

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

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The Advisory Board did not complete its required 4 meeting per year. Two meetings of the 4 that were held failed to attract the required quorum.

The Veteran's Advisory Board (VAB) was chartered in 1987 under Local Law 53 to advise the Mayor's Office of Veteran Affairs on all matters concerning Veterans.

Legislation expanding the VAB from five to nine members under Local Law 45 was implemented in 2002. There are nine appointees; five appointed by the Mayor and four appointed by the City Council. Each Borough of the City of New York is represented on the Board.

In 2006, Intra 233 enhanced the structure of the VAB and added annual reporting requirements. Under this expanded/enhanced board, the first Chairman of the VAB was elected by the Board in 2008 and resigned his position in February 2009.

At the September 2009 board meeting, Manhattan representative Vincent McGowan was voted as the Chairman and Staten Island representative Lee Covino as the Co-Chair.

The Board drafted By-Laws and adopted them in December 2009.

Highlights of the 2009 board meetings included:

- The presentation to the Board by Consumer Affairs Dep. Commissioner Alba Pico discussing Veteran Vendor Licensing issues.
- The presentation to the Board by Dept. of Homeless Services Assistant Commissioner Mary Wilson Hall discussing Veteran Homeless policy.
- Discussion of the recent veto of New York State Legislation A 8555-A and S 3285-A, the NYS Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Opportunity Act.
- Discussion of pending New York State Legislation A 7063-A and S 4465-A, relating to the provision of annual reports containing information specific to the number of veteran-owned small businesses in the State.
- Discussion of pending New York State Legislation A 7093-A and S4431-A, relating to the provision of information to veterans regarding veteran-owned business opportunities.
- Contributed veterans links for the upgraded MOVA Website.