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**VETERANS COMMITTEE**

**February 13, 2024**

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Catherine Newman Suzette Fletcher

Nicholas Boyle Rebecca Dedmond

**Committee/Council Activities to Date**

* Currently updating the list of committee members that has not been updated since 2021 to accurately reflect current members.
* Currently working towards more Veteran centered training to increase NCDA membership within the VA and VBA community.
* Currently working towards increasing participation and leadership of diverse members.
* Determining/implementing monthly meeting schedule.

**Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30.**

* Met to discuss professional development as it relates to Veterans and the VA culture, possible podcast or perhaps webinar.
* VBA has a two part webinar series scheduled for February 2024.

**Budget Requests:**

Request submitted requesting assistance with registration fees and air fare for committee secondary co-chair who has changed position that does no allow for travel. Budget had not been utilized and still remained at $5000.00. The training attended was virtual and at no cost to committee budget.