

**Paralyzed Veterans of America, California Chapter  
Board of Directors Meeting  
SCI Long Beach, V2 Conference Room  
5901 East 7th Street  
Long Beach, CA. 90822  
September 25, 2019**

Call to Order: Elmer Jacobs 11:04

**Roll Call**

Lance Toguchi-Present  
Gwendolyn Clouser-Present  
Lamont Jacobs-Present  
Charles Walker-Present  
Bob Molinatti-Present  
Al Kovach-Excused  
Joe Fox-Present  
Jose Reynoso-Present  
Major Lewis-Present  
Robert Soto-Present  
Theresa Gaspar-Present  
Enrique Chavez-Excused  
Elmer Jacobs-Present  
Dick Fulton-Executive Director-Present

Guest:

Elaine Krepp: Gold Star Mothers  
Andrea Lennon: Active Chief of Voluntary Services  
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**Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve Agenda Bob Molinatti, Second Jose Reynoso, Motion Carries Unanimously

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve Minutes Wendy Clouser, Second Jose Reynoso, Motion Carries Unanimously. ( request for recording device at October Meeting.)

## **Standing Committee Reports:**

### **President:** Elmer Jacobs

- Shared encouraging remarks on bod performance.
- Schedule a walkthrough at Casa Corazon after October 6th, Jose, Lance Major and Charles have volunteered to attend walkthrough.
- Chapter has received a 1 month extension from National to submit 2020 budget.
- The Chapter Grant Request was submitted by Joe Fox to PVA's CFO Cheryl Topping, and was approved by National.
- Final Audit on Chapter finances will be completed soon.
- Joe Fox introduced us to new Executive Director, Dick Fulton.

### **Vice President/National Director:** Jose Reynoso

- November 15-17 Jose and Dick will attend Fall National BOD meeting in Florida. Dick will be funded by the Chapter for travel and Jose's trip will be funded by National office.
- Group called Lights, Camera, Action encourages disabled people to get into acting to replace those who play disabled roles though they have no disability.
- Advocacy and Legislation: Department of Transportation dealing with making Lav on airplanes more roomy and accessible for disabled patrons.
- PVA National Executive Director Shawn Castle speaking with Senate about TSA Screening for those in wheelchairs.

### **Executive Director:** Dick Fulton

- Dick is excited to join the California Chapter after a long run at Mountain States Chapter. He is operating in a 90 day probationary period
- He mentioned that California Chapter, formed in 1946 is one of the 3 oldest PVA Chapters.
- Dicks goals are to implement programs that provide better lives for Veterans and to grow our Chapter so that we lead the way and set a positive example for other Chapters to follow.

### **Treasurer:** Major Lewis

- June to July is our Fiscal Year.
- Currently California Chapter has approximately \$1.6 million dollars in assets.
- \*Interim National BOD will determine 2020 budget for California Chapter.

### **Hospital Liaison/Government Relations:** Theresa Gaspar

- Theresa will be working hand in hand with Charles Walker on these programs.

-By next meeting she will have completed requisite webinars.

**NSO:** Enrique Chavez-Excused

**Membership:** Charles Walker

-The commitment of membership will be to get the word out to all Veterans of the new programs we are starting.

**Communications Director:** Bob Molinatti

Motion to appoint Bob Molinatti as Communications Director made by Wendy Clouser Second Lance Toguchi, Motion Carries Unanimously.

-Primary initial goals will be launching new Website and upgrading the Chapter Newsletter.

Motion to change the name of the newsletter from The Bulletin to *Momentum* made by Wendy Clouser, Second Jose Reynoso, motion unanimously carries.

**Sports and Recreation/VAVS:** Wendy Clouser

-Veterans Day Parade updates

-Recreation Room Computer systems.

-3 reasons doctors can decide not to approve of a persons ability to be in a recreation or sporting event, Sores, Diabetic concerns and Other.

Motion to accept Standing Committee Reports made by Jose Reynoso, second Charles Walker, Motion Unanimously Carries.

**New Business:**

1. Change social media platform name to PVACC.

Motion to accept PVACC made by Lance Toguchi, Second Major Lewis, Motion Unanimously Carries.

2. Establishment of Committee Chair and Members for many events throughout the year with Thanksgiving, Christmas and Veterans Day Parade coming up.

Motion to install Theresa Gaspar as Chairperson for upcoming events made by Wendy Clouser, Second Lance Toguchi, Motion Unanimously Carries.

3. Finance Committee.

Motion to install Major Lewis as Chair for Finance Committee made by Lance Toguchi, Second Charles Walker, Motion Unanimously Carries.

4. Flu Shot Event November 1, 2019. \$1500 requested to provide food for event.

Motion for \$1500 made by Wendy Clouser, Second Charles Walker, Motion Unanimously Carries.

5. Big Bear Sports and Recreation events. \$90 per Veteran plus \$100 group fee. Request \$5000 to sponsor USARC events.

Motion for \$5000 made by Theresa Gaspar, Second Jose Reynoso, Motion Unanimously Carries.

6. Veterans Day Swag.

Motion for \$3000 made by Charles Walker, Second Wendy Clouser, Motion Unanimously Carries.

7. \$100 gift card for Rec Therapy Volunteers and \$300 for a Kayak Rack.

Motion for \$400 made by Jose Reynoso, Second Major Lewis, Motion Unanimously Carries.

8. \$30 per month to register PVACC total \$360 yearly.

Motion for \$360 made by Lamont Jacobs, Second Wendy Clouser, Motion Unanimously Carries.

9. \$6000 yearly to cover IT Support on Cloud.

Motion for \$6000 made by Charles Walker, Second Major Lewis, Motion Unanimously Carries.

10. \$900 To upgrade Quickbooks.

Motion for \$900 made by Major Lewis, Second Jose Reynoso, Motion Unanimously Carries.

12. \$2000 for Polo Shirts, Business Cards and Name tags.

Motion for \$2000 made by Major Lewis, Second Lance Toguchi, Motion Unanimously Carries.

**Old Business:**

6. Change Christmas Party Date to Saturday the 14th of December.

Motion to change date made by Jose Reynoso, Second Charles Walker and Motion passes 5-3 with one abstention.

10. Final Payment of \$650 for fishing trip to Catalina.

11. 2 computers, laser printer, dvd and WIFI Booster for Recreation Room \$3000.

Motion for \$3000 made by Charles Walker, Second Jose Reynoso, Motion Unanimously Carries.

The next California Chapter BOD Meeting is: October 23, 2019

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by Major Lewis, second Lance Toguchi, motion unanimously carries.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bob Molinatti, California Chapter Secretary