletter

By consensus: will not take advertising for newsletter

By consensus: will wait until new web site is up and running to decide about advertising on web site.

Fundraising Plan, Fundraising Committee

Actions on report from Executive Director

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, which we can create, affiliate accounts. If people buy items online, they should buy from us.
6. Board members calling major donors
8. Give non-renewals 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 then be taken off the renewal list.

By consensus: items 1, 2, 6, 8 are the jurisdiction of Executive Director and do not require Board approval

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.

By consensus: the Executive Director will design a program for Item 3 and bring back to Board

4. Renaming our support levels

By consensus: item 4 assign to Zackery to rename and/or to set levels

5. Intensifying grant writing

By consensus: item 5 ask membership if we have any grant writers

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.

By consensus: item 7 refer to fundraising committee

Chapter 27 Fundraising Letter

Wittman plans to revise Chapter 27's fundraising letter in keeping Board's concerns, they will run draft letter by Mayers before sending it out



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Executive Director Evaluation

Motion by Kim, seconded and passed that Personnel Committee continue improving job evaluation and come up with job description in consultation with Executive Director.

Planning

Motion by Riesch, seconded and passed to include strategic planning in October meeting.

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed that Board members will submit by May 8th ideas for strategic planning 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. Secretary will send reminder out 1 May.

Change Fiscal Year

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed to change Article 11 section 3 to read: The fiscal year of VFP shall be from Jan 1st through Dec 31st. Treasurer will take responsibility for bringing the bylaws change through the process

Resolutions Committee

Motion by Houde, seconded and passed to approve resolution process as submitted by Committee Chairman Grahlf

Arlington Memorials

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed to encourage chapters to follow wishes of parents, to be compassionate and, to be sensitive to loved ones. Also to encourage chapters to keep the memorial a memorial not a protest.

Korean Veterans for Peace

Report by Houde and Kim

International Liaison

Report by Houde

ZOCS

Special Projects

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed to 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. Treasurer will notify designated responsible individual for each project in time for report.

Iraq Water Project

Report by Riesch

5:55 PM meeting adjourned until 9:00 AM Sunday morning

9:09 AM, April 9 meeting reconvened

In Attendance:

Board members: Sharon Kufeldt, Kenneth Mayers, John Kim, Barry Riesch, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, and Frank Houde

Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director

Bylaws review committee

No report available

Agent Orange Report

Teleconference report by Kline

Veterans Service Organization Status



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Motion by Adams, seconded and passed to authorize Santa Fe Chapter #55 to look into national VFP becoming a VSO, report date 15 June.

Chapter & Membership Development

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed that Kufeldt will submit to Executive Director a Chapter Questionnaire, 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. (MS Word is a good format to submit it in.)

Motion by Houde, seconded and passed that while doing chapter questionnaire board members question chapters about chapter achievements that deserve recognition. Chapter achievements will be listed at convention and displayed on the web site. Santa Fe will put achievements on a banner for convention.

Bus Tours

Motion by Mayers, seconded and passed to refer bus trip policy back to Bus Trip Committee formed at last meeting

Meeting adjourned 11:26

Submitted by Elliott D S Adams, Secretary

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University of Washington, Seattle, WA 9-10 August 2006

9:19 AM August 9, 2006 meeting called to order by Vice President Kufeldt

In Attendance:

Board members: Sharon Kufeldt, Kenneth Mayers, Ellen Barfield, Barry Riesch, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, Patrick McCann, Dave Cline, Alfred Dale, Wayne Wittman, Dave Cline, Frank Ackles, and Frank Houde

Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director

Guests: Lane Anderson, Bob Krzewinski, Nate Goldshlag, Hugh Bruce, Peter Bronson, Tom Swan, George McAnanama, and many others

Board member introduced them selves

9:28 President Cline took charge of the meeting

Agenda

By consensus: add to agenda Good and Welfare

Excused Absence John Kim

Minutes

Motion by Collins, seconded and passed to accept minutes as corrected of 8-9 April 2006

Treasurer Report

Motion by Wittman, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's report

Change Fiscal Year

Motion by Mayers seconded and passed by 2/3 majority That Article XI Section 3 of the Veterans for Peace, Inc. by-laws be changed to read as follows: "The fiscal year of VFP shall be from Jan 1 through December 31 of the same year"

Executive Director's Report

Katrina Report

Motion by Barfield seconded and passed: that cost for hiring a firm to review Katrina tax returns be absorbed by VFP

By consensus: highlights of Katrina report will be posted on the web and full report will be available to members on request

AER Report

Motion by Kufeldt seconded and passed: to postpone consideration of report until additional salary data is submitted

Investigative Committee Report

Motion by Dale seconded and passed: accepting the Investigative Committee report on complaints by Gordon Soderberg and Dennis Kyne about Executive Director, Board of Directors and associated issues (Note: members may get a copy of the report from National office)

Nominating Committee (for Board of Executives)

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Motion by Wittman seconded and passed: to accept report nominations: Sharon Kufeldt, Kenneth Mayers, Mike Ferner, George Johnson, Anita Cole, Tim Pluta, Lane Anderson, Pete Bronson, John Grant, Michael Uhl

Executive Director's Report

Motion by Riesch seconded and passed: to accept report

Motion by Kufeldt seconded and passed: to add to October meeting agenda a discussion about whether there should be a limit to the percentage of members that could be associate members

Break 11:25 - 11:38

Caucuses

Motion by Collins seconded and passed: Members may form caucuses, consistent with the goals and mission of VFP, unless the Board objects.

Fundraising Committee

Motion by Kufeldt seconded and passed: to appoint McCann as chairman of the Finance Committee

Veterans Service Organizations

Report by Mayers

Awards Committee Report

Motion by McCann seconded and passed: to accept report

Report on Katrina Relief Awards – both pins a special awards

Crosby Stills Nash and Young Tour Report

Lunch break 12:15- 1:22

In Attendance:

John Kim joined the meeting during break

International Liaison Committee

Report

Presentation of three delegates of VFP ROK: Kim, Sanghan. Pyo, Myung Yeol. Joo, Jung Heon

Motion by Wittman seconded and passed: authorizing the President to sign the MUO with VFP ROK.

Convention Committee Report:

Resolutions Committee

Motion by Ackles seconded and passed: not consider Resolution #1 since it is reaffirmation existing resolutions

Motion by Collins seconded and passed: respectfully decline to endorse Resolution # 2.

Motion by Barfield seconded and passed: to endorse Resolution # 3, with the word “demand” replaced by “calls on”.

Motion by McCann seconded and passed: respectfully decline to endorse Resolution # 4.

Motion by Adams seconded and passed: not consider Resolution #4a since it is reaffirmation existing resolutions

Motion by McCann seconded and passed: to endorse Resolution # 5

Motion by Houde seconded and passed: to endorse Resolution # 6 with the conditions that 1) he reaffirm that as a special project he will under write the costs, 2) that wording be added to encourage

chapters to ask their members of congress to stop the pressure by our government on the Japanese government to remove Art 9 and 3) encouraging the chapters to read article # 9 out load to their chapter

Motion by Kim seconded and passed: to endorse Resolution # 7 as amended under (3) change "To send" to "organize" and under 4) change "To send a copy of" to "communicates"

Motion by Collins seconded and passed by a 2/3 majority: to endorse bylaws change # 8

Note: Resolutions #9 & #10 were erroneously included.

By consensus because of the recent change of world events Cline, Dale, Mayers will draft a resolution about Israel/Palestine.

Honorary Membership

Motion by Mayers seconded and passed: award Hetty Epstein Honorary membership

Break 3:04 – 3:22

Guests: many more members joined meeting

Chapter & Membership Development

Motion by Houde seconded and passed: since the Iraq vet for whom the chapter is being named was 19 when killed and since the old Chapter 19 has been confirmed as inactive, to give Riverside & San Bernardino Counties, charter number 19 instead of 137. Motion by Mayers seconded and passed: to charter chapter number 19, Riverside & San Bernardino Counties, CA, named Jon Castro Chapter of VFP, the city of record is Palm Springs, CA.

Motion by Collins seconded and passed: to charter chapter number 138, in Eastern Nassau and Suffolk Counties, NY, named VFP Long Island, the city of record is North Babylon, NY.

Motion by Kufeldt seconded and passed: to charter chapter number 139, in Northern Olympic Peninsula, WA, named North Olympic Chapter of VFP, the city of record is Port Angeles, WA.

Motion by Riesch seconded and passed: to charter chapter number 140, in North Western, PA, named Casey Austin Sheehan Chapter, the city of record is Conneaut Lake, PA.

Motion by McCann seconded and passed: to charter chapter number 141, in South West OR, named Oregon South West VFP, the city of record is Bandon, OR.

Motion by Adams seconded and passed: to charter chapter number 142, in Okanogan County, WA, named Okanogan County Chapter, the city of record is Okanogan, WA.

Motion by Wittman seconded and passed: to charter chapter number 143, the city of record is Everett, WA.

Motion by Dale seconded and passed: to, with changes in the application, charter chapter number 144, in the Delaware Valley, PA, the city of record is Levittown, PA.

Report concerning Mr. Soderberg

Motion by Riesch seconded and passed (11 in favor 1 opposed): that, based on Mr. Soderberg's statement "Either do it at this board meeting or drop it and clear my name with a letter to the entire membership!" with heavy hearts, the Board move forward with the somber process of weighing the evidence of the Committee's Report. Motion by Wittman seconded and passed: to go into closed session for consideration of the evidence.

Motion by Collins seconded and passed: to expelled Mr. Soderberg from membership

Amendment moved by Adams seconded and passed: to amend the motion to include," after 3 years may reapply for consideration for membership by the Board".

Motion by Collins seconded and passed: to direct the President to take all appropriate legal actions and public notification to restrain Mr. Soderberg and protect the good name and integrity of VFP.

Motion by Kufeldt seconded and passed: to come back into open session. Charges concerning Mr. Krzewinski

Motion by Houde seconded and passed: that the charges are with out merit

Meeting adjourned 4:51

9:20 AM August 10, 2006 meeting called to order by President Cline

In Attendance:

Board members: Sharon Kufeldt, Kenneth Mayers, Ellen Barfield, Barry Riesch, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, Patrick McCann, Alfred Dale, Wayne Wittman, Dave Cline, Frank Ackles, John Kim, and Frank Houde.

Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director

Guests: many members came and went during the meeting

Good and Welfare:

Report on Bruce Barry's condition

Arlington Memorial

Motion by Kim seconded and failed: to modify Arlington Memorial motion of 8-9 April 2006 with item 2 removed

Consensus to put Arlington Memorial motion of 8-9 April 2006 out on chapter contacts

Resolutions

Motion by Collins seconded and passed: that the Board takes a position, with heavy hearts, that unfortunately the resolutions (Medical Marijuana, Endorse Earth Charter, Civilian Conservation Corp) don't meet the emergency test, and respectively return them to the authors to be resubmitted another year

Motion by McCann seconded and passed: to endorse, under the emergency test, Resolution #1

Whereas the human costs of the current conflict in Lebanon have been overwhelming,

And whereas Hezbollah fighters continue to fire rockets at cities in northern Israel and while ground combat takes place in southern Lebanon,

And whereas the totally disproportionate use of force and violence and the indiscriminate destruction of infrastructure by the Israeli Defense Force is a clear violation of international prohibitions against collective punishment and injunctions to protect civilian lives and property,

Therefore be it resolved that Veterans For Peace universally condemns the targeting of civilians by both sides and calls for the United States Government to support an immediate cease-fire and promote negotiations involving all concerned parties to resolve all border disputes and prisoner release issues.

Motion by Barfield seconded and passed: to endorse, under the emergency test, resolution #2

Whereas the occupation of Lebanese territory by the Israeli Defense Forces constitutes a clear violation of the sovereignty of Lebanon,

Therefore be it resolved that Veterans for Peace calls for the United States Government to use the diplomatic and economic means at its disposal to secure a removal of IDF forces from Lebanese territory.

A resolution on Gaza is not in order because the 2004 convention approved a resolution, which included the following:

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Whereas the International Court of Justice has ruled that the wall being built on Palestinian land is a “de facto annexation” and is illegal.

Therefore VFP calls for:

- 1-The immediate removal of the wall from all Palestinian lands
- 2-Dismantlement of all Israeli settlements on the West Bank and Gaza
- 3-The end to the military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza by the Israeli Defense Force
- 4-The return of Israel to its 1967 borders as mandated by UN resolution 242
- 5-Internationally supervised negotiations for the creation of an independent Palestinian state and all related issues of security and the refugees “right to return”

Convention Committee 2007 Report

Convention Committee 2008 Report

Moved by Mayers seconded and passed: to empower the Chairman of the committee to consult with Atlanta to test their seriousness of intent. If satisfied with their capacity he is empowered to designate Atlanta as the location of the convention.

KPC, IWP, BTHN, VNAORR, IVAW, and other project reports:

Motion by Houde seconded and passed that exercising our fiscal responsibility and a concern of the lack of paper trail we send a delegation to the IVAW board meeting.

Motion by Mayers seconded and passed to request time on the IVAW board meeting agenda for a delegation of the Pres, the Treasure, and the ED to discuss 501c3 accountability.

Fall National Focus Activities - VFP’s Role

Moved by Adams seconded and passed: that we put on the October agenda a discussion of an Action and Strategy Committee

Resolutions, request to revisit the SOAW resolution

Moved by Wittman seconded and failed: to endorse the SOAW resolution

Motion by Riesch seconded and passed that the next meeting will be in St Louis 3, 4, 5 November 2006

Adjourn 12:06

Submitted – Elliott Adams, Secretary



Veterans For Peace

Board of Directors Meeting

St Louis, MO

4-5 November 2006

9:03 AM November 4, 2006 meeting called to order by President Cline

In Attendance:

Board members: Kenneth Mayers, Ellen Barfield, Barry Riesch, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, Dave Cline, Alfred Dale, Wayne Wittman, Dave Cline, Frank Ackles, John Kim and, Frank Houde

Staff Members: Michael McPhearson Executive Director

Guests: John Grant, Bill Perry

Excused Absence

By consensus: Sharon Kufeldt, Patrick McCann,

Agenda

By consensus: modify the agenda

Minutes

Motion by Collins, seconded and passed to accept minutes as corrected of 8-9 April 2006

Treasurer Report

Motion by Riesch, seconded and passed to accept Treasurer's reports, End Fiscal Year 2006 & YTD as of September 30, 2006

Executive Director's Report

Motion by Houde, seconded and passed to accept Executive Director's report excluding the paragraph about the new budget.

Motion by Dale, seconded to adopt budget

Motion by Reich to close session for discussion of Executive Director's salary in budget

Motion by Adams to come out of closed session

Motion to adopt budget passed

501(h)

Motion by Adams seconded and passed that Barfield, Kim, Mayers and, Executive Director move ahead with starting to file under 501(h) by the next Board meeting

Conflict of Interest Policy

By consensus Kim, will work with Executive Director to improve conflict of interest policy

By consensus Ackle will work with the Executive Director on getting a higher rating on the Better Business Bureau rating

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Executive Director Job Description

Motion by Mayers seconded and passed to table the job description

Next meeting

St Petersburg Beach, Florida January 28-29, 2006

Election Rules

Motion by Cline seconded and passed: to increase the limit on the biographical statement to be submitted for the ballot to 250 words

Lunch Break

By consensus break for lunch until 1:00

1:00 reconvened

Chapter 31/ forming Chapter 144

Motion by Mayers seconded and passed: to hold in abeyance chapter charter pending a meeting of the members of both groups with a conflict resolution facilitator and several national board members to resolve or lessen conflict

By consensus this process needs to be expedited, Barfield will do research on facilitators

Convention Report

Board of Directors Election Report
Planning - Where We From Here

Adjourn for night 5:30

9:37 AM 5 November 2006 reconvened

In attendance:

Board members: David Cline, Kenneth Mayers, Ellen Barfield, John Kim, Barry Riesch, Frank Ackles, Bill Collins, Elliott Adams, Wayne Wittman, Frank Houde, Alfred Dale
Staff Members: Michael McPhearson, Executive director

Bylaws Committee

To reactivate the committee the President appointed Grahlf & Cline to committee to report to March meeting

Reports: Korean Peace Campaign, International Liaison Committee, Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign, Iraq Water Project, support for war resisters, Fourth Freedom Forum, School Of America Watch,

Motion by Mayers seconded and passed: in recognition of request from Iraq Water Project to authorize a mailing to VFP membership, we defer a decision on any action until the Executive Director has submitted a report on fundraising for specific projects from the general

Membership War resisters – by consensus rather than have money be raised under VFP, we will support the resisters by directing people to them and also helping the resisters with the things they need to do to raise support, like setting up web pages, media contacts, etc

Resolutions Committee

By consensus Barfield will work on wording of the call for resolutions, Cline will contact Grahlf to see if he will continue on the committee

Executive Director Job description

Motion by Dale seconded and passed: to adopt the Executive Director job description

Planning

By consensus break for lunch 12:37

1:00 reconvene

Planning (continued)

Announcements

Adjourn 2:00PM

Submitted – Elliott Adams, Secretary