

CDP Veterans Caucus
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Nov 3, 2021

1. Exec Board call to order: Ron Cohen, Chair 6:36 PM

2. Roll Call: Ron Cohen, Recording Secretary: One member was absent. Quorum met.

3. Approval of Agenda

Basil Kimbrew motioned to approved, motion was seconded by Lizet Angulo. Motion to accept agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes of Sep. 30 meetings.

Basil Kimbrew motioned to approve; motion was seconded. Motion to accept minutes approved by Diana Love.

5. Website update -

A. Due to the expiration of GoDaddy hosted website is down. Ron has researched and found another site that meets our needs and financial budget. our cdpvc.org

B. CADEM Exec Board Report - Ron

6. Chair's Report – Aug 25th, membership meeting. San Diego delegates feedback on Caucus meeting was done well and expressed congratulations. Chair thanked all who were involved in planning Aug 25th meeting.

7. Committee/Officer Reports:

A. Corresponding Secretary/Communications: Angela Scott

Updating resources via newsletter. Will release a Special Resources Newsletter that features hyperlinks for the comprehensive list Cherelle has created. A newsletter will be out before Veterans Day.

B. Org Development: Tai Sunnanon

Because every Caucus of the CDP must have a 2-Year Work Plan to develop a feasible, actionable, and measurable plan. 3 Goals: Responsibility, Plan, and Measurement. We want to be able to review all federal- and state-level legislation that impacts veterans.

Diana Love – stated that she has additional ideas as to how to proceed in this endeavor.

Angela Scott – reported that in lieu of featuring resources on the website, we will feature resources in a “Special Resources Newsletter,” which will feature live links to these sites.

Tai – has revamped the goal of creating new Democratic Clubs. The goal is now to expand the reach of the California Democrats by establishing the new Veterans Democratic Club. We would assist by providing resources.

A Listening Tour is required to gather data from all the 58 Counties – find regional champions dedicated in building up Veteran groups. Tai has been introduced to Dr. Felicia Banks by Basil Kimbrew. Dr. Banks will assist in this effort.

Basil moved to accept the 2-Year Plan and Lizet Angulo seconded the motion. The 2-Year Plan was approved.

C. Policy & Legislation: Diana Love

Has worked with a contact that will help in the certification of Veterans interested in becoming licensed contractors. The program includes an apprenticeship.

Diana has also presented a flyer and partnered with EDD to send throughout the Antelope Valley Veterans as well as organizations in Pasadena, San Fernando Valley. The Resolution: Help Keep Disabled Veterans in Their Homes. Motion was moved by Lizet Angulo and seconded by Basil Kimbrew.

Presented a resolution with the assistance of Rev. Reuben Ford, which was approved by the Los Angeles Central Committee along with sponsors from Antelope Valley, Malia Cohen, who's interested in being a sponsor. This will go before the California Democratic Party. All members of the Executive Board have signed on as sponsors of this resolution.

Diana Love and Reuben Ford are the authors of this resolution.

D. Treasurer: Lizet Angulo

Membership decreased to 195. Our current balance is \$10,279.59. expenditure for Aug 25th meeting of \$799.00. Reimbursement of Constant Contact. Current balance is 9,450.59

E. Program: Cherelle Jackson

With respect to the Candidate Forum Has reached out to multiple candidates and received their bios for the Nov. 17 General Session. The candidate speaker list with include 4 main speakers with Q&A and then the candidate forum. We saw the flyer and special video presentation. Congressperson Maxine Waters has agreed to speak. The video needs to be saved as an MP4 so that the video can be posted on Facebook and newsletters.

Diana mentioned reconciling her list of referred candidates against the list that Cherelle has.

Nov. 6 – Meeting notifications need to be sent out with video Ad. The draft agenda can be sent at that time. Nov 9/10 the “trial run with CDP staff” takes place for tech rehearsal.

8. New Business 6:50 PM

A. Open discussion about Website

B. Review and Approval of Two-Year Plan – Tai Sunnanon

C. Resolution support (if any) – Diana Love – Executive Board members present signed on in support.

D. Next Membership Meeting (CDP Eboard) – Virtual – 17 Nov 2021

i. Business Meeting – first 15 minutes

ii. Programs Chair - Cherelle Jackson to lead

1. Main Speakers –Three (3) then “panel” Q&A – 45 min

2. “20” Candidate slots – focus – Congressperson Maxine Waters, Betty Yee, Ted Lieu will be the top keynote speakers, and. Candidates will address: (a) What will they do for veterans

a. Veterans running for partisan positions (3 min)

b. Non-veterans running for partisan positions (3 min)

c. Graphic – Map of California with names showing up right before they speak

3. Who has signed up? 15 speakers, with 5 potential slots

iii. Present Draft Agenda for Membership Meeting

8. Announcements None

9. Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 PM

10. Next General Membership Meeting – 17 Nov 2021 (7:30 – 9:30)

B. Next Membership Meeting (CDP E-Board) – Virtual – 17-21 Nov 2021