



Navy League of the United States
Annual Meeting of Delegates
June 7, 2025

Call to Order 12:05pm

National Corporate Secretary, Ward Cook called roll call and established quorum
A quorum was established

President Townsend asked if there were objections to the agenda as presented. There were no objections, and it was approved as printed.

President Townsend asked Bruce Bishop, Chair of the Nomination Committee to give his report. Nominating Committee report, Bruce Bishop, Chair

There were eighteen members of the nominating committee, and the Judge Advocate was present for counsel.

- The Nominating Committee changed its procedure a little bit this year appointing the first non-member of the Navy League as its Chair.
- The other change this year was providing the committee with portfolios of the candidates ahead of time.
- The CEO, President-Elect, and President all spoke to the committee and emphasized the importance on the nominating committee.
- The Navy League removed the two-year term limit for National Vice-President's.
- The Nominating Committee heard from all of the National Vice-President Candidates in-person.
- The Nominating Committee then waived the in-person interviews for the Region President Candidates
- The Nominating Committee then heard from the Region Presidents representatives and then approved them by acclamation.

- The deliberation on the National Vice-Presidents lasted over two hours
- The Navy League rules require a super majority, or two-thirds are required to receive an endorsement from the nominating committee.
- There were seven candidates for five National Vice-Presidents positions
- Four candidates received that threshold. One seat would remain open and could be nominated by the National President.
- We allow nominations from the floor.
- Two candidates were certified before this meeting. These two candidates could be considered and could be nominated from the floor.

Bruce Bishop then offered comments from the Nominating Committee or from the floor:

Bruce Bishop Introduces the Slate of candidates:

Adm. John Richardson, National Senior Vice-President

Adm. John Richardson was then voted on and approved

National Vice-Presidents, The Committee endorsed four individuals:

Sara Fuentes

Mark Haller

Mark Honecker

Dan McCort

Bruce Bishop calls for a vote to elect these four candidates for National Vice-President by acclimation.

It was moved and seconded

Seeing no objection, these four candidates were elected by acclimation.

Bruce Bishop informs the delegates that he has received the correct paperwork for two candidates from the floor, Frank Russo, and Lynn Adkinson.

Bruce Bishop then asks for a nomination from the floor for Lynn Adkinson.

Lynn Adkinson has been nominated

Bruce Bishop asks for a nomination from the floor for Frank Russo

Frank Russo has been nominated

Dan Dermer: Speaks in support of Frank Russo

Doug Fulton: Reiterated what Ward Cook said regarding the possible "NO" vote.

Larry Salter: I can suggest a name, but he is only one vote

Ward Cook: Very difficult decision by the Nominating Committee

Chuck McCleskey: Speaks in support of Lynn Adkinson

Bruce Bishop reviews the election process: 67 delegates were present, and one candidate must receive a majority of the vote.

Ballots were distributed

Recess for eight minutes

President Townsend Reconvened the meeting at 12:58pm (EST)

Bruce Bishop: No candidate received the required majority vote. The seat will remain vacant.

Bruce Bishop continues with the Region President Slate

Bruce Bishop asks for a motion to elect the slate as presented

The motion is made and seconded

The slate of Region Presidents is elected

Bruce Bishop leads the new officers in the Oath of office

Bruce Bishop then says that completes the report of the nominating committee.

President Chris Townsend thanks everyone and Introduces Larry Salter as our new National President.

Transfer of Presidency

New Navy League President, Larry Salter Speaks

President Larry Salter Adjourns the meeting at 12:14pm