

DEPARTMENT EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
February 14, 2015

The meeting of the Department Education and Scholarship Committee as called to order by John Bradford, Chairman at 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 14, 2015 in the Camp David of the Holiday Inn Gateway Centre in Flint, Michigan. The following people were present:

MEMBERS: Zone 1 – John Bradford
 Zone 2 – James Atkinson
 Zone 3 – Cliff Lauzon
 Zone 4 – John Brindley
 Zone 5 – Carl Morrison (replacing George Maciejewski)

GUESTS: Jim Hurley – Post 298 Battle Creek
 George Bolinger – Dist 19

OLD BUSINESS:

John Bradford discussed problems of recruiting contestants Oratorical Contest. Conflict with exams at school in January may be an issue with attendance at contest even for those that have filled out applications and talked with Zone Chairmen.

State Departments are free to set their own dates for competition as long as the State Winner is determined by the end of February. This committee recommends that the deadline for entering an application to participate in the Oratorical contest be changed to November 21st, of the year of the contest. Also, the Zone contests to be conducted by December 21st of the Year. The department contest could still be in February.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed resolution from New York regarding increasing the number of participants at the semi-final level of the National Oratorical Contest by advancing the 1st and 2nd place winners from each quarter-final level to the semi-final level. A couple propositions were included with this resolution (see copies of resolution and propositions). Our committee agrees that advancing two winners from each quarter-final is a good resolution, and would recommend it. National will have to decide if added expenditures and additional contest officials required would work. Committee would not recommend any change in the scholarship monetary awards at the State or National levels.

Recommendation that Department continues to stress to Posts and Districts the need to encourage participation in American Legion Programs.

Scholarships – 4 Brewer & 9 Wilson \$500 scholarships were chosen.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting will be adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



John Bradford, Chairman
James Atkinson, Secretary