

Administrative Committee On Veterans Affairs

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Minutes - June 22, 1973
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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Wagner, Schmit, Novak, Rosendahl, Gullickson, Crawford, Habiger, Sloan, Morris, Groth, Welander, Ulness, Code, Zander. Ex-Officio members present - Rice.

Motion made by Welander to dispense with reading of minutes of previous meeting, seconded by Gullickson, approved, minutes accepted as written.

Chairman Wagner outlined agenda for meeting, and itemized those matters to be considered by the Sub-Committees and the committee as a whole. Following this discussion the meeting was recessed for sub-committee meetings.

2:25 p.m. - Reconvened into full committee session and first order of business: was the report by Clarence Welander on the N.D. Soldier's Home Sub-Committee

- Offered a motion of congratulations to General Melhouse for the Legion of Merit Award recently received. Approved.
- Commend and thank the N.D. National Guard for services rendered to the Soldiers Home in connection with improvements to sewage system.
- Board concerned about large sums being accumulated by members of the Home in the forms of savings, C.D.'s, etc. A formula was offered for a special assessment to those with savings, and the number is not so large, with the proceeds to be earmarked for future construction of a wing for handicapped members, or other worthy causes. They would assess according to total income or net worth - on a year by year basis. Moved that Commandant be authorized to add this amendment for period of one year, subject to review of the board. Carried.
- Review of Laws Governing Admission Rules and Regulations - in rough form, will be in pamphlet form, w/pictures, 1000 copies. Also will revise application blanks. Proposed changes were discussed and some minor alterations in wording & text were made.
- Recommended reappointment of Commandant Code at salary of \$24,000 for biennium, which includes housing, utilities, etc. Approved.

3:25 p.m. - Report on Sub-Committee on Veterans Affairs by Chairman Rosendahl

- Recommended reappointment of Commissioner Zander at salary of \$26,000 for biennium. Approved.
- Veterans Preference in Public Employment in N.D. reviewed, 7000 at a cost of \$365 - scheduled for release June 28th to news media & others
- Department in process of reprinting Veterans Laws in N.D. - Kayes Printing, Fargo - 5000 copies of booklet - \$2300.00.

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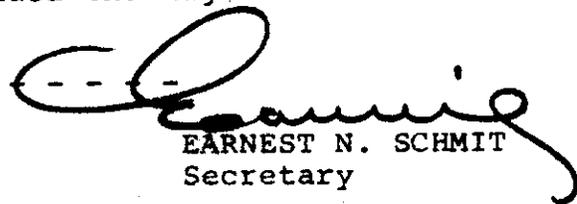
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- Commissioner Zander gave a report on efforts to secure new office space in Fargo - still looking for ground floor w/parking. Costs in comparison to what they have now are prohibitive.
- Review was made of Departments Payroll Requests, approved.
- reported that POW-MIA letters explaining certain benefits in state were sent to all families.
- Commissioner Zander has been in touch with Board of Education in regards to their possible change in policy which allows Viet Vets to pay tuition in installments, was decided that this matter should be referred to the Veterans Coordinating Council for action to be taken at a meeting in Wahpeton on July 12 of the Board of Higher Education.
- A recent Attorney General's opinion relative to granting of Veterans Aid Loans was discussed, and it was decided to refer this matter to the Legislative Committee of the Veterans Coordinating Council for action.
- Moved by Rosendahl and seconded by Welander that the committee accept the reports and decisions of the sub-committees. Carried.

3:37 p.m. - New business - secretary was instructed to prepare a news release on the appointments of Zander and Code.

Time and place of next meeting set for Jamestown on Friday, July 27th, at the American Legion Club in the Auxiliary Room. James Morris to make the necessary arrangements. Time of meeting to be at 10:00 a.m.

3:50 p.m. - Sloan moved, Crawford seconded the adjournment of the Committee meeting. Carried.


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