

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Veterans' Association of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway was held prior to the Milwaukee Chapters' Annual luncheon at Aliotos on Saturday, October 13, 2018 in Milwaukee, WI.

The meeting was called to order by General President Curtis Schmidt at 10 a.m. Present were the General President Curtis Schmidt, General VP Robert Stewart, Board of Directors: Bill Regner and Rod Ewert.

A moment of silence was held for the General Secr/Treasurer Dianne Koppelman, and all other departed members.

The General President, Curtis Schmidt gave the financial report. An audit was performed on October 9, 2018 by Barbara Schmidt and Yvonne Sylvester for the period of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The financial records were found to be in good order.

Chapters: The General President stated that there will be no change in Officers for 2019.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Bill Regner that effective January 1, 2019 any member with unpaid dues from 2014 will be removed from the 2018 roster. Seconded by Rod Ewert. Motion carried.

Curtis Schmidt will remain General President for another year. A nomination for General Vice President was made by Rod Ewert of Roger Wilhelmi to replace Robert Stewart. Seconded by Bill Regner. Motion carried. Robert Stewart was nominated by Bill Regner to the Board of Directors, and seconded by Rod Ewert. Motion carried.

At this time we are searching for a replacement for General Secr/Treasurer, with the passing of Dianne Koppelman. The Board of Directors thanked Barbara Schmidt for stepping in and taking over for Dianne Koppelman.

Website: Has been paid up for 2 years.

A discussion regarding sending back monies to the Chapters was tabled until we know whether we will be paying a stipend to our new Secr/Treasurer. It was mentioned that one of our members offered to take over the Secr/Treasurer position, but wanted a stipend of \$150 per month or \$1800 per year. The Association at this time can't afford that amount, being it would only leave \$400 for other expenses. Tabled at this time. (See Addendum 11/15/2018 below)

Annual Report Booklets: Discussion on whether to eliminate the printed Annual Report Booklet, and go strictly to Website printing, would give us a total savings of \$450 plus (stamps, envelopes, and cost of printing report). We already pay for the Website, and the print on the Website is much larger than the booklets. With the cost of postage and printing going up, it was agreed upon to put the Annual Report Booklet on the C&NW Website.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rod Ewert and seconded by Bill Regner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Curtis Schmidt, General President
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ADDENDUMS TO MINUTES:

10/23/2018 > I discussed with the Board of Directors', that I would volunteer to take the position of General Secr/Treasurer with the assistance from Barbara Schmidt and Yvonne Sylvester. There will be no stipend paid. Agreed by: Rod Ewert, Bill Regner, Caryl Braaten, Robert Stewart, and Dan Sylvester.

11/15/2018 > After a discussion with each member of the Board of Directors, we will be sending back to the Chapters \$2 per current member. Agreed by: Rod Ewert, Bill Regner, Caryl Braaten, Robert Stewart, and Dan Sylvester.