

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

June 14th, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Scott Griffith at 1:03 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Ken Ness, President	Excused absence
Todd Drazy, Vice President	Present, Zoom
Scott Griffith, Government Relations Director, Treasurer	Present, In person
Derrick Trentin, Secretary	Present, Zoom
Peter Carrao	Present, In Person
Michael Thomas	Absent
Ken Matthews	Present, Zoom
Le'Toi Adams	Absent
Troy Kurzcek	Excused
Gary Stott	Present, Zoom
Richard Buth	Present, In-person

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Brenna Frey, Nonprofit Administrative Manager Intern
- Brenda Stencil – National Service Officer
- Phil Rosenburg, President Emeritus

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Richard Buth made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Peter Carrao seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.
- Ken Matthews made a motion to suspend the agenda to conduct a special election due to the current Board President, Ken Ness, being elected to National Vice President. Scott Griffith seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

- May agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- April 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: 290
 - New: Nicholas W. Slaggie, John A. Manka, Edward T. Register, Judi A. Innis, Andy Weyker, Becky Fitzpatrick, Timothy J. Martin, Anthony Smilko, Charles H Dawson, III, Reynaldo Mayans, Kenneth J. Wesley
 - ii. Associate: 152
 - New: Pluskota, Cilette, Bailey, Wellsfry, Carrao
 - iii. Deceased: 2
 - Tammy L. Anderkin, Michael J. Carrao
- 14. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - **Milwaukee Eagles Support: Revised Support Request of \$5,000**
 - Rick Buth made the motion to support the revised grant request of \$5,000 for the Milwaukee Eagles. Ken Matthews seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, and 1 abstention due to conflict of interest as Derrick Trentin is a Milwaukee Eagles participant.
 - Derrick Trentin asked a question regarding the determination of support being a grant or sponsorship. Scott Griffith responded

sharing the history of the Milwaukee Eagles. The Milwaukee Eagles team was created by Dr. Kenneth Lee and a former Executive Director Paul Lehman. The terms of this agreement were that PVA-WI would have complete administrative, financial, operational, and legal control over WASA. Overtime, the Milwaukee Eagles Lacrosse program changed to the control of WASA.

- Amera Schaefer shared the difference between supporting one-time event sponsorships requiring marketing in comparison to the year-over-year support for equipment and transportation to support the functional operation of a program. The definitions of these are not created by PVA-WI but are created by nonprofit governance agencies with the delineation being necessary for audit purposes.

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Board Position Special Election**

Scott Griffith shared more details as to Ken Ness no longer being able to hold an Executive Committee Board Position due to being elected to the PVA National's Executive Committee. Due to this, a special election must be held to appoint a new Board President, Vice President, and National Director.

- **PVA-WI President:** Scott Griffith made the motion to nominate Todd Drazy to serve as PVA-WI's Board of Directors President. Ken Matthews seconded the motion and moved to close nominations for the position. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

- **Todd Drazy, President**

- **PVA-WI Vice President:** Ken Matthews made the motion to nominate Scott Griffith for PVA-WI's Board of Directors Vice President. Todd Drazy seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, 6 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and the motion was carried.

- **Scott Griffith, Vice President**

- **PVA-WI National Director:** Todd Drazy made the motion to nominate Scott Griffith for the position of National Director. Ken Matthews seconded the motion and made a motion to nominate Derrick Trentin as National Director. Derrick Trentin seconded the motion for his nomination as National Director. Ken Matthews called to vote. The vote was conducted over Zoom and in-person for the seven members present for they hybrid meeting. The vote tally was as follows:

- Gary Stott, Pete Carrao, Rick Buth, Todd Drazy, voted for Scott Griffith
- Ken Matthews and Derrick Trentin voted for Derrick Trentin
- Scott Griffith abstained
- **The voting outcome led to Scott Griffith becoming PVA-WI's National Director.**
 - Derrick Trentin asked for clarification if Scott Griffith could stay on as Treasurer and serve as National Director, which was confirmed.
- **Associate Membership Applications:** David Samsa, Mike May, Ken Wiegel, Diane Halle, and Justin Schoepke. Ken Matthews made a motion to approve all associate membership applications. Gary Stott seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Port Washington fishing trip, June 28
 - Contact the American Legion or SCI Rec Therapists
- NVWG, July 4 – 9
 - Any questions contact SCI Rec Therapists
- Summerfest Military Appreciation Day – July 1
 - Bring Military Identification
- Milwaukee County Zoo Military Appreciation Day – July 3
- Salmon-A-Rama, July 18

17. ADJOURNMENT: Ken Matthews moves to adjourn the meeting. Richard Buth seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:24 PM by Scott Griffith.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, July 12th, 2023, at 1:00pm on Zoom and in office.