



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL

State Council Meeting
The HighGround
Neillsville, Wisconsin
June 15, 2019

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Wisconsin State Council Meeting

The WSC meeting was called to order by President Richard Lindbeck at 10:05 A.M. on June 15, 2019, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence. The Secretary was directed to conduct the Roll Call.

Roll Call

The following offices, directors, and representatives were present President Richard Lindbeck, Vice-President Dan Scuiti, Treasurer Patrick Craney, Secretary James Mullarkey, Region 1 Director Thomas Banner, Region 3 Director Tom Hoffman, WSC At-Large Director Greg Foye, VVA At-Large Director John Margowski, and AVVA Wisconsin Representative Pat Furno. The VVA Chapter delegates, alternates, members, and AVVA representation present¹ included:

¹ As per VVA WSC letter sent (October 6, 2014) to all VVA WSC Officers, WSC Region Directors, and VVA WSC Chapter Presidents, Officers and their delegates; it was declared that all VVA WSC Chapters must be represented at no less than one-half or 50 percent of the scheduled WSC Meetings – held quarterly during the calendar year. Failure to meet this minimum requirement will result in disciplinary action and VVA WSC suspension – refer to VVA Constitution and National Disciplinary Policy. The parentheses () following the VVA Chapters number (e.g., 007 **(3)**) indicates the number of meetings recorded as attended in the calendar year as of the roll call. The # refers to the VVA

0005(2)#4, 5/2; 0092(1)#4, 1; 0101(2)#2, 3; 0206(1)#3, 0/3; 0220(1)#2, 1; 0221(1)#2, 1; 0324(1)#1, 1; 0331(1)#4, 1; 0351(2)#3, 2/1; 0425(2)#1, 7/2, 0437(2)#3, 1/1; 0448(2)#1, 2; 0479(1)#4, 1; 0635(2)#1, 1/2, 0729(2)#2, 1; 0731(2)#3, 2; 0767(1)#1, 1/1; 1130(2)#4, 1; At-Large(2) 1/1. A quorum was called with 17 of 26 VVA Chapters present.

Approval of the Minutes

The Minutes were motioned for approval by VVA Chapter 0101 with corrections made to the Roll Call, seconded for approval by VVA Chapter 005, and approved without objection.

Special Note: Please refer to the December 1, 2018, Meeting Minutes which explains the change in the format of the WSC Meeting Minutes as presented.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved without objection.

President's Report: Richard Lindbeck

See www.vvawi.org> WSC Info > WSC Minutes > WSC President's Report

President Lindbeck reiterated the need to get all Election and Financial Reports into National and the WSC Secretary. Failure to submit these reports could impact either the VVA Chapters delegate status and/or suspension by National.

Treasurer's Report: Patrick J. Craney

The quarterly banking summary and Net Worth was shared with the WSC Delegates.

Secretary's Report: James E. Mullarkey

The Secretary reminded the WSC delegates of the need to get their VVA Chapter's Election and Financial Reports into the WSC (Secretary@vvawi.org) and the respective National departments (National addresses on the respective reports). Secondly, that page three (3) of the Election Report is not sent to National, but must be sent into the

Chapters WSC region. An underline of the VVA WSC Chapter number (e.g., 009 (1)) indicates that they have been suspended in the previous calendar year and have as yet attended the minimum meetings for the present calendar year. The number following the # sign indicates the number VVA members represented followed by the number of AVVA members (e.g., 4/2).

WSC Secretary to be a complete report with the WSC delegates and alternates listed. Again, these can be sent via email to Secretary@vvawi.org or to jmullarkey@mac.com. If you elect the USPS send to:

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Wisconsin State Council
Vietnam Veterans of America
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Franklin, WI 53132-8592

VVA At-Large Director's Report: John L. Margowski

The At-Large Director reminded the WSC delegates and those present planning to attend the National Convention in Spokane as a delegate on the three critical issues as related to the future of VVA as an organization. John Margowski covered the two working groups and the proposed resolutions put forth by President Rowan. All WSC officers, directors, and delegates received via email prior to the meeting the complete report and Constitutional Amendments from Working Group I [Margowski was a member of WG I].

Margowski stressed that this is a strategic or action plan, if and only if, the VVA organization decides it is time for the organization to end. Keep in mind this is a national organization which must follow national, state, and regional laws – to include IRS regulations, New York regulatory statutes for VVA, the VVA Constitution, as well as a myriad of state laws effecting VVA Chapters across the country. In addition, there are assets that National must consider as well as contracts National has withoutside organizations. Thus, each and every delegate, in fact, each and every member should understand what Working Group I is proposing in the totality of the report not just the Amendments are the steps that must be followed before the door is closed.

Secondly, Margowski shared that to-date Working Group II has only produced an executive summary – best said a a brief abstract of what they have been doing. No one has seen either a preliminary report or the hint of a final report.

Finally, Margowski reviewed the two (2) Proposed Resolutions submitted by President Rowan. To-date there has been no formal reaction to the resolutions other than the fact that the Constitution Committee would not be responsible for them.

Margowski requested from the WSC delegates direction from the State as to how the direction to take at the Convention. Michael Demske moved that the WSC and its representative delegation support Working Group I's Report in its entirety i.e., to include Amendments 1 and 2. Duane Canon seconded the motion. This motion was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

AVVA State Representative Report: Pat Furno

An April 2019, AVVA Report from President Hobbs can be found at www.vvawi.org > Wisconsin State Council > AVVA > WI AVVA Letters or by clicking [here](#).

There was an AVVA Meeting held this day and a report will follow.

VVA WSC Region Director Reports

See www.vvawi.org > WSC Info > Region Report or click [here](#).

WSC Committee Reports

The Constitution Committee (James Mullarkey [Chair], Dan Sciuti, Tom Sachs) presented the revised VVA WSC By-Laws. See www.vvawi.org > Wisconsin State Council > WSC By-Laws or click [here](#). Since this came out of Committee there was no motion, but the By-Laws were accepted without objection.

Chapter Reports

See www.vvawi.org > WSC Info > Chapter Report or click [here](#).

Old Business

None

New Business

POW/MIA Flag, according to delegates, was lowered and replaced by LGBTQ Flag by Governor Tony Evers in during Pride Month in Wisconsin. It was motioned and seconded that the WSC Secretary write Gov. Evers in opposition of this action. Following discussion the motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Mullarkey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "J" and a prominent "M".

James E. Mullarkey, WSC Secretary