



**1st Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Sheraton Station Square**  
**Pittsburgh, PA**  
**September 7th , 2017**

**Call to Order**

The 1st Business Convention Meeting was called to order at 0900 by President Adams.

**Invocation**

Chaplain Turks opened the Bible and a moment of silence was observed for all TREA members who have passed.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Lead by President Adams

**Roll Call of National Board**

John Adams, President	Ed Cates, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Garry Turks, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Michael Davis, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President
Deb Oelschig, Treasurer	Charlie Flowers, Parliamentarian
Phil Hilinski, 1 Year Director	Aaron Reed, 1 Year Director
Justin Jump, 2 Year Director	Greg Barnett, 2 Year Director
Art Cooper, Chairman TSCL	Butch Liebaert, Acting Chair - TREA Memorial Foundation
Richard Delaney, Past National President	Michael Holzhauser, VSO

President Adams recognized PNP Smith, three other PNP's are currently sitting on the Board.

**New Business**

- ❖ President Adams appointed Sergeant at Arms, Paul Ott, Doug Osborne and Bill Neurauter
- ❖ Credentials Committee Report – Presented by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Davis, see tab 15
  - Roll Call Certification of Delegates – Presented by Paul Ott
    - Total Votes Cast 123 (80 Delegates/43 Proxy) (Delegates 60/41, MAL's 5/1, BOD 11/0, PNP's 4/1)
- ❖ Special Rules of Order – Presented by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cates, see tab 3
  - On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cates moved to approve the convention special rules of order. Without objection, so moved
- ❖ Convention Agenda – Presented by President Adams, see tab 1
  - Motion to approve the Convention agenda. Without objection, so moved

- ❖ 2016 Convention Minutes – Presented by President Adams, see tab 4
  - Motion to approve the 2016 Convention Minutes. Without object, so moved
- ❖ Bylaws & Standing Rules – Presented by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cates, see tab 4
  - Article III 'Object' - change to remove the word 'retired' from the statement. – APPROVED
  - Article III, Section 1, 'Membership' – change to open membership up to spouses, widows, widowers, ancestors or lineal descendant of eligible TREA members. – DISAPPROVED
  - Article III, Section 1 & 2 'Membership' – change to combine the two types of membership (regular and retired) – APPROVED
  - Article IV, Section 3, 'Dues Remittance' – Change to require national membership dues are remitted directly to TREA Headquarters, while chapter membership dues are remitted directly to the chapter. – APPROVED
  - Article IV, Section 4, 'Chapter Rebates' – deletion of the last sentence – APPROVED
  - Article V, Section 4, 'Terms of Office' – aligns the board positions with that of the president. Makes all positions a 2-year term, effective at the 2016 convention. – APPROVED
  - Article IX, Section 1, 'Nominee Candidates' – requiring proof of honorary discharge to be on the national board. – DISAPPROVED
  - Article IX, Section 2, 'Candidate Eligibility' – requiring anyone running for the national board to have a current membership that expires 30 days after the length of term that they are running for – APPROVED
  - Article IX, Section 2, 'Candidate Eligibility' – prohibits a chapter board member from being a national board member – DISAPPROVED
  - Article IX, Section 5, 'Tellers' – Requires the ballots to be kept until the following convention, to be used in the case of a vacancy and the person with the next number of votes is needed – DISAPPROVED
  - Article X, Section 3, 'Delegates' – remove the word 'regular' and just refer to members as members, no distinction is needed – APPROVED
  - Article X, Section 3 a& b, 'Delegates' – Combining both paragraphs to make it easier to understand and avoid confusion – APPROVED
  - Article X, Section 7, 'Convention Site' – proposed that every odd year, the convention is held in the locale of the TREA Headquarters to save money, beginning in 2019 – APPROVED
  - SR 1, Paragraph 10, 'Conduct at Convention' – requires that all board members and staff attend all TREA functions/events, and stay the duration of that event - unless permission from the President has been given otherwise – APPROVED
  - SR 8, Paragraph 2 (pg 8-11), 'Chapter President of the Year Award' – puts back in convention expenses – DISAPPROVED
  - SR 8, Paragraph 9, 'The Roll of Honor' – eliminates the requirement for maintaining the Roll of Honor at the TREA Headquarters – APPROVED
  - SR 8, Appx-2, 'Recommendations for TREA National Awards' – changes the responsible committee of the Chapter website award from the Membership Committee to the IT committee. Also removes the requirement of a small, medium & large award to ONE award and adds a special recognition for social media site – APPROVED

- SR 18, Paragraph 4d – refers to the embroidering on the TREA caps. Takes away the requirement to have Chapter/MAL/City & state and makes it optional – APPROVED
- Article IV, Section 1, 'Dues, Rebates & Finances – did away with future lifetime and 5 year memberships and added a 2 year – DISAPPROVED
- SR 5, Paragraph 4a, 'Athletic Committee' – removes the Athletic Committee – APPROVED
- Article XII, Section 2, 'Special Committees' – Deletes the word 'Athletic' from the paragraph – APPROVED
- SR 8, App1, 'TREA Awards Program' – Removes the individual names from the: Marjorie Hold Award, the Benjamin C Pearson award & the Alvino R. Gutierrez award – DISAPPROVED
- ❖ Nomination/Credentials Committee Report – Presented by 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Davis, see tab 15
  - ◆ Resumes received: 2 year Directors – Aaron Reed, CD Rice, Phil Hilinski
  - ◆ Move that the report be accepted, without objection, so moved
    - President Adams opened nominations from the floor. Grand Goods, (Chapter 24) was nominated. There being no other nominations from the floor, nominations closed.
- ❖ The following reports were rendered –
  - National President's Report – President Adams
  - Awards Report – PNP Flowers
  - Convention Report – President Adams
  - Financial Report – Treasurer Oelschig
  - Treasurer Report – Treasurer Oelschig
  - Five-Year Plan Report – Director Barnett
  - Information Technology Report – Director Hilinski
- Motion made that all reports be accepted as presented. Motion accepted without objection
- ❖ Break for lunch – a presentation of the new database was given by TREA Headquarter staff
- ❖ Continued rendering of reports –
  - Legislative Affairs/Resolutions Report – Director Reed
  - Membership Report – Director Jump
  - Public Relations Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Turks
  - VSO Report – VSO Holzhauser
  - Washington Office Report – Executive Director Holleman
  - National Headquarters Report – DFO Osborne
  - Past National President's Council Report – PNP Delaney
  - The Senior Citizens League Report – Chairman Cooper
  - The Memorial Foundation Report – Interim Chairman, Liebaert
- Motion made that all reports be accepted as presented. Motion accepted without objection

**Benediction/Closing of the Bible – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP/Chaplain Turks**  
**Meeting Adjourned**

Submitted by National Secretary, Debbie Osborne, October 2, 2017