



## **ASSOCIATES OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.**

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Final Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 4, 2025  
Marriott Hotel • 555 Canal St • New Orleans, LA

### **Call to Order:**

President Sharon Hobbs called the final meeting of the AVVA Board of Directors to order at 6:47 PM (CDT) on Monday, August 4, 2025 in the Bacchus Room, 4th Floor, Marriott Hotel, 555 Canal St., New Orleans, Louisiana. Secretary Nina Schloffel was in place.

### **Opening Exercises:**

President Sharon Hobbs recognized Bobbie Morris, AVVA Chaplain, to lead the invocation and observe a Moment of Silence. Vice President Kathy Andras led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Hobbs welcomed the Board, Deputies and visitors attending today's meeting.

### **Board of Directors Roll Call:**

Secretary Schloffel called the roll

President: Sharon Hobbs (TN)  
Vice President: Kathy Andras (TX)  
Secretary: Nina Schloffel (CA)  
Treasurer: Kaye Gardner (MD))  
Region 1: Vacant  
Region 2: Bobbie Morris (PA)  
Region 3: Wynella Bethards (KY)

Region 4: Mary Anne Newman(FL)  
Region 5: Tony Gigli (IN)  
Region 6: Barbara Coan (MO)  
Region 7: Terri Rangel (TX)  
Region 8: Jennifer Ellis (OR)  
Region 9: Vacant

Note:

Parliamentarian, Barbara Miller (MD) – Excused

Quorum established.

### **Other Attendees:**

Joanne Blum (FL) – Chair, National Disciplinary Committee  
Gail Courville (LA) – Deputy Director, Region 7  
Joyce Johnson-Scriva (PA) – AVVA Chapter 862  
Penny Meinhardt (MI) – Deputy Director, Region 5  
Nancy Montgomery(VA) – Chair, National Elections Committee



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Susan Price (TN) – Chair, National Finance Committee

Beverly Pounds (TN) – Deputy Director, Region 3

### **Agenda:**

**Motion (#1)** Region 6, Barbara Coan, moved, and it was seconded, to accept the agenda, as presented.

***Adopted by Unanimous Consent***

### **Approve Minutes:**

**Motion (#2)** Secretary Schloffel, moved, and it was seconded, to accept the April 2025 minutes as presented.

***Adopted by Unanimous Consent***

### **Electronic Motions:**

*The following electronic motion was made between the April 2025 National Board Meeting and the August 2025 National Board Meeting.*

***IEM312 The Finance and Helping Hands Committees move, no second required, to donate \$1,000 toward disaster relief to those VVA and AVVA families affected by the Texas floods.***

***Adopted Without Objection - July 9, 2025***

**Motion (#3)** Region 3, Wynella Bethards, moved to accept into the permanent record all electronic motions made between the April 2025 National Board Meeting and the August 2025 National Board Meeting.

***Adopted by Unanimous Consent***

### **Miscellaneous:**

- A. Updated Convention Counts – Sharon Hobbs, Nancy Montgomery
  - a. Registered – 169
  - b. Delegates – 84
- B. Committee Updates
  - a. Luncheon –Kathy Andras  
Helpers will be onsite at 10:30 on Wednesday. Menus/programs will be placed at each meal setting.  
Gifts will be distributed to guests as they exit the luncheon through a single door. Total gifts – 300.
  - b. Product Sales – Penny Meinhardt, Kathy Andras  
Sales tables ready. This includes a table for T-shirt sales.



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- c. AVVA Awards – Kathy Andras, Tony Gigli, Sharon Hobbs  
Commendation Medal, Cathy Keister Spirit of Excellence, Member of the Year, Fellowship, VISTA. All medals, awards, certificates, and pins are onsite and ready for their respective presentations.
- d. Project Friendship (VOA of Southeastern Louisiana)– Kaye Gardner, Sharon Hobbs  
\$20,000 collected through today. Continuing to accept donations through Friday.
- e. BOD VISTA Presentations – Kathy Andras
  - i. Special Award: Barbara Coan recognized for 2,224.5 hours.
  - ii. VISTA Pins awarded to BOD members who submitted hours.
- f. BOARD Pins – Sharon Hobbs
  - i. President Hobbs presented custom pins recognizing the AVVA National Board for service during the 2023-2025 term.

**Adjournment:**

Having no further business, President Hobbs adjourned the Final Meeting of the 2023-2025 AVVA Board of Directors at 7:48 PM (CDT).

Submitted by:

Nina D. Schloffel  
AVVA National Secretary