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NSEA Business Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2026
Conducted at the Annual Conference, Carson City, NV

(1) Opening: Meeting called to order by NSEA President Ben Reed at 0830 hours.

(2) Posting of the Colors: The Carson City High School, Navy JROTC Color Guard performed an excellent ceremony of posting the colors. They were commanded by LTC Jason Bardon. A donation of $100.00 was presented to him by President Ben Reed, on behalf of the NSEA.

(3) Welcome Address: Carson City Mayor, Lori Bagwell -Mayor Bagwell gave a grand welcome to the NSEA on their 100th anniversary and praised the Carson City Lodge for the important charitable efforts they do for the community.

(4) Roll Call: Taken by NSEA Secretary, Kevin J. Roukey, PER

Present: Ben Reed Jr., NSEA President
J.J. Lynch, NSEA President-Elect
Ed Emerick, District Vice President, North
Jack Eslinger, District Vice President South
Bill LaMar, 1- Year Trustee
Chris Coyer, 2-Year Trustee
Ty Trouten, 3-Year Trustee
Nancy Rymer, 4-Year Trustee
Ross Dyer, Trustee-At-Large
Kevin J. Roukey, NSEA Secretary
John Whitesides, NSEA Treasurer

Members: General Membership of the NSEA. 128 members were present.

Guests: Also the following invited guests were present: AEA 1st VP, Frank Buso (Kearney, AZ Lodge); CHEA 1st VP, Lynn Glick (Alameda, CA Lodge); UEA 1st VP, Jesse Gallo (Tooele, UT Lodge); NV Special Deputy GER, Bill Wiseman

(Henderson/Green Valley, NV Lodge); Grand Exalted Ruler-Endorsed Candidate, Tim Jaeger (Napa, CA Lodge); PGER/NV State Co-Sponsor, Honorable Bob Duitsman (Culver City, CA Lodge); and PGER/NV State Co-Sponsor, Honorable Jim Grillo (Stockton, CA Lodge)

(5) Reading and Approval of Previous Minutes: Reading of the Minutes of Mid-Term Meeting in November 2025 was proposed to be accepted as published. A motion was made to accept the minutes as published by Chris Coyer, JJ Lynch 2nd. The motion carried unanimously. Additions or Corrections: None

(6) Treasurer's Report:

John Whitesides provided copies of both the P&L and Balance Sheets for the General Account and the Charity Account and reviewed the statements of both accounts, including net incomes and investments that showed the following net balances:

General Account:	$101,537.63
Investment Account:	$301,244.80
Charity Account:	$55,799.68
Advisory Council:	$3,003.60

Budget –John Whitesides, Treasurer, Chris Coyer, Chairman, Board of Trustees:

Charity Funds – John Whitesides informed the members the Charity Account has a remaining balance of $37,000. This was from the lack of several Lodges not spending their ENF grant funding. These are monies that must be spent before the end of the year. After an informative discussion of possible organizations we could support with these additional funds the members decided on the following distribution of funds:

$3,500.00 - Reno Lodge #597 – Mary Dubois represented that Reno Lodge has several organizations their ENF Committee could distribute immediately. A motion was made by Jack Eslinger to approve the funding of $3,500.00 to Reno Lodge ENF. It was seconded by Ed Emerick. The motion passed unanimously.

$5,000.00 – **Northern Nevada Dream Center**- a motion was made by Ty Trouten to approve the funding $5,000.00 for the Northern Nevada Dream Center. It was seconded by Lee Conley. The motion passed unanimously.

$14,250.00 – St. Judes Ranch – Chris Coyer presented that St. Judes Ranch (SMP) has several ready to go projects that could utilize funding. He made a motion to approve funding of $14,250.00 for St. Judes Ranch. Seconded by James Weiss. The motion passed unanimously.

$14,250,00 – Honor Flight (North /South) – Several members discussed providing funding to Honor Flight. It was decided that they would each receive $7,125.00 each. Gary Wendt made a motion to donate $7,125.00 each to Honor Flight Nevada (North) and Honor Flight South for a total of $14,250.00. It was seconded by Steve Waranietz. The motion passed unanimously.

The final tally for the distribution of the $37,000.00 Charity Account funds is:

$3,500.00 + $5,000.00 + $14,250.00 + $7,125.00 + $7,125.00 = $37,000.00

(7) Roll Call of Lodges – Credentials: State Secretary, Kevin Roukey called the Roll Call of Lodges and collected the Credentials information from each Lodge. The result of the Credentials Report were as follows:
All 16 Nevada Lodges were represented. A quorum was present.
Delegates – 89; Representatives - 30; Alternates – 4
Total Voting Members – 123; Total Attendees - 185

(8) Board of Trustees Report: Chairman Chris Coyer provided an update on the activities the NSEA Trustees have addressed and completed. The NSEA Trustees held their meeting yesterday. A draft budget was presented, explained in detail and favorably voted upon to move to the floor of today's general business meeting. The Trustees worked diligently to maintain our state per capita dues at $6.00 per annum.
Also communicated on several issues: Centennial Coins, Historical Records Storage, SMP Info Booth at GL.

(9) Reports of Officers and Committees: All NSEA Officer reports and Committee Chairpersons reports (approx. 40) reflected the year's success for the NSEA 2025-2026 Fraternal Year. It was even more memorable because it was noted that we have been serving our communities throughout the State of Nevada for 100 years.

(10) Nominations/Election of Officers: The following is a list of the Officers Positions **NSEA President** – J.J. Lynch (automatic per By-Laws); **NSEA President Elect** – Nominee: Ed Emerick; **NSEA District VP North** – Nominee: Jackie Edwards; **NSEA District VP South** – Nominee: Jack Eslinger; **NSEA Secretary** – Nominee: Kim Hilton; **NSEA Trustee-at-Large –** Ben Reed (automatic per By-laws): **NSEA 4-Year Trustee (N)** – Nominee: Bill LaMar; **NEMPI 3-Year Trustee (S) – Nominees:** James Weiss and Kelly Marshall.

A motion was made by Dee Boskie and seconded by Marlin Hosley to conduct a unanimous vote for all uncontested positions. The motion passed with three (3) opposing the motion.

Ballots were distributed for the election of the **NEMPI 3-Year Trustee (S)**, between Kelly Marshall and James Weiss. All ballots were collected and the Ballot Committee appointed by the President (Frank Reynolds III, PSP; Mary Wells, DDGER; Bill Oskin, DDGER) adjourned for the counting of ballots. They returned with the decision that Kelly Marshall was elected.

(11) <u>Reading of Communications:</u> Secretary, Kevin Roukey read the communications received since the Mid-Term meeting. This included:
1. Thank you from GER Bryan Klatt and First Lady Susan thanking the NSEA for their hospitality during the Mid-term meeting;
2. Thank you letter from the Elks Veterans Memorial Restoration Trust thanking the NSEA for our donation of $1,085.00 to the maintenance and restoration of the Memorial;
3. Thank you from Sparks Lodge for the $2,500.00 grant to supply coats and shoes for at risk children at Greenbrae Elementary School;
4. Secretary Roukey emphasized the GL newsletters that provide a great deal of information and deadlines for contests and reports;
5. Proclamation from GER Klatt announcing that GL session will be held in Chicago, IL;
6. Executive Order No. 25-183, appointing William Wiseman as Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the state of Nevada;
7. Letter from Nevada Co-Sponsor Louis Jim Grillo advising of a meeting to be held at the Annual Meeting in Carson City to meet with Bill Wiseman as the new SDGER;
8. Announcement from Mr. Grillo advising the Co-Sponsors recently appointed new District Leaders, Ben Reed – North District, Don Wolf – South District.

(12) <u>Unfinished Business:</u>

A. **Redistricting of Ely Lodge # 1469 – Ben Reed -** Informed the membership that GER Bryan R. Klatt, in Executive Order No. 25-192, the Ely, Nevada Lodge No. 1469, has been redistricted from the Nevada South District No. 5320 to the Nevada North District No. 5280. The redistricting was made retroactive to April 1, 2026. (actions taken per the request of Ely Lodge 1469)
B. **NSEA Booth at Grand Lodge – Ross Dyer –** A brief overview of the success of the booth at Grand Lodge was given and also some critiques given by the Grand Lodge booth judges. Having the support of the St. Judes Ranch staff was so impressive that we will continue to support this worthwhile endeavor.

(13) <u>New Business:</u>

A. **NSEA Board of Trustees Meeting Report, Review and Approve Budget –** Trustee Chair Chris Coyer provided suggestions for mid-term and annual meetings by Trustees. Agenda, published, copies, fund balances, etc. Need Trustee meeting closer to Business Meeting. Treasurer can have copies on the table for review prior to meeting. Preference by Trustees to meet Thursday night or Friday morning at the conferences.
After a brief overview and presentation on the budget by Trustee Ty Trouten and brief Q&A session, a motion was made by Al Bye to adopt the NSEA budget, seconded by Toni Weeks. The motion was approved unanimously.
B. **NEMPI Adoption of Budget and Revisions to Bylaws –** NEMPI Trustee Chair Kirt Warren gave a brief overview of the proposed Bylaw Revisions and Budget. There were

no questions and a motion was made by Jack Eslinger to approve the Budget and Bylaw Revisions and seconded by Bob Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

(14) <u>Bills Against the Association/Excess Charity funds:</u>

Treasurer John Whitesides advised the members there were bills against the Association for $1,182.96 and the budget has funding to pay them. A motion was made by Wayne Westly to pay the bills. It was seconded by John Loetterle, the motion was passed unanimously.

(15) <u>General Comments from the Dias</u>: All Officers, Trustees and Invited Guests deferred their remarks to the State Presidents dinner this evening.

(16) <u>Announcements:</u> President Ben Reed gave some brief announcements regarding the State Major Project Luncheon, President's Dinner, and the Memorial Service this afternoon. The next Mid-Term meeting of the NSEA general membership will be held on <u>Saturday, November 21, 2026,</u> in Laughlin, Nevada.

(17) <u>Adjournment</u>: The meeting was adjourned by NSEA State President Ben Reed at 11:35 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin J. Roukey – PER
NSEA Secretary

Date: May 26, 2026

Ben Reed, Jr. – PDD
NSEA President