

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee met Thursday, June 25, 2009 in the Cartier Room, New World Inn, Columbus, Nebraska. Chairman Joyce Petersen called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present were: Joyce Petersen, Chairman  
Marge Suchy, Member  
Lynne Wild, Member  
Eva Nollette, Member

The following resolutions were considered:

Constitution Amendment No. 1- National Delegates
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**RESOLVED**, that Article VIII National Representation, Section 5 be amended as follows:  
When neither the District President nor the District Vice President are able to attend the National Convention, a delegate from said District should be appointed by the District President with the approval of the Delegation Chairman. If no delegate from a District is available to attend the National Convention, the Delegation Chairman shall designate the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman and the Children and Youth Chairman, respectively to serve as the District delegate. ~~The name of the appointee shall not be placed on the ballot for election as delegate at large to National Convention.~~

The Delegate attending the National Convention is to submit all required reports to the Department and District after which the appointed Delegate shall receive the allowed delegate's reimbursement.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee made the following amendment to paragraph 1 by deleting the phrase "shall designate" and inserting the phrase "should give preference to". As amended, Article VIII, National Representation, Section 5, would read:

When neither the District President nor the District Vice President is able to attend the National Convention, a delegate from said District should be appointed by the District President with the approval of the Delegation Chairman. If no delegate from a District is available to attend the National Convention, the Delegation Chairman should give preference to the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman and the Children and Youth Chairman, respectively to serve as the District delegate.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee recommends changing paragraph 2 by deleting “all required reports” and inserting “a report on the assigned pre-convention committee meeting and the convention sessions”. If adopted, this would read:

The District Delegate attending the National Convention is to submit ~~all required reports a report on the assigned pre-convention committee meeting and the convention sessions~~ to the Department and District after which the appointed Delegate shall receive the allowed delegate’s reimbursement.

#### **Resolution No. Finance 2 – Dues Increase**

**RESOLVED**, that Bylaws, Article VI, Finance, Section 2 shall be amended as follows:

The annual dues of the Unit to the National organization shall be as provided by the National ~~Convention~~ Constitution. The annual dues of the Unit to the Department shall be ~~six~~-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$~~6~~8.25) per Senior member and one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per Junior member effective with payment of ~~2002~~2011 dues. Twenty cents (\$.20) of each member’s dues shall be set aside for the National Convention Delegates’ fund; the balance to be used for the General Fund, which shall include a subscription for each Senior member to the American Legion Auxiliary – The Star. If it becomes necessary, a portion of the balance in the National Convention Delegates’ Fund may be transferred to supplement the Department Convention Fund upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee and the approval of the Executive Committee.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee approved this resolution with the change of the word “Convention” to “Constitution” and adding an “s” to the word “cent” in sentence 3.

It was noted that the new American Legion Auxiliary Unit Handbook, Revised 2009, has a suggested Unit Constitution and Bylaws that is available for Unit use if desired.

There being no further business, the Constitution and Bylaws committee meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Joyce Petersen  
Constitution and Bylaws Chairman