



Minutes

TREA National Board of Directors – 1st Business Meeting The Island, by Hotel RL – Fort Walton Beach, FL September 19th, 2018

Call to Order: The 55th Anniversary and National Convention 1st Business meeting was called to order at 0900 by President John Adams

Invocation: Chaplain/Director Greg Barnett

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by President John Adams

Roll Call: Parliamentarian Flowers

John Adams, President	Ed Cates, 1 st Vice President
Justin Jump, 2 nd Vice President	Deb Oelschig, Treasurer - excused
Aaron Reed, Director	Greg Barnett, Director
Phil Hilinski, Director	CD Rice, Director
Charlie Flowers, Parliamentarian	Michael Holzhauser, VSO
Rick Delany, PNP	Butch Liebaert, Memorial Foundation Chair
Arthur Cooper, TSCL Chair	Larry Madison, Director of Legislative Affairs
Debbie Osborne, Director for Operations, Secretary	

New Business

- ❖ President Adams recognized all PNP's
- ❖ President Adams appointed tellers Georgette Pam, Larry Madison & Misty Siggins
- ❖ President Adams appointed Sergeant at Arms, Don Higginbotham, Doug Osborne and Lewis Jackson
- ❖ Roll Call Certification of Delegates – Presented by Andy Franko
 - Final count of 102 (58/44) votes broken down as Delegates 37/37, MAL's 9/5, PNP's 3/1, BOD 9/1) corrections pending
 - Committee chair Director Rice moved that the report be accepted as amended. Without Objection – so moved
- ❖ Special Rules of Order – Presented by Parliamentarian Flowers, Tab 2
 - Charles White made the motion to amend the discussion time from 2 minutes to 5 minutes. Second made. With much discussion, Parliamentarian Flowers moved to stop discussion and vote, a second was made. The vote to stop discussion on the original

motion was approved. President Adams called for the vote to change the discussion time from 2 minutes to 5 minutes. The motion was approved by majority vote.

- Parliamentary Flowers moved that the Special Rules of Order be approved, with the recently approved change, without objection, so moved.
- ❖ Convention Agenda – Presented by President Adams, , Tab 1
 - Motion by 1st Vice to approve the Convention agenda, seconded. Without objection, so moved
- ❖ 2017 Convention Minutes – Presented by President Adams, Tab 3
 - Motion to approve the 2017 Convention Minutes made by Butch Liebaert, seconded. Without object, so moved
- ❖ Bylaws & Standing Rules – Presented by 1st Vice Cates, see tab 4
 - Article III, Section 1 – Regular
 - ◆ This change will allow spouses of alive or deceased eligible veterans to become regular members. It eliminates the Associate Membership category.
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
 - Article III, Section 1 & 2 – Membership
 - ◆ This change eliminates the Honorably Discharged veteran category. We have no way of verifying this status, so it does not make sense to keep it. All TREA members will be regular TREA members and be eligible for a Life Membership.
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
 - Article III, Section 11 – Reinstatement
 - ◆ This change will allow for members who renew to not be entered as new members – they are simply reinstated.
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
 - Article IV, Section 1 - Dues
 - ◆ This change the 'grace period' for expired membership from 60 days to 10 days past their expiration date.
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
 - Article IV, Section 1 – Dues
 - ◆ Withdrawn by originator
 - Article IV, Section 3– Dues Remittance
 - ◆ This change states that if Chapters send in national Dues to HQ, each membership will be an individual check – multiple membership dues cannot be combined.
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
- ❖ Break for lunch
 - Article V, Section 1 – Elected Officers
 - ◆ This change would remove two of the Director positions from the TREA National Board.
 - Chair moved for approval as amended (removal of the 'effective immediately statement'), Motion failed with a total count (after recount) of with a vote of 52 in favor/42 opposed.
 - Article V, Section 4d – Terms of Office

- Cancelled due to the previous proposed change failure
- Article IX, Section 3 – Nominations and Elections
 - ◆ This change will allow for on-line and mail-in votes, allowing all TREA members the ability to vote on Bylaws, Standing Rules and Board Nominations.
 - Chair moved for approval. This motion failed with a final count (after a recount) of 52 in favor/44 opposed. It was suggested that more research be put into the proposal and it be brought back up again in the future
- Article IX, Section 6 – Installation (time stamp 1:41:08)
 - ◆ This change allows for the Installation of newly elected officers to be installed at an appropriate ceremony, TBD by the Convention Committee – this could potentially save TREA thousands of dollars.
 - Chair moved for approval, Motion approved with a vote of 90 in favor/ 1 opposed
- Article XII – Standing Committee
 - ◆ This change will add the Scholarship Committee to the National Standing Committees.
 - Chair moved for approval, Motion approved with a vote of 83 in favor/12 opposed
- SR 1, Paragraph 11 (new) – non-Attribution Policy
 - ◆ This new SR will offer protection to those who bring information to the Board as long as it is done in the best interest of the organization
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
- SR 5, Paragraph 3 – Standing and Special Committees
 - ◆ This change supports the previously approved Bylaw change, adding the Scholarship Committee back under TREA
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
- SR 7, Paragraph 11 – removal for Non-Payment of Dues
 - ◆ This SR supports the previously approved Bylaw that makes renewed members reinstated – not ‘new’
 - Chair moved for approval, without objection, so moved
- SR 9, part 2, Paragraph 10 – Chapter Reporting Requirements
 - ◆ This change deletes two of the required reports that Chapters need to send to HQ
 - Chair moved to approve, without objection, so moved
- SR 13, Paragraph 4 – Prepaid Phone Cards
 - ◆ This change removes this Standing Rule. TREA has not used prepaid phone cards in several years so the Standing Rule is not needed.
 - Chair moved to approve, without objection, so moved
- SR 18, Paragraph 2e – TREA Clothing and Accessories
 - ◆ This change takes out the requirement for specific, no longer carried items.
 - Chair moved to approve, without objection, so moved

The following submissions were received after the deadline and required a 9/10 vote to pass:

- SR 18, Paragraph 2a. Table – Color Recognition Code
 - ◆ Withdrawn by originator
- Article VII, Section 3 – Meetings of the National Board of Directors

- ◆ This change makes it a requirement to report the vote of each board member as part of the minutes.
 - Chair moved to approve, without objection, so moved
- Article IX, Section 1 – Nominee Candidate
 - ◆ This change clarifies that a submitted resume is considered consent and that attendance at convention for someone seeking a Board position, while encouraged, can be given an exception for special circumstances.
 - Chair moved to approve as amended (change effective date to “upon adjournment of the convention”), without objection, so moved
- ❖ Nomination/Credentials Committee Report – Presented by Director Rice, Tab 5
 - ◆ Resumes received:
 - President – Ed Cates & Phil Hilinski
 - 1st Vice – Greg Barnett
 - 2nd Vice – Justin Jump,
 - 3rd Vice – Clarence Johnson,
 - Treasurer – Deborah Oelschig,
 - Directors - CD Rice & Hazel Simeon
 - ◆ Open Nominations from the floor:
 - President – none
 - 1st Vice – Director Reed was nominated by Willie Clark, Chapter 3, Director Reed accepted the nomination
 - 2nd Vice – none
 - 3rd Vice – Walter Coley nominated himself
 - Treasurer – John Martinez was nominated by PNP Cooper. Mr. Martinez accepted the nomination. Willie Clark was nominated by Director Reed. Mr. Clark accepted the nomination
 - Directors – Michael Gales was nominated by Director Reed. Mr. Gales declined the nomination
 - ◆ Point of Order --- Charles White (Chapter 72) stated that Ms. Simeon was not eligible to run for Director. After much discussion, it was decided that there was no conflict of interest with Ms. Simeon running for Director for the National Board and her nominations stands.
 - ◆ Nominations closed (28:55 time stamp on recording)
- ❖ The following reports were rendered –
 - Information Technology Committee Report, Tab 6 – Director Hilinski
 - Legislative Affairs Committee Report, Tab 7 – Director Reed
 - National President’s Report, Tab 8 – President Adams
 - Convention Report, Tab 9 – President Adams
 - Past National Presidents Council Report, Tab 10 – PNP Delaney
 - Award Committee Report, Tab 11 – PNP Flowers
 - Membership Committee Report, Tab 12 – 2nd Vice Jump

- Finance Committee Report, Tab 13 – Treasurer Oelschig – scheduled for 9:15am on 2nd business day
 - Five-Year Plan Report, Tab 14 – Director Barnett
 - Veteran Service Officer Report, Tab 15 – VSO Holzhauser
 - Washington Office Report, Tab 16 – Legislative Director Madison
 - National Headquarter Report, Tab 17 – Director for Operations Osborne
 - The Memorial Foundation, Tab 18 – Chairman Liebaert
 - The Senior Citizens League, Tab 19 – Chairman Cooper
- Motion made that all reports be accepted as presented. Motion accepted without objection

Benediction – Director Barnett

Meeting Adjourned – President Adams

Submitted by National Secretary, Debbie Osborne - October 25th, 2018

Approved by Parliamentarian, Charles White -