

ViệtNow
National Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, May 18th, 2017

President Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Roll Call of Officers and Directors

Board Member	Present/Absent	Arrived	Departed
President Joe Lewis	Present		
Vice President Ed Banach	Present		
Secretary Darrell Gilgan	Present		
Treasurer Steve Rucki	Present		
Director John Bates	Present		
Director John Davis	Present		
Director Boorsma	Absent		
Director Spencer	Present		

All board members were present except for Director Boorsma. Director Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Treasurer Rucki read the ViệtNow prayer.

Meeting Guests:

David Gervais and Carl Metz, ViệtNow National Headquarters' Attorneys.

President Lewis made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:08 PM. Secretary Gilgan seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote of those present.

The Executive Session was recessed at 7:32 PM and resumed at 7:47 PM.

We returned to the agenda at 8:11 PM.

Membership

Eight membership inquiries were received from seven states. Nine new annual members and associates joined from eight states. President Lewis reported that the Piedmont Chapter in North Carolina has met the requirements to become a probationary Chapter.

Board Reports

President Lewis has been in contact with all National officers and directors and several Committee Chairs since the last meeting. He has been in daily contact with the ViệtNow National Headquarters office manager working on membership, telemarketing and the

many functions of National Headquarters. President Lewis and Treasurer Rucki have been talking about the possibility of re-establishing the funding for some Chapter programs.

Vice President Banach has had several conversations with Tina Carlson about Chapter startups and general office information. He has had discussions with Treasurer Rucki about the convention silent auction. Vice President Banach has had numerous conversations with President Lewis about telemarketing. Vice President Banach has been in contact with Director Boorsma about his health and his Director's activities. Vice President Banach presented information about a possible donation to the Blackhawks Warriors Hockey team. The team is sponsored by the Chicago Blackhawks and is comprised of Veterans who have been injured in combat. Apparently, there are other teams around the country, and it might be a good idea to donate to them as well.

Secretary Gilgan presented the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017. Presentation of the minutes is the motion to accept them. The motion was seconded by President Lewis and passed with one abstention by Vice President Banach. Copies of the most recent approved minutes and a copy of the most recent approved balance sheet were emailed by Secretary Gilgan to each Chapter contact and to each committee Chair. He traveled to ViêtNow National Headquarters on several occasions to sign checks, payables and other items. He had several conversations with Treasurer Rucki, President Lewis and others about several items.

Treasurer Rucki presented the most recent balance sheet for approval. Presentation of the balance sheet is the motion to accept it. The motion was seconded by Secretary Gilgan, and passed with a unanimous vote of those present. Treasurer Rucki made weekly trips to ViêtNow National Headquarters since the last meeting to sign payables and make bank deposits. While there he conducted other business as it pertained to finance and operations.

Director Bates attempted to contact his assigned Chapters. Written report submitted.

EMHC Chapter's sponsor reported that the Chapter has been having meetings. Changes on the State level are not all good or bad.

Fort Bloomfield Chapter's President reported that he is in the hospital, and will not be able to attend the upcoming ViêtNow National convention.

SCRI Chapter's sponsor reported that they had to cancel their latest meeting due to an electrical issue.

VIP West Chapter's sponsor will be off for two months. The Chapter did have their elections.

VIP East Chapter's sponsor reported that the Chapter held their elections, and things are moving ahead.

TSCI Chapter's new sponsor did not return phone calls.

Director Davis contacted his assigned Chapters. Written report submitted.

Greater Chicago Chapter's President reported that everything is good. He will attend the Memorial Day services in Fox Lake.

DuPage County Chapter's President reported that there is nothing to report, but the Chapter is getting ready for the upcoming ViêtNow National convention.

Surry County Chapter's President reported that the Chapter is trying to get more members. He is working on getting more of the existing members to attend membership meetings. He is having problems getting 990 paperwork, but he is working on it.

Rockford Charter Chapter's President reported that the most recent Chapter breakfast took place on Saturday, May 13th, at Baci's Kitchen in Rockford. The Chapter will provide a meal at the Veterans Drop-In-Center on Thursday, May 25th. The Color Guard and members of the Chapter family will march in the Memorial Day parades at Rockford and Pecatonica.

Director Spencer contacted his assigned Chapters. Written report submitted.

Badger Chapter's President reported that there is nothing new to report. Members should be able to do something on Memorial Day.

Berwyn-Cicero Chapter's President reported that members are just looking forward to the upcoming ViêtNow National convention.

DeKalb County Chapter's President reported that there is nothing new to report.

Freeport Chapter's President reported that members are looking forward to the upcoming ViêtNow National convention. Chapter members will participate in the local Memorial Day parade on May 29th, and in a flag retirement ceremony on May 30th. The Midwest Bank Customer Appreciation Day cookout is scheduled for Saturday, May 27th. The event is a fundraiser for the Chapter.

Rock River Valley Chapter's President reported that there is nothing new to report.

National Committee Reports

(Reports are due in March, May, September and December)

Convention 2017, Barney Spencer: The convention room will be set up on Friday morning. The registration table will be ready to go on Friday morning, and the delegate bags will be ready. The Silent Auction room is ready. Tina Carlson reported that a few people have decided to not attend the banquet or breakfast. Treasurer Rucki had copies

of the convention logo produced for the delegate books, and a poster sized copy of the logo to be displayed on an easel. He picked up the delegate bags from The Crystal Lake Chamber of Commerce. He made up name badges for everyone and made labels for the envelopes with every one's meal tickets. Treasurer Rucki and his wife Char have been working on items for the Silent Auction. Everything was itemized on a spreadsheet. Char made the color pages to save some time.

Finance, Steve Rucki: Secretary Gilgan made a motion to present the proposed budget for 2017/2018 to the delegates on the convention floor. The motion was seconded by Director Spencer and it passed with a unanimous roll call vote of those present.

Nominating/Election 2017, Darrell Gilgan: Secretary Gilgan reported that the mail-in ballot process seems to have worked well. The election results will be announced as the last order of business on Saturday afternoon at the convention.

Parliamentary, Darrell Gilgan: Secretary Gilgan prepared vote tally sheets, signature sheets and other items for the upcoming ViêtNow National Convention. Notebooks containing copies of the ViêtNow National Bylaws and the ViêtNow National Policy and Procedure Manual have been prepared. Each delegation will get one book and each National officer and director will get one book.

POW/MIA, John Bates: A written report was presented.

Scholarships, National Office: President Lewis made a motion to award five ViêtNow National scholarships for a total amount of \$2,750.00; The Jack Su Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00, the David Dwyer Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$750.00 and two scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each. The motion was seconded by Director Davis and passed with a unanimous vote of those present.

VA Hospitals, Bob Gutsche: Bob reported on his recent activities.

Quartermaster

Tina Carlson and Vice President Banach: Tina Carlson will have Quartermaster items for sale at the upcoming ViêtNow National convention. The E-5 insignia for the U.S. Coast Guard is now in stock. The E-5 insignia for the of other branches are in stock as well.

Building/Maintenance

President Lewis:

The POW/MIA flag outside of our building needs to be replaced. No Trespassing signs will be posted around our property.

Magazine

Chris Nelson:

The deadline for submission of articles is approaching. Discussion took place about the possibility of changing the format of the ViêtNow National magazine.

Public Relations

President Lewis:

Event representation: Discussion took place about attending future events.

Donations: A tentative donation to support a Stand Down in the State of Alaska was tabled until the June board meeting

Telemarketing:

President Lewis made a motion to implement termination of our current fundraising process. The motion was seconded by Director Spencer and passed with a unanimous vote of those board members present.

President Lewis made a motion to implement the termination of the contract with the management firm of our current fundraising process. The motion was seconded by Director Davis and passed with a unanimous vote of those board members present.

Website

President Lewis

The ViêtNow National website was down for a while. It is up and working now.

New Business

President Lewis made a motion to provide a refundable retainer in the amount of \$50,000.00 to the ViêtNow National Headquarters attorney, the Law Offices of David R. Gervais, for possible litigation expenses. The motion was seconded by Director Bates and passed with a unanimous vote of those present.

Secretary Gilgan made a motion to approve Vice President Banach's absence from the April board meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Bates and passed with one abstention by Vice President Banach.

Vice President Banach led a discussion about his conversations with Director Boorsma about his health and his director's duties. Secretary Gilgan reminded everyone that he and President Lewis have talked to Director Boorsma about the need for him to provide a legible copy of his DD-214 as required by the ViêtNow National Policy and Procedure Manual.

Board Meeting dates for 2016-2017

July 20 th , 2016	Wednesday	3:00 PM
August 17 th , 2016	Wednesday	3:00 PM
September 21 st , 2016	Wednesday	3:00 PM
October 19 th , 2016	Wednesday	3:00 PM
November 16 th , 2016	Wednesday	3:00 PM

December 17 th , 2016	Saturday	10:00 AM
January 18 th , 2017	Wednesday	3:00 PM
February 15 th , 2017	Wednesday	3:00 PM
March 22 nd , 2017	Wednesday	3:00 PM
April 19 th , 2017	Wednesday	3:00 PM
May 18 th , 2017	Thursday	6:00 PM
June 21 st , 2017	Wednesday	3:00 PM

The meeting was recessed at 10:03 PM with a motion by President Lewis and a second by Secretary Gilgan.

Respectfully submitted,
Darrell L. Gilgan, Secretary