

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

August 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Vice President, Scott Griffith at 1:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Todd Drazy	President	Present, Zoom
Scott Griffith	Vice President, Ntl. Dir, GRD, Treasurer	Present, In person
Derrick Trentin	Secretary	Present, Zoom
Peter Carrao	Board Member	Excused Absence
Michael Thomas	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Le'Toi Adams	Board Member	Transferred to new chapter
Troy Kurzcek	Board Member	Present, In person
Gary Stott	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Richard Buth	Board Member	Present, In person
Ken Matthews	Board Member	Absent

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Brenna Frey, Nonprofit Administrative Manager Intern
- Ken Ness, Immediate Past President, National Vice President

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Mike Thomas made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Scott Griffith seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

- August agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- July minutes presented.

7. TREASURER'S 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:

- No report presented.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sports & Recreation:**

- i. No report presented.

- **Hospital Liaison:**

- i. No report presented.

- **Communications:**

- i. No report presented.

- **Strategic Planning:**

- i. No report was presented.

- **Membership:**

- i. Members: 299

- New: John E. Knutson, Harry G. Helfrich, Kenneth N. Chase
- Transferred: Stephen J. Emt
- Transferred out: Le'Toi Adams

- ii. Associate: 152

- New: 0

- iii. Deceased: 3

- Thomas R. Reaster, Michael C. Jensen, Judi Innis

14. OLD BUSINESS:

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- **FY 24 Veterans Afield Grant Request**

Scott Griffith provided an overview of grant proposal. The proposal requests \$6,000 to support outdoor sporting activities for veterans. Rick Both made the motion to approve. Troy Kurzcek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, 1 abstention, Derrick Trentin, and the motion was carried.

- **Sponsorship for United Spinal Association Southeastern Chapter’s Wheels & Heels 5K Run/Walk/Roll at \$1,500:**
 - Scott Griffith reviewed the proposal to sponsor the United Spinal Association Southeastern Chapter’s Wheels & Heels, 5K Run/Walk/Roll at \$1,500. Mike Thomas made a motion to approve Rick Both seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

- **Chapter Award Nominees:**
 - Scott Griffith reviewed the nominees for the yearly chapter awards, which are listed below and requested a motion to approve all the nominees with one vote.
 - Ron Falkner Award: Justin Plesnik
 - Donald G. “Don” Schmidt Sportsman Award: Mak Nong
 - Patricia A. “Patty” Wiseman PVA-WI Volunteer of the Year Award: Linda Faria
 - President’s Award: Julie Kronenburg
 - PVA-WI Corporate Patriot Award: Property Loss Specialists (PLC)
 - Troy Kurzcek made a motion to approve awards for all the nominees listed above. Mike Thomas seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Salmon-A-Rama Summary
- National MS Society Best Dam Bike Tour - Summary
- Dare2Tri Cycling Event – August 14
- Ellenbecker – August 17
- Annual Membership Banquet – September 17
- Body by Design – November 19

17. ADJOURNMENT: Troy Kurzcek made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Thomas seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM by Scott Griffith.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in office.

