

# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## Council of Administration

### Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2013

Brookfield, Wisconsin

1. The Council of Administration meeting was opened by Commander-in-Chief Ken Freshley at 8:03 AM. The attendees then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by Chaplain Kowalski providing a moment of prayer. CinC Freshley gave general opening comments.
2. The National Secretary called the roll of officers and recorded the following members of the Council of Administration as present:

#### **Voting Members Present:**

CinC Ken Freshley

SVCinC Tad Campbell

JVCinC Eugene Mortorff

National Secretary Alan Russ

National Treasurer Richard Orr

National Quartermaster Danny Wheeler

CofA Member Donald Martin

CofA Member Donald Shaw

CofA Member Steve Hammond

CofA Member Walter Busch

CofA Member Ed Norris

Immediate PCinC Perley Mellor

#### **Non-Voting Members Present:**

Banner Editor Stephen Michaels

Executive Director David Demmy Sr.

PCinC Donald Palmer

PCinC Leo Kennedy

PCinC James Pahl

PCinC Edward Kreiser

PCinC Andrew Johnson

#### **Guests of the Council of Administration:**

National Chaplain Jerome Kowalski

Robert M. Petrovic, PDC, SUVCW  
Foundation

Ron Clark, PDC, Dept. of Illinois

Eric D. Graff, Dept. of Wisconsin

Kevin L. Martin, PCC, JVC, Dept. of the  
Chesapeake

#### **Excused Non-Voting Members:**

PCinC D. Brad Schall

PCinC David R. Medert

PCinC Richard O. Partington

PCinC Richard L. Greenwalt

3. **Old Business:** None.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Ron Clark, PDC, Department of Illinois, and Stephenson Memorial Plaza committee chairman. Brother Clark requested approval from the Council of Administration to use the SUVCW logo on the larger sized bricks (12" x 12") and on benches. Brother Orr requested clarification as to what would be allowed on the brick, and it was clarified that it would only be names, camp names, department names, etc.

**ACTION: Brother Orr moved, Brother Wheeler seconded, to approve the request to use the SUVCW logo on the large bricks, provided no statements are included on the brick. Motion Passed.**

**ACTION: Brother Orr moved, Brother Campbell seconded, to place a one-time free advertisement for the Stephenson Memorial Plaza memorial bricks in an upcoming issue of the *Banner*. Motion Passed.**

- b. Brother Bob Petrovic, representing the SUVCW Foundation, showed a sample presentation folder with the SUVCW logo on the cover. It was discussed that the National Quartermaster was selling a presentation folder.

**ACTION: Motion by Brother Orr, seconded by Brother Martin to reject the proposal. Motion passed.**

- c. National Membership-at-Large and Website application dues.

**ACTION: Brother Orr moved, seconded by Brother Shaw, that dues for the National Membership-at-Large and for website applications remain the same as they are currently. Motion Passed.**

- d. Budget.

**ACTION: Brother Orr moved, seconded by Brother Hammond, to approve the budget, as presented to the Encampment, with the adjustments required by actions of the Encampment. Motion Passed.**

- e. Brother Orr requested that Brother Pahl check to see when the contracts for the accountant, executive director, and photographer will expire.

**ACTION: Brother Pahl will review the contract expiration dates and advise.**

- f. With regard to contacting the Veterans Administration for headstone replacement. Brother Orr stated that we can encourage brothers to sign the on-line petition; however, VA is trying to work it out to avoid legislation by congress compelling them to replace stones with requests by veterans organizations.

**ACTION: Referred to the Legislation committee for monitoring.**

- g. Per CinC Freshley, the National Patriotic Instructor has requested the Memorial University program be revised. This was discussed by the Council.

**ACTION: CinC Freshley will appoint a special committee to work on this.**

- h. Per CinC Freshley, the National Patriotic Instructor has requested one or more assistants to help with Memorial University. No action will be taken at time.

- i. Reference to Leadership in PCinC Palmer's report to the National Encampment (page 21) with regard to setting up a leadership training program.

**ACTION CinC Freshley will assign this to a new special committee. PCinC Michaels, PCinC Pahl, and PCinC Palmer volunteered to serve on the committee.**

- j. Reference Junior Vice CinC Campbell's report to the National Encampment (page 8) concerning requiring proof of lineage by applicants. In the discussion Brother Orr stated we need to tell camps they need proof of lineage.

**ACTION: Referred to Programs and Policies committee along with discussion about electronic documents**

- k. There was a discussion from Chaplain Kowalski about using electronic voting at National encampment. No action was taken.
- l. Brother Hammond stated he thinks we still have an issue with the SES. Discussion followed.

**ACTION: Brother Orr moved, Brother Mellor seconded, to set the minimum time for submission of SES applications to six months before the event. Motion Passed.**

**ACTION: Revision of the SES form was assigned to Program and Policies Committee.**

- m. Brother Mortorff was excused to leave at 9:08 AM.
- n. National Quartermaster Wheeler advised he was exploring other options for membership badges.

5. **Executive Session:** At 9:20 AM CinC Freshley asked visitors to leave the room so the Council of Administration could go into executive session. One item was tabled to the Gettysburg Council of Administration meeting. At 9:30 AM, the executive session was ended.

6. **New Business (Continued):**

- a. Brother Michaels requested guidance on how best to dispose of the old computers. Recommendations were offered by CinC Freshley.
- b. CinC Freshley presented PCinC Perley Mellor with certificate for his service to the Order as Commander-in-Chief.

7. **Good of the order:**

- a. Brother Don Martin stated his intention to run for reelection to the Council of Administration at the 2014 National Encampment.

8. Commander-in-Chief Freshley provided his closing comments

9. Chaplain Kowalski provided the blessing.

10. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Alan L. Russ, PDC  
National Secretary