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6	94th Fleet Reserve Association
7	National Convention
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9	FIRST BUSINESS SESSION
10	Tuesday, October 18, 2022
11	1:00 P.M.
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14	Hyatt Regency Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel
15	1000 Riverchase Galleria
16	Birmingham, Alabama 35244
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1	(Proceedings began, 1:05 p.m.)
2	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: This
3	assembly will now come to order. Shipmate
4	Master-at-Arms, you'll invite the shipmates to
5	enter the convention hall and close the doors.
6	Where is Marsha at?
7	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: National
8	Chaplain, will you please open the Bible.
9	NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Shipmates, National
10	President, the Bible is open.
11	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmates,
12	please join me in saluting the colors.
13	And ready, two.
14	I now declare the first business session
15	of the 94th National Convention of the Fleet
16	Reserve Association regularly convened.
17	Can I help you, Shipmate?
18	UNIDENTIFIED SHIPMATE: Am I recognized,
19	Shipmate National President?
20	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: What's
21	wrong with your eyes?

1	UNIDENTIFIED SHIPMATE: Let the record
2	reflect that the Junior Past is in the proper
3	uniform today.
4	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Very good.
5	Shipmates, I'm going to ask you to
6	please hold the sidebar down. As you can tell
7	my voice is kind of leaving. Hopefully it
8	will be here until Friday. But I can't speak
9	over top of anybody. I'd appreciate it.
10	And when shipmates are up at the
11	microphone to speak, please respect that and
12	stay quiet. Thank you.
13	Shipmates, our convention recorder and
14	reporter who is seated to the left of me, your
15	right, is Lisa Bailey.
16	I'm going to want to remind all the
17	delegates when addressing the chair on any
18	matter including seconding of a motion, you
19	must speak into the microphone.
20	Right, Marsha?
21	The record of this convention is by

Τ	electronic means. It you do not speak into
2	the microphone, they won't be able to pick up
3	your voice. And that's a good thing for me.
4	Motions and seconds will not be recognized and
5	accepted unless you make them into the
6	microphone. Please keep private discussion
7	and sidebars to yourself or during breaks. If
8	you have a need to talk to your shipmate next
9	to you about something, please take it
10	outside. Shipmates, I have appointed as the
11	Master-at-Arms for this business session
12	Shipmate Past National President Don Larson
13	and Shipmate Richard Ruiz.
14	National Executive Director will now
15	call the roll of officers.
16	NED SLAWINKSI: National President
17	Campbell.
18	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Present.
19	NED SLAWINKSI: National Vice President
20	Robbins.
21	NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ROBBINS:

1	Present.
2	NED SLAWINKSI: National Executive
3	Director Slawinski? Present.
4	National Finance Officer Reid?
5	NATIONAL FINANCE OFFICER REID: Present.
6	NED SLAWINKSI: Junior Past National
7	President Fulton?
8	JPNP FULTON: Present.
9	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional President
10	Northeast/New England Ross?
11	REGIONAL PRESIDENT ROSS: Present.
12	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional President East
13	Coast Murray?
14	REGIONAL PRESIDENT MURRAY: President.
15	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional President
16	Southeast Fogel?
17	REGIONAL PRESIDENT FOGEL: Present.
18	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional President North
19	Central Behm?
20	REGIONAL PRESIDENT BEHM: Present.
21	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional President South

1	Central Gruetzner?
2	REGIONAL PRESIDENT GRUETZNER: Present.
3	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional President
4	Southwest Bacud?
5	REGIONAL PRESIDENT BACUD: Present.
6	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional Present West
7	Coast Hanzel?
8	REGIONAL PRESIDENT HANZEL: Present.
9	NED SLAWINKSI: Regional President
10	Northwest Davis?
11	REGIONAL PRESIDENT DAVIS: Present.
12	NED SLAWINKSI: National Parliamentarian
13	Past National President Bob Beese?
14	NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN BEESE:
15	Present.
16	NED SLAWINKSI: And Acting National
17	Chaplain John Davis.
18	NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: Present.
19	NED SLAWINKSI: The roll is called. All
20	are present.
21	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.

1	At this time we'll have the first
2	credentials report by Shipmate Past National
3	Past Regional President Pete Lazaretti.
4	PRP LAZARETTI: Giving me a promotion
5	early?
6	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Sure.
7	PRP LAZARETTI: Good afternoon,
8	shipmates. This is the first credentials
9	report for the 94th Fleet Reserve Association
LO	National Convention.
L1	Authorized voting strength is 891.
L2	Number of branches represented by
L3	delegates, 52.
L4	Number of votes represented by
L5	delegates, 485.
L6	Number of branches registered by proxy,
L7	86.
L8	Number of votes registered by proxy,
L9	364.
20	Number of branches not registered, 17
21	out of 149.

1	Number of delegates registered, 103.
2	Registered voting strength, 849.
3	Number of votes not registered, 42.
4	Two-thirds vote is 566.
5	Majority vote is 425.
6	Starting in tab X-ray in your book:
7	371, no credentials.
8	Branch 346, no credentials.
9	Branch 339, votes zero.
10	NBR 33-22, surrendered charter.
11	Branch 334, zero votes. NBR 40-22,
12	surrender of charter.
13	Branch 328, zero votes. NBR 42-22,
14	surrender of charter.
15	Branch 310, zero votes. NBR 41-22
16	suspension of charter.
17	Branch 307, no credentials.
18	Branch 292, no credentials.
19	Flip the page. Branch 259, no
20	credentials. 259, no credentials.
21	256, zero votes. NBR 32-22, suspension

1	of charter.
2	Branch 250, zero votes. NBR 31-22
3	suspension of charter.
4	Branch 247, no credentials.
5	Next page. Branch 188, no credentials.
6	Branch 174, no credentials.
7	Branch 171, no credentials.
8	Branch 118, no credentials.
9	Next page. Branch 106, zero votes. NBR
10	25-22, merged with Branch 115.
11	Branch 103, no credentials.
12	Branch 102, no credentials.
13	Branch 85, NBR 24-22, merger with Branch
14	302.
15	Branch 67, zero votes. NBR 30-22,
16	revocation of charter.
17	Next page. Branch 54, zero votes. NBR
18	38-22, surrender of charter.
19	Branch 11, zero votes. NBR 39-22,
20	suspension of charter.
21	Last but not least. Branch 4, zero

1	votes. NBR 12-22, suspension of charter.
2	And that's everything. I conclude my
3	report. I ask that it be received.
4	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmate
5	at the mic.
6	SHIPMATE COMBS: Combs Delegate Branch
7	161 seconds, if you need it.
8	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: All in
9	favor of accepting and receiving the first
10	credentials report say aye.
11	(Ayes voiced.)
12	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Opposed?
13	No opposed.
14	Shipmates, we will now have the
15	presentation of the annual reports of the
16	national officers.
17	Thank you, folks.
18	In accordance with section 612 Alpha,
19	C&BLs, FRA, all recommendations contained in
20	these reports must have been previously
21	submitted under Section 611 of the C&BLs

1	Standing Rule 3 refers and applies. All of
2	these reports have been submitted in writing,
3	typewritten, or are included in the delegate
4	kits. To expedite the order of business this
5	afternoon, I ask that the National Officers
6	submit their reports for the record and
7	confine their remarks to summarization and
8	highlights of their reports.
9	My report can be found in the delegate
10	kit under Tab A.
11	I will now call on each National Officer
12	to submit their report. National Vice
13	president?
14	NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ROBBINS:
15	National vice president. My report is under
16	Tab B. And I move that it be accepted.
17	SHIPMATE COMBS: Combs Delegate Branch
18	161 seconds.
19	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: You don't
20	have to second it. Thank you, though.
21	National Executive Director Slawinski.

1	NED SLAWINKSI: Shipmates, my report can
2	be found in the delegate kit in tab Charlie.
3	And we don't have to second it. So I ask that
4	it be received.
5	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmate
6	at the mic.
7	SHIPMATE: National President, Hazic
8	(phonetic) Delegate 126. Would you please
9	remind and emphasize to the shipmates to
10	either turn their cell phones off or put them
11	in airplane mode. I was personally aggravated
12	that phones went off during the POW-MIA
13	service. And it's aggravating to hear them go
14	off now while we're trying to conduct
15	business. I would appreciate it.
16	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
17	Would everybody please check their cell
18	phones, their electronic devices that make
19	noises, chimes, or whatever. Shut them off or
20	silence them. Thank you.
21	Financial Officer Shipmate Reid

1	FINANCE OFFICER REID: First and
2	foremost, if your phone does go off you me \$25
3	to be donated to the Veteran Service
4	Foundation.
5	Shipmate National President, my report
6	can be found in D, Delta. And I want to sum
7	it up by saying we must change for our own
8	survival without losing our traditions.
9	Please read the first two pages of my report
LO	if you read nothing else. Thank you.
L1	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
L2	Junior Past National President Fulton.
L3	JPNP FULTON: Shipmate National
L4	President, shipmates, my annual report is
L5	included in Tab Echo of the delegate kit, and
L6	I move that it be received.
L7	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
L8	Regional President Northeast/England
L9	Ross.
20	REGIONAL PRESIDENT ROSS: Shipmate
21	National President, my report can be found in

Tab F as in Frank Foxtrot, depends which
service you're in. Overall, our region is in
good working order, and that's mainly
attributed to our outstanding regional team of
officers who often watch my back while
providing support and wisdom. In addition,
they're quick to address any problem and
greatly assist the region branches, all 17 of
them. And for the rest of the report, I
submit it is in Foxtrot, and I ask that it be
accepted.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.

Regional President East Coast Murray.

REGIONAL PRESIDENT MURRAY: Shipmate

National President, shipmates, my report can

be found in Foxtrot tab. It's been a

challenging year coming out of the COVID. The

East Coast region is in great state. We've

had our challenges and ups and downs. We've

lost a branch. We've gained a branch. And we

brought one back to life in that. And the

1	rest of my report can be found in Tab F. And
2	I move it be received.
3	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
4	Regional President Southeast Fogel.
5	REGIONAL PRESIDENT FOGEL: National
6	President, my report is under Tab F as in
7	Foxtrot. I move that it be accepted.
8	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
9	Regional President North Central Behm.
10	REGIONAL PRESIDENT BEHM: Shipmate
11	President, Behm North Central. I move mine
12	is in Foxtrot, and I move that it be received.
13	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
14	Regional President South Central
15	Gruetzner.
16	REGIONAL PRESIDENT GRUETZNER: National
17	President, my report can be found in the
18	delegate kit Tab F, Foxtrot. And I move it be
19	received.
20	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
21	Regional president West Coast Hanzel.

1	REGIONAL PRESIDENT HANZEL: Shipmate
2	President, my report is under Foxtrot. I
3	offer Regional Regional West Coast
4	Regional President West Coast Number One, I
5	ask that it be received.
6	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
7	REGIONAL PRESIDENT HANZEL: I can't
8	talk.
9	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Regional
10	President Northwest Davis.
11	REGIONAL PRESIDENT DAVIS: Shipmate
12	President, my report can be seen in Tab
13	Foxtrot and I ask request that it be
14	received.
15	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
16	Nobody notice that I missed the
17	Southwest Bacud. Leave the best for last.
18	UNIDENTIFIED SHIPMATE: He's been
19	retread for a while.
20	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: They've
21	heen picking on him all day

1	REGIONAL PRESIDENT BACUD: Shipmate
2	National President, my report is included into
3	the delegate kit Tab F Foxtrot.
4	Thank you.
5	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.
6	And, lastly, here is the National
7	Chaplain. And his report can be found in Tab
8	G. He is deployed serving our country
9	elsewhere.
10	I would now like to call on Chairman of
11	the Standing Committees and Special Committees
12	to render their annual report. It will be
13	found in the delegate kit.
14	Again, in accordance with 612 Alpha of
15	the C&BL of the FRA, all recommendations
16	contained in these reports may have been
17	previously submitted under 611 of the C&BL and
18	standing rule 3.
19	I now call on Americanism-Patriotism
20	Past Regional President North Central Norm

Combs.

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1	PRP COMBS: Shipmate National President,
2	my report is under Tab J. And I move it be
3	received.
4	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
5	Shipmate.
6	Budget, Finance, and Audit, Junior Past
7	National Mick Fulton.
8	JPNP FULTON: Shipmate National
9	President, the standing committee report for
10	Budget, Finance, and Audit is in tab Kilo in
11	the delegate kit. And I move it be received.
12	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
13	shipmate.
14	Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions,
15	Past Regional President North Central
16	Posekany.
17	PRP POSEKANY: Posekany, Registered 98,
18	Grand Rapids, Michigan Delegate. Chairman of
19	the Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions
20	Committee is in Tab L. And I move it be
21	received of record.

1	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
2	Shipmate.
3	Future Planning, Regional President West
4	Coast, Joe Nash.
5	REGIONAL PRESIDENT NASH: Joe Nash,
6	Chairman of the Future Planning committee. My
7	report is under Tab Mike. I move it be
8	received.
9	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
10	shipmate.
11	Hospitals, Welfare, and Rehabilitation,
12	Past National Chaplain, Paul Gunther.
13	PAST NATIONAL CHAPLAIN GUNTHER:
14	Shipmate National President, Gunther, Delegate
15	Chairman Hospitals, Welfare, and
16	Rehabilitation Committee. My report is under
17	Tab N in the delegate kit. And I move that it
18	be received.
19	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
20	Shipmate.
21	Legislative Services, National Executive

1	Director Chris Slawinski.
2	NED SLAWINKSI: Shipmate National
3	President, Legislative Services report, annual
4	report, can be found in Tab Oscar. And I move
5	that it be received.
6	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Membership
7	and Retention, National Vice President James
8	Robbins.
9	NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT ROBBINS:
10	National President, James Robbins, my
11	membership and retention report is in Tab P,
12	as in Papa. I move that it be accepted.
13	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
14	Shipmate.
15	Public Relations, Past Regional
16	President Northwest, Pete Lazzaretti.
17	PRP LAZZARETTI: Shipmates, my "no
18	report" is found under Tab Quebec. And I
19	don't need to move to be accepted since there
20	is no report.
21	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: So be it.

1 Veteran Services, Shipmate Theo Lawson. 2 Shipmates, National SHIPMATE LAWSON: 3 President, my report is not in the delegate However, if anybody wants it, I'll be 4 5 able to send it to them. So if you need -- if 6 you want -- one of the biggest things we did, 7 we did authorize classes being offered by 8 Shipmate SD Martin and Tom Flannick. For anybody look to qualify for VSO, you're more 9 10 than welcome to take the class. And that can 11 Thank you. be used as a qualification. 12 NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you. 13 Youth activities, Shipmate Paula Falu. 14 She's not here. SHIPMATE: 15 NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Well, you 16 can find her report in Tab S. And I move that 17 it be accepted. 18 The National Executive Director will 19 read, and the delegates will act on 20 ratifications of actions taken by the National 21 Board of Directors since the last convention.

1	NED SLAWINKSI: Shipmates, all the
2	actions of the National Board of Directors
3	that were I'll be addressing that, so don't
4	worry, Marty that will be that were
5	acted prior to the preboard can be found in
6	Tab Uniform. And with the National
7	President's permission, we will act on a
8	proceed basis.
9	Okay. Looks likes everyone is ready. I
10	want to make sure everybody is looking at it.
11	NBR 1-22. FRA National Board of
12	directors approval of the 2021 Pre-Board
13	National Board of Directors meeting minutes by
14	the National Board of Directors. 11
15	affirmative.
16	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
17	NED SLAWINSKI: NBR 2-22, ratified the
18	LAFRA Auxiliary resolutions that were
19	presented to the National Parliamentarian for
20	review.

Proceed.

SHIPMATES:

1	NED SLAWINKSI: NBR 3-22, approval of
2	the NED's salary of \$113,600 by the FRA
3	National Board of Directors. Ten
4	affirmatives, one abstention.
5	SHIPMATE: Shipmate NED, Hanzel proxy
6	for Branch 59. I have a no vote from them.
7	I don't know how that affects this whole
8	procedure. But that one branch voted no.
9	NED SLAWINSKI: Okay.
10	SHIPMATE: Or actually two branches.
11	Both I represent, 59 and 274, cast a "no"
12	vote.
13	NED SLAWINKSI: For the salary?
14	SHIPMATE: For the
15	NED SLAWINSKI: And for NBR 3?
16	SHIPMATE: Yes.
17	NED SLAWINSKI: If it's a majority, it's
18	ratified.
19	SHIPMATE: Good. Thank you.
20	NED SLAWINKSI: Proceed, in other words.
21	NBR 4-22, FRA National Board of

1	Directors approval of the LA FRA National
2	Auxiliary National President Project for
3	2021-2022, the K9s for Warriors 501(c)(3).
4	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
5	NED SLAWINKSI: NBR 5-22, FRA National
6	Board of Directors approval of \$1,000 donation
7	to the LA FRA Auxiliary National President's
8	project, the K9s for Warriors. 11 approval.
9	SHIPMATE: Shipmate NED. Hanzel, Proxy
10	274. They cast a "no" vote.
11	NED SLAWINKSI: Okay. NBR 6-22,
12	ratified the FRA Standing National Committees
13	roster/listings for the Association year
14	2021-2022 by the National Board of Directors.
15	SHIPMATE: Shipmate National President.
16	NED SLAWINSKI: Yes.
17	NATIONAL PRESIDENT: Shipmate at the
18	mic.
19	SHIPMATE: Posekany, Chairman of the
20	Constitution & Bylaws. I just want to clarify
21	that is probably only for the committees that

1	require that.
2	NED SLAWINKSI: Correct.
3	SHIPMATE: For the C&BL but you did a
4	blanket for the whole thing just to cover
5	them?
6	NED SLAWINKSI: Yes.
7	SHIPMATE: That's what that was?
8	NED SLAWINSKI: Correct. Do you have
9	okay.
10	NBR 7-22, FRA National Board of
11	Directors approved replacing member Shipmate
12	Past National President Lawrence Boudreaux
13	with Shipmate Past Regional President West
14	Coast Joe Nash as a member of the FRA
15	Education Foundation Board of Directors.
16	SHIPMATE: Shipmate National President.
17	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmate
18	at the mic. Don't rush me. I see you.
19	SHIPMATE: Gilmartin, delegate Branch
20	207. As I understand it, the FRA Education
21	Foundation is a separate 501(c)(3) for the

FRA. So I don't understand why the NBR has anything to do at all with the FRA 501(c) 19. How is it FRA business?

NED SLAWINKSI: It is a standing rule that the National Board of Directors approve the replacement of board members for that board since it is under the umbrella of the association.

SHIPMATE: Thank you.

NED SLAWINKSI: NBR 8-22, the National Board of Directors approved to amend Article 8 Section 813 Alpha to read, "The National Committee on Membership and Retention shall consist of the National Vice President as chair of the committee and the regional vice president as members of the committee and to appoint as membership chair the National Vice President and Regional Vice Presidents as members to be in compliance with the proposed motion to change the C&BL, Article 8 Section 813 Alpha.

1	This was approved. Nine affirmative,
2	two negative. And once it was approved, it
3	was forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws
4	Committee for further action. So we will not
5	be ratifying that. It's going to Constitution
6	and Bylaws and will go through that process.
7	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
8	NED SLAWINSKI: NBR 9-22, that the
9	National Board of Directors approve the Future
10	Planning Committee consist of a chairperson
11	and at least one member from each region of
12	the eight FRA regions, and additional change
13	to the wording of the Constitution and Bylaws
14	Article 8, Section 819 Alpha. 11 affirmative.
15	This also has been forwarded to the
16	Constitution and Bylaws Committee for
17	consideration during their report.
18	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
19	NED SLAWINKSI: Thank you.
20	10-22, FRA National board of Directors

approved the minutes of the 11/17/2021

1	National Board of Directors Zoom call
2	bimonthly meeting. 11 affirmative.
3	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
4	NED SLAWINSKI: FRA National Board of
5	11-22, the National Board of Directors
6	authorized and approved the 2022 National
7	Convention Committee's usage of the FRA logo
8	for items on sale during the 94th National
9	convention in Birmingham, Alabama. 11
10	affirmative.
11	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
12	NED SLAWINKSI: 12-22, FRA's National
13	Board of Directors approved the suspension of
14	Washington D.C. Branch 004's Charter.
15	11 affirmative.
16	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
17	NED SLAWINSKI: 13-22, the National
18	Board of Directors approved to receive the
19	2019 financial audit. 11 affirmative.
20	SHIPMATE: Shipmate NED.
21	NED SLAWINSKI: Yes.

1	SHIPMATE: Martin, Branch 166 delegate.
2	Since when does the Board of Directors not
3	send the audit to the audit committee?
4	NED SLAWINSKI: The annual audits done
5	for the association are always done
6	presented to the Board of Directors for
7	approval and ratification. And then they're
8	passed along to the membership. The audits
9	are done for the Board of Directors. They're
10	not done for headquarters or anything. The
11	Board of Directors are the recipients of that
12	report.
13	SHIPMATE: Thank you.
14	NED SLAWINKSI: You're welcome.
15	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
16	NED SLAWINSKI: There's another shipmate
17	coming to the mic. Oh, he's just going to his
18	seat. Okay. Making sure.
19	14-22, FRA National Board of Directors
20	approved of the reinstatement of the Del
21	Herrmann Branch 299 in Wilmington, North

1	Carolina. 11 approved.
2	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
3	NED SLAWINSKI: NBR 15-22, the National
4	Board of Director approved of the application
5	to establish Honolulu Branch 50. 11 approved.
6	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
7	NED SLAWINKSI: 16-22, FRA National
8	Board of Directors approved of the seating of
9	Regional Vice President Southeast Jerry Anger
10	in accordance with Article 7, section 702
11	India, for the 2022 midyear meeting in absence
12	of Regional President Southeast Jack Fogel.
13	11 affirmed.
14	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
15	NED SLAWINSKI: 17-22, FRA National
16	Board of Directors approved of the 93rd
17	Post-Board National Board of Directors
18	minutes. 11 affirmative.
19	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
20	NED SLAWINKSI: 18-22. FRA National
21	Board of Directors approved of the revised

1 version of the National Convention credentials 2 form for the association year 2023. 3 11 affirmative. 4 Shipmate National President. SHIPMATE: 5 Posekany Branch 298 delegate, Chair for 6 the Constitution, Bylaws, and Resolutions. 7 Just to clarify for the shipmates, that wasn't 8 required as an NBR. We did that as a matter 9 of practice because that's something the NED 10 through the admin manual could take care of 11 himself. Is that what was presented to them 12 basically for their approval to show that? Is 13 that the reason for that? 14 NED SLAWINSKI: Correct. There are 15 sections within the credential forms that are 16 addressed within the Constitution and Bylaws. 17 And we wanted to ensure that we had clarity on 18 that so that we did not run into any conflicts 19 with the bylaws. Thank you for that. 20 19-22, FRA National Board of Directors 21 to direct the LA FRA to address changes of the

1	Auxiliary membership relating to eligibility
2	eligible sponsorship for the LA FRA.
3	11 affirmative.
4	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
5	NED SLAWINKSI: 20-22 FRA Board of
6	Directors approved the Letter of Intent for
7	the 95th National Convention in 2023 venue
8	which is in Reno, Nevada. 11 affirmative.
9	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
10	NED SLAWINSKI: 21-22, the FRA National
11	Board of Directors approved an amendment of
12	Article 15 Section 1508, Constitution and
13	Bylaws, FRA regarding regarding
14	regarding FRA Cap Regulations. 11 approved.
15	This has also been forwarded to the
16	Constitution and Bylaws Committee for further
17	consideration within their report.
18	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
19	NED SLAWINKSI: 22-22. The FRA National
20	Board of Directors approved of the 2021 audit
21	firm of Gelman, Rosenberg and Freedman.

1	11 affirmative.
2	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
3	NED SLAWINKSI: 23-22, FRA National
4	Board of Directors approved the expenditure of
5	\$7,000 to audit the iMIS systems.
6	11 approved.
7	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
8	NED SLAWINKSI: 24-22. FRA National
9	Board of Directors approved the merger of San
10	Gabriel Valley Branch 85 to Carson Branch 302.
11	11 affirmative.
12	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
13	NED SLAWINKSI: Almost done with the
14	first part. FRA National Board of Directors
15	approved of the merger of Harrisburg Branch
16	106 with Black Diamond Branch 115. 11
17	affirmative.
18	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
19	NED SLAWINKSI: 26-22. FRA National
20	Board of Directors approved of the
21	Constitution and Bylaws Amendment to Article

1	6, Section 607 Alpha. Constitution and Bylaws
2	FRA to read, "Section 607 Alpha. Each branch
3	shall have five votes regardless of membership
4	in good standing as of 31 March. Branches
5	instituted on or after April 1st shall be
6	allowed one vote until the following March"
7	"31 March." Ten affirmative. One negative,
8	NED.
9	This has been forwarded to the
10	Constitution and Bylaws Committee for further
11	consideration during their report.
12	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
13	NED SLAWINKSI: FRA National Board of
14	Directors resolution 27-22. National Board of
15	Directors approved to change the award amounts
16	for Americanism-Patriotism Essay contest. 11
17	affirmative.
18	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
19	NED SLAWINKSI: Shipmate, take your
20	time.
21	SHIPMATE: It's okay. I'm already up.

1	Cornell Branch 289, delegate. I know I spoke
2	to the National President about this
3	yesterday. But just for everyone's
4	edification, do we know what the award amounts
5	have been changed to?
6	NED SLAWINKSI: Yes.
7	SHIPMATE: Can we have them?
8	NED SLAWINKSI: Sure. I'm answering the
9	questions as they come. The top award is
10	I'm looking to the Finance Officer to make
11	sure is \$1,500 vice the \$7,500 (sic) that
12	would have been for first place for the grade
13	and then the \$2,500 for the award.
14	FINANCE OFFICER REID: NED, this is the
15	Finance Officer.
16	NED SLAWINSKI: Go ahead.
17	FINANCE OFFICER REID: The way it works
18	is third place is \$500, second place is going
19	to be \$750. First place \$1,000. There will
20	be one grand price winner, and that \$1,000

will turn into \$1,500. So you don't get both.

You can't be grand prize and a first place winner. You -- one of the first place winners at \$1,000 will receive an additional \$500 as the grand prize winner.

Any other questions?

SHIPMATE: Shipmate National President.

Gilmartin, Branch 207 delegate. Some
questions here as to why the Board of
Directors acted on this instead of coming in
from the Americanism Essay Contest Committee
and being referred to the C&BL Committee, not
the Finance Officer, the C&BL Committee.

FINANCE OFFICER REID: So this is the Finance Officer again. After much research into the C&BL there is nothing that identifies how those numbers come up, what those dollar amounts are. There's nothing. There's nothing in this -- if you look in the C&BL under any of these, there are no amounts provided. And so I brought it to the Board of Directors in this instance because no one else

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1 -- no one else was there. I have spoken directly to the person who -- Mr. Shipmate 3 Combs here. But there's nothing in the C&BL that identifies what the amounts are or -- and what I had to do is to go from a history point of view and figure out how the heck we got to 7 the amounts that we did. And the bottom line is just as if -- again, you go back to Delta and read my report. The amount of money that this organization is spending on various opportunities just can't continue into the future if we're going to survive.

NED SLAWINKSI: We also have consultation with the Budget and Finance on that.

But, again, Shipmate National SHIPMATE: President, Gilmartin 207, there was no resolution from Americanism Essay. This It would have taken a didn't go to C&BL. referral from the Finance Officer if we needed But whether it be -- we don't know the it.

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number and there's nothing in the bylaws or
the standing rules, it should have still by
format gone through the process that we have.
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NED SLAWINKSI: Within the standing rules, what it does is that the Chairman of the Americanism-Patriotism provides a budget for the coming year. So using that as the reference point, the Finance Officer went to the Chairman to work on the -- basically the budget item for the coming year, which was the determination of making the reductions.

SHIPMATE: I must have missed that in my delegate kit. I didn't see it.

NED SLAWINSKI: It's in the standing rules.

FINANCE OFFICER REID: So here is the standing rule. The standing rule says that the committee is supposed to provide a budget to go forward. There was no budget provided to go forward. Simple as that. There was no

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budget. There's a deadline of when that budget is supposed to be in and provided. There was none.

SHIPMATE: That -- and I hate to be a back-and-forth here Shipmate National President. But that was out of the bylaws and transferred to the Education Foundation.

That's why it's not in the budget right now.

FINANCE OFFICER REID: I'm not sure why that happened. But all I know is I'm going by the standing rules. And the standing rules says that the essay contest committee is supposed to provide a budget, and that budget was not provided. I'm going by the rules. That's all I'm doing. I'm not trying to make up anything different. I tried to -- like I said, I researched this to figure out where, what, how, how we got here. And the bottom line is that without that budget -- we needed that budget to go forward. And basically what happens is that the Board of Directors and

1	myself, I brought it to the Board of Directors
2	that this is something we should go forward
3	with.
4	NED SLAWINKSI: May I proceed?
5	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
6	NED SLAWINSKI: Thank you.
7	28-22, FRA National Board of Directors
8	directs the LA FRA to amend Article 3 Section
9	301 Alpha, LA FRA Constitution and Bylaws.
10	11 affirmative.
11	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
12	NED SLAWINSKI: Now these are not in the
13	delegate kit. These were actions taken at the
14	preboard.
15	29-22, that the National Board of
16	Directors approved the 2022 midyear meeting
17	minutes. Motion seconded and approved. 11
18	votes.
19	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
20	NED SLAWINKSI: 30-22. The National
21	Board of Directors approved the revocation of

1	Washington D.C. Branch Four's charter. 11
2	approved.
3	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
4	NED SLAWINSKI: 31-22, the National
5	Board of Directors approved of the suspension
6	of Sarasota Branch 250, Sarasota, Florida
7	charter. 11 affirmative.
8	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
9	NED SLAWINKSI: 32-22. That the
10	National Board of Directors approved of the
11	suspension of Fort Lauderdale Branch 256
12	charter. 11 approved.
13	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
14	NED SLAWINKSI: NBR 33-22, the National
15	Board of Directors approved of the voluntary
16	surrender of Albany, Georgia Branch 339,
17	Albany, Georgia's charter. 11 approved.
18	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
19	NED SLAWINKSI: 34-22, that the National
20	Board of Directors approved of the service
21	Veteran Service Foundation Board, their first

board, consisting of five members who are

Junior Past National President, Michael "Mick"

Fulton; Past National President, Donna Jansky;

Past National President, Robert Washington;

Past Regional President North Central, Marty

Posekany; and Regional President North

Central, Maria Behm.

11 affirmative.

SHIPMATES: Proceed.

NED SLAWINSKI: 35-22, that the Board of Directors approved of a building and facilities special committee which will consist of the National President, Jim Campbell; Past National President, Don Mucheck, Past Regional President southeast, John Hanzel. Those were the three that were approved. The National President opened the opportunity for if additional Shipmates wish to step up, they can.

These were the ones that were approved.

11 affirmative.

1	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
2	NED SLAWINSKI: They had left a blank.
3	That's why I'm making sure I double-check with
4	my clipboard.
5	36-22, that the National Board of
6	Directors approved of the suspension of
7	Capital City Branch 67, Suitland, Maryland's
8	charter. 11 affirmative.
9	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
10	NED SLAWINSKI: 37-22, National Board of
11	Directors approve of the usage of the FRA
12	emblem and logo for Goose Creek Branch 269's
13	request for sale items. 11 affirmative.
14	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
15	NED SLAWINSKI: 38-22, that the National
16	Board of Directors approved the voluntary
17	surrender of Indian Nations Branch 54,
18	McAlester, Oklahoma.
19	11 affirmative.
20	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
21	NED SLAWINSKI: 39-22, that the National

1	Board of Directors approved the suspension of
2	Lonestar Branch 11, Fort Worth, Texas charter.
3	11 approved 11 affirmative.
4	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
5	NED SLAWINKSI: 40-22, that the National
6	Board of Directors approved the suspension of
7	Osage Heritage Branch 334, Osage, Arkansas.
8	11 approved.
9	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
10	NED SLAWINSKI: 41-22, that the National
11	Board of Directors approve of the suspension
12	of the Silverdale Branch 310, Silverdale,
13	Washington's charter. 11 approved.
14	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
15	NED SLAWINSKI: 42-22, National Board of
16	Directors approved of the voluntary surrender
17	of W.J. Bessey Branch 328, Roseburg, Oregon
18	charter. 11 approved.
19	SHIPMATES: Proceed.
20	NED SLAWINSKI: 43-22, that the National
21	Board of Directors ratify bylaw changes from

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the Northeast/New England Region regarding their change to Article 7 (sic), Section 7 change; Standing Rule 4 change, and Standing Rule 5 addition. 11 approved.

SHIPMATES: Proceed.

NED SLAWINKSI: And finally, NBR 44-22, that the National Board of Directors ratify Southeast Region bylaw changes. 11 affirmative.

SHIPMATES: Proceed.

NED SLAWINKSI: Shipmate National
President, that concludes the National Board
resolutions that were submitted throughout the
year. I will make a motion that those be
ratified. Those that are forwarded again to
the Constitution and Bylaws will be discussed,
debated, and approved with the Constitution
and Bylaws Committee.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Do we have a motion to accept the NBRs that were read?

SHIPMATE COMBS: We need a second?

1	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Yes.
2	SHIPMATE COMBS: Combs, Delegate, Branch
3	161 seconds. And for the edification of those
4	who were caught by surprise on the reduction
5	of the essay prizes, I gave you a warning in
6	Tab J if you had read it.
7	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmates,
8	wait one moment.
9	We have a motion and a second. Now we
10	are in discussion.
11	SHIPMATE: Shipmate National President,
12	Cornell, Branch 289 delegate. I just need a
13	little clarification on 35-22, the Building
14	and Facilities Committee. Will this null and
15	void everything that the Future Planning
16	Committee has been submitting for everybody to
17	consider with the building sales for the last
18	two years?
19	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: No. This
20	will have nothing to do with the actual sale

of the building. This committee is getting

together to find alternate places we may meet or set up a headquarters other than the three-story building in Alexandria.

Anymore discussion? All in favor?

(Ayes voiced.)

NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Opposed?

(No response.)

NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmate at the mic.

SHIPMATE: Posekany, Branch 298, Chair of Constitution and Bylaw. We appreciate you taking your time to go through these one by one and taking the recommendations of C&BL in separating those out. I just wanted to -- also, hopefully the Shipmates have realized that when they get the Delegate Kits or when they get the proposed resolutions, everybody turns immediately to the resolution section of it. And that's the only thing they concentrate on. A good part of this association takes place with the National

1	Board of Directors in between. There's also
2	things that they cannot do in between. By
3	looking at those, that's how we hold everybody
4	in the association accountable for what they
5	do. So thank you for paying attention to
6	things and looking at it.
7	One recommendation I'll make is as
8	national board resolutions are taken up
9	through the year, association year, they'd be
10	posted on the national mailing list. Right
11	off the bat the shipmates may see those and
12	have questions that can be answered.
13	Thank you.
14	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
15	Shipmate. The National Executive Director
16	will now does anybody need a break?
17	SHIPMATES: Yes.
18	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Chaplain.
19	NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: National President,
20	the Bible is closed.
21	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: 1415, be

1	back in here.
2	(Off the record.)
3	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmate
4	Master-at-Arms close the doors.
5	Chaplain, open the Bible, please.
6	NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: National President,
7	the Bible is open.
8	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
9	sir.
10	Shipmate National Executive Director, do
11	you have any more greetings?
12	NED SLAWINKSI: Yes, I do.
13	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Shipmate
14	at the mic.
15	SHIPMATE: Shipmate National President,
16	Shipmates, let the record reflect that Junior
17	Past is in the uniform of the day.
18	NED SLAWINKSI: Shipmates, from the
19	United States Senate Committee on Veterans
20	Affairs, Washington D.C.
21	"Dear Fleet Reverse Association members

1	thank for attending the 94th FRA National
2	Convention. We are grateful for your service
3	to this nation. For generations the FRA has
4	played a critical role in improving the lives
5	of our men and women at sea and for those who
6	have fought to protect our country in waters
7	around the world. And as Chairman of the
8	Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee, I'm proud
9	of what we're accomplishing each and every day
10	for America's bravest. I'm grateful to you as
11	service members, veterans, and advocates for
12	pushing Washington to do the right thing year
13	after year and pass comprehensive toxic
14	exposure legislation. Together we delivered
15	the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson
16	honoring our PACT Act. This law provides all
17	eras of toxic-exposed veterans their earned
18	healthcare and benefits from the Department of
19	Veterans Affairs for the first time in our
20	nation's history. And I am honored to have
21	been part of making that a reality. We

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continue to be laser focused on holding VA accountable for implements landmark laws including the PACT Act the way Congress intended it.

With you as partners, I'm especially proud of the progress we are making in getting the Major Richard Star Act across the finish line this congress, which will honor the service and sacrifice of heroes like Richard Star and combat injured retiree veterans. We have to do everything we can to ensure our veterans get the full benefits they've earned and deserved, no matter how long they've And I will keep fighting until we get served. Thank you again to the association it done. for your unwavering support and dedication to America's sea service community.

I was honored to be awarded the FRA's 2021 Pinnacle Award by National President James Campbell. And I look forward to continuing to work hand in hand to make the --

1	make good on the promises we have made to our
2	service members, veterans, and their families
3	now and into the future.
4	Sincerely, John Tester, Chairman Senate
5	Committee on Veterans Affairs."
6	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you,
7	NED.
8	At this time I'd like to ask the
9	Chairman of the Convention Committee if you
LO	would like to come up and say anything?
L1	SHIPMATE: I think I said everything
L2	this morning. What do you want me to say?
L3	Repeat it.
L4	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: All right.
L5	We're going to tomorrow morning at 8:15 or
L6	9:00, the committees will be meeting in the
L7	different rooms to go over their committees.
L8	And the meeting rooms are listed in the
L9	convention program. Convention Committee
20	Chairmen are to pick up their committee forms

and rosters and meet with our committees and

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Resolutions that have been referred to the National Convention Committee are not -- are noted on the Steering Committee forms being provided by the convention committee Chairman and appointed committees.

The first business session of the 94th National Convention will now -- is now recessing. The second business meeting will commence 1300 Wednesday afternoon in this room.

Chaplain, would you close the Bible?

NATIONAL CHAPLAIN: National President,
the Bible is closed.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Thank you.

This convention stands in recess until the second business meeting 1300 tomorrow afternoon.

Oh, wait.

1	NED SLAWINKSI: Shipmates, just so
2	you're aware, since we are ahead of schedule
3	we still have a workshop that will be 1600
4	over in across the way here in Waverly D.
5	I'm looking for what the workshop is.
6	SHIPMATES: Web site and app.
7	NED SLAWINSKI: Web site and app. So,
8	again, there will be snacks that will be over
9	there. I want to take the opportunity really
10	quick to state the vendors over there are
11	are sponsors to our national convention. They
12	provided funding along with the information
13	that they're providing over there. When you
14	get a chance, please stop by and talk to them.
15	Thank them for being part of our convention.
16	So with that, thank you Shipmate National
17	President.
18	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Everybody
19	stand by while we salute the flag.
20	Oh, shipmate at the mic.
21	SHIPMATE: Shipmate National President,

1	Larson, delegate, Branch 94. If the national
2	president would entertain the committee
3	chairmen to identify themselves and tell the
4	shipmates if they need people at their
5	committee or not. I know a lot of shipmates
6	were not able to the attend the convention,
7	and I'm sure the chairpersons need bodies.
8	Thank you.
9	NATIONAL PRESIDENT CAMPBELL: Everyone
10	hear that? The chairmen of the committees, if
11	you need people on your committee, reach out
12	to the shipmates and ask. Okay.
13	Everybody excuse me, salute the
14	colors.
15	And salute, two. Have a good evening.
16	(Proceedings recessed for the day at 2:30 p.m.)
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