

Nebraska American Legion Press Association
Minutes
January 22, 2022

President Vicki Cyboron called the Nebraska American Legion Press Association (NE-ALPA) meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. at the Ramada Inn in Columbus.

Roll call of officers was taken: President Vicki Cyboron; Secretary Amanda Washburn; Area A Vice President Marty Timberlake; Area B Vice President Gerald Schulte absent; Area C Vice President Dr. William Jackson Jr absent; and Area D Vice President Eldon Kramer absent.

Roll call of members was taken with six members being present. Members present were Nancy Harrold Unit 126 Broken Bow, Douglas Boldt Post 59 Callaway, Paula Pillen Unit 362 Elkhorn-Waterloo, Harold Thompson Jr. Squadron 16 Norfolk, Steve Bartos Post 3 Lincoln, and Lorene Bartos Unit 226 St. Edward. Guest present was Media Specialist Kylea Pestel.

Washburn declared that there was a quorum, and business could now be conducted.

President Cyboron asked Secretary Washburn to read the minutes from the June 26, 2021 meeting. Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and to approve what was distributed by Lorene Bartos. Second by Nancy Harrold and carried.

President Cyboron asked for reports from each Area Vice President. Area A Vice President Timberlake stated he was working with Posts in his area to get their websites or social media sites updated. Area B Vice President Schulte was absent. Area C Vice President Jackson was absent. Area D Vice President Kramer was absent. Legion Liaison Brewer was absent.

President Cyboron shared that she hoped that NE-ALPA would be able to start doing the trainings on different subjects like had been discussed previously. She stated that the Facebook group was doing well and that it was great to see members sharing items on the group.

Area B Vice Commander Jerry Schulte arrived.

President Cyboron addressed the members regarding the trainings the members wanted to see. Members stated that they thought a tutorial and how to create a group or page on Facebook and the do's and don'ts for Post, Units, Squadrons, and Chapters would be a good start. The members present decided that the first virtual training should be held on Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. President Cyboron and Secretary Washburn will create the content and figure out a platform for the presentation.

President Cyboron asked the group if they should keep both the group and page open for NE-ALPA. There was a consensus that for now both should be active.

President Cyboron asked the group if they wanted to continue with the Print and Media Awards for the 2022 year. The members decided that they would continue with the same format as last year but would add a section for written articles. Secretary Washburn will update the Print and Media Awards sheet and would send them out to the members. Motion by Jerry Schulte. Second by Nancy Harrold and carried.

President Cyboron asked the group what their goals were for the next six months until the next meeting. Some ideas that were thrown out were creating flyers for members to use, sharing with members that there are free apps such as CANVA that people can use, and how to use and get permission for using the different organization emblems.

President Cyboron announced the next meeting of the NE-ALPA will be Saturday, June 25 at the Columbus Ramada during Department Convention. The meeting will be at 7:30 a.m.

Having no further business to come before the association, meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Amanda F. Washburn
Association Secretary