



**Veterans Democratic Club of Sacramento County
Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2012**

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

Meeting convened at 633 PM.

Reports

President - Lawson Stuart

Sent out position descriptions for each officer.
2013 handbook draft to be sent out to board.
Finances need improvement moving forward.

Vice President - Cres Vellucci

Putting together a communications committee.

Treasurer - Michael Pina

Absent – No Report

Recorder - Mario Guerrero

Minutes will be out usually the next day after a board meeting or general membership meeting.

Legal Officer - Olga Trevizo

Absent – No Report

Sergeant at Arms - Scott Sanders

Absent – No Report

Membership - Joyce Childs

Has ideas about marketing.
Has fundraising experience.

Campaign Services - Ben Philips

Will put together a committee.

Will work closely with fundraising.

Fundraising - Melanie Ramil

Would like to create an annual fundraising event – a marker event.

The club will continue to work with other organizations.

Would like to create a sponsor program.

Alternate DPSC Representative - Michael Seaman

No report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Swearing In

All board members are official as of Jan. 1st without being sworn in as swearing in is a formality not required specifically to begin the term.

Formal swearing in will be by Asm. Dickinson at the next general mtg.

Agenda approval process overview

We don't approve our agenda – we use standard order of business. Anyone can edit the agenda.

Position overviews

Fundraising, membership, and communications are intertwined.

Committee report templates sent out.

Non-profit standing

We are not a 501(c)4, we are a political club. FPPC filing now required because we passed the \$1,000 income.

Strategic Plan overview

Lawson will send to board. He would like to pass the plan by next board meeting in order to consider ratification at the general meeting in February.

Code of conduct for members.

Motion to send the Code of Conduct issue to the Treasurer to look into it and bring it back to a future meeting. Michael/Cres 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Messaging

Lawson sent out talking points regarding messaging about the club.

Docs could have a boilerplate mission statement.

ADEM slate approval

Lawson alerted candidates for AD 7, 8, and 9 to submit a letter regarding their interest in our endorsement and background.

There are slates we could consider endorsing. We may want to consider previously endorsed candidates.

Agreed upon process: consider previously endorsed, members, and candidates that requested endorsement in this order.

Motion: Endorse list below. Mario/Melanie 2nd. Vote unanimous. Endorsement will be made public and voting information.

AD 7

Walter Kawamoto

Jann Dorothy

Basim Elekarra

AD 8

Ryan Arba

Paula Villescaz

Eduardo Martinez

AD 9

Steve Ly

Mike Whiteside

Susie Low

David Low

Anna Molander

Motion: Michael/Cres 2nd: Endorse Mike Whiteside for CDP Executive Board. Vote unanimous.

Motion: Endorse Jeff Kravitz for ADEM AD 8. Michael/Cres 2nd. Call to question. Vote unanimous.

Veteran's Memorial District Idea

Sac does not have one. Special district with its own elected officials. Duties authorized. Work to establish one. Would help get Vet Dems involved with the club and benefit all vets. Asm. Dickinson wants to do it. Or it can be established by county initiative. Michael Seaman was asked to research and report back at next meeting of the board for additional consideration/discussion.

Chair Ceremony

Get the Central Committee do the ceremony on special occasions. Now using the ceremony on special occasion only instead of every meeting.

Announcements made by those who wished to do so.

Motion to adjourn: Mario/Michael 2nd. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM