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CDP Veterans Caucus Eboard Meeting
Saturday, June 1, 2019 7:30 pm
Veterans Caucus Eboard Meeting Minutes

Call to order

7:32pm- Presiding Chair, Robert Leahy, called the meeting to order.

7:36pm- Roll call taken by Mak Neves (acting Secretary)

E Board members in attendance included:

Chair - Cullen Tiernan

1st VC – position is currently vacant

2nd VC – Robert Leahy

Secretary – Shelisa Williams EA, Mak Neves acting secretary

Treasurer – Kelsey Pressnall

Northern Vice Chair -Gigi Pearson

Central Vice Chair – Crystal Jackson

Southern Regional Vice Chair -

Caucus Committee Chairs in attendance included:

Susanna Williams – Communications

Arturo Flores – Acting Parliamentarian

Rob Birnbaum – Ad Hoc Elections

7:38pm_ Quorum established by acting parliamentarian, Arturo Flores

Approval of Agenda

7:40pm_ Mak moved to adopt agenda, Kelsey seconded – roll call to approve – all approved

7:41pm_ Mak moved to approve minutes, seconded – no discussion – roll call to approve – all approved

New Business:

7:50pm CDP Veterans Caucus Elections

- Ron Birnbaum Chair of Ad Hoc Elections Committee
 - Explains nomination and election procedure.
 - Chair candidate and those in contested races given time to speak.
 - Calls for nominations for each office 3 times.
 - Calls for a close to nominations.
 - One abstention, no objections, motion passes to close nominations.
 - Due to no longer meeting male/female ratio in bylaws for executive board.
 - Crystal Jackson withdraws from running for the first vice chair position. (Running for 2nd vice chair)
 - Mr. Lee Withdraws from the 2nd vice chair race. (Running for 1st vice chair position)
 - Ron motions to allow the caucus to vote by a show of cards. Seconded. Motion passes.
 - Chair candidate Jillyn Molina-Williams speaks to caucus.
 - Caucus votes by a show of cards to elect Jillyn chair, no abstentions or objections.
 - Southern Regional Vice Chair – contested race – candidates speak.
 - Michelle Gomez receives majority of the vote, 2 abstentions.
 - Ron calls for caucus to vote on the remaining uncontested races.
 - Overwhelming majority votes to elect remaining candidates in uncontested races.

8:10pm 2018 CDP Veterans Caucus Awards

- Award winners chosen by chair and vice chair anonymously
 - o Veteran organization of the year: Unified Deported Veterans (accepted by Ricardo Franco)
 - o Member of the year: Octavia Tuohey
 - o Veteran of the year: Tom Larossi
 - o Chair Award: Susanna Williams
 - o John F Kennedy Award - Congressman Ro Khanna
 - Gave speech to membership

8:20pm Program: Presidential Candidate Forum

- Congressman Ro Khanna introduces Senator Bernie Sanders to speak to the caucus.
- Sen. Amy Klobusher from Minnesota introduces herself to the caucus.
- John Delaney and Tulsi Gabbard take part in a caucus led forum answering questions from members re: veteran issues/policy.

8:50pm Program: Federal and State Legislative Update

- Congressman Mark Takano – Chairman, House Veterans Affairs Committee Mission Act and Veterans Update.
- State Senator Bob Archuleta – Chairman, State Senate Veterans Affairs Committee.
 - o Update caucus on current issues and policy affecting veterans.
 - o Senator Archuleta yields some of his time to the newly elected chair, Rusty Hicks.

9:06pm New Business:

- Motion: Adopt Special Rule of Order requiring at least 10% of members present to pull an item from a Consent Calendar.
 - o Motion presented by the presiding chair, seconded by caucus founder. No discussion or objections. Motion passes.

- Chair motions to allow Susan Gordon 2 minutes to speak. Ian Hoffman seconds.
- Due to time constrictions, only the second item on the consent calendar will be addressed. Striking the 3rd item. The first item removed by the executive board prior to the caucus meeting.
- Hospitality Suite Expenditures: According to treasurer, approximately \$8,000 in account currently. \$600.83 needed towards Hospitality Suite Costs.
 - o Paul M. motions to approve. Ricky Rick seconds. No abstentions or objections. Motion passes.

9:15pm BRIEF Candidate Statements, Announcements:

- Cut short due to time restrictions by the convention center.
- Motion made to allow Jose Caballero 2 minutes to speak – running for congress. Seconded. Motion passes.

9:22pm - Adjournment

Bobby M. motions to adjourn, Ricky Rick seconds – no discussion – all voted ayes.

Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

(these minutes are a draft and can be modified by consent of the Executive Board until approved)

Created: June 1st, 2019 by acting Secretary Mak Neves

Minutes approved with corrections by Shelisa Williams, Secretary