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# Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

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## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7, 1987 MEETING OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS

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### LOCATION - COMFORT INN, BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA.

There were two excused absences: Richard Olek, Jr. and Colin Barstad. The ex-officio member representing the Department of Institutions was also absent.

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to. The following items of business were considered and acted on as follows:

Bruce Howe, attorney from Dickinson, who has been working with the Veterans Home Committee to review the possibility of establishing a Veterans Home Foundation, presented a review of the problems that will be encountered. He discussed the direction he recommends the Committee go in dealing with the items that will need to be considered. His fee will be limited to \$1,000.00 plus necessary travel expenses. He suggested a fifteen member administrative board divided into the subcommittees such as fiscal, public relations and investment, being careful to select members that would bring expertise in these areas to the board. His general comments were favorably received and are to be acted on by an appropriate group to be selected.

Leo Swenson, of the Coordinating Council's Legislative Committee, reported on the items that are being undertaken by the Committee during the current legislative session. The discussion revolved around the advisability of certain positions that the Council had taken. The effect of the Governor's request for fiscal reductions was also reviewed. The discussion covered acknowledgement that the final decision making authority relative to legislative matters, other than budgets for the D.V.A. and the Veterans Home, are the responsibility of the Coordinating Council.

Dr. Dave Egstrom provided a report of the current operations of the VA Center and the prospects for future construction and potential fiscal problems due to the national picture.

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General Philip Randich reported on the North Dakota National Guard matters that he felt were of interest and concern to the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs, including reaction to fiscal problems and legislation.

Dennis Mock of Job Service North Dakota provided a commentary on the current status of several State and National Job Service efforts on behalf of the veterans, pointing out specific areas where funding has not been available in adequate amounts and where requests have been made by the bureau to seek additional funds for these programs, designed to enhance the employment prospects for North Dakota veterans. He pointed out that the North Dakota Job Service has a record to be envied among states in seeking and finding permanent job openings for veterans. He stated Mr. Diesz regrets not being able to be at the meeting, citing the need to be attending the Governor's Employment and Training Forum, which was scheduled at the same time.

AT 3:15 P.M. Chair Wagner requested the sub-committees meet separately to conduct the necessary committee business with direction for the committee as a whole to then reconvene.

The committee as a whole reconvened at 5:30 PM.

Following the break for the sub-committee meetings, the Committee Chair of the D.V.A. and the Veterans Home sub-committees reported on the activities of their committees and moved the acceptance of the reports, which were duly seconded and passed. D.V.A. motion by Aaberg, seconded by Swenson. Veterans Home motion by Godke, seconded by Swenson.

Motions approved by the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs were as follows:

D.V.A. personnel policy guideline sick leave language change. Motion by Aaberg, second by States.

Chapter 13: Code of ethics, Section 3, Change. Motion by Godke, second by Haug.

Establishing a Veterans Home Foundation. Motion by Godke, second by Vandrovec.

Acceptance of Veterans Home Budget Proposal. Motion by Godke, second by Dobmeier.

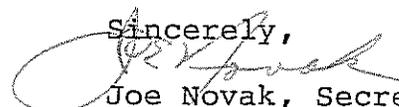
Veterans Home Guidelines. Motion by Godke, second by Dobmeier.

D.V.A. Operation Guidelines. Motion by Aaberg, second by Swenson.

Next meeting date - April 10th and 11th at the Veterans Home, Lisbon. Motion by Godke, second by States.

Chair Wagner acted on a favorable motion to adjourn.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Novak, Secretary