

92nd PRE-CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES
 FRA NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2019
 CROWNE PLAZA MEMPHIS EAST
 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

National President (NP) Robert Washington, Sr. called the meeting to order at 1300 on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, citing Section 803(i), C&BL, FRA as the authority for the meeting. Following the National Chaplain's prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, National Executive Director Thomas J. Snee called the roll and the following were present:

NP Robert Washington, Sr., Navy Department Branch 181; NVP Donna M. Jansky, North Shore Branch 031; NED Thomas J. Snee, Navy Department Branch 181; JrPNP William E. Starkey, South Jersey Branch 057; RPNE/NEng Joyce M. Harris, Groton Branch 020; RPEC Randy L. Phillipp, Triangle Branch 182; RPSE James P. Richmond, Pensacola Branch 022; RPNC Barry M. White, Mo-Kan Branch 161; RPSC Emmett H. Smith, Jr., Shreveport Bossier Branch 098; RPSW John F. Quesnel, Jr., Imperial Beach Branch 289; RPWC William S. Matthews, Modesto Branch 197 and RPNW William H. Hall, Gem State Branch 382.

The National President declares a quorum present in compliance with Section 802(l), C&BL, FRA.

The NP then introduced National Parliamentarian Past National President George P. Hyland, Groton Branch 020; National Chaplain Valerie Toulotte, Annapolis Branch 024 and Finance Officer Bryan M. Proctor was absent due to death in the family.

Also present for all or part of the proceedings were the following:

PRPNE Dave Munday, III, Lakehurst Branch 124; PNP John Ippert, Pearl Harbor-Honolulu Branch 046; PRPSW Don Kelley, Imperial Beach Branch 289; PRPSW Michael Frontz, James Hunter Branch 047; PRPNC Marty Posekany, Wolverine Branch 298; PRPEC Penny Collins, Annapolis Branch 024; RVPNW Danny Hunt, Gem State Branch 382; PRPNEng Paul F. Loveless, Pinetree Branch 156; PRPSE Bobby Smith, East Tennessee Branch 194; PRPSE Fred Hill, Mayport Branch 290; PRPSE/PNC Jerry Pugh, Baton Rouge Branch 371; RPNE/NEng-Elect Abe Zino, Buffalo Branch 023; JrPRPSE James J. Thomas, West Jacksonville Branch 126; PRPSE Robbie Robbins, West Jacksonville Branch 126; PRPWC Peter McNamara, High Sierra Branch 274; PNP Bob Beese, Volusia County Branch 335; PRPSE Fred Bolz, Low Country, Branch 269; PRPSW Mick Fulton, Imperial Beach Branch 289; Shipmate Richard A. Ruiz, Santa Clara Valley, Branch 101; PRPWC Rick Fetro, Santa Clara Valley Branch 101; PRPWC Charles R. McIntyre, Santa Clara Valley Branch 101; Shipmate Bill Maillet, Millington Branch 086; RVPSC C. Ursula Gruetzner, Capital Area Branch 201; RPEC-Elect S.D. Martin, Virginia Beach Branch 166;

RPNC-Elect Don Watkins, Omaha-Council Bluffs Branch 276; PRPNC Marcia Cunningham, Milwaukee Branch 014; PRPEC Claire Purdy, Annapolis Branch 024; PRPEC Paul Gunther, Triangle Branch 182; Shipmate James Short, Navy Department Branch 181; Shipmate Garland Gene Reed, Wolverine Branch 298; RVPNC Jerome P. Lickteig, Mo-Kan Branch 161; PRPNC Norm Combs, Mo-Kan Branch 161; DLP John Davis, Navy Department Branch 181; RPSE-Elect Laurie Bailey, Low Country Branch 269; Shipmate Tim Bailey, Low Country Branch 269; PRPNE/NEng Jim Brown, Staten Island Branch 226; PNP Larry Boudreaux, Hangtown Branch 275; JrPRPEC Paul Phelps, Chesapeake Branch 040; Shipmate Vince Cuthie, Annapolis Branch 024; PRPEC Chris Slawinski, Navy Department Branch 181; NEDE Joe Barnes, Navy Department Branch 181; PNP Mark Kilgore, Pensacola Branch 022; PNP Donald E. Larson, Corpus Christi Branch 094; PNP Virgil P. Courneya, High Sierra Branch 274; PNP Gary C. Blackburn, Vallejo Branch 008; PNP Marvin “John” Johnson, Mt. Rainier Branch 104; and PRPNC Robert Melson, Indianapolis Branch 130; Shipmate Teresa Wiener, DA; Ms. Christina Hitchcock, DMD and Ms. Debora Tshiovo, Administrative Assistant.

National Parliamentarian reads Section 802(m), C&BL, FRA and informed all present of the procedures for a National Board business meeting.

NP indicated that the meeting was not being electronically recorded and future meetings will include approval of previous meeting minutes.

There was a motion and seconded in regards to the approval of the 2019 Mid-Year NBOD Meeting Minutes.

National Executive Director Snee reports on the status of the Directors’ voting on National Board Resolutions.

National President calls for any Unfinished Business to come before the Board:

- 1, NVP Jansky – Proceed.
2. NED Snee – Proceed.
3. JrPNP Starkey – Had questions regarding the New Audit and the cost of this audit. FO Proctor will be Wednesday to address this issue.
4. RPNE/NEng Harris – Discussion of the request that Blackstone Valley Branch 132’s charter be voluntarily surrendered.

NBR 21-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the voluntary surrender of Blackstone Valley Branch 132’s (Pawtucket, RI) charter be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

Discussion of the request that Central New York Branch 285 (Syracuse, NY) be merged with Buffalo Branch 023 (Buffalo, NY).

NBR 22-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the merger of Central New York Branch 285 (Syracuse, NY) with Buffalo Branch 023 be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

5. RPEC Phillipp – Discussion of the request that Portsmouth, VA Branch 257 (Portsmouth, VA) be merged with Portsmouth, VA Branch 037 (same city).

NBR 23-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the merger of Portsmouth, VA Branch 257 (Portsmouth, VA) with Portsmouth, VA Branch 037 (same) be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

Discussion of the request that Tri-State Mountaineers Branch 369's (Cumberland, MD) charter be suspended.

NBR 24-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the suspension of Tri-State Mountaineers Branch 369's (Cumberland, MD) charter be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

6. RPSE Richmond – Discussion of the request that Gasparilla Branch 188's (Tampa, FL) charter be suspended.

NBR 25-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the suspension of Gasparilla Branch 188's (Tampa, FL) charter be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

Discussion of the request that Foothills Branch 234's (Anderson, SC) charter be voluntarily surrendered.

NBR 26-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the voluntary surrender of Foothills Branch 234's (Anderson, SC) charter be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

7. RPNC White – Discussion of the request that O-K-1 Branch 028's (Cincinnati, OH) charter be voluntarily surrendered.

NBR 27-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the voluntary surrender of O-K-1 Branch 028's (Cincinnati, OH) charter be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

8. RPSC Smith - Arkansas Branch 282's (Little Rock, AR) 2019 Annual Report of Branch Officers received.

Osage Heritage Branch 334's (Osage, AR) 2019 Annual Report of Branch Officers received.

9. RPSW Quesnel – Discussion of the request that Orange County Branch 175 (Garden Grove, CA) be merged with Carson Branch 302 (Carson, CA).

NBR 28-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the merger of Orange County Branch 175 (Garden Grove, CA) with Carson Branch 302 (Carson, CA) be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

10. RPWC Matthews – Request that San Leandro, CA Branch 010 and San Francisco, CA Branch 048 be reinstated. (Both were revoked back in 2017.) Asking to rescind the NBRs for both of these branches (that revoked these two branches). Statement recommended of revocation from the RPWC. Submit updated Annual Reports of Branch Officers (from both branches). Check on the whereabouts of these charters of these two branches.

11. RPNW Hall – Discussion of the request that Miagao Branch 064 (Iloilo City, Philippines) status.

NBR 29-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That the revocation of Miagao Branch 064's (Iloilo City, Philippines) charter be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

12. FO Proctor – not present.

National President Washington now calls upon any New Business to come before the Board from the Directors:

1. NVP Jansky – Proceed.
2. NED Snee: Proceed.
3. JrPNP Starkey: Proceed.
4. RPNE/NEng Harris: Proceed.
5. RPEC Phillipp: Proceed.
6. RPSE Richmond: Proceed.
7. RPNC White: Proceed.
8. RPSC Smith: Proceed.
9. RPSW Quesnel: Proceed.
10. RPWC Matthews: Proceed.

11. RPNW Hall: Proceed.
12. FO Proctor: not present.

National President called for any petitions for chartering of new branches, any further mergers of branches, suspensions, surrenders or revocations of the charters of branches:

- There were none.

NP calls upon National Parliamentarian Hyland for any amendments to Regional Bylaws.

1. Southeast Region sent packet to NParl Hyland regarding Southeast Region Bylaws and Standing Rules, Standing Rule No. 4. This is BL&SR Resolution No.1.

NBR 30-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That Standing Rule 4 “Annuity” be deleted in its entirety from the Southeast Region Bylaws and Standing Rules.

2. Southeast Region sent packet to NParl Hyland regarding Article V, Section 517, Veterans Service Cmte. This is BL&SR Resolution No. 2

NBR 31-19 by 11 affirmative votes: *Resolved*, That Article V-Duties of Officers and Committees be amended by adding Section 517, Veterans Service Committee, to wit:

“Section 517(a). Regional Committee on Veterans Service

Section 517(b). Committee members shall be either VA accredited as veteran service officer representing FRA or designated as a FRA Representative or Deputy Representative for the VA Voluntary Service program at a VA medical facility.

Section 517(c). To oversee the FRA VSO and VAVS programs, providing education and outreach of same to the membership of the Association, including the policies and regulations associated with these programs; to report on the number and activities of FRA accredited VSO representative and representatives in the VAVS program in each region; to solicit branches and Shipmates to become involved in departments of veterans affairs/services on the state, local or national level, including VA regional offices, medical facilities, state of national veteran cemeteries or veteran homes; and to annually recognize outstanding service by a Shipmate in service to veterans. When the need for assistance is beyond the capacity of the local branch, the Branch President shall make a report to the Regional Chairman and Regional President with appropriate recommendations.

Section 517(d). It shall solicit the cooperation of branch chairman of this committee and instill the importance of this committee at the branch level.

Section 517(e). The Chairman shall make an annual report to the delegates at the Regional Convention.”

National President calls on National Executive Director Snee for an update of the Branch Voting Strength. The total is: 1,174.

National President Washington made mention of instructions regarding the convention committees' meetings.

National President then calls upon each Director in turn for the Good of the Order.

Announcements made by PNP Larry Boudreaux, Chairman, 92nd National Convention Committee regarding the 92nd National Convention.

Welcome to Memphis and welcome aboard info. Navy game sold out. 1130 PNP Luncheons/photos. Tuxedos at 1900 (Governor's Ballroom). FEF meeting at 1400 Executive Boardroom. Beer Club Thursday 1800 Hospitality Room. St. Jude's Hospital Visit.

National President invites comments from any other Shipmates in the meeting room who have not already been called on.

National President Washington entertains motion to adjourn Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.

National Chaplain Toulotte offered the closing prayer. Closes the Bible.

The Salute of the Colors was given.

The 92nd Pre-Board National Convention National Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 1450.

Teresa Wiener
Director, Administration