

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 8th, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President Todd Drazy at 1:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away. The board members ceremony was conducted for board members who were present, each board member recited the pledge to be an official board member for the 2025-2026 year.

2. ATTENDEES:

Todd Drazy	President	Present, Zoom
Scott Griffith	VP, COO, GRD, Ntl. Dir.	Present, In Office
Michael Thomas	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Troy Kurczek	Board Member	Present, In Office
Richard Buth	Board Member	Medical Leave of Absence
Angela Walker	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Gary Stott	Secretary, Board Member	Present, Zoom

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Brenna Frey, Advancement and Engagement Coordinator

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Michael Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Troy Kurczek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

- October agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- September minutes presented.

7. FINANCE REPORT:

- Written report presented.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.

9. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.

10. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- No report presented.

11. GRD'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sports & Recreation:**
 - i. No report presented.
- **Communications & Advocacy:**
 - i. Written report presented.
- **Finance:**
 - i. Written report presented.
- **Membership/Peer Mentorship:**
 - i. No report presented.
- **Membership:**
 - i. Members: 311
 - New: Donald Zabrowski
 - ii. Associate: 197
 - New: Norman Roberson, Vicki Dennis
 - iii. Transferred:
 - N/A
 - iv. Deceased:
 - John C. Wilson, David J. Speth

13. OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

14. NEW BUSINESS:

- Associate Membership Applications
 - Don M. Jackson
 - Scott Griffith made a motion to approve the new associate membership application as submitted. Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Financial Assistance Request - Darren J.
 - Darren J., a PVA-WI member, requested financial assistance for airfare for himself and his caregiver to travel to the Albuquerque SCI Center as an inpatient transfer from the Milwaukee VA SCI. The initial request was for \$1,400. Angela Walker noted additional needs for food and related

expenses, and Mr. Griffith made a motion to amend the original amount to \$1,500 max. Funds will be drawn from the Quality Healthcare Endowment.

- Michael Thomas made a motion to approve the \$1,500 in financial assistance. Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Committee Assignments
 - BOD members selected the committee assignments they wish to serve on/continue to serve:
 - Sports & Recreation: Troy Kurczek, Michael Thomas, Angela Walker
 - Communications & Advocacy: Scott Griffith, Angela Walker, Christina Baurichter
 - Finance: Scott Griffith, Troy Kurczek, Gary Stott
 - Membership/Peer Mentorship: Scott Griffith, Troy Kurczek, Michael Thomas, Angela Walker, Pete Carrao, Ken Matthews

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Membership Banquet – Summary
- Greater Nonprofit Review
 - Members, BOD, staff, and volunteers are encouraged to submit a review if they have not already done so. Additional reviews are needed to earn the 2025 Great Nonprofits seal.
- Texas Roadhouse New Berlin Fundraiser – November 11
 - PVA-WI will receive a percentage of food sales from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Veteran's Day at the Texas Roadhouse in New Berlin.
- Holiday Party – December 10
- Ms. Christina Baurichter will be joining PVA-WI next month as the new Government Relations Director (GRD).
- Interviews are currently underway to fill the Executive Director position.
- Ms. Jessica Wagner, despite receiving the necessary votes for election to the board, has not met the certification requirements set by PVA National. As a result, she is ineligible to serve as a board member at this time.

16. ADJOURNMENT: Michael Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy Kurczek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM by President Todd Drazy.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in the office.

