



106th Convention
July 19th, 2025
Green Bay, WI



Vice President Nellie DeBaker called the meeting to order at 2:08 with the usual ceremony. Morris Sadicario offered prayer.

Roll Call of WHA Officers present: VP Nellie DeBaker and Executive Director/Department Historian Michelle Adams. Secretary/Treasurer Denise Rohan was committed to attending Auxiliary installation of officers. Denise Rohan was able to participate in the latter part of this WHA meeting.

Other members present included: Morris Sadicario, Al Richards, Greg Eirich, Marty McFarland, and Kendel Feilen.

Two new life members present: Tom. Kenevan (District 11, Post 11 Green Bay) and Matthew Stevenson (District 9, Post 413 Crivitz). Each paid dues, Tom purchased a WHA pin. Life membership received in the mail (they were not present) from Stan Hook (3rd District, Post 385 Verona) and Marilyn Galoff (10th District, Post 207 Elmwood)

Guests included: Steve Wesolowski, Roger Walton, Kevin Comerse, Erland Niendorf and Paul Maier.

Last meeting minutes: Motion by Michelle Adams and 2nd by Al Richards to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2025, Midwinter meeting as printed and distributed. Motion Carried.

Department Historian Report: Michelle indicated that her efforts to write stories of their military service were not successful. She received only four stories and believes that this is not enough to generate the book she envisioned. On another topic, she felt unsure of the depth of the historian's functions, being told one time she was doing too much, then being told the opposite. She would like to see better guidelines for the position. Requests for a historian to be present are also problematic. She said the older paper forms contained the historian request. But it does not appear on the online form. Also, needed clarification concerning the Brewer's game: "Should it be the historian or the adjutant?"

Treasurer's Report: In Denise's absence, Morris Sadicario read from her spreadsheet. Our current balance is \$6,069.25. The Department is asking WHA to transfer our funds into our own bank account, there are some other account issues to be discussed. Since she was unable to be at this meeting, Denise is asking for an Executive Committee meeting at another time to further explain account information.

Morris made a motion to approve reimbursing Denise for her \$171.70 purchase of two Martha Marlowe awards, 2nd Marty McFarland. Motion Carried.

Old Business: WHA website. In response to the website approval during the January 17th meeting, Morris set up a website for the WHA. The URL is <https://talwha.org>. Morris was able to obtain the necessary startup and domain items at a special price and indicated he would cover the cost of the first year's subscription. Anticipated annual costs going forward are expected to be in the \$100 range.

New Business: Nominations for the Martha Marlowe Historian Award. **Morris made a motion to nominate the Director of the University of Wisconsin MIA Repatriation Program, Charles Konsitzke subject to confirmation of his eligibility to Article VII of the WHA By Laws. 2nd Marty McFarland. Motion Carried.** Charles's work is a prime example of history in action and enhances the cause of the American Legion. Charles has not yet responded regarding whether he is willing to accept this nomination. The vote on this will take place during our Midwinter meeting in January.

Election of WHA Officers:

1. **President.** Greg Eirich nominated **Michelle Adams** to be elected for President. 2nd by Morris. Motion Carried. There being no other candidates, Michelle was elected President.
2. **Vice President.** Morris nominated Nellie DeBaker for Vice President, 2nd Michelle Adams. After initially accepting, Nellie declined her election to Vice President. A motion was then made by Greg to accept Nellie's request to withdraw her acceptance, 2nd Michelle. Motion Carried. **Greg Eirich** was then nominated by Michelle, 2nd Marty McFarland. Motion Carried. There being no other applicants or nominations for this post Greg was elected.
3. **Secretary/Treasurer Denise Rohan** indicated she was willing to continue in her current position. Morris nominated her, 2nd Nellie. Motion Carried. There being no other applicants or nominations for this post she was elected.

For the Good of the Order

We were reminded that the Wisconsin Veterans Museum accepts documents from posts. The next meeting will be during Midwinter at Oneida Radisson in Green Bay.

There being no other official business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm with a closing prayer by Morris and a moment of silence for our individual concerns.

Following the meeting Morris presented examples of his MailChimp-based Weekly newsletter and handed out printed archive copies of the newsletter. It turned out to be a lively question-and-answer session.

Respectfully submitted,
Morris Sadicario for Denise Rohan