



**Veterans Democratic Club of Sacramento County  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2013**

Lawson Stuart- President	Present
Cres Vellucci- Vice President	Present
Aleksander Pavlovich- Treasurer	Present
Mario Guerrero- Recorder	Present
Scott Sanders- Sergeant at Arms	Present
Olga Trevizo - Legal Officer	Absent
Joyce Childs – Membership	Present
Melanie Ramil – Fundraising	Absent
Ben Phillips – Campaign Services	Absent
Michael Seaman – Alternate DPSC Representative	Present

Meeting convened at 7:01 pm

Pledge of allegiance.

Quorum verified.

Introduction of visitors

Gabriel Medina – Harry Truman Award presentation

**Motion:** Minutes for February 2013. M/S PASSED

**Correspondence** - None

**Committee Reports**

Executive Board – Lawson

Share PO Box with Veteran’s Caucus of the State Party

Communications- Cres

No report

Membership – Joyce

No report - Committee is growing

Fundraising – Melanie

No report

Campaign Services – Ben (Absent)  
No Report

### **Unfinished Business - None**

### **New Business**

#### Move to Amend

Gary Fitzgerald – Resolution – Constitutional Amendment to overturn Citizens United.

Motion: Support Resolution M/S. Unanimous.

Event info distributed for Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm – “Overcoming Corporate Personhood”

#### Legislation Presentations

Plastic Bag Ban

Weickowski Bills – Student Bill of Rights

AB 233 – Student Loan Wage Garnishment

AJR 11 – Financial Fresh Start Act

AB 534 – Student Borrowers “Know before you owe” Act

AB 391 - Common Cents curriculum

President Lawson – passed on the gavel to make comments

**Motion: Support the Student Bill of Rights package M/S. Approved. Joyce abstained.**

AB 526 – CA Families Financial Relief Act – Current law allows activated military members to defer payments on items like mortgage, car loans etc for up to 180 days without interest. Bill expands to all military reservists called to active duty no matter where they are mobilized.

**Motion: Support AB 526. M/S.**

**Substitute Motion: Refer to executive board to contact the Dem leadership and look into this issue before April 1st. M/S. 7 aye/ 3 no / 1 abstains.**

AB 760 (Dickinson) - Tax ammunition to fund K-8 mental health program.

Motion: Support AB 526 M/S. Unanimous.

AB 150 and 151 – hold and referred to a yet to be created legislative committee.

Plastic Bag Ban – Environment California presentation. Keep rivers and oceans and parks clean. Will approach the city about a ban. Ask to support the idea of a plastic ban bag.

#### Endorsement Rules

Vacancy – E-board empowered to act when a quick decision is needed.

Intra Party office – waive questionnaire  
Motion to support new endorsement rules – M/S. Unanimous.

Rick Guerrero asking for endorsement for VP of Environmental  
Caucus. And RL Miller for Pres. M/S. Unanimous.

Bylaws Changes  
Refer back to e-board.

Handbook Changes  
Defer due to bylaws changes back to e-board.

Information items  
Meeting nights – 4 th Tuesday  
Fully chartered with DPSC.  
Strategic plan in April  
Business cards are ready to be picked up. – \$154 Mario volunteered  
to pay for it.  
Roberts rules of order – ordered. – Joyce volunteered to pay for it.

Special program – None

Ceremonies - None

**Announcements** – none

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.