



From the desk of the NSVAA Vice-President  
President of the National Island Auxiliary-at-Large

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First I would like to introduce myself for those who don't know me. I am Nancy Thompson Staples, the newly elected Vice-President of the National NSVAA. It is my responsibility "to assist the President in all matters referred to the office, and in the absence or disability of the President, shall preside over meetings and perform the duties of the President. In the event of death or resignation of the President, the Vice President shall automatically succeed to the office. The National Vice-President shall also be the President of the National Island Auxiliary-at-Large and will perform all other duties delegated to the office by the National Convention and/or Executive Committee."

With that being said, I am so happy to be the one to keep in touch with all the Members at Large, commonly known as MAL's.

If you are aware of someone eligible for membership in the Auxiliary but does not have an NSVA Island near them, this is the category for them. The membership application with eligibility requirements can be found on the NSVA website..... NSVA.org.

IF I have your email address, as passed down from my predecessor, you will be hearing from me. IF I don't have your email address, please contact me as listed below.

I look forward to hearing from you during my term of office. You will be hearing from me.

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Navy SVAA  
Convention Meeting Minutes  
The Golden Nugget, Biloxi, Mississippi  
Friday, August 20, 2021

- A. Call to Order by President Betty Nelson at 9:25am CST
  - a. Opening Prayer – Linda Hillyer
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance – Linda Schmuck
  - c. Preamble – Linda Schmuck
- B. Roll Call – by Secretary Elaine Coffin
  - a. Quorum achieved with all EC members present
- C. Report of Officers:
  - a. President- received and filed
  - b. Vice-President- received and filed
  - c. Secretary- received and filed
    - i. Including membership report of 4 islands, 67 island members, and 18 MAL's total membership of 85 members
  - d. Treasurer- including Financial Report- received, reviewed and filed
  - e. Chaplain- received and filed
  - f. Parliamentarian- received and filed
- D. Reading and Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
  - a. Mid Year Meeting March 13, 2021 read by Secretary E. Coffin, motion to accept as read by Betty Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nancy Staples, vote taken, motion carried
- E. Rules Committee Report- presented by Carol Parker
- F. Auditing Committee Report
  - a. Financial reports-provided by Linda Schmuck, reviewed and balanced by Lorraine Santo and Carol Parker
  - b. Convention Program- comparison of records between Linda Schmuck, Elaine Coffin and Betty Nelson, reviewed and balanced
    - i. Two outstanding balances Mrs. Schmuck will pursue
  - c. Votes- provided by Linda Schmuck, counted, recorded and filed by Betty Nelson and Elaine Coffin
- G. Resolutions Committee Report- presented by Elaine Coffin, proposed ByLaw changes presented to the NSVA and approved for presentation at Convention for vote
- H. Nominations Committee Report- presented by Linda Schmuck, Nominations include: Lorraine Santo for President, Nancy Staples for Vice President, Elaine Coffin for Secretary, Linda Schmuck for Treasurer



**I. Correspondence**

- a. **Presentation of Letters, Requests etc. from outside Navy SVAA- emails received from X-3 Blairsville, GA regarding associate members further discussion will fall under New Business**

**J. Unfinished Business**

- a. **Navy SVAA image/logo enhance- presented by Betty Nelson, Elaine needs the sharper image logo from Theresa Bower, who will forward it along in a format compatible on MSWord**
  - i. **New logo to include word "Auxiliary"- presented by Betty Nelson, discussion regarding adjusting current logo for NSVAA which would be adding the full word Auxiliary under the NSVA patch, to be more cost effective than creating new patches with NSVAA. Price for 50 new patches would be over \$5 per patch. No changes to current uniform, etc. however future Boards would need to update with new patch.**
  - ii. **Secretary Elaine Coffin pointed out that the following items would need to be changed to accommodate this:**
    - 1. **By-Law revision**
    - 2. **All current documents/forms**
    - 3. **New patch**
    - 4. **New pin**
  - iii. **Betty Nelson to pursue new logo in manner presented for review Motion to redesign current logo for review by Elaine Coffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Staples, vote taken, motion carried**
- b. **Funds received from raffle and donations from 2021 Convention**
  - i. **Presented by President Nelson, there is a current \$500 commitment to the NSVA for the Colorado Convention to assist in offsetting the cost of the dinner that would be put on the attendees. Motion to keep \$500 commitment as donation from funds received by Linda Hillyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Schmuck, vote taken, motion carried**

**K. New Business**

- a. **2021-2022 Budget Review- presented by Linda Schmuck, Discussion regarding division of funds, spending by members, and where funds to support NSVAA come from; motion to accept by Nancy Staples, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Hillyer, vote taken, motion carried**
- b. **Convention Program Book Ad progress-presented by Betty Nelson; Linda Schmuck presented that as of the end of July funds received from the book were \$3,950, with \$1,860 in expensed paid out for the book, thus a net profit of \$2,090**
  - i. **Responding to requests for copies from Advertisers-Advertisers with full page ads will be completed by Secretary Elaine Coffin, with postage coming from her new approved budget**

- c. Dissolution of Island X-16- information received by NSVA and filed, discussion regarding where Auxiliary members from the Island were transferred to
- d. Dissolution of Department of Florida- information received by Auxiliary and filed
- e. Presentation by Nancy Staples - change to ByLaw Article XV – Dissolution- motion to accept change by Elaine Coffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lorraine Santo, vote taken, motion carried
- f. Presentation by Betty Nelson - change to ByLaw Article VI Section 6- motion to accept change by Linda Hillyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Schmuck, vote taken, motion carried
- g. Review of ByLaw Article VI Finances Section 9 Past National Auxiliary Presidents payment of membership dues read by Secretary Elaine Coffin- discussion regarding ‘muddiness’ of the verbiage in this ByLaw. If there is a resignation, it should be on file with the Secretary of the NSVAA. Clarification of this to be discussed more at Mid Year with potential of revision
- h. Review of ByLaw Article IV Membership- All sections of the current ByLaw were read by Secretary Elaine Coffin.
  - i. Island X-3 Blairsville, GA has continually expressed concerns regarding the designation of Associate Members, and requested that these be recognized by the NSVAA.
  - ii. Discussion regarding the risk to the organizations tax exempt status and the current understanding of this.
  - iii. Discussion regarding Island Associate Members, Island membership cards having NSVAA logo? Is that recognition, wearing NSVAA logo shirts?
  - iv. Cannot hold National Office, or hold a national vote
  - v. Blairsville also requesting that NSVAA members have “Life Membership” discussion regarding this
  - vi. Blairsville Island will be encouraged to write ByLaw revisions if they wish to pursue either of these matters
- i. Presentation of Nominations for Officers by Betty Nelson
  - i. Request for nominations from the floor by Betty Nelson (three times) for President. No additional nominees. Motion to close nominations for President by Nancy Staples, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Hillyer, vote taken motion carried,
  - ii. Request for nomination from the floor by Betty Nelson (three times) for Vice President. No additional nominees. Motion to close nominations by Lorraine Santo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Schmuck, vote taken, motion carried
  - iii. Request for nominations from the floor for Secretary or Treasurer by Betty Nelson (three times). No additional nominees. Motion to close nominations by Nancy Staples, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Hillyer, vote taken, motion carried
  - iv. Slate of Nominated Officers presented: President Lorraine Santo, Vice President Nancy Staples, Secretary Elaine Coffin, Treasurer Linda Schmuck



- v. **Motion to accept officer slate as presented as a single ballot for vote by Linda Hillyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Parker, vote taken, motion carried**

**L. Good of the Organization**

- a. **Presentation of gifts for service to Betty Nelson by EC members**
- b. **Presentation to Past Presidents 'club' by Nancy Staples to Betty Nelson as new 'member'**
- c. **Installation of New Officers to occur at Post Convention**

**M. Close of meeting**

- a. **Closing prayer presented by Linda Hillyer**
- b. **Motion to close by Nancy Staples, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Hillyer vote taken, motion carried; Meeting close at 10:46am CST**