

NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

ZOOM Virtual Meeting

Minutes

September 8th, 2022

12:00 PM

Meeting came to order at 12:05pm; we opened with the Pledge of Alligiance.

Roll call showed representation from all 5 VSO's. Present were President Joe Hall; Vice-President Corey Moen, Treasurer Bill Tuff; Legislative Director Jim Nelson; and members Ron Matthews and Dan Stenvold. Also present were NDDVA Commissioner Lonnie Wangen; ACOVA Legislative members Gary Maddock, Tom Ryan, and Mamie Halvelka. Also present from ACOVA was Chairman Murray Strom.

Minutes from the May 19th ,2022 meeting were approved as submitted with no changes or corrections.

Treasurer's Report showed \$7,733.54 in the bank an increase of \$300 because the VVA and VFW have each paid their dues. All dues should be in by September 30, 2022.

Under Old Business we discussed:

- a. Updated members contact information
 - b. 2023 Dues will be paid according to ne bylaws (due by end of September 2022=\$150)
 - c. Constitution & Bylaws changes made
1. Reorganization meeting to be held within 3 months of the current fiscal year
 2. Annual dues of \$150 due within the 3 months following end of the fiscal year
 3. Meetings can be held in-person or virtually
 4. Change the areas that said only "He", "Him", or "His" to make more gender inclusive
 5. We also discussed one website change for Lonnie and he made it right away.

Under New Business we discussed the NDVLC Brochure (Updated information and what is needed) we decided just a regular brochure that defines who the NDVLC is and is easy to distribute to all legislators. On the back will be link to NDDVA website were anyone can look up more information. Joe is going to work with Flash printing to get changes made as soon as possible.

We also discussed and voted on the 2023 Possible Legislative Items for the upcoming session.

1. **DAV Vehicle Plates:** we decided to send this back to the CVSO Association to re-write it. As it is written we voted to be "Neutral" on the bill if it isn't changed.
2. **Budget NDDVA:** we voted to support the Commissioner's budget except for section iii involving funding for the Vietnam books. The NDVLC will not support asking for this funding and believe it is best used somewhere else to support all veterans.
3. **Burial & Memorial:** voted to support legislation.
4. **Education:** voted to support legislation
5. **Employment/Entrepreneur:** voted to support legislation

6. **Financial:** a. **Property Tax** voted to wait to see the bill before we decide to support or not. b. **PWTF** voted to support legislation on Gaming Tax.
7. **Health & Wellbeing** voted to wait and see what legislation comes out, but we support it if it is like last session.
8. **Housing** voted to support legislation.
9. **Law/Policy Change** voted to support legislation under each section.
10. **Legal Services** No Changes
11. **Military Families** waited to see updated list but support any legislation.
12. **National Guard specific** voted to support all National Guard legislation.
13. **Other Misc.** voted to support only section b. regarding VSO scanning grant and not support any of the other sections.

Nothing for the good of the order; the meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

6. GOOD OF THE ORDER

7. CLOSING