

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 14, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott Griffith at 1:01 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	Present, In-person
Peter Carrao	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Michael Thomas	Board Member	Medical Leave of Absence
Troy Kurzcek	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Richard Buth	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Ken Matthews	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Angela Walker	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Gary Stott	Secretary, Board Member	Present, Zoom

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Brenna Frey, Nonprofit Administrative Manager Intern
- Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

5. AGENDA:

- February agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- January 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: 303

- New: Michael Walls

- ii. Associate: 167

- New: None

- iii. Transferred: 1

- Edward T. Register

- iv. Deceased:

- James G. Dekay, Daniel R. Furdek, Darrel E. Standish

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- SCI Budget

- Scott Griffith explained that Julie Kronenburg from the SCI Center submitted the annual budget as she does each year in order for PVA-WI to support annual events and educational fair for the SCI Center.

- Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the SCI Budget. Troy Kurzcek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

- MS Walk Sponsorship
 - Amera Schaefer explained the Bronze sponsorship level that will provide PVA-WI awareness advertisement, banners, and a table at each of the three MS Walks. Additionally, she shared the increasing collaboration with the National MS Society in Wisconsin involving programming and support.
 - Scott Griffith made a motion to approve the amount of \$3,000 for the MS Walk Sponsorship. Ken Matthews seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- NVWG Reimbursement Amount
 - Scott Griffith shared past NVWG reimbursement amounts, and due to inflation, Scott suggested increasing the maximum reimbursement to \$2,000. Further discussion was had as Angela Walker shared the bass fishing event that was occurring right before NVWG. Troy Kurczek suggested that the sports reimbursement be applied to those attending the bass fishing event and keeping the reimbursement amount to \$2,000. Scott Griffith made a motion to increase the maximum reimbursement amount of \$2,000 for those participating in the NVWG and \$1,500 for those who are participating in the nearby bass tournament. Ken Matthews seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Jim Weber Financial Request
 - Scott Griffith shared the history of past sports reimbursement requests for this member with ALS. The member has been invited to participate in a clinical trial for an experimental ALS drug through a hospital in New York. Over the course of 12 months, this member and his caregiver will make four trips to New York for a total request of \$8,000. A discussion amongst the board members and guests included discussions around lack of VA funding and approval for this experimental treatment, endowment and grant funding, and achieving mission-driven work.
 - Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the Jim Weber financial request of \$8,000 to participate in the experimental treatment for ALS using available PVA-WI endowment and foundation funding. Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Sports Director Position
 - Troy Kurczek and Pete Carrao discussed being co-chairs of the sports director position for the sports committee. Ken Matthews made a motion to have Troy Kurczek and Pete Carrao act as the sports director as co-chairs. Scott Griffith seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

16. Associate Membership Applications

- None

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Frost Fest, War Memorial – Summary
- Adaptive Works Annual Fishing Jamboree, Muskego – Summary
- Air Rifle Tournament – March 8 & 9 is canceled due to lack of facility.
- Brenda Stencil, NSO announcement
 - PVA National is looking for anyone that has shared a specific barrier regarding transportation. If so, please share the story with her.
 - National PVA site visit is April 24 & 25 with a virtual townhall meeting.
 - Shared R& R house mission and material

18. ADJOURNMENT: Ken Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 1: 42 PM by Scott Griffith.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in office.