

United Veterans Coalition of Colorado
General Meeting by ZOOM
Tuesday, May 12, 2020
9:00am

MINUTES

There were 63 participants on the call.

Invocation – Dr. Diane Ricci, Lt. Col. Chaplain, Jefferson County VSO.

Pledge of Allegiance – Dick Young, 1st Vice President

1st time attendee Introduction

Zach Mendelovici, Congressman Buck's aide
Pat Hammon, Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs
Jackson Smith, Congressman Tipton's aide
Maureen Christopher

New Member Welcome – Terri Clinton, representing the American Legion Auxiliary, is joining as an affiliate member. Upon motion being made and seconded, this organization was voted in. Qualified Listeners' Representative was not present; they will be voted on next month.

Treasurer's Report - The checking account balance is over \$47,000. The report was accepted.

Budget Committee – Glenn Kataoka has resigned as chair.

State Legislative – Shelly Kalkowski, Robbie Robinson and Dan Jablan reported that the legislature is closed until May 26. They will have to pass 50 bills, including a budget, that addresses the huge deficit the state faces due to COVID-19. Shelly requested all member organizations offer suggestions of bills they would like to see. Even if it involves funding, it would call attention to the issue. She cautioned members to make sure the issue is approved by their leadership before submitting. It is important to work on getting sponsors by the fall for UVC bills. Dan Jablan noted that UVC can be proactive even without legislation.

Federal Legislative – The new Chair is Dennis Churgovich.

VCLC – Robbie Robinson reported that they are working on a needs assessment study, which should be finished by end of November.

Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs – Rich Tremaine said that their in-person conference has been cancelled due to the virus. He noted that General Loh has been nominated to head the National Guard.

VISN 19 – Renae Murphy noted that they are developing a plan to phase in re-opening.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.