

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

**October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by President Todd Drazy at 1:00 PM. The board members ceremony was conducted for board members who were present, each board member recited the pledge to be an official board member for the 2024-2025 year. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for Mr. Philip E. Rosenberg and all veterans who have passed away.

**2. ATTENDEES:**

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

**3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:**

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Brenna Frey, Advancement and Engagement Coordinator
- Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer (NSO)

**4. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

**5. AGENDA:**

- October agenda presented.

**6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- September 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: James C. Dawson, Marc C. Nelson, Samuel J. Babb

- ii. Associate: 182

- New: N/A

- iii. Transferred:

- N/A

- iv. Deceased:

- Charles D. Smith, Phillip E. Rosenberg

**14. OLD BUSINESS:**

- N/A

**15. NEW BUSINESS:**

- InvestFit

- Scott Griffith shares an overview of the proposed program. This program is meant to support members in increasing their fitness level and overall physical and mental health. PVA-WI would share the cost of one piece of exercise equipment not to be less than \$200.00. The piece of equipment must be approved by PT/OT at the Milwaukee VA before purchasing. PVA-WI would only cover up to 50% or \$500.00.

- Committee Assignments

- Todd Drazy shared a brief overview of the committees and board members have until the end of November 2024 to select which committee(s) they would like to serve/continue to serve. The following committees are up for assignment: Sports & Recreation, Communications & Advocacy, Finance, and Membership/Peer Mentorship.
- Associate Membership Applications
  - Angelo Perez
    - Michael Thomas made a motion to approve the new associate member application, and Angela Walker seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

#### **16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Membership Banquet Summary
  - The 2024 Membership Banquet had the highest number of gold-level table sponsorships yet, with two sponsors: WaterStone Bank and Kunes Mobility.
- Greater Nonprofit Review
  - We are still in need of 4 reviews.
- Texas Roadhouse New Berlin Fundraiser – November 11 (11:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- Holiday Party – December 11
- Brenda Stencil shared increases to the Adaptive Vehicle Grant and the Adaptive Housing Grant.

**17. ADJOURNMENT:** Scott Griffith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Troy Kurzcek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:21 PM by Todd Drazy.

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