

**Minutes of the
Pre-Convention DEC Meeting
April 20, 2022
7:30 p.m. – Spenard Post 28**

The meeting was called to order by President Jane Larson at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION: By Anarene Robinson (Unit 33) and seconded by Diana Estrada (Unit 35) to dispense with opening ceremonies except for the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ROLL CALL

Present

National Officers

National Executive Committee Member Penny Mazonna

Department Officers

President Jane Larson

1st Vice President Anarene Robinson

Secretary Barbara Nath

Treasurer Diana Estrada

Chaplain Colleen Newman

Historian Lori Fruhwirth

Sgt-at-Arms Frances Bedel

Executive Committee Member Robyn Downs

Standing Committees

Alaska Girls State – Lori Fruhwirth

Americanism – Jane Larson

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Zona Gregg

Distinguished Guests – Penny Mazonna

History – Lori Fruhwirth

Legislative -- Penny Mazonna

Membership – Anarene Robinson

National Security – Frances Bedel

Past Presidents' Parley—Jane Larson

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ROLL CALL (continued)

Present

Units

Jack Henry Unit 1
Joseph T. Craig Unit 3
Seward Unit 5
Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6
Dorman H Baker Unit 11
General Buckner Unit 16
George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20
Spenard Unit 28
Muldoon Unit 29
Peters Creek Unit 33
Susitna Valley Unit 35
C. Russell Huber Unit 57

Past Department Presidents

Marge Blankenship	Susan Caswell	Sharon Cherrette
Rehta Foster	Penny Mazonna	Caroline Null
Jane Larson		

Excused

National Officers

Alternate National Executive Committee Member Sue Diaz

Department Officers

2nd Vice President April Sinclair

Standing Committees

Audit – Sue Diaz
Community Services – Kathy Moore
Constitution and Bylaws – Sue Diaz
Junior Activities – Nina Ketelsen
Veteran's Affairs and Rehabilitation – April Sinclair

Past Department Presidents

Sue Diaz	Sue Waldhaus	Lisa Williamson
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ROLL CALL (continued)

Absent

Department Officers

Executive Committee Member Sheryl Howe

Standing Committees

Children and Youth – Sheryl Howe

Education and Scholarship – Lisa Boyles

Finance – Beverly Eads

Leadership – Delores Stokes

Poppy – Christine Calabrese

Public Relations – Beverly Eads

Units

Lynn Canal Unit 12

Sitka Unit 13

Matanuska Valley Unit 15

Robert G. Blair Unit 17

Ninilchik Unit 18

Gladys M. Heintz Unit 27

Con Miller Unit 30

Chappie James Unit 34

Peter Heyano Unit 442

Past Department Presidents

Eva Aulston

Betty Bumala

Beverly Eads

June Haas

Evelyn Oliver

Barbe Wolkoff

Lynn Bash

Jean Clayton

Lori FitzSimons

Laverne Kearns

Jill Pawson

Ruth Brown

Lavonne Collier

Francisca Guilford

Debbie Lowndes

Jean Shandy

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

President Jane Larson introduced Western Division National Vice President Toni Gimpel. She is from Idaho. She thanked Alaska for the invitation to come visit our state and encouraged us to continue the great work the Alaska members are doing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: by Zona Gregg (Unit 6) and seconded by Diana Estrada (Unit 35) to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2022 DEC Meeting.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

1st Vice President Anarene Robinson read a letter from Governor Dunleavy congratulating the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska has reaching 100 years of services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the Department Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Barbara Nath and seconded by Diana Estrada (35) to approve the rental of space at the American Legion Headquarters Building in Anchorage for a cost of \$200 per year.

Barb pointed out that she had several years of documents from different secretaries throughout the years. She wanted to be able to move items to American Legion Headquarters building. The intent that she would keep the current year and the past year documents with the secretary.

Sharon Cherertte asked about paying for a rental van to move everything into town. Barb indicated that there were several people in the Valley who had trucks which could be used to transport, but thanked Sharon for thinking of that cost.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The joint Opening Ceremony will be at 9:00 a.m. Thursday at Spenard Post 28.
- There will be a Post Everlasting for all family members, and the Military Child's Table Ceremony (conducted by the Juniors)\
- Members were reminded to bring scrapbooks, history books and chaplains books to the meeting on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Department Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Nath
Department Secretary