

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

**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

2. The Paralyzed Veterans of America - Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President Todd Drazy at 1:15 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

**3. ATTENDEES:**

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

**4. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:**

- Brenna Frey, Advancement and Engagement Coordinator
- Matt Seidl, Executive Director
- Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer
- Ken Ness, PVA National VP
- Christina Baurichter, Gov. Relations Director

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Angela Walker 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.

**6. AGENDA:**

- December agenda presented.

**7. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- November minutes presented.

**8. FINANCE REPORT:**

- Written report presented.

**9. PRESIDENT'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: 310
    - New: Jonathan R. Martinez, Jacob R. Becker, Jennifer R. Olson
  - ii. Associate: 198
    - New: N/A
  - iii. Transferred:
    - Darren Jones (out)
  - iv. Deceased:
    - Leonard T. Alt

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

- Swear in Board Member — Rick Buth

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

- Finance Committee Recommendation: General Investment Account Proposal
  - The Finance Committee recommends that PVA-WI cap the General Investment Account at \$500,000. Any funds exceeding this threshold will be reallocated annually on January 1. Excess funds will first be distributed equally among the four endowment accounts until each reaches \$500,000. Once all endowments are fully funded, additional monies will be transferred to the Money Market Account to provide operational reserves. All transfers require Finance Committee approval and will be documented for compliance and audit purposes.
  - Troy Kurczek made a motion to approve the Finance Committee recommendation. Rick Buth seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

## 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- PVA National VP Louie Mullins, Wisconsin Chapter Visit – Summary
  - Louie Mullins conducted a scheduled visit to the Chapter office and SCI center on October 22–23, 2025. Louie reported that the chapter is well-run, maintains strong relationships with the SCI center, and offers robust programs in membership, communication, sports, and finances.
- Holiday Party – Summary
  - Attendance increased by approximately 20 participants compared to last year. Staff participation was notably higher, likely due to the inclusion of staff awards presentations during the event.
  - Holiday gift bags were distributed to SCI inpatients, and both PVA-WI and SCI staff contributed donations to the Fisher House as part of the event's community support efforts.
- Brenda Stencil, NSO Announcement
  - Brenda shared that the VA automobile and adaptive equipment allowance used to be a one-time thing. Recent policy changes allow veterans to receive a second automobile allowance.
  - You may be eligible for a second automobile allowance if either of these is true:
    - You bought a vehicle with VA automobile allowance 30 years ago. OR
    - A natural disaster destroyed a vehicle you bought with VA automobile allowance.
  - Brenda is actively checking eligibility during annual reviews to ensure members are informed about opportunities for their **first grant**, potential **repeat eligibility under the 30-year rule**, and ongoing **adaptive equipment assistance**.

**17. 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 1:37 PM by President Todd Drazy.

**Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in the PVA-WI office.**