



ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

AVVA 12TH National Convention – Minutes
August 10 – 11, 2023
Rosen Centre, Salons 9-10
Orlando, FL

President Sharon Hobbs called the 12th National Convention of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) to order at 9:00 AM (EDT) on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Secretary Nina Schloffel (CA) was in place. The Convention was held at the Rosen Centre, Salons 9 -10 in Orlando, FL.

President Hobbs welcomed Convention delegates, veterans and guests, and provided a short summary of this term's accomplishments and projections for AVVA's future.

- Incorporation:
 - There are currently twelve incorporated states and twenty-four incorporated chapters. Three more chapters will complete the incorporation process shortly.
 - As VVA moves toward dissolution, incorporating our AVVA states and chapters becomes critical. Once their affiliate VVA chapter is dissolved, AVVA members belonging to unincorporated chapters will become at-large members. They can still join another chapter, but their core group will be gone.
- AVVA's Future:
 - We are AVVA's present; not its future.
 - AVVA's future is the younger generation.
 - It's our responsibility to teach our children about AVVA; our policies and procedures, bylaws, and our programs. We need to bring them on board. All this starts at the chapter level.
- VISTA (**V**olunteers **I**n **S**ervice **T**o **A**merica):
 - The number of VISTA hours AVVA members reported this year was over 19,000. This is a significant increase over previous years, and the number of members submitting hours has increased, as well.
 - We know that our members are out there volunteering. Encourage them to record and submit their volunteer hours to VISTA.
 - Think about appointing a chapter VISTA coordinator.

President Hobbs recognized Bobbie Morris (PA), National Chaplain, to deliver the invocation, and National Vice President, Kathy Andras (LA), to lead the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

President Hobbs then introduced the current National Officers, Regional Directors, and Deputy Regional Directors.

Upon concluding the introductions, President Hobbs made the following appointments:



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- Elections Tellers
 - Cheryl Rock
 - Alice Lafleur
- Ushers
 - Yvette Moore
 - Nancy Switzer
- Sergeants-at-Arms
 - Rebecca Thomas
 - Diane Magee
- Timekeeper
 - Diana Gilpin
- Parliamentarian
 - Barbara Miller, PRP

President Hobbs recognized National Elections Committee Chair, Nancy Montgomery (VA), to present the Credentials Report. Elections Chair Montgomery reported that 79 delegates and 11 alternates were pre-certified for the Convention.

President Hobbs recognized the Sergeants-at-Arms to establish a quorum by a count of delegates on the floor. 64 delegates were counted. **Quorum Established**

Motion 1: Elections Chair, Nancy Montgomery (VA): On behalf of the Credentials Committee I move to adopt the Credentials Report. **Credentials Report Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

President Hobbs recognized Joanne Blum (FL) and Jennifer Ellis (OR) to present the Convention Rules.

Motion 2: Joanne Blum (FL): On behalf of the Rules Committee I move to adopt the Convention Rules.

President Hobbs noted that Convention Rules were amended as follows: **VOTING** Except as otherwise requested, all voting on business will be by unanimous consent or a show of hands **voice vote**.

President Hobbs then stated that the questions is: On behalf of the Rules Committee move to adopt the Convention Rules as amended. **Amended Convention Rules Adopted by Unanimous Consent**

Motion 3: By unanimous consent, the delegates adopted the agenda as published. **Agenda Adopted**



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President Hobbs recognized Bylaws Committee Chair, Barbara Coan (MO) to present the bylaws amendments.

Motion 4: Bylaws Committee Chair, Barbara Coan (MO): On behalf of the Bylaws Committee, I move to adopt bylaws amendments as submitted by the members and published in the convention notebook beginning on page one.

President Hobbs stated that the question is on the adoption of the bylaws amendments as proposed by the committee. President Hobbs followed with the procedure for adopting the proposed bylaws amendments:

- The committee chair will read the proposed bylaws amendments one section at a time.
- The amendments for that section will then be voted on and shall be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting.

President Hobbs noted that in as much as amendments #1 and #2, and amendments #4 and #5, are very similar in content, extra steps will be required for their adoption:

- Amendments #1 and #2 both address Article III Section 3.02.
- Amendments #4 and #5 both address Article III Section 3.07.
- Each one (bylaws amendment) must be considered in turn by the delegates by paragraph.
- There are four steps to the procedure of selecting one of the amendments.
 1. The delegates may discuss and amend the 1st amendment by paragraph.
 2. The delegates may discuss and amend the 2nd amendment by paragraph.
 3. The delegates vote on selecting a substitute:
 - Shall we substitute the second amendment in place of the 1st amendment?
 4. The delegates vote on the substitute amendment.
- The vote on the substitute amendment requires a two-thirds vote.

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #1**.

Amendment #1 - Article III, Section 3.02 subsection c. **Membership** Executive Board moved to retain Section 3.02 subsections a. & b., and change subsection c. to read:

- c. Dual Members shall have the right to vote and chair committees at the chapter level. They are eligible to serve as voting members on state and national committees. They are ineligible to hold any elected office; they are ineligible to serve as an alternate delegate at the state or national level.

Amendment Offered: Article III, Section 3.02 subsections a. & c. **Membership** Pat Furno (WI) moved, and another delegate seconded, to change 3.02 subsection a. to read:



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- a. Regular and dual membership shall be entitled to vote on all business and hold office and chair committees at all levels. Retain subsection b. and strike subsection c.

Offered Amendment Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #2**.

Amendment #2- Article III, Section 3.02 **Membership** Pat Furno (WI) moved to strike the phrase 'three (3)' before the words 'classes of service', then insert the phrase 'two (2)', and insert the word 'and' before Incarcerated, then strike 'and Dual Members'. Retain subsections a. & b., and strike subsection c.

The Corporation shall have two (2) classes of members. Regular Members, *and* Incarcerated Members.

- a. Regular Members shall be entitled to vote on all business and hold office and chair committees at all levels.
- b. Incarcerated Members shall have the above rights *only* within the facility in which they are housed.

President Hobbs instructed the delegates to vote whether to substitute **Amendment #2** for **Amendment #1** – *A majority of the delegates voted not to substitute Amendment #2 for Amendment #1.*

Substitute Amendment #2 Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to reread the **now Substitute Amendment #1**.

Motion 5: Substitute Amendment #1 - Article III, Section 3.02 subsection c. **Membership** Executive Board moved to retain subsections a. & b., and change subsection c. to read:

- c. Dual Members shall have the right to vote and chair committees at the chapter level. They are eligible to serve as voting members on state and national committees. They are ineligible to hold any elected office; they are ineligible to serve as an alternate delegate at the state or national level.

Motion 5 (Substitute Amendment #1) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #3**

Motion 6: Amendment #3 - Article III, Section 3.03 **Eligibility for Membership** Pat Furno (WI) moved to change Section 3.03 to read:

Section 3.03 **Eligibility for Membership**. Regular membership shall be granted to any persons who wish to further the purposes of the Corporation.

Motion 6 (Amendment #3) Failed



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President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #4**.

Amendment #4 – Article III Section 3.07 subsections a.- d. **Voting** Elections Committee moved to change Section 3.07 subsections a.- d. to read:

- a. All elections shall be by ballot and cast by persons present and entitled to vote. A majority vote declares the candidate elected. If there is an office where no candidate attains a majority vote, then that office remains unfilled, and balloting is repeated until a majority vote declares an elected candidate.
- b. If only one person is nominated for an office, a ballot vote is not required to be taken and the chair declares that the nominee is elected by acclamation.
- c. There will be no absentee ballots permitted in elections at any level.
- d. Election Committee members do not have to resign their position on the Election Committee if they run for any national office. However, such Election Committee Members cannot be present in any location where ballots are held, collected, or counted.

Secondary Amendment: Article III, Section 3.07 a. **Voting** Fran Guevremont (RI), moved, and another delegate seconded, to change subsection a. to eliminate the phrase 'then that office remains unfilled'.

*Note: Eliminating said phrase creates a conflict with Robert's Rules of Order, making the proposed amendment unacceptable and thereby rejected. **Secondary Amendment Failed***

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #5**.

Amendment #5 – Article III Section 3.07 subsections a. -d. **Voting** Joanna Henshaw (NV) moved to change Section 3.07 subsections a. - d. to read:

- a. All elections with more than one candidate running for an individual office shall be by ballot, cast only by persons entitled to vote. A majority vote declares the results of the election. All elections will be run in accordance with the Policy and Procedure Manual of the corporation, Section 5.
- b. Ballots are not required if there is only one candidate running for any individual office. Having only a single candidate for an individual office shall result in that office being declared by acclamation and the single candidate shall be installed in that office.
- c. There will be no absentee or proxy ballots permitted in elections at any level, nor will any member of one chapter vote on behalf of another chapter.
- d. Election committee members who choose to run for a national office cannot be present in any location where ballots are collected, held, or counted.

President Hobbs instructed the delegates to vote whether to substitute **Amendment #5** for **Amendment #4** – A majority of the delegates voted not to substitute **Amendment #5** for **Amendment #4**.



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Substitute Amendment #5 Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to reread the **now *Substitute Amendment #4***.

Motion 7: Substitute Amendment #4 – Article III Section 3.07 subsections a. - d. **Voting** Elections Committee moved to change Section 3.07 subsections a. - d. to read:

- a. All elections shall be by ballot and cast by persons present and entitled to vote. A majority vote declares the candidate elected. If there is an office where no candidate attains a majority vote, then that office remains unfilled, and balloting is repeated until a majority vote declares an elected candidate.
- b. If only one person is nominated for an office, a ballot vote is not required to be taken and the chair declares that the nominee is elected by acclamation.
- c. There will be no absentee ballots permitted in elections at any level.
- d. Election Committee members do not have to resign their position on the Election Committee if they run for any national office. However, such Election Committee Members cannot be present in any location where ballots are held, collected, or counted.

Motion 7 (Substitute Amendment #4) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read ***Amendment #6***.

Motion 8: Amendment #6 – Article III Section 3.07 subsections b. **Voting** Pat Furno (WI) moved to change Section 3.07 subsections b. to read:

- b. There will be no absentee ballots allowed in elections at any level.

Motion 8 (Amendment #6) Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read ***Amendment #7***

Motion 9: Amendment #7 – Article IV Section 4.01 **General** Executive BOD moved to change Section 4.01 to read:

Section 4.01 General. The board shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the Corporation between the annual meetings. The board of directors shall include the officers of the corporation, the regional directors, and the at-large directors.

Motion 9 (Amendment #7) Failed

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President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read ***Amendment #8***.



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Motion 10: Amendment #8 – Article IV Section 4.02 **Election of Directors** Executive BOD moved to change Section 4.02 to read:

Section 4.02 Election of Directors. Each region of the Corporation may elect a director to represent them on the board of directors. The candidate must be a regular member in good standing, and actively participate in a state within the region they want to represent. Each regional director shall be elected by ballot at the national convention by the voting delegates of said region.

Motion 10 (Amendment #8) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #9**.

Motion 11: Amendment #9 – Article IV Section 4.03 **Election of Deputy Directors** Nancy Rekowski (PA) moved to change Section 4.03 to strike all occurrences of the word 'deputy' and insert the word 'assistant'. Revised Section 4.03 to read:

Section 4.03 Election of Assistant Directors. Each region of the Corporation may elect an assistant regional director to represent them on the board of directors, in the absence of the regional director. The candidate must be a regular member in good standing, and actively participate in a state within the region they want to represent. Each assistant regional director shall be elected by ballot at the national convention by the voting delegates.

Motion 11 (Amendment #9) Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #10**.

Motion 12: Amendment #10 – Article IV Section 4.04 **Election of At-Large Directors** Elections Committee moved to create a new Section 4.04 as follows:

Section 4.04 Election of At-Large Directors. The voting delegates to the national convention may elect two at-large directors by ballot who will represent the membership of the corporation on the board of directors. The at-large candidate must be a regular member in good standing.

Motion 12 (Amendment #10) Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #11**.

Motion 13: Amendment #11 - Article IV Section 4.04 **Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations** Elections Committee moved to renumber Section 4.04 to Section 4.05, and change Section 4.05 to read:

Section 4.05 Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations. Each regional director, deputy regional director, and at-large director shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. Should there be an unavoidable event that by itself forces an election to be postponed, the current directors and deputies shall remain in office



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until their successors are elected. The term of office begins at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected. No regional director, deputy regional director, or at-large director shall be eligible to serve more than five (5) consecutive terms in the same office. No member shall hold more than one national office at a time. (NOTE: Original section number 4.04 remains unchanged; related Motion 10 (Amendment #10), which would have inserted a new Section 4.04 failed)

1st Amendment Offered: Article III, Section 4.04 **Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations** Penny Chamousis (CA) moved, and another delegate seconded to strike all references to at-large director. **Amendment Adopted by a 2/3 Vote**

2nd Amendment Offered: Article III, Section 4.04 **Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations** Fran Guevremont (RI) moved, and another delegated seconded, to strike 'five (5) consecutive terms' and insert 'three (3) consecutive terms'. **Amendment Failed**

Main Motion 13 (Amendment #11) amended as follows:

Section 4.04 **Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations.** Each regional director and deputy regional director shall hold office for a term of two (2) years. Should there be an unavoidable event that by itself forces an election to be postponed, the current directors and deputies shall remain in office until their successors are elected. The term of office begins at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected. No regional director or deputy regional director shall be eligible to serve more than five (5) consecutive terms in the same office. No member shall hold more than one national office at a time.

Motion 13 (Amendment #11 amended) Adopted as Amended by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #12.**

Amendment #12 Article IV Section 4.04 **Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations** Nancy Rekowski (PA) moved to strike all references to 'deputy' regional director and insert 'assistant', also to strike the word 'deputies' and insert 'assistant regional directors'.

No Vote Taken (Amendment #12) – Related Amendment #9 Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #13.**

Amendment #13 Article IV Section 4.06 **Vacancies** Nancy Rekowski (PA) moved to strike all references to 'deputy' regional director and insert 'assistant'.

No Vote Taken (Amendment #13) – Related Amendment #9 Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #14.**



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Motion 14: Amendment #14 Article V Section 5.03 **Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations** Executive BOD moved to change Section 5.03 as follows:

Section 5.03 Term of Office and Office Holding Limitations. Each officer shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Should there be an unavoidable event that by itself forces an election to be postponed, the current officers shall remain in office until their successors are elected. The term of office begins at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected. No officer shall be eligible to serve more than five (5) consecutive terms in the same office. No member shall hold more than one national office at a time.

Motion 14 (Amendment #14) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #15**.

Motion 15: Amendment #15 Article VI Section 601.b **Annual Meetings and National Events**, Executive BOD moved to change to strike Section 6.01.b, then renumber existing Section 6.01.c to Section 6.01.b and change renumbered subsection 601.b to read:

- b. Annual Membership Meetings shall be held each year, in conjunction with the AVVA convention or the VVA Leadership and Education Conference.

Motion 15 (Amendment #15) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #16**.

Motion 16: Amendment #16 Article VII Section 7.01 **Unincorporated State Associates** Joanna Henshaw (NV) moved to change Section VII.7.01 by adding the phrase 'and policies' after the word 'bylaws' and before the word 'of'. New Section 7.01 to read:

Section 7.01 Unincorporated State Associates The members within a state or legal U.S. territory will be considered an AVVA unincorporated state organization. Elected chapter representatives or presidents and the at-large representative, or their alternates, may elect a state representative. The state associates are governed by the bylaws and policies of the Corporation. The regional director shall oversee the state, or in the absence of a regional director, the state shall be overseen by the National Board of Directors

Motion 16 (Amendment #16) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #17**.

Motion 17: Amendment #17 Article VII Section 7.02 **Incorporated State Associates** Joanna Henshaw (NV) moved to change Section.7.02 to read:



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Section 7.02 **Incorporated State Associates.** A state association may be established in any states or legal U.S. territory. Every state association is required to be incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. Each state association shall adopt its own State Bylaws using a template provided to them by the National Incorporated Committee Chair. Such template is crafted in accordance with the bylaws established by the National Corporation. Incorporated states must meet annual financial requirements as set forth in the Policy and Procedures Manual, to retain their charter. Election of state officers shall follow the edicts in the adopted State Bylaws and the National Policy and Procedures Manual. The regional director shall oversee the state, or in absence of a regional director, the state shall be overseen by the National Board of Directors

Motion 17 (Amendment #17) Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #18.**

Motion 18: Amendment #18 Article VII Section 7.05 **Establishment of a State Leadership Council** Executive BOD moved to change Section 7.05 to read:

Section 7.05 Establishment of a State Leadership Council. The state presidents and state representatives may establish a State Leadership Council. The council may establish its own rules, regulations, and leadership, provided that such rules are in accordance with those of the Corporation.

Motion 18 (Amendment #18) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #19.**

Motion 19 Amendment #19 Article VIII Section 8.03 **Incorporated Chapters** Joanna Henshaw (NV) moved to change Section 8.03 to read:

Section 8.03 **Incorporated Chapters.** An incorporated chapter may be established under National Bylaws once they have complied with the formation rules. Each such chapter is required to be incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. Each chapter shall adopt its own Chapter Bylaws using a template provided to them by the National Incorporation Committee Chair. Such template is crafted in accordance with the bylaws and policies of the National Corporation. Incorporated chapters must meet annual financial requirements as set forth in the Policy and Procedures Manual to retain their charter. Incorporated chapters report to their incorporated state. If an incorporated chapter does not reside in an incorporated state, the chapter is overseen by the regional director. If there is no regional director in place, the chapter is overseen by the National Board of Directors.

Motion 19 (Amendment #19) Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #20.**



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Motion 20: Amendment #20 Article VIII Section 8.03 **Incorporated Chapters** Pat Furno (WI) moved to change Section 8.03 to read:

Section 8.03 **Incorporated Chapters.** An Incorporated chapter may be established under National Bylaws once they have complied with the formation rules. Each such chapter is required to be incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation. Each chapter shall adopt its own rules and regulations as long as they are in accordance with those of the Corporation. Incorporated chapters must meet annual financial requirements as set forth in the Policy and Procedures Manual to retain their charter. Incorporated chapters report to their state. In the absence of a state president or representative, the chapter members shall be overseen by the regional director. In the absence of both state and regional officials, the chapter will be overseen by the National Board of Directors

Motion 20 (Amendment #20) Failed

President Hobbs recognized the Bylaws Chair to read **Amendment #21.**

Amendment ##21 Article VIII Section 8.04 **Delegate of Record** Pat Furno (WI) moved to change Section 8.04 to strike the phrase 'The alternate must be a member of the same chapter as the delegate who appoints them'.

No Vote Taken – In Conflict With Previously Adopted Amendment #4

Motion 21: Amendment #22 Article X **Amendment of Bylaws** Pat Furno (WI) moved to change Section X to strike the word 'may' from between words 'Bylaws' and 'be' and insert the phrase 'shall only'. Proposed revision of Section X follows:

Written notification of proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be given to the Bylaws Committee one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the Corporation's national convention. The bylaws committee shall submit the amendments to the membership not less than ninety (90) days prior to the national convention. These Bylaws shall only be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting at the national convention

Motion 21 (Amendment #22) Adopted by a 2/3 Vote

President Hobbs proclaimed that the processing of the twenty-two bylaws amendments is complete and that the adopted amendments are effective immediately.

President Hobbs authorized the Bylaws Committee to correct article or section designations, punctuation, cross-reference, technical formatting, or other similar "housekeeping" needs that are necessary to reflect the true intent of the amendment accepted by the delegates during the convention.

President Hobbs announced that the business meeting will resume at 9:00 AM (EDT) tomorrow. First item on the agenda is the Candidates Forum.



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President Hobbs recessed the general session of the 12th National Convention of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America at 11:35 AM (EDT) to reconvene on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM (EDT).

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President Sharon Hobbs reconvened the 12th National Convention of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America on Friday, August 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM (EDT) in Salons 9 – 10 at the Rosen Centre, Orlando, FL.

President Hobbs recognized Bobbie Morris (PA), National Chaplain, to deliver the invocation, and National Vice President, Kathy Andras (LA), to lead the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

President Hobbs recognized National Elections Committee Chair, Nancy Montgomery (VA) to present the Credentials Report. Chair Montgomery reported that 79 delegates were registered for the convention.

President Hobbs informed the assembly that a quorum was established by the credentials report.

Motion 22: Elections Chair, Nancy Montgomery: On behalf of the Credentials Committee I move to adopt the Credentials Report. ***Credentials Report Adopted by Unanimous Consent***

President Hobbs recognized National Elections Committee Chair, Nancy Montgomery to present the Election Rules.

Motion 23: Elections Chair, Nancy Montgomery: On behalf of the Elections Committee I move to adopt the Election Rules as presented. ***Election Rules Adopted by Unanimous Consent***

President Hobbs announced the Candidates Forum. The forum allowed candidates running in contested elections to address the delegates. Candidate addresses were limited to five minutes. In the absence of the timekeeper, Secretary Nina Schloffel advised the candidates when their time expired.

President Hobbs recognized Elections Chair, Nancy Montgomery to direct the Candidates Forum. The following candidates addressed the delegates:

Joanne Blum:	Candidate, National Treasurer
Kaye Gardner:	Candidate, National Treasurer
Lori Calamita-Paton:	Candidate, Deputy Director, Region 2
Nancy Rekowski:	Candidate, Deputy Director, Region 2



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Upon announcing that the Candidates Forum was complete, Elections Chair, Nancy Montgomery explained the voting procedure. At 9:38 AM the Elections Chair announced the beginning of the voting process. Delegates were called to vote by their respective regions.

Voting ended at 10:35 AM. President Hobbs recessed the convention until such time that the ballots were counted. President Hobbs directed delegates and candidates to stay on the convention floor or nearby.

President Hobbs reconvened the convention at 11:15 AM. Elections Chair Nancy Montgomery informed the candidates of the election results. At 11:25 AM, President Hobbs announced the following election results:

National President:	Sharon Hobbs
National Vice President:	Kathy Andras
National Secretary:	Nina Schloffel
National Treasurer:	Kaye Gardner
Director, Region 1	Vacant
Director, Region 2	Bobbie Morris
Director, Region 3	Wynella Bethards
Director, Region 4	Mary Anne Newman
Director, Region 5	Tony Gigli
Director, Region 6	Barbara Coan
Director, Region 7	Terri Rangel
Director, Region 8	Jennifer Ellis
Director, Region 9	Kelly Frederickson
Deputy Director, Region 1	Vacant
Deputy Director, Region 2	Lori Calamita-Paton
Deputy Director, Region 3	Beverly Pounds
Deputy Director, Region 4	Kim Biddle
Deputy Director, Region 5	Penny Meinhardt
Deputy Director, Region 6	Pat Furno
Deputy Director, Region 7	Gail Courville
Deputy Director, Region 8	Ruth Feliciano
Deputy Director, Region 9	Vacant

Past President Nancy Switzer administered the oath of office to the new Board.

President Hobbs presented AVVA National Parliamentarian Barbara C. Miller, PRP with an AVVA life membership. President Hobbs then asked the assembly to join in thanking Parliamentarian Miller for her unselfish support of AVVA. The assembly responded with a round of applause.

President Hobbs thanked the delegates for their participation and congratulated the new Board on their election.



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President Hobbs announced that the Board will meet Saturday, August 12th at 8:00 AM in Hospitality Suite 235 (the AVVA office).

Having no further business, President Hobbs proclaimed the 12th National Convention of the Associates of Vietnam Veterans adjourned at 11:40 AM (EDT).

Submitted by:

Nina D. Schloffel
AVVA National Secretary

Attachment: 2023 AVVA National Awards

2023 National AVVA Awards

President's Commendation Award:

Gina Matthews, TX

Member of the Year:

Howard Schlutter, UT

Fellowship:

Kim Biddle, FL

VISTA:

Top Region - Region 3

Top State – Tennessee (Region 3)

Top Chapter – Chapter 454, Kentucky (Region 3)

1st place individual- Linda Myer, TN (724 hours)

2nd place individual- Theresa Novak, PA (629 hours)

3rd place individual- Wynella Bethards. KY (348 hours)