

Electronic Communications Committee
April 20, 2023

Attendees:

Dr. Constance Bails, VFN Immediate Past President/ECC Chair – Area X, Chapter 737
John Bails, VFN Network Coordinator - Area X, Chapter 737 Fairfax
Esther Nash, VFN Secretary – Area VIII, Chapter 090 Fredericksburg 090
Stan Palen, VFN Webmaster – Area VIII, Chapter 595 Colonial Beach
Frances Boatman, VFN 2nd Vice President – Area VII, Chapter 111 Roanoke Valley
Area II – Frances Sansone – Chapter 974 Virginia Beach
Area III – Deborah Fisk, Assistant Chair – Chapter 2265 Midlothian
Area X – Nancy Palmerino, Chapter 007 Arlington

Absent: Kathy Arpa, Editor – Chapter 1116 Vienna-Oakton

Area I – Janice Hill, Chapter 685 Williamsburg
Area IV – Deborah Brown – Chapter 1697 Brentwood
Area VII – Ellie Long – Chapter 111 Roanoke Valley
Area VIII – Leslie Ravenell – Chapter 595 Colonial Beach
Area IX – Otis Langford – Chapter 893 Springfield

Dr Bails opened the meeting at 4:00 pm

- Access web database correction
- Discussed the chain of command within the organization, the flow of information.
- Availability of zoom training and its history.
- ECC structure – a member from each Area
- Dr. Bails is meeting with Robert Martin, VFN President to discuss the future plans of ECC.

(Purpose to gather incorrect chapter information and send to Area Vice Presidents and Esther Nash, VFN Secretary).

- The President will not provide the ECC access to the National Data Base System.
- Discussed briefly the Ballots and tellers Committee.

Debbie Fisk:

- Had set up training appointments with a few of the ECC members to update web page. (Janice Hill and Deborah Brown)
- Provide instructions on 'How to get access to a Gmail account. She will email instructions.
- Will reach out to the committee on their weakness and strengths.
- Create a syllabus on ECC which will include FedHub.
- Janice and Deborah had no need to be on call since they had completed their training.

(Dr. Bails stated that she would like all members to attend and the once-a-month meetings were close to the near future).

- Dr. Bails requested the committee to introduce themselves.
- Discussion on social media expansion and the importance of Chapter Newsletters.
- Zoom contact is John Bails.
- Debbie will ensure each Area Vice President is set up with zoom,
- Brand e-mail (explanation of a pass through) contact Stan Palen
- Discussion ECC interactions with Public Relations.

(Above Notes taken by Esther Nash in Frances' absence.)

Debbie explained how to log in to VANARFE.org and click on the Chapters List and how to log in to NARFE and click on the "?" to see the chart of Position Codes with Access.

The ECC Area Reps are to contact the Area Vice Presidents to obtain information to update records. Each Chapter should download the Excel spreadsheet of officers and send to the ECC Area Reps. The Chapters are to add email addresses to their information and ask if members have updated their profile. With everyone working together, we can update the records correctly.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances E. Boatman
Recording Secretary