**Meeting Minutes**

Name: 78th National Convention, St. Louis, Missouri

Date & Time: 16 August 2023, 10 AM. First Business Meeting

Presentation of the Colors by Scott AFB Color Guard

Opening prayer: Chaplain Kennith Harvey

 Opening Remarks by President Joseph McNeil

Reading of Rules Committee to General Assembly

Approval of agenda

Motion:

Second:

Vote results

Approval of 77th Convention Meeting

Motion: Jerry Quinlan

Second: Guadalupe Guerra

Vote results: Passed

Unfinished business  No Unfinished Business Brought Forth

New Business

1.  By Law’s and Resolution Committee Report

Stephan Butler, JAG and Tracy Ferro, Treasurer were informed they would be presenting report.

Roll of Representatives was taken

 Article 6, District Directors Amendment

 Moved to Floor

 Article 9, Convention Amendment

 Moved to Floor

 Article 10, Dues

 Moved to Floor

 Article 17 Withdrawn

No Resolutions presented at this time.

2.  Nominations opened for National Officers

President:

 Paul Mimms. // Accepted

Vice President

 Elizabeth Holmes //. Accepted

 Wade Davis //. Declined

Secretary

 Tracy Ferro. //. Accepted

Treasurer

 Joseph Bogart // Accepted

 Warner Murray //. Accepted

 Monica Gilmore. //. Unavailable / Not Eligible

Open discussion

Adjournment till 9 AM Friday, 18 August 2023

Date & Time: 18 August 2023, 9 AM. Second Business Meeting

Call to Order

Presentation and Voting on proposed By Law Amendments and Resolutions

Article 6, District Directors Amendment

 Motion. Guadalupe Guerra

 Second. Brian Harris

 Results: Failed

Article 9, Convention Amendment

 Motion. Brian Harris

 Second. Eduardo Miranda

 Roll Call vote Yays : 1595. Nays : 2994. Failed

Article 10, Dues

 Motion. Douglas Ingram

 Second Paul Mimms

 Results. Failed Article 6, District Directors

Resolutions presented to Convention Assembled

South Texas Regional Group concerning Caregiver Support

 Failed

Heartland Regional Group concerning Bronze Braille Flags

 Failed

Call for additional nominations for National Officers

Vice President

 Wade Davis. //. Accepted / Resigned DD 4 Position

Secretary

 Brian Harris //. Accepted / Resigned DD2 Position

Treasurer

 Monica Gilmore //. Non Eligible

Elections of National Officers

President Paul Mimms //. Unopposed

Vice President Wade Davis 3767

 Elizabeth Holmes. 760

Secretary Tracy Ferro. 2318

 Brian Harris. 2201

Treasurer. Joseph Bogart. 3883

 Warner Murray. 687

Swearing in of new officers by JAG Stephan Butler

Open Discussion

Adjournment called at 1:45 PM CST

DRAFT Minutes approved by Board of Directors with amendments, 19 March 2024 Board of Directors Mid Winter Meeting

Approved at (Date and Meeting):

Submitted by: