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## **2025-2026 NSEA Mid-Term Meeting Summary**

November 20-23, 2025

All Nevada Elks,

The Nevada State Elks Association (NSEA) held the Mid-Term Meeting on November 20-23, 2025, in Carson City, NV. The NSEA hosted the meeting at the Carson City Plaza Hotel and Events Center (PHEC). Lodging for attendees was arranged by the NSEA Convention Committee at the PHEC and all meetings and Meals took place at the PHEC.

The Staff of the PHEC graciously worked with our convention committee to accommodate all of our needs during the Mid-Term meeting. Their Assistance was invaluable.

Many thanks to the Convention Committee, which was led by Dee Boskie; Cheri Boskie – organizing the registration packet and verifying attendance, along with the assistance of several other volunteers handing out registration packets and verifying attendance and payments, as well as tracking last minute registrations. Alan Squailia and Randi Biale managed the VIP gift Baskets. Justin Hoch and melissa Fitch, Reno Lodge # 597, managed all aspects of the hospitality room and did an excellent job of keeping the visitors to the hospitality room happy.

We were honored by the presence of our Grand Exalted Ruler, Dekalb, IL Lodge #765, the Honorable Bryan Klatt; Nevada State Co-Sponsor, PGER, from the Stockton, Ca Lodge #218, the Honorable Louis “Jim” Grillo. The other distinguished guests present were; Grand Lodge Area 7 activities Committeeman, PDDGER, PSP, from North Las Vegas Lodge # 2353, William Bohnett; Grand Lodge Area 7 Ritual Committeeman, PDDGER, PSP, from Reno Lodge #597, Frank Reynolds III; Special Deputy grand Exalted Ruler, from Tintic, UT Lodge #711, Robert Pagani; Nevada State President-Elect, from Las Vegas Lodge #1469, J.J. Lynch; NSEA VP South, from Las Vegas



Lodge #1468, Jack Eslinger and NSEA VP North, from Sparks Lodge #2397, Ed Emerick.

**Friday - November 21** – All Trustees, PER, Sponsor, and other Business Meetings were conducted and all reported very satisfactory outcomes.

The State Major Project (SMP) Trustees, St. Judes Ranch, meeting was well attended and were provided with updates on projects. The Ritual (Flag Tribute and 11 O'clock Toast) competition was also well attended.

**Nevada Elks Major Project, Inc. (NEMPI) Report** – Ken DuBois, Executive Director/Treasurer informed the members that the NEMPI investment account with Washoe Wealth advisors/LPL Financial of the highlights, and distribution of funds to the St. Jude's Ranch and NEMPI expenditures on the attached reports, bank, and investment statements. The following summarizes the funds dispersed:

1. \$38,000.00 to St. Jude's Ranch for the upgrading of the Healing Centers second gate from a manually operated to remote electronic opening with a communication hub.
2. \$45,000.00 to fund a one-year salary for a Facility Maintenance Specialist
3. Passed Through ENF Grant Funds from NSEA, \$15,000.00 for Camp To-Belong and \$30,000.00 for St. Judes ranch for Children programs.

He also reported that the number of Elk Members on the NEMPI Board (10) expended 60 hours and drove 900 miles for their attendance at various meetings.

The members then enjoyed a wonderful lunch, before attending the four workshops on Government Relations; Lodge activities; Ritual; and Veterans Services. The Advisory Council Meeting until 4:30 PM was the last meeting of the day. Attendees adjourned for the day to prepare for State President's Dinner.

**Saturday – November 22** – The business meeting of the NSEA was held and called to order by State President Ben Reed at 08:30. NSEA Sargent-at-Arms, Lee Cabanis. Introduced the Honored guests, followed by State President Ben Reed completing all other introductions.

Mark Hilton, NSEA Chaplin, presented the invocation and the Carson City High School presented and posted the colors, followed by NSEA Sgt.-at -Arms, Lee Cabanis, leading the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by NSEA Organist, Steve Waranietz, accompanying the attendees in the singing of our national anthem.

The formal part of the Business Session started with NSEA Secretary, Kevin J. Roukey, reading the minutes of the April 2025 annual meeting and then calling the Roll Call of Officers, followed by the Roll Call of Lodges. The results of the Roll Call of Lodges were, with all Lodges making a report, 77 delegates, 24 representatives, and 0 alternates for a total of 101 members present. The total number of registered Elks was 133 and 31 non-Elks for a total of 164.

<b>NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION</b>					
<b>ROLL CALL OF LODGES (CREDENTIALS)</b>					
<b>NSEA 2025-2026 MID-TERM MEETING</b>					
<b>November 20-23, 2025 – Carson City</b>					
<b>Lodge Name/#</b>	<b>Delegates Reported</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Representatives Reported</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
<b>RENO - 597</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TONOPAH - 1062</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LAS VEGAS - 1468</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ELY - 1469</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GREAT BASIN-1472</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BLDER CTY - 1682</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HWTHORNE -1704</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CARSN CITY- 2177</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FALLON - 2239</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>N. L VEGAS - 2353</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SPARKS -2397</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TAH/DGLS -2670</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PAHRUMP - 2796</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>HEND/GV -2802</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>MESQUITE - 2811</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LAUGHLIN - 2872</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SATURDAY BUSINES SESSION ATTENDED</b>	<b>VOTING MEMBERS</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>TOTAL ATTENDED</b>	<b>164</b>	
<b>TOTAL REGISTRATIONS</b>	<b>ELKS</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>Non-ELKS</b>	<b>31</b>	

The meeting continued with the State Officers and Committee Chairpersons reporting on their committee activities. They are listed here by the Reporting Officer:

**Reporting to NSEA President** – Business Practices: Bill Wiseman; Committee on Laws: Gene Presnell; Credentials: Kevin Roukey NSEA Secretary; Grand Lodge Convention Housing: Jack Eslinger; Government Relations: Bill Bohnett; NSEA EOTY: Ben Reed; Ritualistic Committee: Bill Bohnett; Socktober: Sue Babb; Technology: Steve Waranietz.

**Reporting to President-Elect** – Lodge Brochure Contest: J.J. Lynch; Lodge of the Year: Wayne Westby; New Lodges: Frank Picone; Elks Training: NSEA VPs, Jack Eslinger and Ed Emerick.

**Reporting to District VP North** – Community activities: James Weis; Drug Awareness: Bill Lamar; Hoop Shoot Program: Al Babb; NSEA Directory: Mark Hilton; NSEA Photographers: John Loetterle and Bruce Lafferty; NSEA Newsletter: Kathleen Hoss; Public Relations: Lou Martin; Scholarships: Bruce Rector; Soccer Shoot Program: Doug Shinault; NSEA Webmaster: Bill Wiseman; Youth Activities: Annemarie Niecy.

**Reporting to the District VP South** – Accident Prevention & Risk Management: Mike Lester; Adopt-a-Vet North: Tom Brenzovich; Adopt-a-Vet South: Greg Weeks; Americanism and Flag Day: Nansy Rymer; Citizen of the Year: John Whitesides; ENF: Robert “Bob” Haug; Hides/Leathers: Frank Reynolds III; Lodge Activities: Antoinette Casselberry; Membership: Kris Weiland; Veteran’s Services: Dona Hosley.

**Reading of Communications** – Kevin Roukey, NSEA Secretary, read the communications received since the NSEA annual meeting, which included excerpts from articles in the Grand Lodge Newsletters.

**Unfinished Business** – (1) The NSEA Trustees met and presented the proposed budget for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. A motion was made and to approve the budget it was seconded and was approved unanimously. (2) Historical Records are now in the Reno Lodge Storage Area. The Las Vegas Lodge new building plan includes a display room for Historical Records and Regalia, and the records will be moved their upon completion. (3) DAP Trailer South is still awaiting the signage to be completed.

**New Business** – (1) Two proposed changes to the NSEA Constitution and By-Laws by Gene Presnell, Chair Committee on Law.

1. Proposed change to the NSEA Constitution, Article VII – Officers, Section 3: the change is to Exempt the Office of Historian from not being able to hold more than one office in the Association at the same time.
2. Proposed Change to the NSEA By-Laws, Article III – Meetings, Section 2 – Mid-Term. The change eliminates the “third full weekend” and set the date on a known factor.

Gene Presnell made the motion to approve the Constitution change; Mary Wells seconded it. The motion passed unanimously. Gene Presnell made the motion to approve the By-Laws change; John Whitesides seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

(2) State President Pin Fund Raiser – Bill Lamar proposed a fund raiser to offset the State President’s rising costs for the year in office (Lodging, gas expenses, meals, etc.). There was some discussion with comments from Al and Sabina Bye. IT was tabled pending further information gathering.

**Bills Against the NSEA** – John Whitesides, NSEA Treasurer, read the outstanding bills against the Association. A motion was made and seconded to pay the bills against the Association. The motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report** – John Whitesides, NSEA Treasurer, presented the treasurer’s Report, providing the General Fund and Charity Fund checking account balances; the NSEA, Inc, Balance Sheet, and P&L report; and the NSEA Charities Fund, Inc. Balance Sheet and P&L Report.

**All Committee and Financial Reports are attached for further review.**

**Final Remarks from Visiting Dignitaries** – Robert Pagnani thanked NSEA for the invitation to our Mid-Term meeting, gave full support to our Socktober Program and our efforts for Honor Flight and donated \$100.00 to that program;

Jim Grillo gave high praise to NSEA programs and the job we are doing as Elks. He announced the Grand Lodge Memorial 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Chicago; and thanked the JROTC color guard for their participation and the efforts they are making for our youth, He also informed the members that Jim Shirkey is stepping down as the GL Special Deputy for Nevada and new District Leaders will be announced in the near future;

Grand Exalted Ruler Brian Klatt thanked NSEA for inviting him and his wife Suan to our Mid-Term meeting and stated he was pleased to see the efforts NSEA does for Elkdom. He also thanked the NSEA leaders for their efforts to keep the meeting on time and short.

**Benediction** – Mark Hilton led all attendees with the Closing Benediction.

A motion was made by President Ben reed and seconded by Kevin Roukey to adjourn the Business Meeting session, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin J. Roukey – PER  
NSEA Secretary

Date: December 15, 2025

***Fidelity is your faithfulness to a person, cause or belief that is demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support.***

***Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles.***