

Region VI Fall Meeting

Spicer, MN

October 4, 2025

Call to Order – 9:01am – Rose Steen #57178

Presentation of Flag – none

Pledge of Allegiance – by Veterans

Invocation – Kris Wilke #72950

Approval of Agenda – Motioned by: South Dakota, Seconded by: Iowa – Motioned carried

Introductions and Protocol – Pat Hoelker #45893

Welcome to Minnesota – Brian Levanduski #80227

Secretary's Report – Joanne Schwab #71117

Roll Call: Iowa- 2; Minnesota- 2; Missouri-2; Nebraska-2; North Dakota-2; South Dakota-2;
Wisconsin-2

Approval of Minutes – Motioned by: Minnesota, Seconded by: North Dakota – Motioned
carried

Treasurer's Report – Julie Morff #71917

Approval of Treasurer's Report Motioned by: North Dakota, Seconded by: Wisconsin –
Motioned carried

State President's Report

Iowa – Brian Witte #68535

Minnesota – Brian Levanduski #80227

Missouri – Kami Harsell #77656

Nebraska – Geneva Armbrust #72535 given by Ruben Ventris #64569

North Dakota – Connie Olsen #72670 given by Angie Jelinek #60570

South Dakota – Chad Albers #68747 given by Cindy Crook #55834

Wisconsin – Jason Rosenau #76858

Program Manager Reports

Chief of Staff – Toon Bauman #67855. Gave a reminder about cell phones during the meeting. Also Rose has T-Shirts available for \$20 apiece.

Chaplain – Kris Wilke #72950. Thanked everyone for information. At this time had 7 senators from Region VI that had passed with names and states given.

Children's Hospitals- Cindy Crook #55834. Have been collecting stuffed animals and books at each regional to be given to local children's hospitals in the areas. Will be collecting for Shriners Children's Hospital in Woodbury at Spring Regional.

First Timers – Linda Alexander #82180. Had 1 in attendance and he completed the first timers competition.

Wreaths Across America – Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003, given by Brian Witte #68535. Event will be Dec 13. Go online to choose a cemetery in Region VI or in your state. Make sure to include your state and senate code to be counted.

Future Directions – David Teachout #68700. Looking for ideas to sustain the organization.

E news had a link to a basic 5 minute survey. Please check and complete the survey. Reach out to David if you have any questions or concerns.

Historian – David Delaney #412303. The National Historian Melissa Sleeth #69220 from Virginia is looking for material that have importance to the organization. Archives are on display at the national headquarters in St Louis, MO.

Newsletter – Bill Fleese #64179. Thanked everyone for submitting material for the monthly newsletter. Reminder articles are due the 25th of the month.

Photographer – Bernard Thompson #52497. No report given

Return the Favor – Dewayne Cartee #62218 given by Rose Steen #57178. Deadlines are Dec 15, 2025 and May 15, 2026. Need 2 letters plus submission form. Questions or to submit email Dewayne.

Sergeant of Arms – Ruben Ventriss #64569. No report given

PIE – Juanita Beauchamp #74247. No report given

TIE – Ann Piotrowski #74889. No report given

Webmaster – Lloyd Mueller #57186 and Vonita Gardner #63629. Get ahold of either one for needing to add to the webpage. Reminder posts on the Facebook page will need to be approved before they are posted.

Ways and Means – Jim Pendleton #40286 and Wendy Cox #69246. For the fundraiser for the region going to try an “Envelope Challenge”. This will be an on going event through Spring Regional. Gave an explanation on what the envelope challenge is. Will have 2 drawings, one during Fall meeting and the other at Spring meeting. Ask everyone to promote this fundraiser.

Sweepstakes prizes- Lori Oakland #67100. Thank you to everyone that have donated gifts. Have sold a little over \$400 in tickets so far. To purchase tickets or to donate gifts contact Lori.

Region Party Booth – Stacey Rawls #63600, given by Kristen Johnson #72859. Had information from National Party Chair Katy Lemmer #73037, that the “Welcome Party” at Year End Convention will be doing something different. Instead of region booths they are asking states for donations to help with expenses. Deadline is Feb 20,2026.

Kristen also reported that there were only 16 sweepstakes buttons left. Gave a short explanation on the buttons.

Regional Advisor – Randy Johnson #56636. Had a meeting with all the states’ presidents that were present. Rose is doing a great job travelling all over. Reminder that elections for the Region will be during Spring Regional, have a candidate for next year. If you are interested in holding a position to get with your state advisor. Information on next meeting will be given soon.

Regional Foundation Rep – Wayde Burkhardt #63877. Starting silent auction at 2pm. Any questions to reach out to Wayde.

Old Business

Region VI Fall 2025 Meeting – Nancy Stredde #63623. Thanked the hotel staff for a great weekend. Thanked everyone for attending.

Region VI Spring 2026 Meeting – Vonita Gardner #63629 and Cindy Crook #55834. Did a fun skit to pump everyone up for the meeting. Will be in Yankton, SD same location as last time.

Registration Cost: \$80 regular, \$90 late registration. Additional \$20 for hospitality.

Rooms: Best Western Kelly Inn, Yankton SD

\$144 for second floor, \$154 for first floor. Reminder there are no elevators at this hotel. Room block ends March 6,2026. Will be collecting bears and books and nonperishable can goods.

New Business

None at this time

Special Presentations/Awards- presented by Rose Steen #57178. Minnesota received one for doing the most. Cheryl Davis Sauerbrei #44003 received one for her work for Wreaths Across America, collected by Brian Witte #68535. Brian Witte #68535 received one for all his work. Nancy Stredde #63623 received one for all her work for the convention.

NVP Comments – Rose Steen #57178. Thanked everyone for their continued support. Has enjoyed travelling to the states and meeting with both senators and members.

Good for the Order-

Minnesota- Senate Golf tournament 1st weekend in May.

Looking for ads for the Christmas edition of the Mentors Magazine.

Minnesota Senate planted a Silver Maple Tree in memory of DJ Leppa

Reminder you can purchase Region VI shirts for \$20 a piece and have some on hand

Don't forget to turn in your books and bears and to sign in that you participated.

Adjourn with Jaycees Creed at 10:30am. Motioned by: Minnesota, Seconded by South Dakota – Motioned carried.

Secretary notes submitted by

Joanne Schwab #71117

2025-2026 Region VI Secretary