

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE



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November 20, 2021

Call to Order

A meeting of the Southern Conference VFW was opened at 10 am on November 20, 2021 held at Sonesta Resort, Hilton Head, South Carolina with prayer and pledge

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 with the exception of the following: Conference Chaplain Harris, National Council member LA Snake Dugas. PCnC John Furgess, PCnC Glen Gardner and PCnC John Hamilton.

Approval of minutes

Minutes of the August 2021 Southern Conference meeting held at the National VFW Convention in Kansas City, Mo. In August 2021 were read and there were no additions, deletions or changes.

Reports

The Treasurer report was read and the starting balance of the Southern Conference as of June 30, 2021 was \$87,252.96; total receipts to the Southern Conference were \$20,500.00 with expenses totaling \$13,051.15. The current balance of the Southern Conference as of October 31, 2021 is \$94,701.81.

Audit Committee. Chairman Gene Perrino stated that the finances of the conference were in good order. Motion made by Ashley Little to accept Audit report. Seconded and passed

Budget Committee. Chairman Tom Gimble stated that his report was included in the Financial report.

Constitution/bylaws Committee. Chairman Velasquez proposed three amendments that were submitted by the Department of Georgia.

Amendment 1, Article III, Section 5 “shall be elected at the Southern Conference meeting at the National Convention prior to the National Convention”.

Amendment passed by majority vote of the membership present.

Amendment 2, Article III, by adding section 6 to read:

“Any candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief from the Southern Conference shall not start an official campaign outside of their home state until the Southern Conference meeting two (2) years prior to the meeting for the selection of Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief from the Southern Conference. Candidates, however, may solicit informally for opinion of comrades from other Departments as they prepare for their candidacy prior to the official announcement and beginning of the candidacy”

A roll call vote of Departments failed to achieve the required 10 Departments approval. Amendment failed.

Amendment 3, Article IV, Section 1:

Amend the second sentence by adding October.

Amendment passed by majority vote of the membership present.

The Department of North Carolina proposed an amendment, but was ruled out of order by Chairman Duffy.

Time and Place Committee. Chairman Glen Gardner was absent and no report. The Department of North Carolina gave a report on the Southern Conference meeting in Asheville, NC in October 2022.

The Department of Oklahoma gave a report on the Southern Conference meeting in Tulsa, OK in October 2023.

Resolution Committee. Chairman Jim Nier had no report.

Unfinished Business.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business.

Southern Conference Rules for Election were proposed by Secretary/Treasurer Bachand. Motion made by Dan Duffy for approval. Motion seconded and passed.

Chairman Duffy opened nominations for Southern Conference Chairman. Bobby Lovergne, LA and Tony Dobbins, GA were nominated. Bobby Lovergne was elected Chairman by a majority vote of the voting members present.

Chairman Duffy opened nominations for Southern Conference Vice Chairman. Victor LeTourneault was nominated and elected as Vice Chairman by unanimous vote.

Chairman Duffy opened nominations for Southern Conference Secretary/Treasurer. David Moske II and Benny Bachand were nominated. David Moske II was elected Secretary/Treasurer by a majority vote of the members present.

Chairman Duffy opened nominations for Southern Conference candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Past Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch read a statement from Rosalyn Cox, AR that she was withdrawing her name. Amber Putnam and Larry Velasquez announced that they were suspending their campaigns. Al Lipphardt, GA and Carl Kaelin, KAY were nominated.

Al Lipphardt, GA was elected as the Southern Conference candidate for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief by a majority vote of the voting members present.

Chairman Duffy opened nominations for National Judge Advocate General. T. C Rollins MS was nominated. There being no further nominations, TC Rollins was elected as Southern Conference candidate for National Judge Advocate General.

Hal Roesch was endorsed from Southern Conference for Quartermaster General.

Good of the Order

Rob Cotoure, Director of VFW Communications spoke about the importance of VFW Social Media to get our message out to the public.

Commander-in-Chief Fritz Mihelcic spoke about the VFW image and how Now is the time to get members and the public more aware about VFW programs and Community involvement.

David Moske made a motion that the Southern Conference subscribe to Web Based Solutions at a cost of \$365 contingent that no conflict with contract with Highlands Consulting. Motion seconded and passed.

Past Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch installed the new Southern Conference Officers for the 2021-2023 term.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm with proper closing ceremony.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am with closing prayer and salute to the colors.

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Dan Duffy, Southern Conference Chairman 2019-2021

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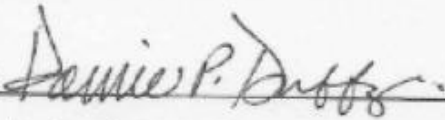
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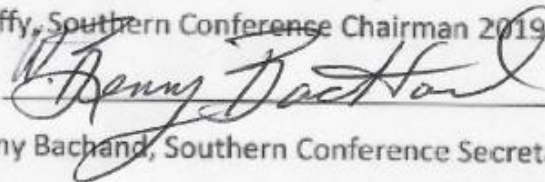
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