

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

Minutes - March 29-30, 1973

American Legion Club

Bismarck, North Dakota

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Wagner, Schmit, Novak, Rosendahl, Gullickson, Crawford, Habiger, Sloan, Welander, Ulness, Zander, Code.  
Absent: Morris, Groth

Minutes of January 9, 1973, read and approved.

Chairman Wagner outlined agenda for the afternoon meetings.

Discussion was held relative to the reappointment of Gullickson, Crawford, Morris and Novak for a full 3-year term on the committee. If agreeable to them, they would be recommended for reappointment to their various veterans organizations.

1:40 p.m.- Committee adjourned into sub-committee meetings for business purposes - reconvening at 2:35 p.m.

2:35 p.m.- Report of sub-committee on Veterans Affairs

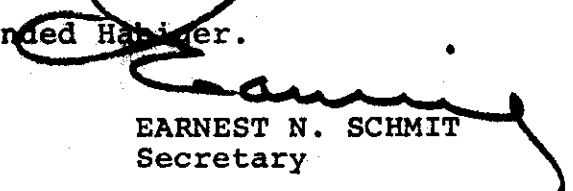
- Auditors audit approval - commissioner commended for fine report.
- Discussion regarding the reprinting of booklet Veterans Laws in North Dakota, perhaps a new format to be developed.
- Discussion regarding development of Brochure on SB 2113, with priority status on the distribution to service officers.
- Commissioner Zander reported on final appropriations - was satisfied with the final product.
- Commissioner Zander commented on Novak's audit of the DVA. He challenged the portion dealing with power-attorney recommendations - urging that present system continue. Concurred with remainder of audit. Novak commented that the intent was merely to not solicit P/A, rather to fully inform veteran of the veterans organizations service officers available, and if he declines their services, then accept the P/A "Free your help for other duties." Habiger moved Novak's report be accepted, second Gullickson.
- Report on sub-committee on Soldiers Home by Welander.
  - Morris, Groth on sub-committee to revise the handbook for Home, both absent.
  - Audit report on Home - commended Home operation.
    - simplified bookkeeping system to be introduced.
    - need office manager, Commandant to hire one
    - Sub-committee needs to meet separately at home-June 10th.
    - Rosendahl moved report be accepted. Second Sloan.

3:30 p.m.- Next meeting set for June 22d at Fargo, placed to be announced.

3:40 p.m.- Recessed until 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Building Auditorium

9:00 a.m.- Met with Veterans Coordinating Council for Legislative briefing and bill signing ceremonies.

11:45 a.m.- Adjourned. Moved by Sloan, seconded Habiger.

  
EARNEST N. SCHMIT  
Secretary