

Region 6 Director, John Margowski
Overview of National Board meeting 4-18-20-2024

The Finance Report meeting on Thursday night 4-16 reported that the Life Membership Fund will be good through 2025. A motion to increase Per Diem from \$50 to \$60 effective 6-1-2024. This passed.

Board meeting 4-19.

President McManus reported new reporting times for board meetings will enable the board to end meetings on Saturday by noon. Too many State Presidents must leave on Saturday.

Vice President Burke reported updated information on the Leadership Conference being held in August in Reno. Info and registration forms are on the National Web site. I encourage Region 6 members to attend. This probably will be the last one. There also is an important Lunch Regarding a preview of the 2025 Convention scheduled on Friday of the conference.

Treasurer Reynolds stated his report is in the packet.

Secretary Meeks reported that there has been good response on election and finance submissions.

AVVA -Hodge reported that their budget has been approved. Their Survivor Benefits brochure is going to print.

CSCP- Brick reported that Vet Centers are no longer providing counseling to Veterans' spouses.

Household Goods -Butcher reported revenue is up 9%.

Veterans Benefits – Harris reported that VVAs' Appellate Program cases have been outsourced to the Law Firm of Bergman and Moore. 438 cases were transferred. 168 cases have been finished.

Government Affairs-McCormick reported various bills that have been introduced. For one they want to remove the 12-mile restriction. The Navy still has not improved their water filtration system. A bill has been introduced to reinstate the 48-hour rule to allow claims representative to review claims decisions before they are final.

Membership-Kennedy stated there are 3700 new members, our membership is now at 91,285 and AVVA is at 10,858. Please get your new election reports the number of chapters missing reports has been greatly reduced. Annual reports forms have been revised and page three is gone. The new forms are on the National Web site. They are fillable. Make a copy and submit. They go to vvareports@vva.org

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All the committees gave their reports. I am providing some highlights.

Govt Affairs-Peterson reminded members that it is an election year so contact and talk to legislators about needed.

Veteran's legislation. They are developing a one- page issues page to use when talking to legislators.

Veterans Benefits-Riling stated that the MOU between VVA and Veterans Voices has been r3eviseda and approved.

I apologize for the lateness of the report. My wife and I have had several medical appointments and the important reason-it is my turkey hunting season.

Please contact me if you have questions or help on issues.