

**Department VA & R Committee Meeting
June 18, 2009**

MEMBERS: Anthony Licari, Acting Chairman
Arthur Thompson
Donald Chemieleswki
Wade Comish
Michael Jackowski
Wayne Cuyler

GUESTS: 19 guests

The VA & R Committee meeting was called to order at 2pm by acting Chairman Anthony Licari in Ballroom I at the Causeway Bay Hotel, Lansing, Michigan.

Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were read by Thompson. It was moved by Jackowski and seconded by Altman to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

New Business: Department Veterans Service Officer, John Nelson , Director talked about the 226,000.00 budget cut causing the loss of personnel and the retirement of others. He told us about Senate Bill 250 and how it has hurt the organization. That Chairman Doug Williams has done a great job in the support of our cause and that we should support him to defeat this bill. He indicated that the Regional Office is in bad shape. The people doing this job are good but lack experience.

The DVSO's are going to the National Service Officers School this summer. He asked that Michigan Service Officers School to continue in September.

It was moved by Jackowski and seconded by Chemieleswki to continue the Service Officers School in September. Motion carried.

Tony Licari thanked the Department Service Officers that retired and came back to work as contracted employees. He also asked that Post Service Officers start the claim process to help DVSO's.

VAVS/VHV: Report by Ron Pearson indicated he had 6 reports he at his meeting – they were concerned with finding cuts.

Ray Moore talked about the budget cuts and the job his people have to do. He asked for more help from the Post Service Officer.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 3:05 pm Motion carried.