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93rd Fleet Reserve Association  
National Convention

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION  
Wednesday, 6 October 2021

Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center  
1100 North Sullivan Road  
Spokane Valley, Washington

1 NP FULTON: Shipmate National Chaplain,  
2 open the Bible.

3 NCHAP GUNTHER: Shipmate National  
4 President, the Bible is open.

5 NP FULTON: Hand salute to colors. Two.  
6 I now declare the second business  
7 session of the 93rd National Convention regularly  
8 convened.

9 JPNP JANSKY: Shipmate National  
10 President, the Junior Past National President is  
11 in the uniform of the day.

12 NP FULTON: So noted. Is Chairman  
13 Lazzaretti from the credentials committee  
14 available? Okay, I'll go ahead and at this time  
15 we're going to ask the finance officer to show a  
16 video clip, it's about eight minutes long, of a  
17 welcome message.

18 NFO REID: We're going to do the 135  
19 today.

20 NP FULTON: Oh, the 135, okay. Go ahead  
21 and start it back up again.

1 (Video playing.)

2 (Applause.)

3 I will tell you, and Shipmate Davis from  
4 the legislative office, Senator Tester means what  
5 he says, he is 100 percent engaged. Okay.

6 The credentials chair is here and he is  
7 ready. We will now have the report of the  
8 credentials chair, Shipmate Past Regional  
9 President Northwest Lazzaretti.

10 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Good afternoon,  
11 shipmates. Did everybody enjoy their boring  
12 meetings this morning?

13 As of 1256 today, the 6th of October,  
14 2021, this is the second credentials report for  
15 the 93rd FRA National Convention. Authorized  
16 voting strength, 975. Number of branches  
17 represented by delegates, 40. Number of votes  
18 represented by delegates, 394. Number of  
19 branches registered by proxy, 91. Number of  
20 votes registered by proxy, 481. Number of  
21 branches not registered, 27 out of 159. The

1 missing, two branches include Branch 13,  
2 delegates have not checked in with no proxy  
3 designated, Branch 188 with no delegate or  
4 proxies listed on their credentials.

5 The number of delegates registered, 86.  
6 Registered voting strength, 875. Number of votes  
7 not registered, 100. Two-thirds vote is 584.  
8 Majority vote is 436, excuse me, 438. The issue  
9 with Branch 315 brought up yesterday, their  
10 charter was surrendered per NBR 29-18.

11 I move that this report be received.

12 S/M THOMAS: Delegate J.J. Thomas,  
13 Branch 126, second.

14 NP FULTON: Motion on the floor and a  
15 second. Any discussion on the question of  
16 approving -- hang on, I see Shipmate Blackburn.

17 S/M BLACKBURN: Shipmate National  
18 President, Blackburn, Delegate, Branch 8. Did I  
19 mishear what he stated, and we had, on the first  
20 credentials report we had 975 registered, or was  
21 the authorized strength, and it trimmed down to

1 800-something on this second one?

2 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: We only have 800-some  
3 authorized voting strength. The overall voting  
4 strength based on March 31st numbers comes out to  
5 975.

6 S/M BLACKBURN: No, I believe he had 903  
7 was authorized. I should have brought my --  
8 registered, right, registered voting, there  
9 was --

10 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: There was an  
11 adjustment made to that number due to the  
12 discovery on the issue concerning Branch 13.

13 S/M BLACKBURN: Very good, thank you.

14 NP FULTON: Any further discussion? All  
15 in favor?

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 Opposed? Carried. Thank you, Shipmate  
18 Lazzaretti.

19 We will now commence receiving the  
20 reports of the national convention committees.

21 Let me go down through my list. The first is

1 going to be the chairman's report of the national  
2 conventions's committee on constitution, bylaws  
3 and resolutions, and that committee was chaired  
4 because Shipmate Past National President Mucheck  
5 is not present at convention, was chaired by Past  
6 Regional President Northwest Charles McIntyre, or  
7 West Coast, Past Regional President West Coast  
8 Charles McIntyre. Are you ready for your report,  
9 Shipmate? You can come up here or you can  
10 deliver it from the rear mic, it makes no  
11 difference to me.

12 I would prefer that the folks come up  
13 here because I have a presentation to make after  
14 you deliver your report.

15 PRPWC MCINTYRE: Good afternoon,  
16 shipmates. This is the report of the chairman,  
17 93rd National Convention FRA national committee  
18 on constitution, bylaws and resolutions, at the  
19 Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center,  
20 Spokane Valley, Washington, October 6th, 2021, in  
21 the Hawthorne Room.

1                   The chairman is of course me, PRP West  
2   Coast Charles R. McIntyre, Santa Clara Branch  
3   101. In attendance on the phone was PNP F.  
4   Donald Mucheck, Low Country Branch 269. Members  
5   attending was Past Regional President East Coast  
6   Randy Phillips, Triangle Branch 182, Past  
7   Regional President North Central Marty J. Poscani  
8   (phonetic), Wolverine Branch 298, Past Regional  
9   President Southwest Donald R. Kelly, Branch 289,  
10   and Junior Past Regional President Southwest John  
11   Quisnow (phonetic) Junior, Branch 289.

12                The same procedure as has been used in  
13   the past several years will be followed. The  
14   chairman will read the pertinent resolved portion  
15   of the resolution at which time it becomes  
16   pending automatically, no motion or second is  
17   necessary. The chairman will read the  
18   committee's recommendation and give the rationals  
19   after the proceeding officer will call for  
20   discussion.

21                Please remember, you will be voting on

1 the resolution itself and not the committee  
2 recommendations, so I have constitution and  
3 bylaws resolution number one:

4 Resolved, that Article II, Section 202,  
5 C&BL FRA, be amended to read as follows: Section  
6 202, composition of associations. The FRA is an  
7 organization of all current and former personnel  
8 who have many years of honorable service in the  
9 United States Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps,  
10 including the reserve components. It is composed  
11 of the national association and subordinate  
12 branches chartered under and pursuant to its  
13 authority in the matter hereafter provided.

14 And be it further resolved -- I think I  
15 read the wrong one. Oh, crap. I read the wrong  
16 one, it's this one here.

17 NP FULTON: There's two resolved.

18 PRPWC MCINTYRE: It's this one here. I  
19 screwed up. Whereas, this is a resolution  
20 submitted to amend eligibility for membership in  
21 the FRA. This regulation is to amend C&BL



1 Article II, which identifies by name membership  
2 eligibility to be consistent with the eligibility  
3 stated in resolution that all personnel include  
4 personnel who are now serving or have served to  
5 be eligible for the FRA, and then I read the  
6 rest.

7 Resolved, that this amendment become  
8 effective January 1st, 2021.

9 It was read and certified and proposed  
10 at a regular meeting of Branch 70, Poway Valley,  
11 held on 12 December 2019, read, debated and  
12 adopted by a two-thirds majority vote at a  
13 subsequent regular meeting held on the 5th of  
14 February 2020.

15 Our committee recommended not in order.  
16 The rationale, our committee feels it is not in  
17 the best interests of the FRA to allow all sea  
18 service personnel as the long tradition, standing  
19 tradition of the FRA is current and former  
20 enlisted members of the sea services. Digging  
21 down deep, we believe that all personnel would

1 now include officers and other personnel like in  
2 that regards, and that's why we did that  
3 rationale.

4 NP FULTON: The presiding officer's  
5 opinion is the resolution is out of order based  
6 on the interpretation of the charter of the Fleet  
7 Reserve Association stating the enlisted  
8 personnel of the three sea services, and I so  
9 move.

10 PRPWC MCINTYRE: Constitution and bylaws  
11 resolution number two.

12 Whereas Article III -- okay.

13 Resolved, that the Article III, Section  
14 301, C&BL FRA, be amended to read as follows:  
15 Eligibility for membership in the FRA shall be  
16 for all personnel who have served or are now  
17 serving in the United States Navy, Marine Corps  
18 or Coast Guard, including reserve components and  
19 regardless of length of service. This amendment  
20 becomes effective January 1st, 2021. It was  
21 adopted at a regular meeting, monthly meeting of

1 the board of directors, Poway Branch 70.

2 C&BL resolution recommendation, not in  
3 order. Rationale, we did some, we read through  
4 the thing and due to certification, it was  
5 lacking dates of both meetings when it was  
6 needed, and listed as a majority vote when  
7 two-thirds votes were required. Also, it's the  
8 same rationals as Resolution Number 1 about all  
9 personnel.

10 NP FULTON: The presiding officer rules  
11 the same on C&BL Resolution Number 2, out of  
12 order, and I so move.

13 PRPWC MCINTYRE: Resolved, the purpose  
14 of the resolution is authorized in accordance  
15 with state and federal requirements to recruit  
16 associate members to help the branches increase  
17 their workforce and support their local  
18 communities.

19 Resolved, the associate members will pay  
20 annual dues to the FRA at the same rate as  
21 regular annual members.

1           Resolved, that this amendment become  
2       effective January 1st, 2022.

3           This is to certify that the resolution  
4       was proposed at a regular meeting of Branch 115,  
5       Lehigh Valley, held on 14 December 2020, read,  
6       debated and adopted unanimously at a subsequent  
7       regular meeting held on the 11th of January 2021.

8           C&BL recommendation, this recommendation  
9       is not in order. Rationale, not all states allow  
10      association members, this would make inequities  
11      between branches in different states.

12           NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

13           RPNENE ZINO: Shipmate National  
14      President, Zino, Delegate, Branch 23, here to  
15      support our Branch 115 in Northeast/New England.  
16      Like the auxiliary, the IRS has certain rules in  
17      whether we have associate members or whether we  
18      have regular members or we have members of the  
19      auxiliary, each branch that's located in a  
20      particular state has to follow federal, state and  
21      local guidelines. We've got to do this all the

1 time. To disapprove that, to say that the  
2 regulations are different in each state I don't  
3 think is correct, because it's up to the branch  
4 to make sure that they follow the local laws even  
5 if our C&BL says something and they're not  
6 allowed to do it by their state, they can't do  
7 it.

8 NP FULTON: The issue of the committee  
9 ruling it out of order is the fact that because  
10 it cannot be enforced across the board in a fair  
11 manner from state to state because of the  
12 definition of associate membership, that's the  
13 reason that they ruled it out of order, and the  
14 presiding officer so rules.

15 RPNENE ZINO: Thank you, Shipmate  
16 National President.

17 PRPWC MCINTYRE: Constitution and Bylaws  
18 Resolution Number 4.

19 Resolved, that the Article VIII, Section  
20 810(i), C&BL FRA, shall be amended to read, (i),  
21 national committee on budget, finance and audit.

1                   And be it further resolved that the  
2     Article VIII, Section 811, and other appropriate  
3     sections where it reads national committee of  
4     budget and finance shall be changed to national  
5     committee on budget, finance and audit.

6                   This is to certify resolution was  
7     proposed at a regular national board of directors  
8     meeting held on Monday, June 28th, 2021, read,  
9     debated and adopted by unanimous vote NBR 24-21.

10                  The committee recommends adoption as  
11     amended, the resolved section. Rationals,  
12     identifies as budget and finance is responsible  
13     for overseeing audits.

14                  NP FULTON: All right, you've heard the  
15     recommendations from the constitution and bylaws  
16     committee on C&BL Resolution Number 4. Any  
17     discussion? We are voting on the resolution.  
18     Call for the question. All in favor signify by  
19     saying aye.

20                         (Chorus of ayes.)

21                         Opposed? Motion carried. Let the

1 record show that the vote was unanimous.

2 PRPWC MCINTYRE: Resolved, that Article  
3 VIII, Section 811.A, C&BL FRA, be amended by  
4 adding Section 811.A, this committee shall  
5 consist of the junior past national president as  
6 chairman and six members appointed by the  
7 national president for a term of two years --  
8 three years, two members being replaced or  
9 reappointed each year by the incoming national  
10 president. Members shall serve until relieved or  
11 replaced only with the concurrence of the  
12 national board of directors.

13 This is to certify the resolution was  
14 proposed at a regular national board of directors  
15 meeting held on Friday, October 16th, read,  
16 debated and adopted by unanimous vote, NBR 05-21.

17 C&BL recommendation, reject. It is not  
18 in the best interests of the FRA as it takes away  
19 power from the national president to appoint  
20 committee chairs. If the national president  
21 desires to appoint the junior past national

1 president, he can do that. The junior past  
2 national president may not be the best person for  
3 the job.

4 The committee recommends the junior past  
5 national president be an advisor to the  
6 committee. So reject.

7 NP FULTON: You've heard the  
8 recommendation of the constitution and bylaws  
9 committee. Any discussion? You are allowed, you  
10 are a shipmate.

11 PRPSE HANZEK: Shipmate National  
12 President.

13 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

14 PRPSE HANZEK: Hanzek, Delegate, 126,  
15 member, budget and finance. This was brought up  
16 at our spring meeting in Alexandria and the  
17 rationale being national president is in essence  
18 involved in the finances of the association over  
19 a period of three consecutive years, and that as  
20 a junior past his year's budget is being audited  
21 while he's junior past and he's readily available



1 to the audit committee and any auditors to answer  
2 questions.

3 And I'm not speaking for, I believe I'm  
4 speaking for the chairman and the rest of the  
5 committee when I say we were unanimous in  
6 recommending this, so I as a delegate speak in  
7 favor of adoption.

8 NP FULTON: Shipmate Finance Officer  
9 also wants to say a few words.

10 NFO REID: Shipmate Finance Officer,  
11 Headquarters, NAL. This is not something, one of  
12 the things that this organization requires is  
13 that we need additional financial oversight. As  
14 I look at what's happened in the past, one of the  
15 things that becomes perfectly clear is that the  
16 consistency of individuals serving in certain  
17 posts, financial posts is not necessarily there.  
18 I can tell you right now that we are in a  
19 situation where we're looking at numbers,  
20 financial numbers from 2019 that were not  
21 necessarily the proper numbers, and one of the

1 things that I feel is that we did not have the  
2 initial people in place to make sure that these  
3 things didn't happen in the past.

4 This is not something that I proposed,  
5 this is being proposed by certified public  
6 auditors, the CPAs, the individuals who actually  
7 audit our books. One of the things that this  
8 organization has been hit with over and over  
9 again is the lack of internal control, lack of  
10 consistency on the individuals who are  
11 responsible for finances. One of the things that  
12 the auditor said to me was he had no one to go to  
13 when they came into the audit. By the way, the  
14 audit is done for the board of directors, not for  
15 me, it actually is an audit of me and the NAD.  
16 And one of the problems he has is at the level of  
17 the, I'm sorry, the board level, there's no one  
18 responsible.

19 By making the junior past the  
20 responsible person, you now have someone at the  
21 board level who is responsible. I appreciate the

1 fact that the finance, that the incoming national  
2 president can appoint that position, but to me it  
3 feels like it should be an automatic position.

4 Here's what's happening. You have a vice  
5 president who starts off and under normal  
6 circumstances that vice president is going to  
7 become the president of this organization, that's  
8 two years that he will have been in place. As  
9 junior, this is the third year that he will be in  
10 place and that he knows the finances of the  
11 organization that's happening in the last one,  
12 two and three years. When the auditors come in  
13 to audit, what they're auditing are the financial  
14 records of the national president who is now the  
15 junior past.

16 So I can appreciate what we've done in  
17 the past, I can tell you that it's not  
18 necessarily, it hasn't necessarily worked. We've  
19 had crisis here, financial crisis here, and I  
20 think part of the crisis is no one at the board  
21 level has been responsible. What they've said is

1 well, that's the budget and finance committee.  
2 Now under most circumstances the national  
3 president is the ex facto leader of all those  
4 committees, but by having the junior past in  
5 place, you have now a person who has three years  
6 of experience working with me, working with the  
7 finance, and his understanding or her  
8 understanding of what's going on financially with  
9 this organization is beyond anything that an  
10 additional shipmate who's identified by the  
11 president put in.

12 Now it's true that that person who's  
13 identified by the president may have years and  
14 years of experience. One of the problems we have  
15 is that we're all getting older, and one of the  
16 things we've got to do is to make sure that  
17 there's always new blood. If I have a person who  
18 is running for national vice president, more than  
19 likely that person has not been in this  
20 organization as long as some of us have or some  
21 of you have, and so now we have that continuous

1 flow.

2           The other thing is, everybody on the  
3 budget and finance committee has three years of  
4 experience, so in fact at the will of the  
5 national president, that's \$50, but whoever you  
6 put in, I mean, you could put anyone into that  
7 position, and so now I've got to work with that  
8 person to train them up, to say to them here's  
9 what we've done over the past three years. The  
10 real thing is that the junior past is part of  
11 your board, so now when there's something going  
12 on and it's time to give reports, the junior past  
13 has got to stand up and say the finance office is  
14 not doing his job, he's not getting out the  
15 quarterly reports.

16           Now that could have happened under the  
17 budget and finance committee but the budget and  
18 finance committee person has to go to the  
19 national president and say that to him, and then  
20 the national president has to say that to the  
21 board. By the junior past being there, that

1 person is a board member and now you have direct  
2 responsibility for what's going on.

3 Three minutes, I understand, thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

6 PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National  
7 President, Blackburn, Delegate, Branch 8,  
8 chairman of the budget and finance committee. I  
9 stand in support of this resolution.

10 PRPNC COMBS: Shipmate National  
11 President, Combs, Delegate, Branch 161. Just to  
12 make clear, are we voting on the resolution or  
13 the recommendation?

14 NP FULTON: We are voting on the  
15 resolution.

16 PRPNC COMBS: Thank you. I forgot, it's  
17 been so long, that was more than three minutes.

18 NP FULTON: Is there any other  
19 discussion on the resolution, C&BL Resolution  
20 Number 5, all in favor?

21 (Chorus of ayes.)

1                   Opposed? Shipmate Zino, did you raise  
2 your hand for opposed?

3                   RPNENE ZINO: I did, Shipmate National  
4 President.

5                   NP FULTON: Okay, so we had one in  
6 opposition. All right. The motion carried.

7                   (Inaudible discussion off microphone.)

8                   PRPWC MCINTYRE: There's number six,  
9 thank you.

10                  Resolved that Article VIII, Section  
11 802.A, C&BL FRA, should be amended to -- what,  
12 you couldn't hear me? Should I talk in my  
13 machinist's mate voice? No, I can't do that, I  
14 would have too many, you know, four letter words.  
15 Yeah. Okay. Here we go again, can you hear me  
16 now? Thank you.

17                  That Article VIII, Section 802.A, C&BL  
18 FRA, shall be amended as Section 821, duties of  
19 the national committee on veterans service.  
20 Section 821.A, the committee shall consist of the  
21 director national service or designated FRA

1 accredited national representative as chairman.

2 This is veterans service committee by the way, I  
3 should have said that somewhere. Okay, I didn't  
4 hear myself. Anyway, national representative as  
5 chairman and eight members, one from each region.

6 A member's term shall be for three years with a  
7 minimum of two members replaced or reappointed  
8 each year by the incoming national president.

9 This is to certify this resolution was proposed  
10 by the FRA national veterans service standing  
11 committee, read, debated and adopted by unanimous  
12 vote at a regular meeting held on April 14th,  
13 2021, a quorum being present.

14 The C&BL committee recommends adopt.  
15 Rationale, none needed.

16 NP FULTON: You've heard the  
17 recommendation of the C&BL committee on the  
18 question, we're voting on the resolution. All in  
19 favor?

20 (Chorus of ayes.)

21 Opposed?



1 (Several nays.)

2 Motion carried.

3 PRPWC MCINTYRE: We have one standing  
4 rules resolution. Oh no, two, sorry about that.  
5 Where is the resolved? Oh, right there. Geez,  
6 that was a hard one to read.

7 Resolved that SR-9(D), Standing Rule  
8 Number 9(D) is amended to remove the word "my"  
9 and replace with "the".

10 And whereas, it's recommended from  
11 SR-9(B)(iv) it should be changed from -- I'm  
12 reading the wrong resolved, anyway. Okay, I'll  
13 read it all, what the hell.

14 Why am I proud to be an American, to  
15 change to what it means to be an American  
16 citizen. Justification, this is from another  
17 committee, it has been observed that the school  
18 systems are now hosting first generation  
19 Americans and soon to be naturalized American  
20 citizens. This may also give American students  
21 whose generation spans 200 years an opportunity

1 to reevaluate their heritage.

2           Whereas, SR-9(B)(i), that the first  
3 phrase be removed in its entirety and be replaced  
4 with the second phrase, and if you follow along,  
5 I'll have to explain that. Whereas it  
6 recommended that SR-9(C)(i), the national  
7 committee on American patriotism be presented the  
8 change on the theme set before them.

9           Resolved, that the members of Capitol  
10 Area Branch 201, FRA, solicit and encourage the  
11 support of all branches to change the phrasing of  
12 the American patriotism to meet the standards for  
13 the 21st Century schools.

14           This is to certify the resolution was  
15 proposed at a regular meeting of Capitol Branch  
16 81 -- 201, held on the 15th day August 2020,  
17 read, debated and adopted by a unanimous vote at  
18 a subsequent regular meeting held on the same  
19 date.

20           The committee's recommendation is adopt.  
21 Rationale, best in the interests of the program

1 of FRA, but needs to be written in accordance  
2 with Section 1404.D, spelling out the resolved  
3 section exactly as proposed.

4 NP FULTON: You've heard the  
5 recommendation of the C&BL committee on the  
6 proposed change to Standing Rule 9(B)(i), it's  
7 Standing Rule Resolution Number 1. Shipmate at  
8 the rear mic.

9 PRPNC COMBS: Shipmate President, Combs,  
10 Delegate, Branch 161. I see two whereases here,  
11 the first one is what, changing what my vote will  
12 mean to me to what the vote will mean to me, is  
13 that what I understand?

14 NP FULTON: Yes.

15 PRPNC COMBS: Okay, so you're taking it  
16 from something that's personal to something that  
17 we've been talking about for the last damned  
18 eight months, right, nine months?

19 NP FULTON: Yes.

20 PRPNC COMBS: Why? My vote is personal  
21 to me, I'd just rather keep it that way.

1 NP FULTON: Any other discussion?

2 RPSC GRUETZNER: Gruetzner, President  
3 South Central, Branch 201. The reason that  
4 Branch 201 adopted this was we come across  
5 individuals, seventh to 12th graders, who do not  
6 understand the concept of a vote. We as adults  
7 who fought for this, I could not wait to my 18th  
8 birthday to vote, to have a voice, I have been  
9 raised that way. 21st Century children do not  
10 understand that, they do not understand the value  
11 and the reason of a voice and the vote. So  
12 instead of saying what the vote will mean to we  
13 we're asking what the vote means to me, okay? So  
14 they do not understand the concept. Okay, I can  
15 vote for the school president because he gave me  
16 a Snickers bar, they do that at school, my school  
17 anyway, by bribing, telling that yeah, vote for  
18 me, here's a Snickers bar, okay? They see  
19 television politicians working, wheeling and  
20 dealing, helping their fathers and grandfathers  
21 getting these contracts, they think that's

1 normal, we vote for that guy because that's, even  
2 though I know it's wrong, my parents voted for  
3 him so we're going to vote for him again. They  
4 don't understand the concept that hey, you as the  
5 person have the right to say stop, you have that  
6 right. By training and teaching these young  
7 individuals they have a voice that they can come  
8 to terms with this, so that's the only reason why  
9 we requested that.

10 NP FULTON: Any other discussion? No  
11 further discussion, we'll call for the question.  
12 We are voting on the resolution to, you heard the  
13 C&BL committee recommendation on the resolution.  
14 All in favor?

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 Opposed?

17 (Chorus of nos.)

18 Okay, I'm going to call for one more  
19 with hands for those in favor, raise your hands.

20 (Hands raised.)

21 Okay. Those opposed, raise your hands.

1 S/M FALU: Point of order.

2 NP FULTON: Point of order?

3 S/M FALU: Shipmate National President,  
4 everyone in here may not be a delegate, so we  
5 need to do a roll count vote, because everybody  
6 may not be eligible to vote in here. I'm sorry,  
7 East Coast Regional Secretary Falu, Branch 99  
8 delegate.

9 NP FULTON: Okay. Based on what I saw,  
10 it's not going to meet the two-thirds threshold  
11 any ways. We don't need a rollcall vote, the  
12 hands in the air were split just about 50-50,  
13 so -- what's that? It fails for not achieving  
14 two-thirds vote.

15 PRPWC MCINTYRE: This is Standing Rules  
16 Resolution Number 2. I might as well read the  
17 whole thing.

18 Whereas, Standing Rule Number 9.D, C&BL  
19 FRA provides the rules for American essay contest  
20 rules; whereas, Standing Rule Number 9.D are not  
21 consistent with rules provided to contestants

1 annually; whereas, the standing rule does not  
2 require the theme -- he interrupted me -- to be  
3 written on the entry whereas the standing rule  
4 requires the entry must be written or typed on  
5 one-sided paper but does not require the essay to  
6 be on just one page of the paper; whereas the  
7 change to the standing rule will insure  
8 consistency with the rule agreed upon by the  
9 committee annually and provided to contestants;

10 Now therefore be it be that Standing  
11 Rule 9. SR-9.D, C&BL FRA, be amended by adding  
12 (iv), the theme title must appear on the essay as  
13 written; (v), the essay shall be legibly written  
14 or typed on one page and one side of the paper.

15 And be it further resolved that SR-9.D  
16 numbers (v) and (vi) be renumbered to (vi) and  
17 (vii) respectively.

18 This is to certify resolution was  
19 proposed at a regular national board of directors  
20 meeting held on Monday, June 28th, 2021, read,  
21 debated and adopted by unanimous vote, NBR 21-21.

1                   The committee recommends adopted as  
2 amended. Second resolve goes first, delete  
3 current SR-9.D(iv), add new SR-9.D(iv) and (v) as  
4 shown in the resolved. Rationale, clarifies for  
5 students and hopefully makes for fewer kickbacks  
6 or disqualifications.

7                   NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.  
8 Oh, you've heard the recommendation from the  
9 committee, C&BL committee on Standing Rule  
10 Resolution Number 2. Shipmate at the rear mic.

11                  PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National  
12 President, Blackburn, Delegate, Branch 8. As the  
13 chairman of the Americanism contest for my branch  
14 for several years, my question comes out. The  
15 essay is limited to 350 words. Does putting the  
16 name or the theme on there count against their  
17 350 words? That is not addressed.

18                  NP FULTON: Titles normally are not  
19 included in the word count. Any further  
20 discussion?

21                  S/M THOMAS: Shipmate President, J.J.



1 Thomas, Branch 26 Delegate, I second.

2 NP FULTON: We don't need a second on  
3 these, these are resolutions, C&BL committee  
4 reports. Shipmate at the rear mic.

5 S/M MURRAY: Shipmate President, Murray,  
6 Delegate, Branch 40. We recommend rejection of  
7 this simply in the fact of 350 handwritten words  
8 is going to take more than one page to put on it  
9 based on writing styles of individuals. So if we  
10 limit it to one page we eliminate a lot of folks  
11 that may handwrite and personalize their reports  
12 vice typing them.

13 NP FULTON: Any further discussion?  
14 Shipmate at the rear mic.

15 RPNENE ZINO: Zino, Delegate, Branch 23.  
16 If we reduce it to one page, that font's going to  
17 be awfully small and a lot of us have glasses.  
18 And it's 350 words, so I would say, be not in  
19 favor of that change. Thank you, Shipmate  
20 National President.

21 NP FULTON: Any further discussion on

1 the question, on the question? You're voting on  
2 the resolution, Standing Rule Resolution

3 Number 2. All in favor?

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 Opposed?

6 (Chorus of nos.)

7 The nays have it, the resolution fails.

8 PRPNC COMBS: Shipmate National

9 President, Combs, Branch 161, may I make a  
10 comment on Standing Rule 1? I believe standing  
11 rules can be changed with a simple majority when  
12 you have prior notice.

13 NP FULTON: You are correct, Shipmate  
14 Combs, my parliamentarian called me on that, and  
15 so at this time we will go back to Standing  
16 Rule 1 and because it is a majority vote on a  
17 standing rule, after the hand vote, the next is  
18 those delegates that want the resolution passed  
19 or vote yea, please stand, so you can be counted.  
20 It's going to take less time than a rollcall  
21 vote. 38. 38 yeas. All right. Now for the

1 nays, please stand. 30 nays. The ayes have it.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, God.

3 NP FULTON: Standing Resolution 1 is  
4 adopted. Shipmate at the rear mic.

5 S/M PHELPS: Yeah, Shipmate National  
6 President, Shipmate Paul Phelps, Branch 40  
7 Delegate, I didn't get here quick enough. The  
8 only thing that I think went wrong here were our  
9 proxies were not recognized by doing what we just  
10 did.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You should have  
12 called for a rollcall vote.

13 S/M PHELPS: We did at the very first  
14 part.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, you  
16 couldn't vote, you have to vote on a rollcall  
17 vote.

18 NP FULTON: All right, do the  
19 delegates -- you take the least path of  
20 resistance on the majority of these votes, that  
21 is the nature of the parliamentary procedures.

1 Do the delegates assembled want a rollcall vote?  
2 If you desire a rollcall vote, then we will  
3 proceed with a rollcall vote.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They have to make  
5 a motion for a rollcall vote.

6 S/M MURRAY: Shipmate President, Murray,  
7 Delegate, Branch 40. A rollcall vote was asked  
8 for by Shipmate Falu.

9 NP FULTON: It wasn't in the manner of a  
10 motion and it never was seconded.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Standard  
12 procedure we follow.

13 NP FULTON: If you want a rollcall  
14 vote -- shipmate at the front mic.

15 NCHAP GUNTHER: Shipmate National  
16 President, Gunther, Delegate. I make a motion  
17 that we have a rollcall vote.

18 NP FULTON: Okay, do I hear a second?

19 S/M MURRAY: Shipmate President, Murray,  
20 Delegate, Branch 40, second.

21 NP FULTON: All right, we have a motion

1 and a second for a rollcall vote. At this time I  
2 am going to request a volunteer -- oh. Delegates  
3 assembled, all in favor of a rollcall vote,  
4 signify by saying aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 Opposed?

7 (Chorus of nos.)

8 The majority of the delegates do not  
9 want a rollcall vote, so it's done, it was done  
10 by the standing count, all right?

11 All right. Is that the end of your  
12 report? Oh. Right, but you still got to finish  
13 your report.

14 PRPWC MCINTYRE: All right, shipmates,  
15 I'm actually calm now because I'm done. This  
16 concludes the report of the national convention  
17 committee on C&BL and resolutions, and as  
18 chairman I ask that the committee be discharged.  
19 In loyalty, protection and service, I am Charles  
20 R. McIntyre.

21 (Applause.)

1 NP FULTON: Has your report been  
2 received by the headquarters?

3 PRPWC MCINTYRE: Yes, that's what I  
4 read, they already read it, proofread it and gave  
5 me a copy, so it has been received.

6 NP FULTON: Shipmate, thanks for  
7 stepping up.

8 PRPWC MCINTYRE: Thanks for putting up  
9 with me.

10 (Applause.)

11 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the front mic.

12 PRPNW BURKE: Peg Burke, proxy for  
13 Branch 342. I have a question on Standing Rule  
14 Resolution Number 2 that we just failed. When  
15 the essay contest posters and rules came out they  
16 had already put that into effect for this year,  
17 and now we have failed it, so are you going to go  
18 back out with a new poster and a new section  
19 telling them the rules have changed again?

20 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

21 RPNC LICKTEIG: Shipmate Lickteig,

1 Branch 161, Delegate. The rules from the last  
2 two years have not changed on what is sent out.  
3 What was addressed, what was in the standing  
4 rules, and it was never changed to reflect what  
5 was on the rules that we sent out to the  
6 students, so we was trying to get it to read, get  
7 to it read amended so it was in the standing  
8 rules because the guy that's currently the  
9 national chairman for the Americanism and  
10 patriotism found that when he started receiving  
11 the reports in and noticed the discrepancy  
12 between the standing rules and what was on the  
13 cover page. So we've already been printing it  
14 the one way and were trying to amend it or get it  
15 changed to reflect what's on the rules that go  
16 out.

17 NP FULTON: On the actual flyers  
18 themselves? This is on the question of Standing  
19 Rule 2, the one that was, the one that failed.

20 S/M RUIZ: Ruiz, Delegate, 101, West  
21 Coast. I've been the advisor on this committee

1 for the last 20 years, so we wanted this change  
2 two years ago and it never caught up to what's on  
3 the rules now. That's all we're doing is getting  
4 this changed to match what this rule was changed  
5 by the Americanism committee two years ago for  
6 the standing rules on this contest, that's all it  
7 is.

8 PRPNW BURKE: I received all those and  
9 gave them to our AP chairman and they are  
10 different from where they were the year before,  
11 they're saying to put the title on it already and  
12 put that into effect where they didn't require  
13 that last year.

14 S/M RUIZ: Correct.

15 PRPNW BURKE: So you put that into  
16 effect before it was voted on.

17 S/M RUIZ: Right. All we're trying to  
18 do is get what, because we're noticing what, we  
19 judge these essays and we come here to do it,  
20 these are the recommendations that were made, and  
21 they're not being complied with by whoever, so



1 we're trying to change the standing rules, that's  
2 all.

3 NP FULTON: What the shipmate is saying  
4 is that prior to the vote being taken as a failed  
5 resolution, this should have been part of the  
6 discussion stating that it's, all you're trying  
7 to do is clean up the standing rule to make it  
8 the way it is actually being done.

9 S/M RUIZ: Correct.

10 NP FULTON: So we need to go back and  
11 revote. Okay. I am going to bring --

12 S/M POSEKANY: National President.

13 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

14 S/M POSEKANY: Posekany, Branch 298,  
15 Delegate. NBRs have yet to be ratified; can that  
16 be taken care of by an NBR, whenever that was  
17 submitted and the national board approved that,  
18 will that take care of it, instead of having to  
19 go through this one?

20 NP FULTON: Well, even then an NBR has  
21 to be ratified by the delegates assembled at the

1 national convention.

2 S/M CANDY: What I'm saying, NBR 21-21  
3 is this resolution right here, and we have yet at  
4 this resolution to ratify the NBRs. If we ratify  
5 NBR 21-21, which is what the national board --

6 NP FULTON: Oh, it's already been a  
7 national board recommendation?

8 S/M CANDY: Yeah, it's 21-21.

9 NP FULTON: When the delegates ratify  
10 that, it's going to be a done deal. The national  
11 board's already approved it and when the  
12 delegates assemble go down through the NBRs and  
13 approve those, then it's moot. Okay.

14 The next report -- that one's always a  
15 little -- okay. I'm going to go ahead. Shipmate  
16 Burke from the convention committee has an  
17 announcement that she needs to make concerning  
18 the dinner cruise transportation tonight.

19 PRPNW BURKE: Me walking out of the room  
20 just sold this ticket, so that's not part of it.  
21 The bus will be here and ready to load at 4:15

1 for the dinner cruise between where the gas  
2 station is and the RV parked out in the parking  
3 lot is, because they can't get underneath the  
4 awning here, so the bus will be here and loading  
5 by 4:15.

6 NP FULTON: Walk out the front door of  
7 the hotel, go left, you'll see the bus.

8 PRPNW BURKE: That's right, 4:15. Make  
9 sure you wear something warm, it's going to be  
10 about 40.

11 NP FULTON: Yes.

12 PRPNW BURKE: Yes, the ship is enclosed.

13 NP FULTON: You won't be eating dinner  
14 in 40 degree weather, you'll be eating inside the  
15 tour.

16 Okay, let's move on to Americanism and  
17 patriotism.

18 PRPNC COMBS: By God, if that young punk  
19 kid Joe Biden can jog up the steps, so can I, and  
20 don't say I didn't fall down like he does, but if  
21 I did I'd do it gracefully. Awe hell.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Watch that  
2 language, it's a \$50 fine.

3 PRPNC COMBS: The Americanism and  
4 patriotism committee met at 0900 6 October 2021  
5 in the Spruce Room, Mirabeau Park Hotel, Spokane  
6 Valley, Washington. Members present were  
7 Richard --

8 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

9 PRPSE HANZEK: Shipmate National  
10 President, Hanzek, Delegate, 126. I'd like to  
11 remind the shipmates, watch your language, the  
12 Bible is the open.

13 PRPNC COMBS: The members of the  
14 committee present were Richard Waltham, Branch  
15 201; Robert Beeme, Branch 32; Jerome P.  
16 Lickteig, Branch 161; Richard Ruiz, Branch 101;  
17 Rex Faubian, RVPNW, Branch 104; and RPEC, Branch  
18 40, Chris Murray, and me, Norm Combs, past  
19 regional president, Branch 161, chairman.

20 And don't get on my case about not  
21 having a gray hat on. My doctor told me not to

1 lift anything heavy because it aggravates my  
2 hernia, I've got too many recruiting awards  
3 pinned to it, I know. We had a guest, Linda  
4 Matthews and Leonard Churilla (phonetic), Branch  
5 197.

6 The results of this meeting, the essays,  
7 I mean them not the essays, I'm sorry, the  
8 reports judged, we judged the reports and first  
9 place for group one, Branch 269. First place for  
10 group two is Branch 22. Group three, Branch 115,  
11 again, this is first place. Group four, 226.  
12 Group five, 98.

13 Second place, group one, Branch 24.  
14 First place group two, Branch 20, two-zero.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How about second  
16 place?

17 PRPNC COMBS: This is second place.

18 NP FULTON: You said first place.

19 PRPNC COMBS: I'm sorry. Second place,  
20 group two is Branch 20. Second place, group  
21 three, 293. Second place, group four, Branch 17.

1 Second place, group five, Branch 15.

2 Third place, group one, Branch 289.

3 Group two, Branch 70. Group three, Branch 316.

4 Group four, Branch 112. Group five, Branch 62.

5 The Walter C. "Step" Rowell award goes  
6 to branch for the best report overall as Branch  
7 98.

8 The Leonard D. "Swede" Nelson award goes  
9 to Kim from Branch 24, what's her last name?  
10 Biggs, that's right, Kim Biggs, Branch 24.

11 There was no award for the Robert  
12 Doherty award.

13 The shipmates recommended that since we  
14 have to go through 1099s with the finance  
15 officer, that we explore issuing scholarships in  
16 lieu of cash awards, which would require changing  
17 possibly, probably, no doubt change the wording  
18 of the essay posters. And the finance officer  
19 suggested that we should reduce the amount of the  
20 payout since we're going broke and we could do  
21 that, but we need to discuss it with him on how

1 to do that.

2           Suggestions were to lower the first  
3 place winners down to \$2,000 and the finance  
4 officer suggested not giving out first place to  
5 the overall winner, just give the overall winner  
6 \$5,000; however, we want to keep, be sure to keep  
7 on the poster that \$5,000 figure so kids will be  
8 interested. And that concludes my report,  
9 Shipmate.

10           Oh, by the way, for those of you who  
11 wander around and have like a dinner or a  
12 luncheon with commanding officers at bases or if  
13 you run across a JAG officer that keeps  
14 badmouthing the Fleet Reserve Association, us,  
15 you can take some figures to them. Like the  
16 three Ms, we're talking about money, miles and  
17 man hours. Also, that we're down on the number  
18 of essays this year due to COVID, but we garnered  
19 over a thousand, and I think Branch 5 in Norfolk  
20 used to grab about seven or eight thousand a  
21 year, so we are down. We expended at least

1 \$32,412 dollars, that's the minimum, I know  
2 there's more than that because it doesn't get  
3 reported. Miles driven was 6,994, that's a  
4 minimum again because we do more than what's  
5 reported. And the man hours expended was 2,795  
6 reported again.

7 And that concludes my report, Shipmate  
8 National President.

9 NP FULTON: You've heard the report of  
10 the chairman of the Americanism and patriotism.  
11 Do you move that it be received? Do you move  
12 that it be received?

13 PRPNC COMBS: I move it be received.

14 NP FULTON: Come on, shipmates.

15 RVPNC CUNNINGHAM: Cunningham, Branch 14  
16 Delegate, second.

17 NP FULTON: All right, motion and a  
18 second. On the questions, all in favor?

19 (Chorus of ayes.

20 Opposed? Carried. Does headquarters  
21 have the final report?



1 PRPNC COMBS: Yes, they have it.

2 NP FULTON: All right. Shipmate at the  
3 front mic.

4 PRPNW BURKE: Peg Burke, proxy, Branch  
5 342. When are the checks coming out, since this  
6 list has been out for several months.

7 NFO REID: So one of the things that  
8 happened this year and one of the things we  
9 should have been doing all the time is, anything  
10 above \$600 is a taxable income to individuals.  
11 So prior to this I don't think headquarters or  
12 anyone else ever collected W-9s from the winners.  
13 This year as I sent out notifications to every  
14 single student, I also sent them a W-9 and I  
15 indicated that upon receiving their W-9s, their  
16 checks would be sent out. All W-9s that I have  
17 received have received their checks.

18 There are approximately five people, and  
19 I will be giving it to the national president,  
20 who have not returned or no communication has  
21 been received, but all checks have been sent out.

1 NP FULTON: Shipmate Peg, did you hear  
2 that response?

3 PRPNW BURKE: No, because that wasn't  
4 quite clear to me.

5 NP FULTON: All right. Those students  
6 that submitted the 1099s to national headquarters  
7 have received their checks. Those that have not,  
8 and there's five of them that have not submitted  
9 the 1099s to headquarters, have not received the  
10 checks yet.

11 PRPNW BURKE: Have you notified the  
12 branches?

13 NFO REID: We will.

14 PRPNW BURKE: Okay. Because this is the  
15 sister of the one that won overall last year, and  
16 we haven't heard anything since the list.

17 NFO REID: What's the name of the  
18 person?

19 PRPNW BURKE: Parker Smith.

20 NFO REID: I'll check.

21 PRPNW BURKE: Okay, because she's out of

1 the Tri-Cities about 130 miles from where we are  
2 here.

3 NP FULTON: We'll get the numbers, or  
4 the branch numbers of those five individuals, and  
5 I'll get with the regional presidents to run it  
6 to ground.

7 Shipmate at the rear mic.

8 RPNENE ZINO: Zino, Branch 23, Delegate.  
9 Shipmate National President, just a request that  
10 you assign a reasonable completion date, if they  
11 don't/TKOEPBTS respond in 90 days they lose the  
12 award, because we can't have the finance officer  
13 continue to track that, that's a lot of wasted  
14 time and expenses.

15 NP FULTON: Noted.

16 PRPNC COMBS: Shipmate National  
17 President, Combs, Delegate, Branch 161. If the  
18 regional presidents or the branches during the  
19 break, not now, during the break, would come and  
20 see me, I'll give you the ribbons for the  
21 regional president for their branches, okay?

1           NP FULTON: And talking about that, it  
2 is almost 1420. We're going to go ahead and  
3 recess until 1430. Shipmate Chaplain.

4           NCHAP GUNTHER: Shipmate National  
5 President, the Bible is closed.

6           NP FULTON: We stand in recess until  
7 1430.

8           (Recess.)

9           NP FULTON: Shipmate Master at Arms, you  
10 will invite the shipmates to enter the meeting  
11 hall and close the doors.

12          NCHAP GUNTHER: Shipmate National  
13 President, the Bible is open.

14          NP FULTON: Thank you, Shipmate  
15 Chaplain.

16          Okay, we are going to take one more  
17 standing committee report today before we close  
18 business. Shipmate Past National President  
19 Blackburn is ready to issue his budget and  
20 finance report.

21          PNP BLACKBURN: Good afternoon,

1 shipmates. Before I get started on my report, I  
2 need all of you to look in your delegate kit, it  
3 is, near the end of the finance officer's report  
4 is the proposed budget for 2022. If you look on  
5 here, it's about a third, I don't know, I'm not  
6 the finance officer. Delta, Tab Delta, at the  
7 end of Tab Delta.

8 NFO REID: The bottom of the page will  
9 read 2022 budget one, two, three and four at the  
10 bottom of the page.

11 PNP BLACKBURN: Everybody with me, or  
12 somebody's with me so far? Let me know. It  
13 looks like there's a few still looking for the  
14 right place.

15 NFO REID: Two, three, four, five, six  
16 and seven.

17 PNP BLACKBURN: Well, I can go through  
18 this part anyway. The report of the chairman,  
19 93rd National Convention FRA national committee  
20 on budget and finance, Mirabeau Park Hotel and  
21 Convention Center, Spokane Valley, Washington,

1     October 6, 2021. The national committee on  
2     budget and finance met in the Dahlia Room of the  
3     Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center, 1100  
4     North Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley, Washington  
5     on Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 0900. Members  
6     there, Chairman Past National President  
7     Blackburn, myself, Branch 8. Members, Past  
8     Regional President Southeast John Hanzek, West  
9     Jacksonville Branch 126; Past Regional President  
10    Southeast Frederick Hill, Atlantic Beach Branch  
11    290; Shipmate Gabriel Falu, Kempsville Branch 99;  
12    Shipmate Nicole Talbot, Space City Branch 159;  
13    Shipmate Kevin Flippen, Mo-Kan Branch 161 was  
14    excused.

15           Advisors. Past National President  
16    Virgil Courneya, High Sierra Branch via the Zoom;  
17    Regional Vice President North Central Marcia  
18    Cunningham, Milwaukee Branch 14; Past Regional  
19    President West Coast Nathan Joe Nash, Silver  
20    Dollar Branch 192. NED Christopher J. Slawinski,  
21    Navy Department Branch 181 was excused.

1 Finance officers. Phillip Reid, member  
2 at large.

3 Visitors. Shipmate Rick Fetro  
4 (phonetic), Branch 101; Past National President  
5 John Johnson, Mt. Rainier Branch 104; National  
6 President Michael "Mick" Fulton, Imperial Beach  
7 Branch 289.

8 All right. You all got your budget  
9 open? All right. There are three pen and ink  
10 changes need to be done to the existing budget.  
11 On page two of your budget, on line item  
12 55060050.I, elevators, the \$375 monthly which is  
13 printed in small print right beside it should  
14 read \$391 monthly. The \$5,200 is the correct  
15 amount in the budget. Everybody clear on that  
16 point?

17 Number two, page three, budget line item  
18 55340050.A, Internet, the \$433.65 per month comes  
19 to \$5,097, which is rounded up to \$5,200.

20 Page three, budget line item 553340050,  
21 I'm sorry, I should have been more specific.

1 \$5,200 is the total, vice 3,400. That is the  
2 2022 budget, the final column on that page.  
3 Unfortunately they didn't tell you what years it  
4 was; the first page it does, from then on out  
5 it's 2022 in the final column.

6 Page five, budget line item 57250070.A,  
7 budget and finance travel and per diem, the  
8 amount was reduced by \$1,500 with the expectation  
9 that the junior past national president will be  
10 the chairman and would already be in Alexandria  
11 for the national board of directors. However,  
12 then it was pointed out that in a normal year the  
13 national board of directors is held in March, not  
14 in June as it was this year, our new finance  
15 officer learning curve sometimes gets a little  
16 steep so things get corrected as we go. So  
17 consequently, the budget and finance committee  
18 does not meet at the same time because they meet  
19 in June or early July, so consequently the \$1,500  
20 expense that was reduced had to be replaced,  
21 making that line item back up to \$9,000 vice



1 7,500.

2 All right. This is an addition of  
3 \$3,300 of expense. On page seven, final page,  
4 the budget which reads 3,487 -- \$3,487,256, I was  
5 trying to save us a lot of money -- 3,487,256,  
6 okay, is now 3,490,556.

7 No further business to be conducted, the  
8 chair adjourned the committee at 1015.

9 Headquarters has a copy of my report. I move  
10 that the 2022 budget be accepted as submitted.

11 PRPSE HANZEK: Shipmate National  
12 President, Hanzek, Delegate, 126, seconds.

13 NP FULTON: Motion on the floor and it's  
14 been seconded. The budget and finance committee  
15 chair has given his report and has requested the  
16 budget, proposed budget for 2022 as included in  
17 Tab Delta of your delegate kit be adopted as  
18 written, as amended.

19 Shipmate at the rear mic. I saw you  
20 standing, Norm.

21 S/M HUNT: Hunt, Delegate, I second that

1 motion.

2 NP FULTON: It's already been seconded,  
3 we have a motion and a second. Any discussion?  
4 On the question, all in favor?

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 Opposed? Carried unanimously.

7 PRPNC COMBS: Shipmate National  
8 President.

9 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

10 PRPNC COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch  
11 161. I notice the budget, the left two columns  
12 to the left, you have, the right-hand side of  
13 those first two columns you have budget approved,  
14 well, budget approved last year, and the left  
15 side says actuals. It's about damned time we see  
16 that. We should have that report monthly.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The Bible is open  
18 again. Watch that mouth.

19 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the front mic.

20 NFO REID: Finance Officer Reid, NAO. I  
21 just want to take this opportunity to thank the

1 chair of the budget and finance committee and the  
2 other members of the finance committee in working  
3 with me during my first year to get through this  
4 budget. This is not an easy budget and we took a  
5 lot of time going through every single line item  
6 and to discuss it. So when you look at this  
7 budget, this is not a -- this budget is reality.  
8 And again, I thank the chair of the budget and  
9 finance committee for kind of putting up with me  
10 for this first year.

11 (Applause.)

12 PNP BLACKBURN: Thank you, shipmates,  
13 for accepting the budget as proposed. Like the  
14 FO stated, we worked long and hard on this, it's  
15 still a lot of money but we are trying to prune  
16 it down a little bit by little, and every little  
17 dollar helps. Thank you.

18 NP FULTON: Okay. I was remiss  
19 yesterday when I was going down through the  
20 committee assignments, and unfortunately realized  
21 today when I went down to the headquarters for

1 steering committee to make sure that the  
2 committees were all getting their paperwork, I  
3 neglected to appoint a honorary membership  
4 committee. We have two honorary membership  
5 resolutions included in the package. Could I  
6 please have a volunteer shipmate to chair a  
7 committee on honorary membership? Okay,  
8 shipmates, Past National President John Johnson  
9 will chair. Shipmate, all right, Shipmate  
10 Gruetzner will sit, Shipmate Chuck McIntyre and  
11 Shipmate Hanzek, and Shipmate Quinell (phonetic),  
12 get together after we close business today unless  
13 you're going on the dinner cruise, if you are,  
14 then try to get it first thing in the morning so  
15 we can go ahead and -- what's that? The business  
16 session starts at nine so if you want to get  
17 together at eight, all right.

18 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Shipmate National  
19 President.

20 NP FULTON: Yes, Shipmate Lazzaretti.

21 PRPNW LAZZARETTI: Past Regional

1 President Lazzaretti, Seattle Branch 18, cochair  
2 of the convention. A couple of quick  
3 announcements is that the hospitality suite will  
4 be opening at 1600 and will stay open for most of  
5 the evening for those shipmates and auxiliary  
6 members that are not going on the cruise.

7 (Applause.)

8 NP FULTON: Anybody else have any  
9 announcements?

10 PNP BLACKBURN: Shipmate National  
11 President.

12 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the rear mic.

13 PNP BLACKBURN: Blackburn, Delegate,  
14 Branch 8, the hops keeper for the west coast  
15 region beer club. For those of you who have your  
16 dues ready and are ready to pay your dues,  
17 tomorrow evening at 1900 in the hospitality room  
18 the beer club will meet for one hour. Please  
19 come by, pay your dues, talk to us, have a beer,  
20 and if necessary or if you have friends who are  
21 not members, bring them along and we will gladly

1 welcome them with open arm. Thank you.

2 NP FULTON: Shipmate at the front mic.

3 PNP JOHNSON: Johnson, Delegate, 104. I  
4 would like to in remind everyone in here, we had  
5 a drawing last night, 50-50, the ticket is in the  
6 hospitality room and no one claimed it last  
7 night. So if you weren't in there when we drew  
8 the tickets, please check the hospitality room  
9 because it's \$276 waiting for somebody, okay?  
10 Thank you.

11 NP FULTON: Shipmate Chaplain.

12 NCHAP GUNTHER: Shipmate National  
13 President, the Bible is closed.

14 NP FULTON: Thank you. Salute the  
15 Ensign. Two.

16 The second business session stands in  
17 recess. We will reconvene for business session  
18 three at 0900 tomorrow.

19 (Whereupon, the second business session  
20 adjourned.)

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