

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
2023 - 2024 National Executive Board
Meeting Minutes - 6/19/2023
Louisville, KY

NOTE: Immediately following the close of the National Convention Business Meeting, held June 17, 2023, President-elect Pam Stemple met with the newly elected 2023 - 2024 National Executive Board for ratification of appointed officers.

A motion to ratify the appointment of Lee-Ann Forsythe as National IT Chair was made by Second Vice President Annette Kirk and seconded by Treasurer Rose Duval. The motion carried.

A motion to ratify the appointment of Joyce Paulsen as National Service Officer was made by Second Vice President Annette Kirk and seconded by Treasurer Rose Duval. The motion carried.

A motion to ratify the appointment of Jennifer Avery as VAVS National Rep was made by Second Vice President Annette Kirk and seconded by Treasurer Rose Duval. The motion carried.

A motion to ratify the appointment of Patti Elliott as parliamentarian was made by Second Vice President Annette Kirk and seconded by Treasurer Rose Duval. The motion carried.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:57 a.m. by President Pam Stemple. (See Attachment 1.) A motion to dispense with the ritual was made by IT Chair Lee Ann Forsythe and seconded by VAVS National Rep Jennifer Avery. The motion carried.

Chaplain Cathy Bordeaux gave prayer and members recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Second Vice President Annette Kirk. The Preamble was read by First Vice President Patti Elliott.

Secretary Chanta Vasquez conducted the roll call of officers. There were 11 members of the NEB present and no guests: President, Pam Stemple; 1st Vice President, Patti Elliott; 2nd Vice President, Annette Kirk; Treasurer, Rose Duval; Secretary, Chanta Vasquez; Sergeant-at-Arms, Joyce Paulsen; Chaplain, Cathy Bordeaux; Banner Guard, Jeanette Nazario; Flag Guard, Lisa Moncur; VAVS National Rep, Jennifer Avery; IT Chair, Lee Ann Forsythe.

Members of the NEB provided an introduction of themselves and their Heroes.

Pam Stemple shared her style, expectations, and personal policies. She shared two books that she suggested the NEB should read: John C. Maxwell's Attitude 101 and Leadership 101. She gave each member of the Board a binder for them to use this year with needed information and documents included.

Contact information and media consent forms were reviewed and completed along with Confidentiality Policies, and all other forms needed for Compliance. Secretary Chanta Vasquez collected all forms for filing.

Pam Stemple shared upcoming calendar events including the upcoming Gold Star Mothers Weekend and what new members can expect.

Pam Stemple discussed the difference between Standing Committees and Special Committees. Pam shared the NEB Committee list. Pam shared that they should have the Continuity Book printed and put in their binder. The NEB were asked to add things they do this year and keep it active with new items.

Pam Stemple shared that the travel expense form and expense report form will be available on the Google drive for NEB board members to access.

Lee Ann Forsythe said that name tags and business cards will be available to order for all NEB board members. She will send out info asap in order to receive items before Gold Star Mothers Weekend.

Pam Stemple shared that a new initiative will begin regarding all Departments. Each NEB board member received a list of Departments they will be responsible for. Training will be provided to members.

Lee-Ann Forsythe explained how Google Drive and Google Docs interact and how the official NEB e-mail address's function. Lee-Ann Forsythe will set up an overview of emails and the database by Zoom next week and will be working on transitioning emails for 2023-2024 NEB this week.

10:25 a.m. Banner Guard Lisa Moncur asked to be excused due to illness.

President Pam Stemple will be approving all travel reimbursements for the NEB. If driving to Headquarters, please check with Pam due to limited parking spaces.

Pam Stemple shared that NEB Meetings by Zoom will be happening quite often to do the business of AGSM. All meetings are conducted using Robert's Rules and it is good practice for every member to have a copy and be familiar with it. Regarding online voting First Vice President Patti Elliott shared that members should always "REPLY ALL". Always read the entire thread before answering. Patti also suggested checking your organization email at least once a day.

Gold Star Mothers Weekend plans have been progressing and further details will be forthcoming. NEB should plan to arrive the Wednesday before the weekend and stay at headquarters. Pam Stemple asked that you book your flight a month in advance.

Unfinished Business:

1. 10 Sealy Mattresses for Headquarters. Rose Duval will coordinate to get mattresses.
2. Finishing painting one of the walls at Headquarters. Rose Duval will coordinate with VFW.

New Business:

1. Order Membership pins for new members. The order is usually \$500 for no more than 250 pins. A motion to order 250 Membership pins was made by First Vice President Patti Elliott, was seconded by Annette Kirk. The motion carried.
2. Discussion regarding AGSM Coins by NSO Joyce Paulsen, Joyce is working with a vendor to change the coin by adding all the branches of service to the back of the coin. Pam Stemple will wait two weeks to allow Joyce to obtain info about the new coin design.
3. President Pam Stemple received a letter regarding placing a Gold Star Mothers National Monument "Lady" Statue - at Headquarters. A motion was made by First Vice President Patti Elliott and seconded by Cathy Bordeaux to place the statue at Headquarters in DC. The motion failed. Pam Stemple will send a letter to the Monument Committee.
4. A request was made to the NEB by George Lutz of the Honor and Remember Organization to send a letter of support to have the Honor and Remember flag as a National Flag to be flown at all Government buildings on certain days. A motion was made to recommend that AGSM support the Honor and Remember Flag by IT Chair Lee-Ann Forsythe and seconded by Annette Kirk. After discussion, Patti calls the question. The motion failed.

Good of the Order:

1. Treasurer Rose Duval will get together with Robin Abbott to switch the banking information and signees to the new officers.
2. IT Chair Lee-Ann Forsythe made a motion that a gratuity of \$400 be made for the two bus drivers for the 2023 Convention. The motion was seconded by First Vice President Patti Elliott. Motion carried.

3. First Vice President Patti Elliott asked that NEB members bring a 4X6 picture of their Hero in Military Dress for Headquarters.

** First Vice President Patti Elliott made a motion to go into Executive Session. Motion seconded by Annette Kirk. Motion carried.

**First Vice President Patti Elliott makes a motion to move out of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Annette Kirk. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the NEB, a motion to adjourn at 11:44 a.m. was made by Lee-Ann Forsythe and seconded by Annette Kirk. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Chanta Vasquez, National Secretary
NEB approved date: July 2, 2023

Pam Stemple, President Date

Chanta Vasquez, Secretary Date



National Executive Board Meeting
June 19, 2023

Attachment 1

Louisville, KY

Welcome and Opening Remarks -

- Introduction of 23-24 National Executive Board

Call to Order

- Motion to dispense with the Ritual

Prayer - Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance – 2nd VP, Annette

Preamble of American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. – 1st VP, Patti

- Whereas the Mothers of Sons and Daughters who served and died in the Allied Cause during the Great War, or died as the result of such service, in order to associate themselves together for the loyal and patriotic service, do unite to establish this permanent organization.

Orientation

- Forms to sign for Compliance
- Contact Info
- Calendar
- Committee Assignments
- Other Forms
- List of Departments
- Structure of Google Drive – IT Chair, Lee Ann
- Travel Information

General Business

- NEB Meetings by Zoom
- Gold Star Mothers Week
- Constitution and Bylaws

Unfinished Business

New Business

- Order Membership pins
- Order AGSM coins
- Stranding Rules
- Job Descriptions

Good of the Order

- Meeting with Finance Committee, July