



**Veterans Democratic Club of Sacramento County  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
July 23, 2013**

Dana Ferry - President	Present
Cres Vellucci - Vice President	Present
Open - Vice President	N/A
Terri Leimbach - Treasurer	Present
Mario Guerrero - Recorder	Present
Open - Sergeant at Arms	N/A
Elliot Cavanaugh- Legal Officer	Present
Open - Membership	N/A
Open - Fundraising	N/A
Chris Brieno - Campaign Services	Not Present
Michael Seaman - Alternate DPSC Representative	Present

Meeting convened at 6:38 PM.

Quorum established

Minutes - m/s to approve. unanimous.

**Correspondence** - no correspondence  
via email, jim rounsevelle – thanks to us, enjoyed group

**Reports**

President – Dana Ferry

Executive Board – Joyce Child has resigned, now recruiting for position. Chris Brieno in bike accident injured. Will be ok. Welcome to Eliot Cavanaugh – new Legal Officer  
Welcome to Terri Leimbach – new treasurer.

Communications – Cres Vellucci no report.

Vice President - Cres Vellucci

VPSC rep duty report submitted

Treasurer – Terri Leimbach

Balance \$279.53

Legal Officer – Elliot Cavanaugh

Chair leg committee to advise board on leg and endorsements. Will be discussing later in the agenda

Campaign Services - Chris Brieno

Dana reported for him working on candidate endorsement questionnaire and DPSC will send out an election spreadsheet.

**Old Business** – DemVets worked at the State fair, especially on veterans/first responders' day. A worthwhile effort. We also participated in the Arden Arcade 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade w/ town and country democrats club.

### **New Business**

Maggy Krell – member of club – candidate for Sacramento County District Attorney Endorsed by Pan, Dickenson, Folsom Police, Sacramento County (association, but on sac sheriff's assoc.) sacramento stonewall dems have endorsed. Mario move that we consider early endorse. Ric second. By Laws stipulate that we don't do early endorsements unless a vet or friendly incumbent. But we can suspend by laws by 2/3 vote. Majority voted to consider endorsement. Mario move that we suspend bylaws to consider endorsement. Ric second. Discussion: Three Pro statements, Three Cons. Con - It may be prudent to consider postponing for 30 days to give others a chance to make their candidacy known. Pro - Serious candidates need to get in early since this is traditionally a republican seat. Con – normally we have candidates give written positions; it is 15 months till the election so there is still time for another viable candidate to enter. She didn't mention specific programs to prevent crimes, or specific programs for probationers. Pro – the process is in place to suspend by laws – regarding early endorsement – this is a political question. A female candidate has to have bone fides and endorsement of law enforcement. The election window – you need money and people power. If we want a democrat in that position she has the messaging she needs. Pro – understands the desire to wait, but viability is important. Now is the time to get started. Con – there is no reason to have to jump into this. We want to make sure we pick the right candidate and we wouldn't like to rescind. We can still endorse in a timely manner. Vote – 6 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion fails.

Brian O'Hara from Assembly member Richard Pan's office for AJR #19 to reinstate veterans benefits to those denied under DOMA and dishonorably discharged under DADT or due to sexual orientation.

Ricardo Berreto made motion to accept resolution as written and communicate it to the DPSC state democratic party to move it to the state democratic party and to promote the online petition. Rick Guerrero seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Michael Seaman – Fracking is bad for national security. Encourage club to sign onto the notion of mandatory moratorium on fracking until the effects are studied scientifically. As veterans we should sign onto this. The president of the Placer County Dem Club asked us to consider this. Michael move, Rick second support and promote legislation. Passed unanimously.

SB 391 – California Homes and Jobs Act. Establishes a fee on real estate transactions which would fund future acts of the legislature with regard to housing projects. Currently in Assembly committee. Michael move we defer consideration until the e-

board and leg committee get more information about how this will work and to track this bill. Rick Guerrero second. Passed unanimously.

Lawrence Fox and Rick Castro – Larry works at I Street press which will bind individual copies of books. Book on Maclatchy library – the picture on the front is a flag pole and a flag and it is no longer there. They are now trying to put together a fundraiser to raise money for bringing it back. The friends of the library are working on raising money to make the library ADA, so can't take this on right now. Maybe a couple of groups like the scouts and a vets group could work on it. Asking us. Rick Guerrero move to e-board, Cres second passed unanimously.

Another book about father, who was a veteran in WWII in pacific against Japanese. Would like a co-sponsor and to have a reading at a meeting. Letters of a Jungleer. She will get in touch w/ Dana

**Announcements** – Ami Bera having Vet summit on 20<sup>th</sup> of August and Michael would like our club to have some involvement with that event.

**Adjourn** – 9:02 pm