

Attachment A

MIDYEAR MEETING MINUTES
FRA NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONFERENCE ROOM
FRA NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
125 N. WEST STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

National President (NP) Robert Washington, Sr. called the meeting to order at 0800 on Friday, April 26, 2019, citing Section 802(l), 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 Rick Athenour, Sierra Tahoe Branch 137 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.

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

Shipmates: Honorary Member James H. Webb, II, MAL; PNP Robert G. Beese, Volusia County Branch 335; PRPSW Mick F. Fulton, Imperial Beach Branch 289; PNP Virgil P. Courneya, High Sierra Branch 274; PRPNE David Munday, III, Lakehurst Branch 124; PRPSE James J. Thomas, West Jacksonville Branch 126; PRPSE James E. Robbins, Jr., West Jacksonville Branch 126; PRPEC Philip V. Hanna, Virginia Beach Branch 166; RVPEC Sha'ron D. Martin, Virginia Beach Branch 166; PRPEC Paul R. Gunther, Triangle Branch 182; PNP Donald E. Larson, Corpus Christi Branch 094 and PRPEC Pleasala J. Collins, Annapolis Branch 024.

Regional Vice President East Coast Sha'ron D. Martin is the Master-at-Arms for this meeting.

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.

NP states that all members of the National Board of Directors are present.

Presentation was given by James H. Webb, II, Capital Financial, LLC regarding financial investments, S&P 500, economics and financial indicators.

Presentation was given by Ms. Michele Armesto, Senior Associate of Mercer Consumer, regarding supplemental insurance matters and statistics, plan participation, FRA Ad, hosp. indemnity plan, short term/term life, senior term life, accident plan, pet insurance, vision plans, dental insurance, assistance plus, member customer service, member profile, 2018 plan penetration, 2019 marketing awards and policy holder services.

Presentation was given by Publishing Concepts, Inc., Mr. Chris McCullough, Senior Account Executive regarding the FRA Membership Directory, member data update and other products \$119.20 for directory, 26.78% response rate/16,132 respondents and 850 addresses and phone numbers updated, etc.

Presentation by FRA's Finance Officer Bryan M. Proctor regarding current financials and conference details; 1,500 attendees, \$20,000 sponsorship; e-mail to Board – active live Monday sign-up, senior E-10s panel, 48 total sessions, 5 filled up so far; April audit just finished; FRA VSF.

With the end of the morning presentations, NP Washington covers the Unfinished Business.

The minutes of 91st Post-Board NBOD Meeting were approval in the January 2019 teleconference call to the NBOD.

NP Washington mentioned several items regarding Graybeards (Norfolk, VA), 33 TMC Groups, communications projects, phone calls, DC traffic, 45 bills, Blue Water Navy, C.R., housing, elections, and Jimmy Short's 47 years at FRA. Also, the suggestion/offering of FRA to allow Jimmy Short and his wife to attend the 92nd National Convention (Memphis, TN).

NED Snee reported on the status of the Directors' voting on the National Board Resolutions (NBRs).

National President Washington calls upon each of the National Board of Directors for Unfinished Business, at this time:

NVP Jansky: Proceed.

NED Snee: Proceed.

JrPNP Starkey: Proceed.

RPNE/NEng Harris: Proceed.

RPEC Phillipp: Proceed.

RPSE Richmond: Discussion of the voluntary surrender of St. Augustine Branch 025's (St. Augustine, FL) charter.

NBR 13-19 by 12 affirmative votes: *Resolved, That the voluntary surrender of St. Augustine Branch 025's (St. Augustine, FL) charter be approved. Motioned and seconded. Ayes carry.*

RPNC White: Proceed.

RPSC Smith: Proceed.

RPSW Quesnel: Proceed.

RPWC Athenour: Proceed.

RPNW Hall: Discussion on Cheyenne, WY Branch 059 wants to be transferred to the West Coast Region and that both Regional Presidents (RPNW and RPWC) have agreed. Will check into how far from the West Coast Region area (15 miles ?). Resolution will be forthcoming to National.

FO Proctor: Proceed.

National President calls on the Chairmen of Standing and Special National Committees to present any pertinent reports:

Natl. Cmte. on Future Planning – PRPEC Phil Hanna gave an engaging PowerPoint presentation regarding the following subjects: FRA APP; demographic countdown; Active Duty statistics for the USN/USMC/USCG; FRA future millennials; FRA marketing facts, FRA social media, “info” tab begins, achievement contributions; FRA Action Center, Grassroots advocacy; FRA members, families & friends; and dues amounts.

Natl. Cmte. on Hospitals, Welfare and Rehabilitation Cmte. – PRPNC Marty Posekany, Chairman – Report only.

No matters on LA FRA and Regional Bylaws/Standing Rules from the National Parliamentarian.

Master-at-Arms RVPEC Martin escorts the National President of the FRA Auxiliary, Christina Murray to the podium. Subjects were: Status of the LAFRA business operations; National President's Project, which is the Operation Purple Camps and Healing Adventures, in which flyers were passed around. There was no donations hat passed around at the meeting

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

NVP Jansky: Proceed.

NED Snee: Proceed.

JrPNP Starkey: Discussion on Jimmy Short's and wife to attend the 92nd National Convention (Memphis, TN). – Passed. No NBR given.

RPNE/NEng Harris: Proceed.

RPEC Phillipp: Discussion of Branch 219 (Richmond, VA) – 8 new members. Discussion of Branch 369 (Cumberland, MD). RPEC took a trip to Cumberland. They are wanting to voluntarily surrender. Letters have been sent out to the Branch members regarding same.

RPSE Richmond: Life membership dues/PCT issues regarding the branches.

RPNC White: Discussion of realignment of North Central / East-West. Oklahoma branches to the South Central Region (#054 and #268). The 2020 and 2021 mid-years have been scheduled already. Will hurt the LAFRA and cost of pins.

RPSC Smith: Proceed.

RPSW Quesnel: Discussion of voluntarily surrendering Green Valley Branch 077's (Green Valley, AZ) charter. There was a 10-0 vote to surrender among members. K.C. Gron(?) Tucson, AZ Branch 176 had merged with Branch 077, and now wants to reinstate Branch 176.

RPWC Athenour: Discussion on C&BL Resolution from Sierra Tahoe Branch 137 regarding anniversary month and life membership fees; also T-shirts that are for sale, is authorization needed?

RPNW Hall: Proceed.

FO Proctor: Proceed.

National President called for any petitions for additional chartering of new branches, mergers of branches, suspension, surrender or revocation of the charters of branches:

1. Northeast/New England Region: Proceed.
2. East Coast Region: Proceed.
3. Southeast Region: Proceed.
4. North Central Region: Proceed.
5. South Central Region: Proceed.
6. Southwest Region: Proceed
7. West Coast Region: Proceed
8. Northwest Region: Proceed

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

1. NVP Jansky – Proceed.
2. NED Snee – Gift given to NP Washington.
3. JrPNP Starkey – Proceed.
4. RPNE/NEng Harris – Proceed.
5. RPEC Phillipp – Proceed.
6. RPSE Richmond – Proceed.
7. RPNC White – Given a Past National Officer pin by NP Washington.
8. RPSC Smith – Proceed.
9. RPSW Quesnel – Congratulations to 70 new/reinstated members; can't recruit on federal land.
10. RPWC Athenour – Proceed.
11. RPNW Hall – Deceased List – breakdown in regions; move to Hwy. 20, designated Medal of Honor Highway, passed in Oregon & Idaho.

12. NParl George P. Hyland, PNP – SR-6, personal interpretation by branches.
13. NChap Valerie Toulotte – Proceed.
14. FO Proctor – Proceed.

National President Washington calls upon the Past National Presidents, Past National Officers, Regional Vice Presidents, Standing Committee Chairmen, Shipmates and Guests for comments.

PNP Donald E. Larson; PNP Virgil P. Courneya (Natl. Conv. passdown) and is running for NED; PRPSW Mick Fulton; PRPNE David Munday, III; PRPSE James J. Thomas; PRPSE James E. Robbins, Jr. (LAFRA PNP Pat Garwood had a beautiful, solemn funeral); PRPEC Philip V. Hanna; PRPEC Paul R. Gunther; PRPEC Penny Collins; RVPEC Sha'ron D. Martin and PRPEC Chris Slawinski. It was mentioned that PRPNW C.T. "Bud" Bessey was hospitalized.

National President Washington proceeds with the adjournment. Motioned and seconded.

National Chaplain Toulotte offered the closing prayer.

Salute of the Colors given.

The 2019 National Board of Directors Mid-year Meeting adjourned at 1441.

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Director, Administration