

**WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
BEST WESTERN GRAND SEASONS HOTEL
WAUPACA, WI
DECEMBER 3/4, 2011
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MINUTES

Saturday, December 3, 2011

President Lindbeck **Called the Meeting to Order** at 12:00 Noon.

He led those in attendance with the **Pledge of Allegiance** followed by a **Moment of Silence** for our POWs/MIAs and those serving on active duty.

Secretary Sorenson took the **Roll Call of Officers** with all present except Vice President Pat Craney. A **Roll Call of Chapters** was taken by Secretary Sorenson with the following in attendance: Chapters 5, 206, 220, 324, 351, 425, 437, 448, 479, 529, 731, 767, 1 At Large. The President stated there was a quorum present.

President Lindbeck appointed John Margowski as **Parliamentarian** and Jim Mullarkey as **Time Keeper**.

There was an **Approval of Agenda**, Margowski/Demske without objection Passed.

There was an **Approval of June 18, 2011 Minutes** with the following amendments: Demske/Margowski without objection Passed.

President/Vice President Reports (VP went to the National Board in October)

Vet Quest made a Presentation about their program.

President said that 114 and 462 are suspended by natl

President has sent registered letters to the chapters

Jim mayr will check on them again

John parliamentarian and mullarkey is timekeeper

Agenda was approved

Pat carey rather than jim crey on page 2.

Pager 3 no reference to foundation is to be removed – there is no discussion during a vva meeting

Correction on page 4 regarding the mao0nt that is in the Job thoughts =- \$200 million

Site address is Wisconsin veterans foundation

Regional directors given \$700 each on their budget line.

Margowski/mayr

Approved without objection

President's report given and handed out

John Margowski elected 6th district dir

Lisa Engle from vet quest interning with dr Bernstein – masters in counseling this month; non-profit for veterans and their families – traditional and non traditional services to everyone but for no cost.

Trauma and peer mentorship programs; wilderness retreats, highground ceremonies – vision quest sorts

In west allis on Greenfield off from 117th –referrals are requested

Any veteran who has served is eligible. Veterans with less than honorable discharges; try to all-inclusive

Money is needed by organization and clients are needed, too; dr Bernstein will come to your organization to present

John Margowski – veterans benefits

Mou with wdva/vva; using their service officers as representatives

Sec scocos waisd that he'd sign mou; michard, mmike and john met with him

Spoke about ao articl in the veteran about list of ships and those who served in Thailand; dmz in kores – very specific time and loction

See VVA web page and look up and read the current resolutions from the convention.

AVVA Pat Furno has a serious medical condition. AVVA National is doing a fundraiser for her as she has a \$3,000 deductible for her health care. Give any donations to John Margowski.

As Region 6 Director, John is going to Kansas to present a National Award to Kansas State Council and field any complaints.

In May we may have a Region 6 Meeting. John wants good attendance

In August there is a leadership meeting in Irving, TX.

Defunct chapters and non-compliant chapters need to be cleaned up; need to pull charters. Chapters only need to turn in the Charters – they do not have to go through the hoops if they turn in the physical Charters.

We need to begin the process of pulling the charters to make sure that they are fully compliant; regional directors need to get onto them

Steppingstone farms – equine therapy; VVA members are working with them and contributing money and items in kind. For more information call 414-379-2314 Lia Sader1439 n 92nd St. Franksville, WI.

Sec needs to mail out all of those chapters that are suspended

C Sorenson gave his legislative report

1920 VVA members in WI; someone gave money to

Treasurer's report by Kent

Region one

Region two report

Need list of chapter in non-compliance and

HighGround report was given names

Region three

Region four
Maybe Native American chapter in region four

Chapter reports were given 437 Oshkosh – donation to HighGround Persian Gulf tribute

Welcome home and old glory honor flights donations

Ch 206 Shawano – brats and stand at fair – Iraq veteran got hit and run donation; scholarships – funeral honor guards

Ch 767 honor guard for funerals well received as to how respectful we are, etc. Funeral day ceremonies were done by funeral home; go once a month to union grove to help the veterans there – socks, toothpaste, etc. Give out scholarships –trying to get a stone marker for Vietnam veterans

731 report was given by mike- scholarships and speakers about the Vietnam War; parades; they will ringing bells for Salvation Army and attended a number of funerals

Chapter 425 Joe Deloria
Do the parades; co fair booth; packages to Iraq and Afghanistan; assist CVSOs as needed

Ch 448 Newburg – frank gave a report – Pow mica remembrance program

Pr report given by Jim Mullarkey

Vetransfer.org get any veteran who wants to start or expand a business – a pilot program by VA and DoD.

Jim explained his role as the PR Director; need to “brand” as the Wisconsin state council of VVA. Need more people to identify with us and come to more meetings; letters are sent out as a reminder of the meetings.

Need to get onto electronic media - really the Internet Linked-in and face-book – social media is key; we need to tell others to get to our website; we have some repeat business, but limited unique hits.

The videos on site are being used more

Register on the page

Need to develop a committee that will send out editorials on VVFA

Information on what is going on and what type of information is out there

Linkedin.com/veterans – all on employment

Send articles to Jim Mullarkey for publication;

George gave a membership report – total membership 2011 24 new members – 1% growth prate; AVVA is down about 2%

1963 VVA members; 251 AVVA

scholarship reading was done by holly eris from fond du lac

election board – Morzenti, goerge gottier, john Margowski – must notify all thgree emmber of your intent

jim mullarkey nominated for secretary – elections in june at

highground

review of our state council by-laws needed
Demske is appointed

No old business

New business – new membership publication; call it in and they publish the book and sell them

Need highground borad members – you need to attend three meetings and then ask to become a board member

Next meeting is March 31st budget meeting at best western in Waupaca; Pat Craney will gather up the budget requests by the committee chairs at that time

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june meeting is june 23 or 9th at highground

Sep 15th meeting will be held at best western Waupaca

Dec 1 meeting and Christmas party

Expand scholarship opportunity – electronic essay/multi media (Pat Craney suggestion)

Morzenti made motion to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

VVA MOU with WDVA Update – John Margowski

Legislative Advocacy and Government Affairs Report – Chair Sorenson

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Beeman

Other Committee Reports

Region Reports (2 minutes)

Chapter Reports (2 minutes)

AVVA Report

Public Relations Report - Chair Mullarkey

Membership Committee – Chair Gottier

(Scholarship Reading)

Appointment of Election Board

Appointment of State Council By-Law Review/Update

(Scholarship Reading)

Old Business

New Business

Revocation of Chapters from National

The **Next Meeting** is scheduled for March 31st, 2012. This is the Budget Meeting at **BEST WESTERN GRAND SEASONS HOTEL, WAUPACA, WI (715-258-9212)**. Pat Craney will gather up all budget requests by the committee chairs at that time. The committee budget requests must be submitted to Pat at that time.

The June Meeting is the Annual Meeting and is scheduled for June 23, 2011 (or 9th) at HighGound.

The September 15th, 2012 Meeting will be held at Best Western, Waupaca.

The annual Winter Meeting, Christmas Dinner and White Elephant gift exchange will be held on December 1, 2012 at Best Western, Waupaca.

As requested by the Regional Directors, here is a listing of those Chapters that are **Suspended or are Near-Suspension**: 92, 115, 221, 224, 236, 256, 331, 409, 462, 529, 535, 549, 618, 729, 737, 921.

This listing is due mostly to missed WI State Council Meetings. If a Chapter President feels that this listing is in error, consult with your Regional Director.

The annual Christmas Party and White Elephant exchange was held after the Business Meeting and was enjoyed by everyone.

Since all official business was completed on Saturday, there was not need for a Sunday Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clifton Sorenson

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