

SDVSOA Minutes 2018 Annual Meeting

Secretary's Report: Minutes reviewed from 2017

Treasurer's Report: Financial report given to members. No questions.

Elections: Positions up for election are: President, Vice-president, representatives from Regions 1, 3, and 5.

Legislative Update: Aaron Walberg informed the membership of the collaborative effort between SDDVA and SDVSOA to have a united front for legislative issues.

Education: Increasing benefits for veterans at state institutions

Veterans Preference: Fine businesses that are non-compliant. Fines would go towards the Veterans' Cemetery. Also, discussion was held about state, school, county, municipal jobs that should be posted publicly. At this time, we will focus on the businesses that don't follow the law.

Qualifications for C/TVSOs: Discussion was held about the character of discharge qualification. There are five different variations of this and we will vote on this at the second meeting. Verbiage with Honorable Discharge, Federal definition for Active Duty, Persons adjudicated by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs as possessing a service connected disability shall meet the requirements of this section if he or she does not meet the minimum service requirements.

Tax exemption: We need to make the verbiage simple and present it to the LRC to get the wording to be as clear as possible.

Spousal Tax exemption: Will match tax exemption verbiage for veterans.

Amend Constitution to bring it in line with state bonus program. If we don't get it amended, the bonus program could go away.

Prescription Drug Initiated Measure: Will not be on the ballot. Petition did not have valid signatures. This will possibly come back again next year.

Doug discussed the Association web site. Specifically, the helpful links page.

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Minutes from 2017 Annual meeting were approved unanimously

Treasurer's report was approved unanimously

Overview of SDVSOA website – demo by Doug Huntrods

2017 updates to Constitution – gave us the ability to filling vacant positions. We had two this year – Mike Holzhauser filled the VP position and Jana Virtue filled the Region IV position.

Shirts: There has been some interest in purchasing shirts again. Discussion was held about this. Group would prefer a cotton or cotton blend shirt. Blue was the preferred base color. A long-sleeved option will also be explored. This will be discussed during the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Interest about reopening the Vietnam Veteran's Bonus. It probably would not be sponsored by the SDDVA. We would need to find other sponsorship for this if we were to pursue this. We will see if the Vietnam Veterans Association will pursue.

Elections:

President: Doug Huntrods was only nominee and was unanimously elected.

Vice-President: Aaron Walberg was only nominee and was unanimously elected.

Region I: Courtney Vanzanten

Region III: Michael Mc Donald

Region IV: David Dodson

Region V: Geri Opsal

Meeting adjourned.