



2003 CVC BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

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January 15, 2003

Location: Sedro Wolley, Washington

Action Items and Discussion:

- Letter to go to County Exec of Whatcom County
- Beth reported that Whatcom County is currently closed. Local VSO's (VFW/American Legion) are processing VAF requests.
- Sharon to set up web site communications.
- Web site committee to meet before CVC regular meeting, legislation committee to meet following CVC regular meeting.
- CVC is going to Vancouver, USA for 2003 Conference.
- Legislative Issues

Date: February 19, 2003

Location: Chahalis, Washington

Attending:

John Ancock, Thurston County
Beth Augustine, ESD - South King County
Joel Estey, King County
"R" "J" Kraft, Kittitas County
Linda Loyle, Thurston County
Sharon Maier, King County
Mark Mascho, Pierce County
Gary Mersereau, ESD - Lewis County
Tim Podhora, Clark County
Ric Price, WDVA
Carol Williams, Snohomish County
John Witham, ESD - Cowlitz County

Website Update

Summary was given of what occurred in the Web-site work group. Review of the new CVC Member web page was completed. A minor grammatical correction was recommended for the Mission Statement. An additional "bullet" was recommended under the Benefits of CVC Membership. (Collaboration with Veterans Service Organizations and other veteran based service providers.)

Discussion "Where are we going with the web site and what can it do?" Also, "who can be a member of the CVC" and how that is presented on the web site continued from prior meetings. After much delivery consensus was finally achieved with the recommendation that: 1) everyone working with veterans is considered a member of the CVC, and 2) that it be the common practice that most issues requiring a vote would be dealt within "work-groups." Membership in "work-groups" can be restricted if necessary.

Also discussed: ListServe, Calendar, Contact database groups identified and HUD requirements for Pilot Project.

Analysis Project

Tim volunteered to help collate any data received. All Counties are going to be asked to provide as much summary data as they can regarding 2002 VAF budget and expenditures. Mark will prepare a request for all 39 Counties and submit it within the next few weeks. Data should be sent to Pierce County. Mark will then provide copies of the data to Tim.

Conference Planning

Conference Dates: October 9 & 10 Contact ready for Red Lion at the Quay in Vancouver. Island county taking care of registration and food. Will begin serious Conference planning next meeting.

Legislative Changes

Joel reviewed history Tim stated that Clark County has decided to continue with business as usual. John Witham reported that Cowlitz County Veterans Coalition is rewriting the VAF rules.

Regular meeting adjourned.

A meeting of the Legislative Committee Followed

Date: March 19, 2003

Location: Yakima, Washington

Discussion Items:

- CVC Web Calendar.
- CVC database pilot project remains on hold until HUD requirements are finalized.
- Contact database development update.
- Listserve communication tool.
- Adding CVC conference information to web site.
- Joel to do interlocal draft for counties supporting CVC web position.

- Purpose of proposed change to RCW is to let each county to do what is best for veterans residing in the county.

Date: April 16, 2003

Location: Lacey, Washington

Meeting Notes not available

Date: May 21, 2003

Location: Everett, Washington

Meeting Notes not available

Date: June 18, 2003

Location: Ellensburg, Washington

Meeting Notes not available

Date: July 16, 2003

Location: Vancouver, Washington

Meeting Notes not available

Date: August 20, 2003

Location: VFW Post 224, Aberdeen, Washington

Attending:

Mark Mascho
Charlie Cadmus
Jim Law
Joel Estey
Sharon Maier
Ric Price
Tim Padhora
Linda Loyle
John Ancock

Tim Sewell
Beth Augustine
Vern Spatz

Discussion Topics:

- Review of needed conference documents
- Questions were asked about what the impact of the new definition of veterans will be.
- John King and John Lee presentation at CVC Conference.
- Jim Law gave a quick overview of a program Grays Harbor County has done through the VAF to get gas cards to eligible veterans.
- Web site update: New domain is <http://CVCwashington.org>
- Contact database development on-going.
- Database Project: HUD has provided data base parameters. HUD has asked to use SSN as unique identifiers. The requirement to use SSNs in of great concern to a great many providers, not just in the veterans community.
- Legislative Changes: The consensus is that at this point we need to get the document finalized and to a code reviewer to see if the wording actually does what we intend it to do.

Date: September 17, 2003

Location: Vancouver Washington

Meeting Notes not available

Date: October, 2003

Location: Conference in Vancouver

Meeting Notes not available

Date: December 3rd, 2003

Location: V.I.E.W. in Fife, Washington

Attending:

Mark Mascho
Sharon Maier
Linda Loyle
John Ancock
Beth Augustine
Ric Price
Ernie Hume
Joel Estey
Tim Pahora

2003 Conference Evaluation

- Ric went over the evaluations of Conference.
- 2003 attracted lower numbers but different people.
- Topics seemed to be of more interest than in the past.
- Room registration was a real problem.
- Conference Registration needs to be set up sooner.
- Sharon asked for conference report to post on the web site.

2004 Conference Planning:

- Make sure panels are on task.
- Location options for next year: Skagit or Yakima
- Contact counties and ask what they would like to have at next conference.
- Add Round Table Discussions
- Suggested Presentation Topics: Effect of Legislation, National Guard and Reservist , Gulf War Veterans

2004 Goals

- **Legislative Committee** Draft version went to a code reviser who made several "minor" changes to the document. Will be going to the Joint Select Committee. They will decide in January if they will continue with the revision or not. Tim will be the collective voice for the CVC. We need to let our county officials know that HB3360 will be coming down the pike. Need to do a letter of intent. CVC focus will be on to monitoring current and pending legislation regarding changes to the Veterans Assistance Fund. Also to educate and inform others of the status, provide input when requested including feedback to pertinent agencies, and keeping veterans informed.
- **New Communications Committee** will recruit participation in CVC. Use the contact database to push out information. Consider developing a newsletter (quarterly?). Add summaries of the monthly CVC meetings to the website
- **Conference Committee:** Ongoing planning of 2004 Conference
- **Pilot Project Committee:** Ongoing planning. Once HUD sets standards move forward.

2004 CVC Proposed Business Meeting dates/sites

- 21 January, Olympia
- 18 February, Lewis Co.
- 17 March, Skagit Co.
- 21 April, Yakima
- 19 May, Grays Harbor or Pacific Co.
- 16 June, Grant Co.
- 21 July, Pierce Co.
- 18 August Conference Site
- 15 September, Conference Site
- 7 - 8 October, 2004 Conference
- 1 December, Pierce County (conference debrief)

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