

MINUTES - A C O V A

A regular meeting of the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs was held July 22, 1983 at the Dakota Inn at Jamestown, North Dakota. Proper notice was mailed all members and ex-officio members by letter dated July 8, 1983.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by committee chairman Jack Hilleboe.

All members were present. Ex-officio members present were Leo Swenson, replacing Shirley Peterson, Job Service North Dakota, and Frank Gathman, VA Center.

Motion to dispense with the reading of the previous minutes was approved.

Agenda items were considered, discussed and where noted approved or disapproved in the order shown.

The Chairman, speaking on behalf of the entire committee noted appreciation for the able leadership of Ernie Schmit during the previous year.

The Chairman announced the following committee assignments for the year beginning July 1, 1983 and ending June 30, 1984.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Joe Novak  
Pete Helm  
James Rosendahl  
Floyd Henderson  
Ernie Schmit  
Edward Haykel  
Curtis Twete

VETERANS HOME

Gordon LaMont  
Bernie Wagner  
Edwin Remmick  
Charles Godke  
Jack Hilleboe

Discussion was held regarding the committees recommendation that may be offered the Veterans Coordinating Council as a replacement for the resigning current director, Willard Williamson. The committee went unanimously on record in support of Leo Swenson.

The Chair asked that the secretary prepare and send a letter of appreciation for contributions to the committee in the past years as secretary, to Stan Severson.

Member Ernie Schmit provided the committee with a brief overview of the formation and the specific responsibilities of the Veterans Coordinating Council as well as the administrative committee on veterans affairs.

The committee recessed to separate committees for business of the Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the Veterans Home at 8:30 A.M.

The full committee reconvened at 11:30 A.M.

The Chairman elected to the Chairmanship of the Department of Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, Pete Helm, reported on the business of that committee and made the following recommendations for consideration of the full committee:

1. That the D.V.A. be given responsibility to enter into an agreement with the F-M Credit Bureau to proceed with the collection of delinquent veterans aid loans.

Motion to Approve by Helm.  
Second by Schmit.  
Motion carried.

2. Proposal to increase visibility of the D.V.A. in Bismarck. This matter received extensive discussion and was resolved by a motion to order the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs to arrange through whatever means he determines most suitable to provide an office in Bismarck staffed by one full time position no later than June 30, 1984.

Motion to approve by Novak.  
Second by Schmit.  
Motion carried.

The Chairman elected to the chairmanship of the Veterans Home Sub-committee Bernie Wagner reported on the business of that committee and made the following recommendation for consideration of the full committee:

1. Publicising the new name, "Veterans Home" for the formerly designated Soldiers Home.
2. The current status of the lawsuit being brought by the individual seeking admittance to the Home. It was also noted that the individual has now again made application for admittance to the Home which will be considered by the committee.

The Chairman asked for additional business of the members and the committee which resulted in the following motion which was properly approved:

That the minutes of the two sub-committees as well as the minutes of the full committee be assembled at the office of the D.V.A. and mailed to the membership at the same time. Further, that the notices of the future meetings be mailed from the office of the Commissioner at the direction of the Chairman or as prescribed by the law establishing the Administrative Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M. July 23, 1983.

Respectively submitted by

  
JOE NOVAK  
SECRETARY