

MINUTES OF COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION MEETING

August 1, 2024

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

Meeting was called to order at 8:03 (EDT) by CinC Peter J. Hritsko.

National Patriotic Instructor Tad Campbell led us in Pledge of Allegiance

Voting Members Present:

CinC Peter J. Hritsko, Jr., PDC
SVCinC Kevin L. Martin, PDC
JVCinC Kevin P. Tucker, PDC
National Secretary Daniel W. Murray, PDC
National Treasurer D. Michael Beard, PDC
National Quartermaster Robert Welch, PDC
CofA Member Shane L. Milburn, PDC
CofA Member Robert R. Payne, PDC
CofA Member Brian C. Pierson, PCinC
CofA Member Roderick Fraser, DC

Voting Members Absent Excused:

CofA Member Immed. PCinC Bruce D. Frail, PCinC
CofA Member Joseph S Hall Jr, PDC

Non-Voting Members Present:

PCinC Edward J. Krieser
PCinC Robert E. Grimm
PCinC Stephen Michaels
PCinC Donald E. Darby
PCinC James B. Pahl
PCinC Leo Kennedy
PCinC Ken L. Freshly
PCinC Tad D. Campbell
PCinC Donald L. Martin
PCinC Edward J. Norris
PCinC Michael A. Paquette

Guests Present:

James Crane, PDC , Chief of Staff
David Demmy, PDC Executive Director
Jerome Kowalski National Chaplain
John Vander Meulen
Ken Jacobson
Alan Russ, PDC

There are 10 voting members of the Council of Administration present.

Old Business

Awards Policy – Brother Beard made a motion and seconded by Brother Pierson to change the Policy date for awards to May 31st. There was discussion on changing the policy dates the

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applications for awards need to be in. The change will allow time to vote on, print and/or engrave the awards. The vote was 9 yeas, 0 nays.

Status of the Drupal Contract – Brother Freshly will continue to work with Brother Pahl on the contract, so there is no update. The CoA will be given updates as they become available. The incoming CinC will need to reappoint the Committee.

National Encampment – There was a request to have audio/visual piped in for the Memorial Service. That was taken care of by Brother Vander Meulen. Brother Tucker made a request to play the two one minute ads for the podcast to the Encampment. The request was granted.

Lincoln Death Day - There was discussion on the Lincoln Death Day activities and how to increase attendance. Brother Beard said that the Lincoln Fund is in the red and attendance is dwindling. The Luncheon was going to be canceled because the SUVCW could not make the minimum, but Brother Petrovic worked something out with the hotel. There is more involvement and participation with the ceremony at the Stephenson Memorial. The consensus was the incoming CinC needs to form a new committee that will take a fresh look at things and maybe get a better outcome.

Lifetime Dues - It needs to be voted on at Encampment because it will involve a change with the C&R.

Merchandising Licenses – We have seventeen licenses issued and they were all were sent renewals. The Secretary has received nine back and is requesting an extension until the Gettysburg CofA meeting. A motion was made to extend the eight licenses not received until the Gettysburg CofA meeting. Motion passed. A motion was then made and seconded to renew the other nine licenses and was passed unanimously.

Resolutions – Will be handled by the Resolutions Committee at Encampment.

War Medal – That the National Defense Service Medal be on the qualification list for the War Medal was brought up. It had previously been taken off of the list. Following the discussion a vote was taken. six against reinstatement, two for reinstatement and two abstaining.

Past Commander in Chief badge – The last one on hand is going to be issued. This is a budgeted item. Sometime this fall an order will be placed for six more.

Budget – Books closed on last years budget. Discussion ensued on the upcoming budget.

CoA went into Executive Session at 9:37 PM. Executive Session ended at 9:55 PM.

The benediction was given by the National Chaplain..

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Murray
National Secretary
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War