

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE



SOUTHERN CONFERENCE CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

JULY, 2019

Call to Order

A meeting of the Southern Conference VFW was opened at 4:00 pm on July 20, 2019 at the 120th VFW National Convention.

Attendees

The roll call of Conference officers, National Officers, Department Commanders, National Council Members and Past Commander-in-Chiefs was conducted and all were present or accounted for.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of the October, 2018 Southern Conference meeting held in Louisville, Ky were read and approved.

Reports

The report of the Treasurer was read and approved subject to audit. Department of Louisiana gave a report on the Southern Conference meeting that will be held in Baton Rouge, LA in October 2019.

Unfinished Business

Greg Stafford, NC was appointed chairman of the Southern Conference Disaster Relief Committee and asked to make a report at the October meeting.

Treasurer Bachand announced that the agreement with Novation was not completed and that both Novation and the Southern Conference discontinued

discussions based on the National VFW ruling that the conference could not make this type of agreement with the Departments.

Treasurer Bachand announced a new five year agreement with Highland Consulting starting in 2019 and they have paid the conference.

New Business

Curtis O. Bohlman was nominated and elected as the Southern Conference nominee for Surgeon General.

tWestern and Big Ten Conference. Motion passed.

Benny Bachand made a motion to donate \$10,000 to the Department of Louisiana for hosting the 2019 Southern Conference meeting in Baton Rouge, LA Motion passed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Larry Rivers was appointed Steering Committee Chair and announced his committee.

Good of the Order

The Eastern Conference introduced their candidates for National Office.

The Big Ten Conference introduced their candidates for National Office.

The Western Conference introduced their candidates for National Office.

The Southern Conference candidates for National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief made their remarks. Todd Kingsbury WVA announced he was suspending him campaign.

The Southern Conference Steering Committee made their report.

Hal Roesch, National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief thanked the Conference for their support.

Announcements

Dan Duffy, FL announced his candidacy for Conference Chairman.

Mike O'Steen, GA announced his candidacy for Conference Vice Chairman

Benny Bachand, FL announced his candidacy for Conference Secretary/Treasurer

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.