

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MID-YEAR MEETING

Westin Marriott
WASHINGTON, DC

6 MARCH 2020

MINUTES

Commander Jim FUREY CALLED TO ORDER at 8:26am.

In the interest of time Commander FUREY dispensed with the “**Traditional Opening**” being the **OPENING PRAYER**, the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**, the **WELCOME**, The **PREAMBLE**, **INTRODUCTION** of any **GUEST**, Report from the **2020 CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON**.

A **SIGN IN SHEET** was passed around for all to sign.

ROLL CALL of OFFICERS by Secretary Charlie COFFIN;

23 OFFICERS were **Present** and **25 OFFICERS** were **Absent**.

A **QUORUM** was declared

ACCEPT MINUTES OF 2018 MEETING; held in **Stamford, CT**. as this was overlooked at the last meeting.

There was a **MOTION** made by Commander Jim FUREY and seconded by V. Commander Douglas BOWER to accept the Minutes of the 2018 NSVA Convention meeting as mailed.

By a voice vote **ALL ayes** and NO nays. This MOTION was **approved**.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF 2019 Mid-Year MEETING; held in **Washington, DC**. as this was overlooked at the last meeting.

There was a **MOTION** made by Commander Jim FUREY and seconded by V. Commander Douglas BOWER to accept the Minutes of the 2019 Mid-Year meeting as mailed.

By a voice vote **ALL ayes** and NO nays. This MOTION was **approved**.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF 2019 Convention and Post Convention MEETING; **Bloomington, MN, DC**. as this was overlooked at the last meeting.

There was a **MOTION** made by Commander Jim FUREY and seconded by V. Commander Douglas BOWER to accept the Minutes of the 2019 Mid-Year meeting as mailed.

By a voice vote **ALL ayes** and NO nays. This MOTION was **approved**.

COMMANDER'S REPORT;

Commander **FUREY** gave an oral report with a written copy submitted for file.

Vice COMMANDER'S REPORT;

Vice Commander **BOWER** gave an oral report with a written copy submitted for file.

SECRETARY REPORT by Charlie **COFFIN**;

There is a **NEW Island** in the making as Island X-1, **San Antonio, TX.**, with 6 members to start.

SEABEES in **Maine** are looking to start a **NEW Island** with members from the Laconia area.

The **2019 EIN e-postcard filings** are up to date.

Membership for 2019-2020

407 **Annual members** paid for 2019-2020

3916 **Life Members**

4323 total membership paid for 2019-2020

4751 total members on National roster.

Secretary **COFFIN** has a **COA** (Certificate of Appreciation), for Robert **WOOTEN** for his efforts in selling the remainder of the coins, for the Commander's signature.

John **HILLYER,III** asked how to get a complete roster of SEABEES in a certain area,

Jerry **SCHMUCK** advised to contact the **SHF** for a listing.

PNC reports; were submitted

TREASURY REPORT by Jerry **SCHMUCK**;

The report was distributed and explained and are attached to the minutes.

There was a **MOTION** made by John **HILYER, III and** seconded by Jim **ZYWOT** to accept the 2019-2020 Midyear Financial reports as given. Reports are attached to these Minutes.

By a voice vote **ALL ayes** and **NO** nays. This **MOTION** was **approved**.

District Commanders Reports;

SE District Commander John J. **HILLYER, III** gave an oral report and submitted a copy.

STANDING COMMITTEE reports;

LIFE MEMBERSHIP by JOHN **CUBIT**;

No report was given nor received.

PUBLICATIONS by JACK **TANGEN**;

Jack **TANGEN** gave an oral report.

Jack indicated that he was advised that being a non-profit there was a **limitation on the donations for advertisement**.

Ernie **NELSON** spoke about getting Ads for the **CAN DO**.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS by ERNIE NELSON;

The Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules are current and available on the nsva.org website and are current.

There was discussion about some clean up that needs to be done to eliminate references to Islands at Large.

Recess at 9:05

Reconvene at 9:30am

NATIONAL PUBLICITY by VACANT, N. DUPUIS resigned his position.

Commander Jim FUREY presented Normand DUPUIS' RESIGNATION from both the Publicity and Membership Committeeman's position.

RESOLUTIONS by ERNIE NELSON;

Ernie discussed some procedural issues about the handling of the "RESOLUTIONS" and was directed to the NSVA Constitution and Bylaws and Standing Rules # 15 where the procedure is spelled out.

INTERNET by JACK TANGEN;
Acceptance of the Internet report

There was a MOTION made by Commander Jim FUREY and seconded by John HILLYER, III to accept the Internet report for the 2019-2020 Mid-Year meeting.

By a voice vote ALL ayes and NO nays. This MOTION was approved.

FINANCE/BUDGET by JERRY SCHMUCK

Jerry SCHMUCK gave this information during his Treasurer's report.

MEMBERSHIP by VACANT

Jim ZYWOT was appointed as Chairman of this committee at the Midyear meeting.

There was no report given, position was vacated.

Jim FUREY mentioned he had sent an e-mail to Teresa DUNNING.

During the discussion concerning the vacated Membership position Jim ZYWOT, Island X-9, Jacksonville Commander asked about the **duties and responsibilities of the Membership Committee** and **volunteered to fill the membership Committee Chairman position.** Commander Jim FUREY made the appointment.

Motion by FUREY and seconded by Douglas BOWER to make the appointment.

NEW COIN DESIGNS were discussed for the NSVA's 78th anniversary aimed toward collectors.

DESIGN IDEAS SHOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE COLORADO CONVENTION IN 2020.

Jerry SCHMUCK advises to **keep order small** and re-order as needed to retain the mold.

For the 2020 Convention the Auxiliary will be taking orders for **POLO SHIRTS.**

COLLAR DEVICES were discussed.

The NSVA **AUXILIARY** presented the NSVA with a **check for \$500.00** with a pledge of another \$500.00 at the 2020 Convention to help with the expenses of the Convention.

As of 03-06-20 there are 19 people registered for the 2020 Convention.

A CORRECTED Convention Hotel phone number is; 719-598-5770 or 1-800-766-5770.

Ernie NELSON took a group picture at this time.

David J. BUCHANAN advised that Island X-4 Longmont is placing a Monument in Pike's Peak National Cemetery with a possible Dedication at the time of the Convention.

RESOLUTION #2020-1 Life membership per capita

Proposal to **eliminate the Life membership per capita** to the Departments and Islands and invest the revenue toward the publication of another issue of the **CAN DO**.

Discussion ensued;

Jerry SCHMUCK stated income would only cover a partial cost of an issue of the CAN DO. Doug BOWER said that is why he wanted to cut the District Commander's allotments and give it to the CAN DO but withdrew his proposal last year.

There was a **MOTION** made by John HILLYER, III and seconded by Ernie NELSON to forward Resolution # 2020-1, with a **RECOMMENDATION TO NOT APPROVE**, the elimination of the Life Membership payout to the Departments and Islands, and transfer that amount of income to the Publications Committee to support the issuing of an additional hard cover printing of the CAN DO magazine.

By a voice vote there were **ALL** yeas and **NO** nays. This Motion was **Approved** to send the Resolution to the Membership at Convention with a **RECOMMENDATION TO DISAPPROVE** eliminating the Life Membership payout to Islands and Departments.

Charlie COFFIN opted to withdraw the Resolution #2020-1 but it was already recorded and could not be withdrawn.

RESOLUTION # 2020-2(a)mended- CHANGE THE WAY THE MEMBERSHIP VOTES

This is a proposal to **CHANGE THE WAY THE MEMBERSHIP VOTES** during its meetings.

Voting would be changed from multiple votes per person holding more than 1 position, the multiple votes from the Islands reduced to (2) and the (5) allowable votes to the Departments eliminated.

Each Island shall be entitled to two (2) Delegate votes with no fee required when physically attending the Convention.

There was a **MOTION** made by Jerry SCHMUCK and seconded by John HILLYER, III to forward **RESOLUTION #2020-2a, (an amended) version of Resolution 2020-2**, to the Convention membership with a recommendation for **APPROVAL**.

By a voice vote **ALL** ayes and **No** nays, this Motion was approved.

Resolution 2020-3, Establishment of a combined SVA/SHF into a single not-for-profit organization

Vice Commander Douglas BOWER read the proposed Resolution as a Co-author.

Kevin SLATES, Chairman of the SHF Merger Committee elaborated on the Resolution.

Discussion ensued;

Many negative comments were mentioned on behalf of many Islands and members and the positive aspects were discussed.

The consensus of the members in attendance was that the resolution as written was not in the best interest of the NSVA at this time, but may be viable sometime in the future.

Ernie **NELSON** had quite a lot to say, mostly against the merger.

David J. **BUCHANAN** talked about all the negative comments that were given to him through e-mails and phone calls.

Jim **ZYWOT** spoke in favor of the merger using the deaths in the NSVA as a yardstick. The **SHF** is run like a business and so should the NSVA.

Jim **FUREY** explained the differ objectives of each organization.

Jerry **SCHMUCK** stated there was not enough information to make an informed decision at this time and all comments that have been sent to the Commander or the National headquarters should be **referred back to the Merger Committee for a reply.**

Jim **SORENSEN** offered comments on his thoughts of a merger.

There was a **MOTION** made by Jerry **SCHMUCK** and seconded by Jim **SORENSEN** to forward Resolution 2020-3 (Merger) to the NSVA General Convention “**with no recommendation**” and tasking the existing Committee with answering all questions and better educating the membership.

By a voice vote **All ayes and 1 nay**, this Motion was **approved.**

Kevin **SLATES** spoke of the inevitable merger down the road for the 3 non-profits but for now as a first step the formation of an umbrella encompassing the 3 organization to share information and support.

Joseph **MILLETTE** proposed the use of the word “**alliance**” in place of the word “**merger**”.

There was a **MOTION** made by Douglas **BOWER** and seconded by Joe **MILLETTE** to **rescind the prior Motion** made by Jerry **SCHMUCK** to forward Resolution 2020-3 to the National Convention with No recommendation.

By a voice vote with a majority of aye votes and 3 No votes. The **Motion to rescind** was **approved.**

Kevin **SLATE** stated that the document needs to be changed throughout with a change in verbiage from merger to an alliance.

There was a recommendation from David J. **BUCHANAN** to recess the Midyear meeting and send the Resolution 2020-3 back to the Committee, who are in attendance, to be amended immediately and resubmitting it when the meeting is reconvened

Recess at 11:35am by Commander Jim **FUREY**

David J. **BUCHANAN**, Kevin **SLATES** and Douglas **BOWER**, of the committee sat and amended the Resolution 2020-3 to Resolution 2020-3(**a**)**mended** and presented it when the Midyear meeting reconvened.

Reconvene at 11:53am by Commander Jim **FUREY**

Resolution 2020-3**amended** was presented by Kevin **SLATES** for determination and is attached to these minutes.

There was a **MOTION** made by Jerry **SCHMUCK** and seconded by Joe **MILLETTE** to accept the Resolution 2020-3**amended** and forward to the National Convention with the

recommendation for approval.

By a voice vote ALL ayes and NO nays, this Motion was **approved**.

Secretary **COFFIN** will publish the amended Resolution to the National Executive Committee.

CONVENTION SITE COMMITTEE (Time and Place) by Charlie **COFFIN**
The Time and Place meeting to follow this meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The cost of a named Scholarship was raised from **\$50,000 dollars to \$120,000 dollars** which will very much inhibit the NSVA from fully funding another Named Scholarship. Alternatives were discussed, i.e.; bringing older NSVA scholarships up to a higher funding level.

CLOSING PRAYER was waived by Commander Jim **FUREY**

SALUTE THE FLAG was waived by Commander Jim **FUREY**

There was a **MOTION** made by Jerry **SCHMUCK** and seconded by Douglas **BOWER** to adjourn this meeting.

By a voice vote All ayes and No nays, this Motion was approved.

ADJOURN by Commander Jim **FUREY** at **12:02pm** .

2020 MID YEAR ROLL CALL by NSVA Secretary Charlie **COFFIN**

COMMANDER:	FUREY	James J.	PRESENT
VICE COMMANDER:	BOWER	Douglas	PRESENT
SECRETARY:	COFFIN	Charles H.	PRESENT
TREASURER	SCHMUCK	Gerald	PRESENT
DISTRICT COMMANDERS			
NE District Commander	CUBIT	John	ABSENT
SE District Commander	HILLYER, III	John	PRESENT
NC District Commander	WOOTEN	Robert	ABSENT
SC District Commander	BRANCH	Troy	ABSENT
NW District Commander	BEAN	Ralph	ABSENT
SW District Commander	WARD	Kenneth	ABSENT
TRUSTEES;			
1 year	MULLHOLLAND	Burt	ABSENT
1 year	MILLETTE	Joe	PRESENT
2 year	CUBIT	John	ABSENT
2 year	BUCHANAN	David J.	PRESENT
2 year	ZYWOT	James	PRESENT
APPOINTED POSITIONS			
Chaplain	BONTHECK	Michael	ABSENT
Convention Chairman for 2020	KISSINGER	Jerry	ABSENT
Counselors	BUCHANAN	David J.	PRESENT
	SORENSEN	James	PRESENT
Historian	MONTUORI	Ted	ABSENT
Master At Arms	DEZELAR	Joseph	ABSENT
Parliamentarian	HAMBORSKY	Dwight	ABSENT
Service Officer	PHILLIPS	Dave	ABSENT
STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN;			
Budget Committee	SCHMUCK	Jerry	PRESENT
CAN DO Ad Committee	TANGEN	Jack	PRESENT
	NELSON	Ernie	PRESENT
Constitution and By-laws Committee (Time and Place)	NELSON	Ernie	PRESENT
Convention Site Committee	BOWER	Douglas	PRESENT
	BUCHANAN	David J.	PRESENT
	COFFIN, Chairman	Elaine	ABSENT
	COFFIN	Charles H.	PRESENT
	FUREY	James	PRESENT
	NELSON	Ernie	PRESENT
	NELSON	Betty	ABSENT
Finance Committee	SCHMUCK	Jerry	PRESENT
Internet Committee	TANGEN	Jack	PRESENT
Life Membership Committee	CUBIT	John	ABSENT
Membership Committee	VACANT		
Publications Committee	TANGEN	Jack	PRESENT
Publicity Committee	VACANT		
Registered Agent	ROBISON	Timothy	ABSENT
Resolutions Committee	NELSON	Ernie	PRESENT
Department Executive Committee Chairman			
Florida	HAMBORSKY	Dwight	ABSENT
Illinois	BRODT	Ted	ABSENT
Indiana	WOOTEN	Robert	ABSENT
Massachusetts	PEDONE	Jim	ABSENT
New York	CUBIT		ABSENT
North Carolina	HAMPTON	J. C.	ABSENT
Ohio	LEIHER	Patrick	ABSENT
Washington	ARMOR	Arnie	ABSENT
		Keven Slade	PRESENT

23 OFFICERS present, 25 OFFICERS Absent, A QUORUM was established.



NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA

MARCH 6, 2020

Resolution # 2020-1

Whereas National By-Laws - RULE 7: FINANCIAL, Section C states:

The Life Membership Committee shall, from the Life Membership per-person tax, pay Interest earned in the following amounts: 60% which shall be designated to support the National Headquarters, 10% which shall be designated to the Department of said Member's affiliation, and 30% which shall be designated to support the Island, Battalion, or Unit At Large of said Member's affiliation. Departments and Islands will be prorated based on the number of Life Members.

Said amounts shall be paid annually during the lifetime of said Life Member in the month of September.

Whereas: This rule has been standing with updates in 2011 for some time it is the Believe the moneys that are sent to departments and island would be better suited and utilized in the publication of the Can Do magazine in hopes of increasing the number of printed copies back to four

Whereas be it resolved: The Life Membership Committee shall, from the Life Membership per-person tax, pay Interest earned in the following amounts: 60% which shall be designated to support the National Headquarters, 40% which shall be designated to support the Can Do publication of its quarterly printing

**Respectfully submitted by:
Charles Coffin
National Secretary NSVA**

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.

January 27, 2020

To: Volunteer Committee of:
James **FUREY**, Commander, NSVA
Douglas **BOWER**, V. Commander, NSVA
Charlie **COFFIN**, Secretary, NSVA
Jerry **SCHMUCK**, Treasurer, NSVA
David J. **BUCHANAN**, PNC, NSVA

Resolution 2020-2

Proposed

RESOLUTION

For changing the method of voting

Whereas, the **NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.** has been a Non-Profit, non-political Veterans Service Organization, comprised of Navy SEABEES, or any personnel ever attached to a SEABEE unit: and

Whereas, the **NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.** is governed by its own Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules since 1948; and

Whereas, from time to time a need arises to alter the content of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules to allow for changes through the decades to conform to present day operations; and

Whereas, the membership has been declining for several years and the age of its existing membership is prohibiting continued participation in Convention and Reunion functions as to voting practices and obtaining quorums for meetings; and

Whereas, the **NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.** leadership needs the ability to conduct business twice a year with a quorum established, and voting members to conduct that business; now therefore let it be

RESOLVED that the National Executive Committee of the **NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.**, advised by a five man committee including the National Commander, proposes that any and all reference to **DELEGATES** in the NSVA Constitution, By-laws or Standing Rules **be eliminated** and each member shall have his or her own **ONE SINGLE VOTE** on all matters when **present** at the NSVA Convention and Reunion; and let it be further

RESOLVED that when there is a vote to change the Constitution, By-Laws or Standing Rules a vote of the entire membership shall be needed and **then and only** then will a **“PROXY”** vote be accepted

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC.

January 27, 2020

To: Volunteer Committee of:
James **FUREY**, Commander, NSVA
Douglas **BOWER**, V. Commander, NSVA
Charlie **COFFIN**, Secretary, NSVA
Jerry **SCHMUCK**, Treasurer, NSVA
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Resolution 2020-2(a)mended030620

Proposed

RESOLUTION

For changing the method of voting

Whereas, the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC. has been a Non-Profit, non-political Veterans Service Organization, comprised of Navy SEABEES, or any personnel ever attached to a SEABEE unit: and

Whereas, the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC. is governed by its own Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules since 1948; and

Whereas, from time to time a need arises to alter the content of the Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules to allow for changes through the decades to conform to present day operations; and

Whereas, the membership has been declining for several years and the age of its existing membership is prohibiting continued participation in Convention and Reunion functions as to voting practices and obtaining quorums for meetings; and

Whereas, the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC. leadership needs the ability to conduct business twice a year with a quorum established, and voting members to conduct that business; now therefore let it be

RESOLVED that the National Executive Committee of the NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, INC., advised by a five man committee including the National Commander, proposes that any and all reference to **DELEGATES** in the NSVA Constitution, By-laws or Standing Rules **be eliminated** and each member shall have his or her own **ONE SINGLE VOTE** on all matters when **present** at the NSVA Convention and Reunion; and let it be further

RESOLVED that each Island will have two votes to be used when the Island's representatives are physically in attendance and voting at the Convention, and let it be further

RESOLVED that when there is a vote to change the Constitution, By-Laws or Standing Rules a vote of the entire membership shall be needed and **then and only** then will a "**PROXY**" vote be accepted.

Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc.

Date: 030620

Resolution: 2020-3

TITLE: Establishing a Combined, SVA/SHF, single not-for-profit organization

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REFERRED TO: NSVA Resolution Committee

Whereas, the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. 2019 National Convention established a committee to discuss/work with a committee from Seabee Historical Foundation, for a possible combined organization; and

Whereas, both SVA and SHF have common interests supporting Seabee veterans and preserving Seabee Legacy; and

Whereas, there is strength in numbers with a combined organization that would better support and strengthen the Seabee community; and

Whereas, the rolls are shrinking due to attrition of WW2, Korea and Vietnam veterans, producing the urgent need to attract “next” and “future” generations to keep the Seabee Legacy alive: and

Whereas, the majority of the national administrative burden is placed on a few overworked volunteers, much of which could be reduced by SHF staff; and

Whereas, it is all about the Seabee, past, present and future; **therefore, be it**

Resolved, that the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. and the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation form into a single organization that represents the interest and incorporates the charter and bylaws of both organizations;

Further Resolved, that the new organization, under a board of trustees, comprised of SVA and SHF membership, shall have equal standing with the number of board members to be determined by an agreement of both organizations.

Further Resolved, that the Seabee Veterans of America retains its identity, including organizational structure (National, Department, Island), Auxiliary, logo, uniforms, etc.;

Further Resolved, that Seabee Veterans of America retains its funding stream from investment and partial membership income of a larger combined membership base;

Further Resolved, that current Life and Annual members of each organization shall be grandfathered in as members with the price scale for future new members determined by the new Board of Trustees;

Further Resolved, that SVA membership is aware and able to review the entire proposal package of information in order to make an informed decision.

Further Resolved, that any amendments to this resolution prior to the 2020 SVA National Convention Business Meeting must be approved by the joint SVA-SHF committee and does not nullify nor cancel the resolution timeline.

Finally Resolved, that this combined new organization shall be established in a reasonable amount of time with a goal of January 2022;

Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc.

Date: 030620

Resolution: 2020-3 (a)mended, 030620

TITLE: Establishing an alliance between SVA and SHF

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Whereas, both SVA and SHF have common interests supporting Seabee veterans and preserving Seabee Legacy; and

Whereas, there is strength in numbers by aligning organizations to better support and strengthen the Seabee community; and

Whereas, the rolls are shrinking due to attrition of WW2, Korea and Vietnam veterans, producing the urgent need to attract “next” and “future” generations to keep the Seabee Legacy alive; and

Whereas, the majority of the national administrative burden is placed on a few overworked volunteers, much of which could be supported by SHF staff; and

Whereas, it is all about the Seabee, past, present and future; **therefore, be it**

Resolved, that the Navy Seabee Veterans of America, Inc. and the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation will align and work together to represent the interests of the Seabees and incorporates the charter and bylaws of both organizations;

Further Resolved, that this alliance, under a board of trustees, comprised of SVA and SHF membership, shall have equal standing with the number of board members to be determined by an agreement of both organizations.

Further Resolved, that the Seabee Veterans of America retains its identity, including organizational structure (National, Department, Island), Auxiliary, logo, uniforms, etc.

Further Resolved, that Seabee Veterans of America retains its funding stream from investment and membership income;

Further Resolved, that SVA membership is aware and able to review the entire proposal package of information in order to make an informed decision.

Further Resolved, that any amendments to this resolution prior to the 2020 SVA National Convention Business Meeting must be approved by the joint SVA-SHF committee and does not nullify nor cancel the resolution timeline.

Finally Resolved, that we will continue to maintain an open dialogue to build upon this alliance to better support Seabees past, present, and future.