

**Board of Trustees
 Capitol Plaza, Montpelier, VT
 Ethan Allen Room
 7 February
 1300 hours**

Present:

Colonel Joseph Krawczyk, President
 Colonel Gary DeGasta, Vice President
 Michael Klopchin, Secretary
 Kent Butterfield
 Art Charron

Andrew Cotrel
 Captain Brenda Cruickshank
 Charly Dickerson
 Michael diMonda
 Frederick Dunn

Michael McHugh
 H. Jamie Percey
 Joyce Scribner
 Robert Burke, Director, VA Veterans Serv.

Excused: G. Richard Dundas, MD
 Wes Mook

Dr. Jacqueline Kelly
 Janet Osmer
 Mary Ryan

Thomas Kenyon

Guests: Christina Crowe

The meeting was called to order by President Krawczyk at 1300 hrs.
 All present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 Roll call was taken by Secretary Klopchin and a quorum was announced.
 The minutes from 142 December were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Cotrel and seconded by Mrs. Scribner to accept the minutes as written. The motion passed.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
PRESIDENT	The President opened the meeting with the introduction of Christina Crowe who has submitted an application to serve on the Board. She is a Bennington resident and a Veteran.	INFO
VETERANS	Mr. Burke informed the Trustees that the “flip books” containing information for Veterans needs to be updated and that a search for a new vendor for printing the material is conducted. Governor Scott made an appearance and welcoming the Board. His remarks were positive and supportive of the VVH and Veterans.	INFO
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HOME REPORTS CEO	The CEO and COO showed the slide presentation given during FY 18 budget testimony before House Appropriations. Emphasis was placed on the effects of salaries and benefits which	INFO

	<p>constitute 83% of the budget, with the remaining 17% for overall operation of the facility. A level-funded budget was presented with included an internal adjustment of anticipated increases in costs.</p> <p>A comparison of privatization, closure and maintaining the State Veteran Home was given as was the economic impact the Home has upon the Bennington community.</p> <p>Challenges, such as the high cost of medications, FMLA, call out rates which drive overtime, workman's compensation and light duty assessments and assignments, were also reported.</p> <p>Nursing reclassification and salary adjustments affected the budget inasmuch as the increases in salaries were absorbed by the facilities without assistance from the State. Per negotiated contract with VSEA, salaries for nurses at the Home are higher than other skilled nursing facilities in Vermont.</p> <p>Budget assessments, adjustments, promotions and marketing ventures and deer herd were also included in the presentation. Updates on the renovation and progress of the Kitchen Project, geothermal repairs and Gibney Pavilion were given.</p> <p>Upon conclusion of the presentation, the CEO, COO and Financial Director departed for afternoon testimony before the Senate Appropriations Committee.</p>	
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ADJOURNMENT	<p>Many of the Board members reconvened at the State House and will give reports at the Board Committee meetings in April. Official adjournment of the meeting was called by President Krawczyk at 1800.</p>	CLOSED

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees 12 April, 13-14 June (Education and Training, Killington, VT), 9 August, 11 October and 13 December.