

VAB Agenda – December 14, 2023

- I. Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Roll Call
- II. Approval of November 9, 2023 minutes (action)
- III. 2024 Officer Elections (action)
- IV. 2024 Member-at-Large Elections (action)
- V. Committee Reports (info and action)
- VI. October Contractor and Fund Reports (info)
- VII. Veterans Assistance Center updates (info)
- VIII. Old Business (info)
- IX. New Business (info)
- X. Open Forum (info)
- XI. Adjourn



Agenda Item I. Call to Order/Pledge/Invocation/Roll Call



Agenda Item II. Approval of November 9th minutes

Approval of October 12, 2023, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Shannon Roberts that was seconded by [inaudible].

Contract budget approvals

The 2024 Free Clinic budget to be renewed at \$24,900. WDVA budget to be renewed at \$138,000. The Veterans Assistance Center budget to be renewed at \$800,000. Budgets can be increased if revenues come in higher and there is need. **Budgets were approved on motion by Bob Brennan that was seconded by Tonya Wark.**

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

Nominations: New officers are elected at the December meeting. Michael Harding is nominated for chair; Tom Philips is nominated for vice chair; Bruce Maas is nominated as secretary.

September 2023, Contractor & Fund reports

The fund assisted 63 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 514 veteran visits. The Free Clinic billed \$694 for 5 veterans. The Fund balance at the end of July was \$606,723. WDVA filed 882 claims with 90 percent success.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Creating lists for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals and Christmas toys.
- Tony Hier challenge to raise funds by December 31, will be doubled up to \$25,000.
- HVRP grant now managed by WDVA, to include services to Clark County veterans for employment opportunities. Contact John Stevens.

Old Business

- Letters of Intent for members at large are due by year-end.
- VA transportation to Portland has not increased shuttle frequency due to lack of volunteer drivers.

New Business

- Members at large non-attendance policy: Referred to policies and procedures committee. It is suggested to extend the same requirement to members at large as is set for VSO members.
- Suggestions for speakers in 2024:
 - Dr. Allan Martinez, VA outreach coordinator
 - Individuals addressing veteran housing, plus GDP
 - Food providers, such as Share
 - VSOs
 - David Fuentes, WDVA
 - Congresswoman Gluesenkamp-Perez
 - Coverage of veteran benefits

Open Forum

- Veteran's Day parade at 11:00 am, Saturday, starting at Vancouver Barracks.
- Many retailers offer discounts for veterans.
- VSO fundraisers over Veterans Day weekend and preparing for assisting veterans over the holidays.
- Do Good Multnomah tiny homes construction (Vancouver Safe Stay 4) behind Kiggins Bowl opens December 15, with at least 6 beds reserved for Veterans. No children.
- Marine Corps' 240th birthday tomorrow.
- Suicide prevention hotline, 9-8-8.
- Veterans who received denials at the VAC are contacted for three months to provide assistance when possible.



Agenda Item III: 2024 Officer Elections

Board Chair – Nominee: Michael Harding

Vice Chair – Nominations requested

Secretary – Nominee: Bruce Maas



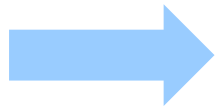
Agenda Item IV: 2024 Member-at-Large Elections

- **Current Members-at-Large**

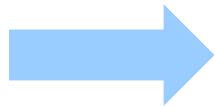
- Kelly Jones
- Bryan McGillis
- Tamara Elam
- Megan Anderson
- Eliezer Gonzalez
- Tonya Wark



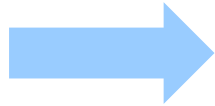
Agenda Item V. Committee Reports



Appeals – Gene Couture



Policies and Procedures – Kelly Jones



Nominations – Bruce Maas





Agenda Item VI. October Contractor & Fund Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 61 Veterans served in October, services totaling \$31,601.90
- 52 men, 9 women, and 0 other Veterans served
- 6 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 621 visits to the center for essentials and food, 877 meals served
- 665 volunteer hours, totaling \$16,419 in value

- **Free Clinic**

- 5 veterans served in October. Services totaled \$997 in value. Billed \$722.01.

- **Fund**

- October revenue: \$134,257.28
- October expenditures: \$131,191.76
- Fund balance: \$609,788.63



Agenda Item VII. CCVAC updates

**Honorably
serving those
who served
honorably**



Agenda Items VIII. – XI.

- **Old Business**

- At-Large Member letters of intent for 2024
- Discussion of nonattendance bylaws for at-large members

- **New Business**

- Discussion of Bylaws section 4.3 – Term of Office
- Questions for Budget Office
- Community Forum event announcement

- **Open Forum**

- **Adjourn**

Next meeting: January 11, 2024

