

NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Executive Board October 11, 2009

Pursuant to the Association's Bylaws, the Executive Board of the North American Vexillological Association held its annual meeting.

1. Call to order and Announcement of Quorum.

The meeting was called to order by the President, at 4:21 p.m. EDT.

Present: Hugh L. Brady, president, Gustavo Tracchia, first vice president, Anne M. Platoff, second vice president, Edward B. Kaye, treasurer, and William J. Trinkle, secretary.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Peter A. Ansoff, immediate past president and Jack Lowe, CBFA.

The President announced the presence of a quorum.

2. Approval of the Minutes of February 8, 2009; August 30, 2009; and October 4, 2009

The Minutes of February 8, 2009, August 30, 2009, and October 4, 2009 were approved as corrected.

3. Governance Items

a. Resolution Setting Regular Meeting Schedule

The draft resolution setting the schedule of telephonic, regular Board meetings for the 2000-2010 year was adopted with the single amendment that the meetings will commence at 11 a.m. Pacific, 1 p.m. Central and 2 p.m. Eastern time.

b. Approval of President's Appointments

As modified and attached during the meeting the appointments of the President were approved.

c. Appointment of Board Consultant

The draft resolution appointing Peter Ansoff, immediate past president, as a consultant to the Executive Board for another year was adopted.

4. Conference Planning

a. NAVA 43

The Board held a general discussion regarding the just-ended Annual Meeting. We will seek to have a standard list of deliverables and commitments on the venue's part including a written commitment to fly our meeting flag at future Annual Meetings. Comment was made that given the unexpected heat, the tour walk may have been too long for some of our members. There was discussion of starting the Friday evening

events earlier or starting the Saturday events at 9 rather than 8 a.m. There was discussion of moving the auction to Saturday either during the day or in part, at the end of the banquet. Discussion was held regarding 20 minutes being the typical banquet speaker time. There was a general feeling of a positive experience during the Annual Meeting activities.

b. NAVA 44

The decision regarding the Annual Meeting hotel location and the division of responsibilities are the next priorities in the planning process with the intention of deciding these issues at the December 2009 Board meeting. It was determined that the meeting flag for NAVA 44 will be selected by a flag contest.

c. NAVA 45/ICV 24

A discussion was held on the options for venues for this meeting. It was decided to hold the Washington Masonic Memorial open for the time while other options are explored, with further discussion to be held at the December meeting. No call will be made to seek to resolve the contract language issue at this juncture. Ted reiterated his concerns about the cost of the Washington Masonic venue. There was also discussion of a method to get members up and down the hill at that venue and the need to use common carriers. To get the brand identity for the ICV as soon as possible, it was decided to issue the call for the NAVA 45/ICV 24 contemporaneously with the announcement of the contest for the NAVA 44 flag. The NAVA 45 flag will be chosen by a hybrid method to be determined at a later date. The plan is to send an email to members regarding the flag contest and the flag call around November 1, 2009 and to include announcement of both with their respective rules in the next NAVA News (cutoff date of October 31, 2009). Hugh will get his notes regarding the flag selection matters to Bill to assist him with the NAVA 44 flag contest.

5. Operational and Strategic Planning

a. Publications Status and Projects

Ted discussed the status of *NAVA News* and *Raven* 16.

b. Membership Matters

The Board discussed the possibility of higher-quality membership cards, as well as contacting lapsed members to attempt to interest them to returning.

c. Revenue and Budget Matters

There was a brief discussion about looking into the cost of our postage and mailing service for our publications.

d. Committees and Expanded Scope of Volunteers

There was a brief discussion of making use of our members, getting people more involved, while also having quality control.

e. Corporate Identity Project

Hugh indicated that he believes he may have a company identified to assist with this project and will keep the Board advised.

6. Any Other Business Coming Before the Board

The Board discussed the email received from a new member regarding Rex Curry and the secretary was directed to respond in an appropriate fashion to our new member.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business coming before the Board and without objection, the President declared the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m. EDT.

William J. Trinkle
Secretary
North American Vexillological Association

Resolution Setting Regular Meeting Schedule

RESOLVED, that the Board shall hold a Regular Meeting at 11 a.m. Pacific Time, 1:00 p.m. Central Time, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time by telephone conference call on the following dates:

December 6, 2009;
February 7, 2010;
April 11, 2010;
June 6, 2010; and
August 29, 2010.

William J. Trinkle
Secretary
North American Vexillological Association

Resolution Approving President's Appointments

RESOLVED, that the Board approves the following appointments of the President:

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Auditor: Gustavo Tracchia
Database Manager: Shane L. Sievers
Historian: John A. Lowe
Protocol Officer: James J. Ferrigan III
Registered Agent: Ernest A. Aitchison
Shopkeeper: Al Cavalari
Webmaster: Shane L. Sievers

STANDING COMMITTEES

Budget Committee: Edward B. Kaye, Chair; Lee Herold, and Gustavo Tracchia.
Convention Committee: Gustavo Tracchia, Chair; Peter A. Ansoff, Edward B. Kaye, and John A. Lowe.
Flag Design Committee: John Purcell, Chair; Peter A. Ansoff.
Flag Conservation Committee: James J. Ferrigan, 3d, Mark Ritzenhein and Dick Clark. - chair to be determined.
Membership Committee: William J. Trinkle, Chair; Rich Monahan, Peter Orenski, Gustavo Tracchia, and Shane L. Sievers, Advisory Member (without vote).
Publications: Anne M. Platoff, Chair; *NAVA News* Editor, *Raven* Editor, and Webmaster.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEES

NAVA 44 Committee: William J. Trinkle, Chair; Hugh Brady, Peter A. Ansoff, Edward B. Kaye, Anne M. Platoff, and Gustavo Tracchia. - a non-exclusive list of members.

William J. Trinkle
Secretary
North American Vexillological Association

Resolution Appointing Board Consultant

RESOLVED, that Peter Ansoff, immediate past president, is appointed as a consultant to the Executive Board from October 11, 2009, through the end of the next annual meeting of the Association.

William J. Trinkle
Secretary
North American Vexillological Association