

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS of AMERICA, Inc.

78TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

August 14-17, 2024

CONVENTION MINUTES

Reconvened from the Joint Opening,

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – SECRETARY Charlie COFFIN

Commander Dwight **HAMBORSKY** declared a **quorum** is present and body is authorized to transact any business in accordance with the constitution, by-laws, and standing rules.

Charlie **COFFIN** reminded everyone to turn in their reports.

Commander Dwight **HAMBORSKY** **did not** introduce any **guests** present.

Commander Dwight **HAMBORSKY** asked for a **MOTION to accept minutes and** action taken at the **Mid-Year Executive Committee** meeting held via the ZOOM platform **March 16, 2024**, previously posted to all officers, departments, & islands.

MOTION by _____,

second by _____

By a voice vote Ayes, no Nays, Motion is approved /disapproved

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS:

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL COMMANDER – Dwight **HAMBORSKY** read from his submitted report.

*digest to include action since last Executive Committee Meeting that might need concurrence by this body.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE – _____

*same as above

NATIONAL SECRETARY – Charlie **COFFIN**

*same as above

Membership has gone up by 4 members over last year's numbers.

Life Memberships there are up at this time.

Islands need to purge and update their records to make them current.

NATIONAL TREASURER – Gerald KISSINGER

Gerald asked Chris **CHELINE** to assist him with his report.

Chris explained the 2 month budget and the **proposed budget for 2024-2025**.

There was a **MOTION** by John J. **HILLYER, III**,

Seconded by C. **WINCHELL** to accept the **2 month proposed budget** which includes the National Convention.

By a hand vote ALL ayes and No nays, this motion was **approved**.

C. **CHELINE** explained the **2024-2025 Proposed budget** line item by line item along with the rate of spending information.

J. **SCHMUCK** asked why the Treasurer's budget line item was raised from \$100.00 in 2024 to \$1000.00 for 2025?

Chris **CHELINE** asked Gerald **KISSINGER** if he wanted to address the question?

Gerald **KISSINGER** answered saying he believes it is in contrast with other National Officers allotments and he thought that would bring him in line with the other major officers.

Jerry **SCHMUCK** asked about the Publicity and Membership budget being raised to \$1000.00 for 2025.

Chris **CHELINE** answered it was mainly for the printing of tri-fold brochures to be handed out.

The issues of the **CAN DO** was discussed and the distribution from four down to two editions with two electronic issues.

Charlie **COFFIN** explained about the CAN DO's that have been undeliverable and have been removed from the mailing list.

Chett **WINCHELL** questioned the allotment for the District Commanders.

Chris **CHELINE** stated from the finance committee standpoint, no one can go beyond their budgeted amount and expect reimbursement.

Gerald **KISSINGER** asked to speak about the Life membership payout checks and the Islands that do not cash their checks letting the money goes back into the National Treasury.

Chris **CHELINE** asked about a check that was found by the Department of Ohio dated two years ago could be reissues and returned to the Island.

Gerald **KISSINGER** and the General Membership thought that this was not a problem, and a new check could be issued.

Paul **PATTERSON**, Department of Ohio Commander, stated the Island was **Island X-4 Toledo** which is reactivating.

Jerry **SCHMUCK** asked that vote accept the 2024-2025 NSVA budget be called as a “Delegate Vote” opposed to the usual voice or hand vote.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** asked about the logic for the Delegate vote.

Jerry **SCHMUCK** stated many people are carrying Proxy votes and would like to know how they are used.

Paul **PATTERSON** asked for a paid Delegate report. 157 paid Delegate votes.

There was a **MOTION** by Karl **DOUGE**

Seconded by John J. **HILLYER, III** to accept the **2024-2025 proposed budget**.

By a hand vote ALL ayes and No nays, this motion was

There was a 5 minute recess called for so ALL in attendance could pay their Delegate fees.

Ernie **NELSON** stated he is confused about the budget items being increased for travel for Officers to the National Convention.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** tried to explain the differences between the last budget and the proposed budget.

David J. **BUCHANAN** spoke about the increases in the budget for travel to the National Convention.

The Jim **WHITE** letter was cited as needing to be addressed before the proposed budget is voted on.

Charlie **COFFIN** called to “**SUSPEND the vote**” on the Motion on the floor to adopt or not adopt the 2024-2025 NSVA budget and address the revisions to the Jim **WHITE** letter of 2006.

The incidental motion to **Suspend the Rules: RRoO**.

1. Can be made at any time that no question is pending.

When business is pending, Suspend the Rules takes precedence over any motion if it is for a purpose connected with that motion. 2/3 vote required.

A **MOTION** was made by Charlie **COFFIN**,

Seconded by David J. **BUCHANAN** to suspend the Motion on the floor until the next item on the agenda, being the 2006 Jim **WHITE** Allowable Expenses letter, has been dealt with.

Vote to SUSPEND the Vote on the Floor

ISLAND/ DEPARTMENT	ACCREDITED VOTES	yes suspend	no, do not suspend
Department of Florida	54	54	0
Department of NY	43	43	0
DOO	23	23	0
			0
TOTALS	120	120	0

This Motion was **approved** to suspend.

Acceptable Expenses, the 2006 Jim **WHITE** letter as read by Charlie **COFFIN**.

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.

National Commander,
James E. White,
2006

Revised June of 2024

Re: **ACCEPTABLE NATIONAL NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA EXPENSES**

Acceptable expenses for **ALL** offices of the NSVA having a drawing fund:

NEVER should an expense be reimbursed beyond the drawing fund cap, without the National Executive Board's prior approval.

It **shall** be the responsibility of the Officers with drawing funds to know their funds cap, which are available from the National Treasurer.

Reimbursement for expenses **shall** be submitted to the National Treasurer before the third Thursday of each month to be considered for reimbursement. If not submitted in this time frame reimbursements will be carried over to the next month's Executive Board review meeting.

Once the expenses are reviewed, you will receive the reimbursement due to you.

The below listed expenses are the only expenses for which the National Treasurer will be allowed to reimburse, after review, against drawing funds.

Cost of tolls and gas to and from Navy SVA meetings as part of your duties as an Officer of the NSVA, or any duty performed as directed by the National Commander are reimbursable expenses.

(Flights **may** be considered as an acceptable expense as an alternate means of travel but must be approved in advance by the National Executive Board.)

Cost of lodging in the performance of your duties, or any duty performed as directed by the National Commander.

Travel and lodging expenses **to and from a National Conventions** are a reimbursable expense, as our members feel that this is an expense that we all pay for the enjoyment of getting together.

Postage expenses in the performance of your duties, when engaged in official Navy SVA business, is an acceptable expense.

District Commander are to promote the Navy SVA within their Districts with the expenses that they are requesting reimbursement for.

Meals are never an accepted expenses because all members need to eat no matter where they are.

If you are out there doing the job of promoting Navy SVA, the reimbursements do not cover all that you spend during the year. The reimbursement is a way of helping you with your expenses. Inevitably we all spend more than we get back, and we do this because we all love the Seabees and want to help make it work.

We all know that there are numerous members out there that do a great deal for the NSVA and get nothing back. It's called a 'Thank-you job'!

Save your receipts, (including meals) and claim them on your Federal Taxes as an expense for voluntary work for a Veterans Organization.

Issued by Jim White,
National Commander in 2006
Revised June 2024 by the
National Executive Board.
D. Buchanan, PNC

David J. **BUCHANAN** noted that the word "**NOT**" was removed from the following paragraph allowing the Officers to seek reimbursement for traveling to the National Convention and Reunion.

Travel and lodging expenses **to and from a National Conventions** are ~~not~~ a reimbursable expense, as our members feel that this is an expense that we all pay for the enjoyment of getting together.

Gerald **KISSINGER** read an original copy from Jim **WHITE**.

Paul **PATTERSON** spoke about the miles he travels to meeting.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** asked to give his opinion on an overview of the letter stating the reimbursement is an incentive to the younger members. He believes the letter needs to be approved as submitted.

Jerry **SCHMUCK** spoke about the current budget trying to be balanced yet still trying to spend money.

Chris **CHELINE** asked who was on the board to update this letter.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** called for a 10 minute break.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** reconvened the meeting at 12:36pm.

There was a **MOTION** by James **SORENSEN**,

Seconded by Ann **CAREY** to vote on the revised Jim **WHITE** letter.

By a roll call delegate vote;

Vote to SUSPEND the Vote on the Floor

Voting on the revised Jim WHITE letter

ISLAND/ DEPARTMENT	ACCREDITED VOTES	approve letter	disapprove the letter
MCB 7	1		1
LONGMONT, CO.	5	5	
DEPT. OF FL.	54		54
Villa grove, ILL.	3		3
GULFPORT ,MS.	16		16
DEPT. OF NY	43		43
DEPT. OF OHIO	23		23
DEPT. OF TN.	11		11
X-1 TX	9		9
X-3, MYRTLE BEACH	2		2
RHODE ISLAND	1		1
TWIN CITY	1		1
	TOTALS	5	163

This Motion to approve the revised Jim **WHITE** Letter was **disapproved and continue to use the letter from 2006**

A **MOTION** was made by Chett **WINCHELL**,

And was seconded by Jim **FUREY** to lift the suspension and resume the regular meeting.

All in favor of lifting the suspension, this motion **passed**.

On the original Motion to accept the 2024-2025 budget as proposed

There was a **MOTION** by Karl **DOUGE**'

Seconded by John J. **HILLYER, III** to accept the **2024-2025 proposed budget**.

By a roll call delegate vote;

Vote to approve the 2024-2025 Budget

ISLAND/ DEPARTMENT	ACCREDITED VOTES	approve budget	disapprove the budget
MCB 7	1	1	
LONGMONT, CO.	5	5	
DEPT. OF FL	54	54	
Villa grove, ILL	3	3	
GULFPORT ,MS.	16		16
DEPT. OF NY	43	43	

DEPT. OF OHIO	23	23	
DEPT. OF TN.	11	11	
X-1 TX	9	9	
X-3, MYRTLE BEACH	2	2	
RHODE ISLAND	1		1
TWIN CITY	6	6	
	TOTAL	157	17

Commander **HAMBORSKY** asked if there is any officer present that has any matter that requires action of this body only, and that cannot or should not be taken care of under regular order of business at convention.

Credentials Committee There was **not a formal report** from the Committee, but the audit showed there were 164 accredited Delegate votes paid for.

Jack **TANGEN**, Chairman
 Chett **WINCHELL**, member
 Freddie **SAUSEDA**, member

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **990N tax filing, there is a third party that can file for an island.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **\$18,000+ money** from Chicago X-2 deactivation deposited **into investment account.**

Ernie **NELSON** asked if there were any cavate associated with the money, **NO** but they expressed an interest in Monuments. All Cemeteries in Illinois have SEABEE Monuments.

He also talked about investing in digital currency.

The **Navy SEABEE Foundation** will not invest in digital currency per Jerry **SCHMUCK**.

David J. **BUCHANAN** asked Gerald **KISSINGER** and Chris **CHELINE** if this type of investment was in line with the NSVA investment policy? There is no language for alternative investing in the proposed policy being written.

Jerry **SCHMUCK** advised that the risk level will have to be approved by the General Membership.

2. Don **MALIN** donated a flag from CBMU 302 to the historian.

Karl **DOUGE'** asked if there was another platform instead of the **ZOOM platform.**

Zoom fits the NSVA budget and Use.

Eric **TREECE** asked if there was an interactive meeting between the Island Commanders?
NO! but you can set it up and coordinate with Charlie **COFFIN.**

Eric **TREECE** talked about an Island project of a Veteran's café. He is looking for support. He has full authority over his Island funds.

He would like to have a **National Officer to swear in his Officers**. David J. **BUCHANAN** and John J. **HILLYER, III** will coordinate a trip to **Island X-3 Myrtle Beach** for a ceremony.

ELECTIONS FOR 2024-2025

Jack **TANGEN**, the Nominating Committee Chairman, conducted the Election of Officers.

NATIONAL TRUSTEES.

(3) Two year Trustees are needed; Nominated were

Chett **WINCHELL**
Roger **JACOBSON**
Steve **DEVEREAUX**

Jack **TANGEN** asked **three times** for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Ann **CAREY** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote in acclamation for the (3) nominees. Congratulations to the three new 2 year Trustees.

NATIONAL COMMANDER

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** expressed a desire to remain as Commander and is running unopposed.

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

The Secretary cast (1) one vote in acclamation for the position of National Commander.

Congratulations to Dwight **HAMBORSKY** on his second term.

NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER AT LARGE

Ernie **NELSON** nominated Anthony **AMESQUITA**.

Seconded by Roy **AUGUILLON**.

The Nomination Committee nominated from the floor for Chris **CHELINE** for V. Commander.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** nominated Eric **TREECE** for V. Commander

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor. Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

The Candidates were given **3 Minutes to speak** to the membership on their qualifications to become the V. Commander.

At this time Anthony **AMESQUITA** withdrew his nomination to more qualified candidates

Chris **CHELINE** spoke first.

Eric **TREECE** spoke second.

Both candidates were asked to leave the meeting to allow the membership to vote.

Recess for 5 minutes to caucus

Reconvened

After a count and re-count Eric **TREECE** was elected as **National V. Commander.**

This was a very close race.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE Chair.

The committee nominates Chris **CHELINE**

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote in acclamation for Budget and Finance Chair Chris **CHELINE**

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS Chair

The nominating committee nominated David J. **BUCHANAN**

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote in acclamation for David J. **BUCHANAN** as the Constitution and Bylaws chairman.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE Chair

David J. **BUCHANAN** nominated Charlie **COFFIN** with Elaine **COFFIN** to supervise Charlie.

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote in acclamation for the **COFFIN's** to chair the Committee.

INTERNET COMMITTEE CHAIR

One candidate, Jack **TANGEN**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Chair

The nominating Committee entered the name of Chuck **LOMBARDI**, Life member of the NSVA and a member of the MCB 10 association who was not in attendance.

Chuck **LOMBARDI** had expressed interest in this position to Jack **TANGEN** prior to the Convention and Reunion

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to write a letter of appointment.

Being absent from the Convention Mr. **LOMBARDI** will receive a formal letter of appointment and asked if he would accept the appointment to the position.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE Chair.

Anthony **AMESQUITA** is the incumbent and has expressed the desire to remain in the position.

Roy **AGUILLON** was nominated but declined the nomination.

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote for Anthony **AMESQUITA**

PUBLICITY Chair

Chris **CHELINE** is the current Chair of this committee and was nominated by the Committee.

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor? Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote for Chris **CHELINE**.

PUBLICATIONS CAN DO Editor

Jack **TANGEN** is the current Editor and will be **stepping down in November**.

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor?

Anthony **AMESQUITA** volunteered for the position.

There was a **MOTION** by Jim **FUREY**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote Anthony **AMESQUITA**.

RESOLUTIONS Chair

Freddie **SOUSEDE** is the incumbent for this position.

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor. Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by John **CUBIT**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote in acclamation for Freddie **SOUSEDE**.

SHIP'S STORE Chair

Ernie **NELSON** is incumbent and expressed a desire to remain in the position.

Jack **TANGEN** asked three times for any Nominations from the floor. Hearing none.

There was a **MOTION** by Jerry **SCHMUCK**,

And seconded by Chett **WINCHELL** to Close the Nominations.

Dwight **HAMBORSKY** directed the Secretary to cast (1) one vote for Ernie **NELSON**.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

David J. **BUCHANAN** as chair, recommended ;

1. change the name of the beneficiary of the NSVA to the Navy SEABEE Foundation, Scholarship division.
2. Change the waiting period for the National Commander to return to Office from 3 years down to 2 years.
3. Allow the NSVA to hold meetings via the “virtual” platform.
4. Added the Ship’s Store’s managers duties.
5. Changed the designation of the SMSA and Historical Foundation to the Navy SEABEE Foundation.
6. Defined the duties of the Membership Committee.
7. Proposed a new method of calculating the winners of the increase in membership awards to the Departments and Islands in Standing Rules III, Awards.
8. Changing the name of the Navy SEABEE Foundation as a most worthy cause.

Freddie Sousedede asked to have a date of revision on the Constitution. No problem.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1 Karl **DOUGE**” announced the 2025 Convention and Reunion in Orlando, Florida from August 20 to August 24, 2025. Karl is the POC.

Jack **TANGEN**, Chair of the **Audit committee** submitted their report that ALL is correct and current in the Treasurer's books.

Eric **TREECE** asked when will Island X-3 Myrtle Beach be eligible to host a National Convention and Reunion. 2027 will be their 3rd year in existence.

Charlie **COFFIN** highlighted the 3 year plan for the future Conventions, the Virginia Beach area, Longmont Colorado area and the Sacramento Ca. area.

Gerald **KISSINGER** reminded all of the tour on Friday afternoon.

CLOSING PRAYER BY CHAPLAIN was not done.

Commander **HAMBORSKY** did not call for a **SALUTE to the FLAG**

Charlie **COFFIN ADJOURNED** the **General Session** @ 2:45pm and went immediately into the Post Convention meeting.

NAVY SEABEE VETERANS OF AMERICA, Inc.

2024 NSVA National Convention and Reunion

2024 CONVENTION ROLL CALL

OFFICER'S ROLL CALL

OFFICER		NAME	*	PRESENT
1	COMMANDER DWIGHT	HAMBORSKY	*	PRESENT
VICE COMMANDER-				
2	AT-LARGE ROY	AGUILLON	*	PRESENT
3	SECRETARY CHARLES	COFFIN	*	PRESENT
4	TREASURER GERALD	KISSINGER	*	PRESENT
DISTRICT COMMANDERS				
5	NORTH EAST JOHN	CUBIT	*	PRESENT
6	NORTH CENTRAL ROBERT	WOOTEN	*	ABSENT
7	NORTH WEST RALPH	BEAN	*	ABSENT
8	SOUTH EAST JOHN J.	HILLYER, III	*	PRESENT
9	SOUTH CENTRAL TROYCHETT	WINCHELL	*	PRESENT
10	SOUTH WEST GERALD	KISSINGER	*	PRESENT
PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS:				
11	21-23 JACK	TANGEN	*	PRESENT
12	18-21 (COVID) JAMES J.	FUREY	*	PRESENT
13	16-18 JOHN J.	HILLYER, III	*	PRESENT
14	14-16 DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	*	PRESENT
15	08-10 BEAR	HOLLAND	*	ABSENT
16	06-08 DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	*	PRESENT
17	2004-06 JAMES J.	WHITE	*	ABSENT
18	TRUSTEES: 1 YEAR ROGER	JACOBSEN	*	PRESENT
19	PATRICK	REINARD	*	ABSENT
20	TRUSTEES: 2 YEAR CHETT	WINCHELL	*	PRESENT
21	JACK	TANGEN	*	PRESENT
	Amanda	TEMPLTON		ABSENT
22	JESSE	ESCAMILLA	*	ABSENT
STANDING COMMITTEES:				
23	BUDGET / FINANCE CHRIS	CHELINE	*	PRESENT
CONSTITUTION & BY-				
24	LAWS DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	*	PRESENT
CONVENTION				
25	COMMITTEE CHARLES/ ELAINE A.	COFFIN	*	PRESENT
26	INTERNET JACK	TANGEN	*	PRESENT
27	LIFE MEMBERSHIP JOHN	CUBIT	*	PRESENT
28	MEMBERSHIP ANTHONY	AMESQUITA, JR.	*	PRESENT
29	PUBLICATIONS JACK	TANGEN	*	PRESENT
30	PUBLICITY CHRIS	CHELINE	*	PRESENT
31	RESOLUTIONS FEDDIE	SAUSEDA	*	PRESENT
32	SHIP'S STORE ERNIE	NELSON	*	

APPOINTED POSITIONS

33	CHAPLAIN	MICHAEL	BONCHECK	*	PRESENT
34	COUNSELORS (2)	DAVID J.	BUCHANAN	*	PRESENT
35		JAMES J.	SORENSEN	*	PRESENT
36	HISTORIAN	TEDDY	MONTOURI	*	PRESENT
37	MASTER AT ARMS	AMANDA	TEMPLETON	*	ABSENT
38	PARLIAMENTARIAN	TEDDY	MONTOURI	*	PRESENT
39	REGISTERED AGENT	STEVE	DEVEREAUX	*	PRESENT
40	SERVICE OFFICER	THERESA	BRANDES	*	ABSENT
	SHIP' STORE				IN-
41	MANAGER	BETTY	NELSON		HOUSE

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN:

42	FLORIDA	TEDDY	MONTOURI	*	PRESENT
	INDIANA	ROBERT	WOOTEN		ABSENT
43	MASSACHUSETTS	JIM	PEDONE	*	ABSENT
44	NEW YORK	JOHN	CUBIT	*	PRESENT
45	OHIO	PATRICK	LEIHER	*	PRESENT
46	TENNESSEE	CHETT	WINCHELL	*	PRESENT
47	WASHINGTON	RALPH	BEAN	*	ABSENT
	77th CONVENTION				
48	CO-HOST	CHARLIE	COFFIN	*	PRESENT