

TREA SECOND BUSINESS MEETING
2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION
San Juan Marriott and Stellaris Casino
Ballroom III & IV
September 13, 2008
9:00 AM

9:00AM	Call to Order	President Flowers
	Invocation and Opening of Bible	Chaplain Whitfield
	Pledge of Allegiance	President Flowers
	Roll Call	Parliamentarian Miles

Board Members present:

President Charlie Flowers	1 st Vice President Butch Liebaert
2 nd Vice President John Martinez	3 rd Vice President Larry Hund
Treasurer Marvin Stout	Director Al Ballok
Director Thomas Caldwell	Chaplain Jesse Whitfield
PNP David Washington	VSO C.D. Rice
TSCL Chair Dan O'Connell	Memorial Foundation Chair Bill DeBoer
Parliamentarian George Miles	

Staff Present:

Director for Operations Sharon Rhatican
Executive Director Washington Office Deirdre Parke Holleman
National Secretary Ageno Oti
Membership Coordinator Katherine Standifer
Accountant Shannon MacNeilly

Recognition of Past National Presidents and VIPs President Flowers

VSO Liaison for the Secretary for Veterans Affairs, Kevin Secor came and greeted the delegates. He gave condolences for Pat's passing and assured delegates of the VA's mission to support veterans. Before answering questions, he called on delegates to stop by the VA and visit veterans who have not had visitors while hospitalized.

PNP Washington commented on awards and how they are awarded. He noted that there were very few applications submitted and all persons with certificates were awarded. It is up to the chapter to submit nominations for awardees. Mike Gails of Chapter 9 asked that there be a receipt returned for all nominations to notify persons that the nomination has been received.

New Business:

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| 1. | Election Briefing | President Flowers |
| | A. | President Flowers |
| | | Appointment of Tellers: |
| | | 1) Tammy Clowers |
| | | 2) Shannon MacNeilly |
| | | 3) Art Mason |
| | | 4) Rene Woodhull |

5) Dick Stradinger/ Sergeant- at- Arms (Head Teller) – Observer only

Mike O'Brien moves to reopen nominations from the floor for all offices. Tom O'Connell from Chapter 79 seconds the motion. TOTAL: 77 for and 47 against. The motion passes.

PNP Holmes noted a point of order that Certification of Delegates had not been done before the vote.

- B. Certification Roll Call of Delegates President Flowers
PNP Holmes advises the rules and did the roll call and verification with Mrs. Katherine Standifer. Total present 90, total proxies 59= Total votes 149.

Floor reopens for nominations for Office	President Flowers
National President-	none
1 st Vice President-	none
2 nd Vice President-	none
3 rd Vice President-	none
Treasurer-	none
Director-	Mike O'Brien, an MAL nominates Jerome Berk of Chapter 90. Mr. Berk accepts the nomination and handed out copies of his resume.

PNP Holmes asked if the voting method would change now that there are five candidates for Director. President Flowers answered that the voting will go back to its original format. The persons with the top two votes will receive the 2 year Director office and the next runner ups will receive the 1 year Director positions.

9:46 AM BREAK

9:56 AM Resume meeting

- C. Candidate Speeches, Seconding Speeches and Elections:
- 1) National President Candidates
 - a. Charlie Flowers gave his speech first. PNP Washington seconded his nomination with a speech.
 - b. John Martinez gave his speech. PNP Jack Cotton seconded his nomination with a speech. Dave Summerall of Chapter 29 also gave a seconding speech.
 - 2) 1st Vice President Candidates
None, only one candidate.
 - 3) 2nd Vice President Candidates
None, only one candidate.
 - 4) 3rd Vice President Candidate
None, only one candidate.
 - 5) Treasurer Candidate
None, only one candidate.
 - 6) Director Candidates
 - a. John Adams gave his speech first. TSCL Chairman O'Connell gave a seconding speech.

- b. Jerome Berk gave his speech. Mike O'Brien, an MAL, gave the seconding speech.
- c. Tom Caldwell gave his speech. Bob Born of Chapter 98 gave the seconding speech.
- d. Art Cooper gave his speech. PNP Smith gave the seconding speech.
- e. C.D. Rice gave his speech last. Wally Jones from Chapter 1 gave the seconding speech.

11:00 AM Break and Caucus
 11:20 AM Resume 2nd Business Meeting

Call to Order President Flowers
 Roll Call President Flowers
 Roll call was done by PNP Holmes
 Total present 91, total proxies 61= total votes 151.

- D. Voting and Collection of Ballots
- E. Counting of Ballots Atlantic View I
- 2. National Resolutions President Flowers
 President Flowers asked Bylaw and Standing Rule Chairman Ballok to call Resolutions 67 and 68 (together) to question. Resolutions pass, without objections. John Moore, an MAL, asked if the resolutions just passed could be paired down because there are just too many. President Flowers noted that the resolutions are printed more for informational purposes and may be dissected in the future.
- 3. Convention Update 2009 & 2010 President Flowers
 1) 2009 – Rapid City, SD
 (Rushmore Holiday Inn – wk of 9/21 – Rate \$79++)
 2) 2010- Tucson, AZ
 (Reid Park Doubletree Hotel- wk of 9/13- Rate \$95+++)
- 4. Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Director Ballok
 Director Ballok advised that all bylaws and standing rule changes have been reviewed with recommendations by the Bylaw and Standing Rule Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. He also advised the delegates of the rules and voting instructions. All motions will be presented on behalf of the committee and will not need a second.

Bylaws

Article 3, Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5- Rick Delaney of Ch. 94
 Director Ballok recommends disapproval, and so moves. John Moore, an MAL, noted that there should be enough people to pool from for TREA to not have to reach out to non- retirees.
 Disapproved without objection.

Article 3, Section 2- TREA Parliamentarian Miles

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Article 3, Section 3- TREA National President Flowers

Director Ballok recommends disapproval, and so moves. John Moore, an MAL, noted that should TREA stay with retirees. Disapproved.

Article 3, Section 3- James Snyder

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. John Moore, an MAL, noted that TREA stay with retirees. Jerry Bryant from Chapter 113 noted his support for the motion and recommends TREA expand their category to those who may have not retired. PNP Smith noted that the veterans and retirees have some differences and how will that affect the LAO's lobbying efforts. PNP Smith says TREA should not lose sight of their retiree mission. Bob Covington from Chapter 72 recommends TREA should find out what works and what doesn't and follow that. Rudy Mata from Chapter 80 stated that he joined because of TREA's focus on retirees and thinks too much energy is being spent on the same issue and not on recruiting retirees. Jerry Berk from Chapter 90 noted that TREA still needs to work to appeal to different members regardless of their membership criteria. Ike Clinton from Chapter 80 noted that he joined TREA because of the retired focus. PNP Holmes noted that TREA needs to stay with its retiree focus because our Congressional charter is important. Mike Gails from Chapter 9 agrees with PNP Holmes comment. John Adams from Chapter 1 notes that active members of the military are eligible, why not all vets. 1st VP Liebaert noted that TREA is responsible for selling themselves and needs to exhaust those measures. Disapproved.

Article 3, Sections 4 and 5- TREA National President Flowers

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Paul Ott from Chapter 29 asked why courtesy members be allowed to vote and is against the measure. Nash Mines from Chapter 39 recommends approval to this measure for the benefit of his chapter who has lots of active associate members. PNP Smith noted that there are requirements to vote and a bylaw change is necessary. Disapproved, with 57 votes for and 68 votes against the motion.

Article 4, Section 1

An addendum, by Ed Cates of Chapter 1, was added earlier; adding a one year membership, approved by the Board at the Pre Convention Meeting. Director Ballok recommends approval for the bylaw and addendum, and so moves. Paul Ott recommends amending the life membership back to \$300. Larry Fitzgerald from Chapter 111 recommended that the motion be disapproved and the fees be lowered or at least stay constant.

Election Objections- None

President Flowers

Since there are no oppositions or requests for recount, President Flowers orders all the ballots be destroyed

1:00 PM Break

1:10 PM Resume meeting

Sergeant- at- Arms Stradinger noted that all the election ballots were destroyed.]

Standing Rule

Number 2, Paragraph 3

Director Ballok recommends disapproval, and so moves.
Disapproved.

Number 2, Adding Paragraph 7

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Paul Ott from Chapter 29 recommends disapproval noting that the information from the Board is open to the members and public. John Moore, an MAL, agrees with Mr. Ott's sentiments. Parliamentarian Miles notes that the purpose of the change is to protect trade secrets and adhere to non-profit laws in the state of Colorado. Tom O'Connell from Chapter 79 noted that the Colorado law will supersede TREA governing documents so there is no need as long as TREA stays within the law and regulations of the State of Colorado. PNP Smith noted that there is no purpose of presenting the change if the Board has already made their decision. 1stVP Liebaert noted that the change stems from assuring that TREA is protected before final decisions are made. Approved.

Number 5, Paragraph 3- LAC

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Number 6, Paragraph 1- Organizational Chart

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Dick Stradinger noted that the President is lower than the Board. Approved without objection.

Number 8, Paragraph 2, Appendix 1

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Number 8, Paragraph 2, Appendix 4

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Number 8, Appendix 5

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Tom O'Connell from Chapter 79 made a friendly amendment with regard to grammar. Approved without objection.

Number 9, Paragraph 6 and 7

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Adding SR Number 14

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Number 16, Paragraph 1

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Number 17, Paragraph 3 and 4

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Number 17, Paragraph 4c

Director Ballok recommends disapproval, and so moves. Disapproved.

Number 17, Add Paragraph 7

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved without objection.

Number 18, Paragraph 2f and 2h

Director Ballok recommends approval, and so moves. Approved.

Number 18, 2f, 2h, and 2h (all three proposals)

Director Ballok recommends disapproval, and so moves. Disapproved.

President Flowers dismissed the Sergeant- At- Arms and all Tellers.

Good of the Order

President Flowers

Benediction and Closing of Bible

Chaplain Whitfield

2:20 PM Adjournment

President Flowers



Agene Otii, National Secretary

Reviewed by Minutes Review Committee on 10/ 13/ 2008