
General Veterans Caucus

Meeting Minutes – Jan 12, 2018

Call to order

7:14pm_ A general meeting of **The Veterans Caucus** was held on a Zoom virtual conference call on 01/12/2018. **Chair Cullen called the meeting to order**

7:14pm_ Roll call taken by Ron Cohen (acting Secretary due unavailability of Melissa Boyd)

E Board members in attendance included

Chair - Cullen Tiernan

1st VC - Jody Feldman

2nd VC - Robert Leahy

Secretary – Not present-

Treasurer -- Stacey Glass Smith - Not present at time of call in but joined late

Caucus Members in attendance included:

Ron Cohen – Acting Secretary and Parliamentarian

Carolyn Fowler

Derek Matthew

Allyson Vincent

Tom Larossi (joined late)

Richard Valdez (joined late)

Jeanine ??? (joined late)

7:15pm _ Quorum declared – five (5) per the current bylaws.

Approval of Agenda

7:16pm_ Cullen moved to adopt agenda, Derek Matthews seconded – some discussion on sharing the agenda – then roll call to approve – all approved

7:19 pm_ Cullen moved to approve minutes, Carolyn Fowler seconded – no discussion –

Members asked for their vote by saying aye –

No Nays

No abstentions

After vote – Leahy made a motion to table because minutes from Nov caucus meeting not yet available – no second

7:22pm_ Reports

Officer Reports:

- Cullen Tiernan: in contact with deported veterans in Tijuana: will be getting involved with congressional campaigns in Southern California – continuing to reachout to elected officials
- Jody Feldman: working to get things paid, working bylaws and policies
- Missy Boyd: no report
- Stacey Glass Smith: working with Emma (CDP) to meet and discuss starting balance of caucus treasury and better understanding of the financial – planning on having a regional meeting with veterans to discuss their issues and then share with caucus
- Robert Leahy: busy with bylaws, reaching out to veteran candidates, make sure committees are getting started, amazing work being done on website

Committee reports:

- Legislative (Derek Matthews) – have five (5) working groups: Federal, State, pre-endorsement, platforms and resolutions. Looking for ideas to leverage our caucus. Looking for ideas on how to help once CDP endorsements are known.
- Communications (Susana Williams) – out
- Bylaws (Ron Cohen) – bylaws done from scratch, lot of work here, will be reviewing first draft in a few minutes.
- Underserved (Felipe Grimaldo) – not online
- Disabled Veterans (Craig Baumbusch) – ill – Cullen mentioned we may be doing something between us and the disability caucus.

7:39_Bylaws First Read

Went section by section and captured comments in the document thru google docs

ARTICLE I: comment on logo. Maybe change the LOGO

- Need deferred discussion about changing Veterans Logo (Sacramento County proposed changing logo) – need to have branding discussion – will add to next eboard meeting

ARTICLE II: discussion but only change was define majority - fixed

ARTICLE III: considerable discussion on 10 day rule. Final: remove the ten (10) day rule prior to meeting to vote - fixed.

ARTICLE IV: no issues.

ARTICLE V: regions will increase the participation. Lots of discussion on 20 members but no change to quorum.

ARTICLE VI: no issues.

ARTICLE VII: discussion of resolutions and how it is processed within the Veteran's Caucus. Appropriate actions in underserved and disabled veterans needs some examples of actions. Awards and ceremonies needs to add the responsibility for developing the planning and logistics of opening ceremonies. Removal of members from committee needs to be for cause not at will.

ARTICLE VIII: no issues.

ARTICLE IX: no issues.

ARTICLE X: fix challenges via email discussion

ARTICLE XI: no issues.

ARTICLE XII: no issues

ARTICLE XIII: no issues.

STANDING RULES: no issues.

9:05pm_Replace Policy #2014-5 – Rules of Personal Endorsements

Discussion on Rules of Personal Endorsements:

- Robert Leahy moved/ Cullen seconded that Veterans Caucus Policy 2014-5, dated Jan 21, 2014 be revised to eliminate item c.
 - o Vote: 3 Ayes, 4 nays and 4 abstentions
 - o Policy rejected
- Robert Leahy moved/ Tom seconded that Veterans Caucus Policy 2014-5, dated Jan 21, 2014 be revised to eliminate items c and d
 - o Vote: 2 Ayes, 7 nays and 2 abstentions
 - o Policy rejected

9:29 – Announcements – none

9:29 - Adjournment

Ron moved to adjourn, Jody seconded – no discussion – all voted ayes

Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Respectively submitted

/signed/

M. Ronald Cohen

Jan 24, 2018