

CDP Veterans Caucus
Officer and Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of June 2, 2021

Officer meeting came to order at 1830.

Intro statement read by Caucus Chair Ron Cohen; It shall be the mission of the Veterans Caucus provides a strong voice and representation within the party structure for Veterans, promotes the welfare of Veterans through effective legislation, and encourages Veterans to participate fully as Democrats at all levels of policy making and public service.

No roll call as all Officers were present.

Nominations/Voting for Standing Committees & Parliamentarian

- Organizational Development:
 - o The following were nominated; Tai Sunnanon and no others.
 - Tai; Air Force Commissioned Officer and recently promoted Lt, organizational development background, works with **homeless individuals in Pasadena and Los Angeles County.**
 - **Officers voted** yes to accept Tai as committee chair.
- Parliamentarian:
 - o The following were nominated; Tim Prince and no others.
 - Tim; Longtime Dem Activist, Attorney in San Bernardino, serves on Central Committee among others, Son of a WWII Veteran.
 - **Officers voted** yes to accept Tim Prince as committee chair.
- Policy and Legislation:
 - o The following were nominated; **Diana** Love, Jonathan Rines, and no others.
 - **Diana**; CA Dem region 9 director, past **parliamentarian** for CA Dem Veterans Caucus, **gerontology** and proposal/bill writing background, and Gov Newsom appointee.
 - Jonathan; Medical retired Navy, volunteered with other Veterans on Hillary campaign, continues to work with active duty personal to ensure a smooth transition to “civilian life”.
 - **Officers voted yes** to accept **Diana** Love as committee chair.
 - Jonathon Rines expressed he will work with committee.
- Programs:
 - o The following were nominated; Polly Counts and no others.
 - Polly; Navy Veteran, has volunteered on numerous Dem campaigns, and participates on the San Diego Veterans Club.
 - **Officers voted** yes to accept Polly Counts as committee chair.

Chair expresses his **congratulations** to all new Chairs and those who applied for a committee. Glad to see 19 people online during Board meeting.

Adjourned Officer Meeting

Executive Board meeting came to order at 1845.

Roll call of Executive Board

Present	Chair, Ron Cohen
Present	Vice Chair; Basil Kimbrew
Present	Recording Secretary, Antonio Chapa
Present	Corresponding Secretary/Communications; Angela Scott
Present	Treasurer; Lizet Angulo
Present	Organizational Development, Tai Sunnanon
Present	Policy and Legislation, Diana Love
Present	Programs, Polly Counts.

Quorum was met.

Agenda was moved by Tai, it was seconded. Agenda approved.

New Business

A. Transition reports

- Antonio Chapa, reached out to former recording secretary for any and all correspondence and informed items were sent to Ron Cohen. Ron informed he had not received any items.
- Angela Scott, new created position and working with Chair in order to understand procedures and protocols. Will reach out to Lizet for protocols on news letter and other communication. Any one interested in volunteering with communications please contact Angela.
- Lizet Angulo, in hope of accessing membership list, reached out to former treasurer. Former treasurer informed she did not have access to any of reports that needed to be done for treasurer. Membership list access was provided by current Chair.
 - Financial report from Jan 2021 to Apr 2021 Beginning Balance \$5,845.55; Deposits: \$4,075.00; Payments: \$650.00; Current balance: \$9,270.55. 118 New & Renewal membership paid during Jan 2021 to Apr 2021.
 - If a Convention is held, \$3,000.00 allocated for expenditures, hospitalities which hope to split with another caucus.
 - Membership projects; renewal membership notice will be sent out.
 - 170 current members for CA Democratic Veterans Caucus.
- Basil Kimbrew, membership was as its lowest. Will have 9 new caucus members coming on board. Requested to be connected to local Dem clubs for membership outreach.
- Ron Cohen, outreach to membership was done via microsoft outreach which worked well, do not have password for Facebook profile, have password for website, do not have password for Zoom however using Ron's google meets.

B. Open Discussion

- Ron asked if Executive Board can provide a 2 year work plan with 1 to 3 goals. Goals will be reviewed at next Executive Board meeting.
- Welcome Committee reports for next Board meeting. Programs Chair to work on who would like to provide a presentation at August 2021 membership meeting.
- Tai, Caucus needs to re-brand itself. Acknowledge it's past in order to heal and be able to move forward together.
- Basil, create a platform to review women in the Military and homelessness.
- Polly, drawing new membership via Veteran Organizations to include what they would like to see. Explore creation of goals based on Veteran Organization feedback. This may create better involvement from membership.
- Angela, possible meet with other Caucus and Veteran Organizations' leads to explore listening sessions.
- Tai, we need to be honest with our capacity and bandwidth.
- Ron, we are here for the Veterans and Veterans Families. We **have** not done this in the past 4 years. People online now want to hear on what are we going to do for them and their families.

Announcements

- Ron, we may create a place on website for Policy.
- Stephanie Terrazas, former Veterans Caucus boardmember expressed her congratulations to new **Executive** Board members.
- Ron, next Executive Board meeting on July 14, 2021.
- Cherelle Jackson, is interested in Vice Chair for communication committee.
- Rob Knecht, Marine Corps Veteran and President of Veterans Club of North San Diego County. Listening, ready to support and ready to go.
- Basil, we can tap into different organizations not just Veteran organizations.

Motion to adjourned by Basil, it was seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 1933.

Signed

Antonio Chapa, Recording Secretary