

TREA FIRST BUSINESS MEETING
2007 NATIONAL CONVENTION
Charlotte Marriott City Center
Salons EFGH
September 14, 2007
8:30 AM

President Corbett called the first business meeting of the 2007 National Convention to order at 8:35 AM.

The Bible was opened and the Invocation was given by Chaplain Whitfield.

President Corbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parliamentarian Miles called the roll of the National Board of Directors with the following members present:

Board Members

President Pat Corbett	1 st Vice President Billy Oneyear
2 nd Vice President Charlie Flowers	3 rd Vice President Butch Liebaert
Treasurer Marvin Stout	Director Al Ballok
Director Larry Hund	Director John Martinez
Chaplain Jesse Whitfield	PNP LeRoy Riddell
VSO C.D. Rice	TSCL Chair Ralph McCutchen
Memorial Foundation Chair Bill DeBoer	Parliamentarian George Miles
National Secretary Donell Minnis	

Staff Present

Director for Operations Sharon Rhatican
Executive Director Washington Office Deirdre Parke Holleman

President Corbett recognized TREA's Past National Presidents.

There was no change to the Convention.

President Corbett appointed the following as Sergeants-at-Arms:

1. C.C. Cameron
2. Rex Walthers

Roll Call Certification of Delegates was conducted by PNP Athans and 2nd VP Flowers
Total delegates 107; total proxies 75 = total votes 182

1st VP Oneyear made a motion to approve the Special Rules of Order for the Convention as written. Tom Caldwell – Chapter 98 seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection.

1st VP Oneyear made a motion to approve the 2007 Convention Agenda as written. Tom O'Connell – Chapter 79 seconded the motion. The motion carried without objection. President Corbett asked for corrections to the 2006 Convention Minutes. No additions or corrections were presented to these Minutes.

2nd VP Flowers gave the Nominating Committee report. The following candidates for national office are of record at this time.

President Patrick Corbett
1st VP Billy Oneyear
2nd VP Charlie Flowers
3rd VP Butch Liebaert
Treasurer Marvin Stout
Directors Larry Hund, Tom Caldwell

2nd VP Flowers asked for additional nominations from the floor.

President – No additional nominations were made. The nominations were closed.

1st VP – No additional nominations were made. The nominations were closed.

2nd VP – No additional nominations were made. The nominations were closed.

3rd VP – No additional nominations were made. The nominations were closed.

Treasurer – No additional nominations were made. The nominations were closed.

Director – John Martinez was nominated by Dave Summerall – Chapter 29. Mr. Martinez accepted the nomination.

Director – Ralph Donais was nominated by Dennis Rock – Chapter 115. Mr. Donais accepted the nomination.

Mr. Flowers announced that all nominations for this election were closed.

Executive Director Deirdre Parke Holleman gave the report for TREA's Washington Office. She referred to the report in the Convention packet and gave additional information about the activities by the Washington Office since last convention.

The PNPC report was given by IPNP Riddell. During a PNPC meeting Wednesday [September 12, 2007] the reports of the various committees and vendors were reviewed and discussed. The Council determined that the following comments were required from the Council.

- 1) The Corporate Communications Group letter from James Pinkin which appears in their vendor's report was discussed. CCG was retained by TREA to handle acquisition prospecting for new members as well as renewals and printed marketing materials. TREA has spent many dollars to recruit new members. After three mail campaigns CCG has failed to produce any results which is failure to perform the duties that they were hired to do. Each time, Mr. Pinkin – the president of the company – writes a letter stating that it is TREA's fault that they were unable to recruit any new members. The PNPC strongly recommends that TREA terminate CCG as soon as possible and acquire a new vendor for acquisitions. [NOTE: TREA's BOD amended the contract with CCG in June and deleted any reference to acquisitions.]

2) Bylaws changes were discussed with the following results:

- The Council opposes the change in requirements to become a member of TREA and opening up the organization to all military veterans.
- The Council strongly opposes the change to allow the Chairmen of the Memorial Foundation and The Senior Citizens League to become voting member of TREA's Board of Directors.

The Awards Committee report was given by IPNP Riddell. Mr. Riddell repeated the report as written in the Convention packet. All of the awards will be presented later in this convention.

The Senior Citizens League report was given by Chairman McCutchen. Mr. McCutchen referred to the written report in the Convention packet. The trademark fee paid to TREA during the first half of 2007 was roughly \$300,000. This compares to \$180,000 at this same time last year. He reminded the attendees that this is the type of information contained in the written report and asked that this report be read thoroughly. He introduced the newest members of the TSCL Board of Trustees, Larry Hyland – MAL and Tom O'Connell – Chapter 79.

TREA Memorial Foundation's report was given by Chairman DeBoer. Mr. DeBoer stated that TREA Memorial Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization which is restricted as to how and who can receive monies from the Foundation. The funds donated to the Foundation help to provide grants for the Scholarship Program, the Benevolent Assistance Program and the Disaster Relief Program.

In the area of Benevolent Assistance the Foundation has received 17 applications for assistance to date. Eight of these applications were granted assistance for a total of \$6,000. The total amount of benevolent assistance granted since 1997 is \$89,229.

The area of disaster relief has been combined on numerous occasions with benevolent assistance because the team that handles both types of grants is made up of Bob Holtz, Thelma Hairston and PNP Jack Cotton.

This year's Scholarship Program granted sixty scholarships with 5 alternates. These scholarships are awarded to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of TREA and TREA Auxiliary members.

The Foundation's budget was approved at TREA's Mid Term Meeting. Revenue is \$190,000 with expenses of \$156,350 for a surplus of \$33,650.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee report was given by Director Ballok. The proposed amendment to the Bylaws and Standing Rules are in the Convention packet. These proposed amendments will be discussed and ratified tomorrow.

The Financial report was given by Treasurer Stout. Mr. Stout reported that TREA's financial position saw a debt reduction of \$144, 837 however, this still leaves a deficit of just over \$500,000. This is a cumulative deficit which is being worked off. The surplus on this year's budget is \$14,031 which is not a large amount but it is better than being in the hole. The Finance Committee has worked diligently to cut this down. The biggest hurdle is not to spend the money if we do not have it.

PNP Dottie Holmes asked Treasurer Stout if the freeze on first quarter spending mandated by the membership at last year's convention had been accomplished. Mr. Stout advised that this was accomplished and this freeze has been placed on spending for the first quarter of 2008.

Additionally, PNP Holmes asked how the monies borrowed or taken from various sources within TREA were being put back. Mr. Stout stated this issue has not been decided but there are two fundraisers in place that we hope will bring in funds to take care of this. Until funds are in hand there is no way to decide how to put it back. We know where it goes but we have not received any of this money as yet.

Foundation Chairman DeBoer spoke to the matter of the new fundraising efforts. This venture has been approved by TREA's Auditor and corporate attorney and will be tested by Jeremy Squire & Associates in one or two test mailings. Funds received from these mailings will go to TREA for its support. Two million pieces are expected to be mailed on the 21st of September in support of this fundraising effort.

Five Year Plan Committee report was given by Director Martinez. Mr. Martinez stated that the report is in the Convention packet. He asked that all delegates read this report carefully and help keep the plan active and working.

9:45 AM Recess

10:15 AM Reconvene

Chapter Start Up & Assistance Committee report was given by 3rd VP Liebaert. He mentioned several areas interested in creating new TREA Chapters: Tulsa, OK; South Chicago, IL; Fort Leonard Wood, MO; Minneapolis, MN and Shelby, NC.

Membership Committee report was given by 1st VP Oneyear. Mr. Oneyear referred to the report in the Convention packet. He asked that all delegates review the report plus the various Proposed Amendments in the Bylaws and Standing Rules report that apply to Membership.

Public Relations Committee report was given by Director Hund. Mr. Hund referred to the report in the packet. He recognized all region reps for the PR Committee. He pointed out several of the programs being worked by the committee. He introduced John Moore who handles the Reunion program. He explained there have been 24,000 hits on the Reunion page of TREA's website since December 2006. He also introduced Tom O'Connell who handles the Scholarship Recognition program which supplies information regarding TREA's scholarship recipients to local newspapers. He gave information about the RAD program which is currently covering 62 RADs in 2007.

Legislative Affairs Committee report was given by 2nd VP Flowers. He advised the group two new Resolutions have been established for this year. Resolutions 1 through 64 are in the packet. New Resolutions 65 and 66 will be presented for a vote tomorrow. Resolution 65 is opposing the increase in TriCare and VA health care enrollment fees, deductibles and co-payments. Resolution 66 is supporting the veteran status for non-veteran Guard/Reserve Military retirees.

Mr. Flowers stated there are several Resolutions that should be dealt with directly instead of all 64 Resolutions at one time. If 64 items are presented to any Congressional Representative at once they are not going to be very receptive to these items. The committee tried to prioritize the top Resolutions that we could present and get attention for these items. There are some Resolutions in the list of 64 that are

very old and not current. The list of Resolutions will be cleaned up and the out-dated ones will be removed.

Scholarship Committee report was given by 2nd VP Flowers. The committee rated the top 60 recipients from the 90 qualified applications plus five alternates. The 60 recipients have been advised of their award and all regrets to the remaining applications have been sent. The names of all recipients have been listed in the September issue of The VOICE.

Convention Committee report was given by President Corbett. Mr. Corbett stated that the report is in the packet. He gave additional information about the suggestions and complaints that are received following each convention. These things are considered in the planning of the next convention.

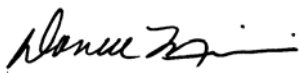
VSO report was given by VSO Rice. Mr. Rice pointed out that his report is in the packet and he encouraged all delegates and other attendees to read it.

Chaplain's report was given by Chaplain Whitfield. Mr. Whitfield read the report from the packet. He expressed thanks that his duties had been easy to handle because there was only one request for a memorial, and it was for Tom O'Brien's passing.

President Corbett reminded everyone to attend the TREA and TREA Auxiliary Joint Awards Luncheon 12:30 – 2 PM in Salons ABCD followed by the Joint Workshops 2:30 – 5 PM. He invited everyone to attend the President's Dinner [*Pat's Party*] this evening, with cocktails starting at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM also in Salons ABCD.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Whitfield; he closed the Bible.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM by President Corbett.



Donell Minnis, National Secretary

These minutes were approved by a Minutes Review Committee consisting of 1st Vice President Billy Oneyear, 2nd Vice President Charlie Flowers, 3rd Vice President Butch Liebaert and Parliamentarian George Miles on October 15, 2007.