



Roll Call:

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| - Leckrone (phone) | - Landreth (phone) |
| - Deblasio (phone) | - Chapa LaVia (phone) |
| - Schweiker (phone) | - Hayes (phone) |
| - Hines (phone) | - Smith (in person) |
| - Miller (in person) | - Jeffries (in person) |
| - Dillon (in person) | |
| - Goodwin (guest; phone) | - Everett (guest; phone) |
| - Harris (guest; in person) | - Dolan (guest; in person) |

Quorum Verified

Minutes Reviewed from 3/31 and 4/10 meetings

Jeffries moves to adopt the minutes

Smith seconds

Minutes adopted unanimously

Executive Director Report – Andrew Dillon:

- Military Immersion Training only has 9 participants currently signed up. Schweikert mentions that without at least 20 signed up by the end of June, the program will be canceled. Board Secretary will send out a flyer to the Board members to share with their respective networks.
- Budget update and review of financial documents. Details were not released in the Open Meeting forum. MG Hayes asked about the total debt currently on the books. We are approximately \$500K in debt with an itemized schedule for payments that will bring us back into profitability by December 31st, 2017.
- IJF has been designated as a MyVA Community by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Jeffries explains the significance – this is a major initiative for USDVA and IJF is one of the first communities designated as such in the country. This initiative focuses on collaborative efforts to achieve collective impact for veteran communities nationwide. The IJF MyVA community is our Veteran Support Community (VSC) in Lake/McHenry counties. Kudos to Harris and Dolan for their hard work in establishing it.
- Estimated cost for sponsoring/running a VSC is \$120-150K. Estimated cost to sponsor a working group (WG) is \$50-80K. IJF is seeking “anchor funders” for each VSC and WG.
- Presented a briefing at the McCormick Foundation grantee meeting. It will be shared with the Board. The presentation outlined who we are/are not and was well received. The collective impact model is very important to McCormick and is well explained in the CNAS report. Board Secretary will send the report to the Board.

Board Chair provides an overview of the McCormick grant requirements and decision memo and calls a vote to approve the decision memo.

Deblasio moves that the Board approve the decision memo

Jeffries seconds

Decision memo approved unanimously

Working Group Chair Reports:

- Education: Kevin Smith
 - Since the last Board meeting, the WG has had 3 statewide conference calls
 - Moving forward with a statewide education guideline for military veterans
 - July 12th, Illinois State University will host a conference on: VA benefits (state and federal); the transition from the military to higher education; the transition from higher education to a career

- Behavioral Health: Tom Miller
 - Last WG meeting was on May 1st and had 32 attendees
 - Conducted a SWOT on where they are as a WG
 - Tom Miller was part of the SAMHSA Conference on peer support. He and others are now designated as Certified Veterans Support Specialists.

No additional reports from the Working Groups were provided.

Board Chair nominates Kevin Smith to serve as Vice Chair of the Board

Jeffries moves to accept the nomination of Smith as Vice Chair and vote on the nomination

Deblasio seconds

Smith is unanimously approved to serve as Vice Chair of the Board

Board Chair nominates Oluatoyin Hines to serve as Working Group Chair of the Women Veterans Working Group

Jeffries moves to accept the nomination of Hines and vote on the nomination

Smith seconds

Hines is unanimously approved to serve as Chair of the Women Veterans Working Group

Board Chair will recognize board members who have left the Board in the last year

Board Chair will purchase plaques to present in appreciation for service to the Board

Board Restructuring Discussion

Board Chair provides an overview on the five proposals (see attached) for restructuring the Board. The following are the votes for each respective option:

Option 1: no votes

Option 2: no votes

Option 3: 8 votes

Option 4: no votes

Option 5: no votes

Option 3 – moving to a “7-7-7 model” was adopted.

Board Chair provides an overview of the “Reinvigoration of the IJF Working Groups”

Hines and Smith volunteer to work with Dolan and Harris on the final draft of the document to reinvigorate the WGs. (Current draft attached)

Board Chair states that in the near future he will be stepping down as Chairman and will seek to serve as a “Chairman Emeritus”

Jeffries states that the Board is in need of new leadership and as such, will be stepping down along with Board Treasurer, John Deblasio. The Executive Committee will be seeking nominations for Board Chair, Board Secretary, and Board Treasurer

Board agrees to hold a closed meeting within the next 14-30 days to discuss member only topics. The topics follow:

- Contract with Ken Barber
- Contract with Winning Systems
- Contract with Andrew Dillon
- Employee Salaries
- Boeing Grant Submission
- Other grants and the grant pipeline
- Debt plan
- Board Leadership

Board Chair moves to adjourn the meeting

Jeffries seconds

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm

Board adjourns at 12:55 pm