

**PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**2. ATTENDEES:**

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|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Todd Drazy     | President                      | Present, Zoom            |
| Scott Griffith | Vice President, Ntl. Dir., GRD | Present, In Office       |
| Peter Carrao   | Board Member                   | Medical Leave of Absence |
| Michael Thomas | Board Member                   | Present, Phone           |
| Troy Kurzcek   | Board Member                   | Present, Phone           |
| Richard Buth   | Board Member                   | Medical Leave of Absence |
| Angela Walker  | Board Member                   | Unexcused Absence        |
| Gary Stott     | Secretary, Board Member        | Present, Zoom            |

**3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:**

- Brenna Frey, Advancement and Engagement Coordinator
- Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**5. AGENDA:**

- September agenda presented.

**6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- August minutes presented.

**7. FINANCE REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

#### **10. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

#### **11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:**

- No report presented.

#### **12. GRD'S REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

#### **13. 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: 312
    - New: N/A
  - ii. Associate: 192
    - New: Joseph Stout, Megan Stout, David Wittlinger
  - iii. Transferred:
    - Michael Walls – Transferring Out
  - iv. Deceased:
    - Mark B. Young, William Baumgardt, Bruce M. Selan, Robert Friskey

#### **14. OLD BUSINESS:**

- N/A

#### **15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Associate Membership Applications
  - Norman Roberson, Vicki Dennis
    - Michael Thomas made a motion to approve the new associate membership applications as submitted. Gary Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- 2025 PVA-WI Board of Election Results
  - Todd Drazy requested that Scott Griffith present the results of the 2025 Board Election. Scott reported that two candidates were on the ballot: Jessica Wagner and Gary Stott. Both candidates received more than

sufficient votes to be elected. Jessica Wagner has been elected to a three-year term. Gary Stott has been re-elected for an additional three-year term. Gary Stott and Jessica Wagner will be officially sworn in at the next scheduled board meeting.

- Chase Grant Writing Consultant Services - \$20,000 for FY2025
  - Todd Drazy requested further explanation regarding the proposed grant writing consultant services. Scott Griffith provided background, noting that this proposal refers to Chase Grant Writing Consultant Services, which was introduced at the previous board meeting. Scott met with the consultant team to review relevant data and discuss potential outcomes. Based on that meeting, the recommendation is to engage Chase under a trial contract to pursue four program grants. Each grant will have a minimum target amount of \$50,000, with a preferred target of \$100,000. The consultant will be compensated with a flat fee of \$20,000 for the preparation and submission of the four grants. This would be PVA-WI's first time hiring a grant writing consultant. If successful, these grants would represent the largest funding amounts ever received by PVA-WI.
  - Gary Stott made a motion to approve the trial with Chase Grant Writing Consultant Services. Michael Thomas seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, and the motion was carried.
- Executive Committee Election
  - PVA-WI President
    - Scott Griffith made the motion to nominate Todd Drazy to serve as PVA-WI's Board of Directors President. Gary Stott seconded the motion. Todd Drazy asked if there were any further nominations, none were presented. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
  - PVA-WI Vice President:
    - Todd Drazy made the motion to nominate Scott Griffith to serve as PVA-WI's Board of Directors Vice President. Gary Stott seconded the motion. Todd Drazy asked if there were any further nominations, none were presented. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
  - Secretary:
    - Scott Griffith made the motion to nominate Gary Stott to serve as PVA-WI's Board of Directors Secretary. Michael Thomas seconded the motion. Todd Drazy asked if there were any further nominations, none were presented. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

- Pickleball Tournament April 25-26, 2026, in Franklin, WI

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Membership Banquet – September 14
- Greater Nonprofit Review
  - September is the final month to submit reviews, and we still need 10 more participants to meet our goal.
- Texas Roadhouse New Berlin Fundraiser – November 11
- Holiday Party – December 10 at VA SCI

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** Troy Kurczek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Scott Griffith seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:14 PM by President Todd Drazy.

**Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in the office.**