

**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 11, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President, Dale Nelson at 1:10 p.m. at the War Memorial Office. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans that have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Dale Nelson, President	
Phillip Rosenberg, Vice President	excused
Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer	
Peter Carrao	teleconference
Michael Thomas	teleconference
Ken Ness	excused
Ken Matthews	teleconference
Derrick Trentin	teleconference
Todd Drazy	teleconference
National Service Officer, Eric Gonzales	absent
Kevin Klandrud, Executive Director	

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS: Susan Gall

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Mr. Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda for Sept. Mr. Thomas seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.

5. AGENDA:

6. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

10. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER REPORT:

12. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report was presented.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Sports and Recreation:

B. Hospital Liaison:

- Written report was presented

C. Membership:

- Membership count: 268
- Associate members:221

D. Finance & Fundraising:

- Written report was presented.

E. Communications:

- Written report was presented.

F. Strategic Planning Committee:

- No report

14. OLD BUSINESS: none

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Griffith proposed that \$25,000 be moved from the money market account to the Adaptive Technology/Accessibility Endowment account as the starting balance. This follows the same procedure as used for the other endowments set up with Morgan Stanley. Mr. Drazy made a motion to move the appropriate funds. Mr. Matthews seconded. The motion was accepted and carried.
- The scholarship committee received 11 applications in the nursing realm to be considered. Mr. Griffith is recommending that \$3000 be withdrawn from the Scholarship endowment fund and deposited into the checking account. These scholarships of various amounts will be awarded to several applicants at the Annual Membership Banquet on Sept. 22, 2019. Mr. Carrao made a motion to transfer the monies. Mr. Thomas seconded. The motion was accepted and carried. It was suggested that the checks be made out to the institutions/program instead of the recipients, to be assured that the monies went for education.
- A Financial funding request was submitted by Derrick Trentin for an exception to policy request. The request was for \$1001.20 for hand controls for his vehicle. The VA has denied coverage for this item. Mr. Griffith explained that as a member, Derrick would be entitled to funding for up to 5 sporting events per year. Derrick has only attended 3 events this year and is asking for this funding in lieu of another event. Mr. Thomas made a motion to cover this expense. Mr. Matthews seconded. Mr. Griffith stated that the “New” endowment fund that was previously voted on, will cover these types of requests in the future. The motion was accepted and carried.
- Mr. Nelson informed the board about the issues with the West Allis properties. Currently the land contract purchaser has been late on the monthly payments. He is also behind on the taxes and the utility payments. The chapter has hired an attorney to advise them that they are in danger of default and will lose everything they have invested if this continues. Mr. Klandrud stated that a request was made to remove the PVA signage from the property.

Announcements were reviewed.

- Mr. Thomas requested that when the Gift Brick Tile for Gus Sorenson is presented to the VA hospital that the board members be invited to hold a brief service.

17. ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

Next board of directors meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2019 **at 1:00 p.m.** at the War Memorial.

Respectively submitted, sg Ken Ness, Secretary