



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

In the Spirit of Service Not Self, for our Veterans, God and Country

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DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Charlotte, North Carolina August 24, 2014

First Vice President Sharon Cherrette called the meeting to order for excused President Penny Mazonna at 10:05 AM at the Charlotte Westin Hotel in Secretary Linda Schmitt's room. (The meeting was held here due to the small size of the hospitality suite.)

Motion was made by Rehta Foster to dispense with the opening ceremonies. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Linda Gunvalson to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Linda Gunvalson to dispense with the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Linda Schmitt, Department Secretary read communications. Thank you cards from Kari Jahnsen, Cassi Adams and Tasha Boyer thanking the Auxiliary for their opportunities to attend Girls State, Frank Ockert thanking the Auxiliary for recognizing his 90th birthday, and Barb Nath thanking the Auxiliary for the Merrilyn Stock Memorial scholarship she was awarded at Department Convention were read.

ROLL CALL

OFFICERS	NAME	P	A	E	TOTALS
PRESIDENT	PENNY MAZONNA			X	
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	SHARON CHERRETTE	X			
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	SUSAN WALDHAUS	X			
SEC./TREAS	LINDA SCHMITT	X			
CHAPLAIN	BARBE WOLKOFF	X			
HISTORIAN	SHARON DILLON			X	
SGT-AT-ARMS	COLLEEN NEWMAN	X			
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMEN	JANE LARSON	X			

	SUE COUP	X			
TOTAL OFFICERS					7
STANDING COMMITTEES					
AMERICANISM	EVA AULSTON			X	
AUDIT	LINDA GUNVALSON	X			
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND	KATHY MOORE			X	
CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES	SHARON DILLON			X	
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	ZONA GREGG			X	
COMMUNITY SERVICE	COLLEEN NEWMAN	X			
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	LAVONNE COLLIER	X			
DISTINGUISHED GUEST	SUE DIAZ	X			
EDUCATION	LORI FITZSIMONS			X	
FINANCE	RUTH JOHNSON			X	
GIRLS STATE	DIANA ESTRADA			X	
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	ADRIENNE HUFF			X	
LEADERSHIP	SUE COUP	X			
LEGISLATIVE	LORI FRUHWIRTH	X			
MEMBERSHIP	SUSAN WALDHAUS	X			
NATIONAL SECURITY	SUE DIAZ	X			
PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY	MARGE BLANKENSHIP	X			
POPPY	LINDA GUNVALSON	X			
PUBLIC RELATIONS	LEONA SCHANK			X	
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION	SHARON CHERRETTE	X			
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES					11
UNITS		P	A	E	TOTALS
JACK HENRY	UNIT 1	X			
KETCHIKAN	UNIT 3			X	
SEWARD	UNIT 5			X	
MERLIN ELMER PALMER	UNIT 6			X	
DORMAN H. BAKER	UNIT 11	X			
LYNN CANAL	UNIT 12			X	
SITKA	UNIT 13			X	
MAT. VALLEY	UNIT 15			X	
GENERAL BUCKNER	UNIT 16			X	
ROBERT G. BLAIR	UNIT 17	X			
NINILCHIK	UNIT 18	X			
NOME	UNIT 19			X	

GEO. H.PLUMLEY MEM.	UNIT 20	X			
GLADYS M. HEINTZ MEM.	UNIT 27			X	
SPENARD	UNIT 28	X			
MULDOON	UNIT 29	X			
CON MILLER	UNIT 30			X	
PETERS CREEK	UNIT 33	X			
CHAPPIE JAMES	UNIT 34			X	
SUSITNA VALLEY	UNIT 35	X			
C. RUSSELL HUBER	UNIT 57	X			
TOTAL UNITS					10
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS		P	A	E	TOTALS
LYNN BASH				X	
CAROLYN NULL				X	
SUSAN CASWELL				X	
LAVONNE COLLIER		X			
BETTY RANDALL		X			
JILL PAWSON				X	
LISA WILLIAMSON		X			
JEAN CLAYTON				X	
REHTA FOSTER		X			
JEAN SHANDY				X	
FRANCISCA GUILFORD				X	
LINDA GUNVALSON		X			
EVA AULSTON				X	
JUDY PUSTI				X	
BETTY PORTER				X	
SUE CHERRIER				X	
LORI FITZSIMMONS				X	
JUNE HAAS				X	
SUE DIAZ		X			
BEVERLY EADS		X			
TOTAL PDP'S					7

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business to be discussed at this Department Executive Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Girls State Director, Co-Director and 3 – Year Board Member

Ratification of Department President Penny Mazonna's appointees to the Girls State board - Director: Yvonne Lamm of Peters Creek Unit 33, Co-Director: Elizabeth Anderson of General Buckner Unit 16 and 3 – Year Board Member: Beverly Eads Past Department President and member of Robert G. Blair Unit 17.

Colleen Newman Robert G. Blair Unit 17 made a motion to ratify Yvonne Lamm as Girls State Director. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. It was suggested to form a committee to construct a set a guidelines for directors and co-directors for the Girls State program that would address dress code, language, responsibilities (do's and don'ts) etc. Vote was by show of hands, five for, 3 against, six abstain. Motion approved.

Rehta Foster Spenard Unit 28 made a motion to ratify Elizabeth Anderson as Girls State Co-Director. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion approved.

Rehta Foster Spenard Unit 28 made a motion to ratify Beverly Eads as 3-year Girls State Board appointee. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Rehta Foster requested a set of Girls State behavior guidelines for the program. Lisa Williamson reminded the members in attendance that the Department of Alaska needs to ratify the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program and Guidelines established and published by the National organization. Once the guidelines are established, Susan Waldhaus and Lisa Williamson suggested that the Director and Co-Director sign off on each page acknowledging that they have each read and understand the guidelines of their respective job. It was suggested to carry the process over to all Department Chairmanships and Officers.

Sue Diaz made a motion to have guidelines set up for all Officers of Girls State who will sign each page and will be filed in the Department Headquarters Offices. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Beverly Eads made a motion to send both Vonn Lamm and Beth Anderson to the Girls State Conference in Indianapolis from September 26-28, 2014. The motion was seconded. Discussion ensued. Motion approved.

Betty Randall moved that we leave the Auxiliary donation to the Hospitality Suite with the American Legion Department of Alaska even though we are not having our meeting there this year. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Americanism – Lori Fruhwirth

There was 100% reporting in Americanism. No resolutions or changes. No awards.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Sue Coup

No resolutions, no recommendations and no awards.

Cavalcade of Memories – Margaret Blankenship

No resolutions, no recommendations, no awards.

Chaplains – Barbe Wolkoff

No resolutions, no awards.

Child Welfare Foundation – Wendy Mendez

No Resolutions, no awards.

Children and Youth – Wendy Mendez

No resolutions, no awards.

Community Service – Betty Randall

No resolutions, no recommendations, no awards.

Constitution and Bylaws – Lavonne Collier

There is one proposed Amendment to Articles IV & V of the National Constitution and Bylaws: Establish elected Second and Third National Vice Presidents. The amendment is presented for consideration by the Department of Arizona.

Credentials – Linda Schmitt

There are 811 total delegates. There will be no third and two-thirds figures anymore because of the use of the key pads to cast the delegate votes. Each vote is tallied individually.

Education – Colleen Newman

No resolutions, no recommendations, no awards.

Finance – Jane Larson

There was one resolution from the Centennial Plan Implementation Team, Long Range Strategic Planning Committee. The resolution proposes to re-appropriate \$1,000,000.00 from the final phase of the Awareness Campaign to resource the needs identified to be accomplished in Phase one of the American Legion Auxiliary 2014-19 Strategic Centennial Plan. The purpose of the plan is to accomplish the goals of the American Legion Auxiliary Five-Year Strategic Centennial Plan adopted by the NEC so that the organization may realize a reversal of the declining membership and achieve 1,000,000 members by the 100th anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary in 2019-2020. The resolution was recommended to be adopted.

Girls Nation – Wendy Mendez

49 states attended Girls Nation. No resolutions, no awards.

Historians – Barbe Wolkoff

No resolutions, no awards for the Department of Alaska. Toomey Award went to North Dakota.

Junior Activities – Wendy Mendez

No resolutions, no awards.

Leadership – Sue Coup

The Leadership committee achieved 100% reporting. No resolutions, no recommendations, no awards.

Legislative – By Beverly Eads

No resolutions, no awards.

Liaison to the Child Welfare Foundation – By Wendy Mendez

No resolutions, no recommendations, no awards.

Membership – Sue Waldhaus

No resolutions, Department of Alaska received one award for increasing overall membership by one percent or more between July 2, 2014 and August 20, 2014. Department of Alaska met goal of 85% membership.

National Security – By Beverly Eads

No resolutions, no awards. Applications for awards are very easy and no one applies. Keep it short and sweet and you'll receive the award.

Past Presidents Parley – by Margaret Blankenship

No resolutions. Time for the Woman of the Year Luncheon has been changed to 1:30pm. Department of Alaska's Woman of the Year Zona Gregg of Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6 will be in attendance at the Woman of the Year Luncheon. Zona was awarded a nice wooden plaque. PPP's, Cavalcade of memories and History should work together.

Poppy – By Margaret Blankenship

No resolutions, no awards. Texas Roadhouse Restaurants will allow for poppies to be passed out and for donations to be accepted.

Public Relations – By Sue Coup

No resolutions, no recommendations, no awards.

Resolutions – By Linda Schmitt

Proposed Resolution 1 – Submitted by the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee.

This resolution would amend a Standing Rule – it would add a 5-member executive committee to the National Executive Committee.

Proposed Resolution 2 – Submitted by the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee. This resolution would amend a Standing Rules – it would increase by two the number comprising the National Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Proposed Resolution 3 – Submitted by the National Education Committee. This resolution would amend a Standing Rule – it would reduce by one the number comprising the National Education Committee.

Proposed Resolution 4 – Submitted by the National Leadership Committee. This resolution would amend a Standing Rule – it would increase by five National Division Representatives the number comprising the National Leadership Committee.

Proposed Resolution 5 – Submitted by the National Audit Committee. This resolution would amend a Standing Rule – it would grant voting privilege to the two liaison members of the National Audit Committee and prohibit either from chairing the committee.

Rules – By Linda Schmitt

There is one change to the Rules of this Convention. Rule 25 on Page 125 of your Convention Booklet will be changed as follows: strike the words "the revision considered" and add the words "any amendments to the governing documents adopted at this convention." So as corrected Rule 25 will read: "The National Convention Parliamentarian with the approval of the National President, National Vice President, National Secretary, and National Treasurer, is authorized to correct article and

section designations, punctuation, and cross-references, and to make such technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the voting delegates in connection with any amendments to the governing documents adopted at this convention.”

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation – By Sharon Cherrette

No resolutions, no awards. Field Service and Home Service committees have been combined into one committee titled ‘Service for Veterans.’

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Department pins for trading on the convention floor are available at 11 pins for \$15.00 or 22 for \$30.00.

Sharon Cherrette announces Fall Workshop at Susitna Valley Unit 35 October 11-12, 2014. The American Legion Department of Alaska will not be having a Fall Conference this year.

Kevin Collier has requested that everyone be at the SAL meeting following this meeting by 12:30 but no later than 12:45.

Wendy announced that the Jessica and Tina each ran for a Junior office but neither won.

There will be Power Points presentations available for every chairmanship on the National website.

Chaplain Barbe Wolkoff offered closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45AM.