

PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA – WISCONSIN CHAPTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 10, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Paralyzed Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter BOD meeting was called to order by Vice President Scott Griffith at 1:02 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted, followed by a moment of silence for all veterans who have passed away.

2. ATTENDEES:

Todd Drazy	President	Excused Absence
Scott Griffith	Vice President, Ntl. Dir., GRD	Present, Zoom
Peter Carrao	Board Member	Excused Absence
Michael Thomas	Board Member	Present, Phone
Troy Kurzcek	Board Member	Present, Phone
Richard Buth	Board Member	Excused Absence
Ken Matthews	Board Member	Present, Zoom
Angela Walker	Board Member	Excused Absence
Gary Stott	Secretary, Board Member	Present, Zoom

3. RECOGNIZE VISITORS:

- Amera Schaefer, Executive Director
- Brenna Frey, Nonprofit Administrative Manager Intern
- Brenda Stencil, National Service Officer

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Michael Thomas seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

5. AGENDA:

- February agenda presented.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- December minutes presented.

7. FINANCE REPORT:

- Written report presented.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.

10. NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.

11. NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- No report presented.

12. GRD'S REPORT:

- Written report presented.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sports & Recreation:**
 - i. No report presented.
- **Communications & Advocacy:**
 - i. Written report presented.
- **Finance:**
 - i. Written report presented.
- **Membership/Peer Mentorship:**
 - i. Written report presented.
- **Membership:**
 - i. Members: 307
 - New: Jeffrey J. Burant
 - ii. Associate: 167
 - New: None
 - iii. Deceased:
 - Garrett Smith, Mark Wegmet

14. OLD BUSINESS:

- N/A

15. NEW BUSINESS:

- Peter Frates Foundation Funds allocation
 - Scott Griffith shared that The Peter Frates Foundation donated to PVA-WI member Garrett Smith to aid in ALS-related caregiver expenses. Sadly, Garrett Smith passed away before the entirety of his funds could be used. It has been recommended that these funds be allocated towards supporting ALS member caregiver expenses.
Ken Matthews made a motion to approve the Peter Frates Foundation funds to be allocated to support PVA-WI members with ALS, caregiver expenses.

Troy Kurzcek seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried.

16. Associate Membership Applications

- None

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Brenda Stencil, VA site visit rescheduled to the beginning of May for the PVA. There have been a lot of ALS clients recently, and they are well taken care of while they are living. There has been a lot of claim processing lately.
- Access Ability WI Ice Fishing Contest, Chetek – January 20
- MS Webinar, Zoom – January 23
- Adaptive Curling Bonspiel, Wauwatosa Curling Club – January 20
- Frost Fest, War Memorial – February 2
- Adaptive Works Annual Fishing Jamboree, Muskego, February 10
- Air Rifle Tournament – March 8 & 9

18. ADJOURNMENT: Ken Matthews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Thomas seconded the motion. All votes were accepted, no nays, no abstentions, and the motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM by Scott Griffith.

Next BOD meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 1:00 PM on Zoom and in office.