

## DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING

September 26, 2014

The meeting of the Department Internal Affairs Committee was called to order by Chairman Steve German at 1:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Muskegon.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Steve German, Jerry Andrus, Pat Smith, Don Hatfield and Bob Mayrand

**GUESTS:** 16

Bob Mayrand was elected Vice Chairman and Jerry Andrus was elected as Secretary.

**MINUTES:** The minutes from the 2014 Convention meeting were read and accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Committee reviewed the process of Approval of Rules to find that they have not been properly incorporated in the rules for the committee intended. Chairman Steve German said that he would get with the Department Adjutant to ensure that future changes of rules would get to the proper committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Reviewed Resolution 5-F-14, Adoption of the Updated Revisions to the Plan. Moved by Smith, supported by Hatfield, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

Pat Smith, Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Subcommittee, presented a change to the Constitution and Bylaws of Article IV, Section 4b, Formation of a New Post. Moved by Hatfield, supported by Mayrand, motion carried, that the section be deleted and replaced with this amendment:

*Article IV, Section 4b, Formation of a New Post: Any group of at least 15 qualified veterans, not currently members of The American Legion, desiring to form a post, shall apply for the proper application blanks to the District Commander of the District in which such proposed post is to be located; said proposed post shall then get the approval of said District at a regular District meeting with the required quorum present. Upon District approval, it shall then be the duty of the Department Post Development Committee to examine the discharges of said applicants and to investigate their Charter and qualifications to determine their eligibility for membership. The Post Development Committee Chair shall transmit to the Department Adjutant the completed application, certificate of eligibility, a copy of the minutes of the District meeting giving its approval of said proposed post, a written report of the Post Development Committees' investigations, and said Committees' approval or disapproval of the application. The application, upon approval by the Department Executive Committee, shall be forwarded to the National Headquarters. Upon approval by National Headquarters, a temporary charter will be issued.*


NEC John Skinner presented to our committee Dale Barnett, Leading Candidate for National Commander 2015-2016. Commander Bennett spoke briefly on his agenda for next year.

PDC Bill Hafeman asked about resolution changes and Chairman German stated that each one should be separate so as not to lose the whole resolution because of one section in it.

Pat Smith moved that the Chairman of subcommittees should get two (2) days per diem at Department Convention. Supported by Hatfield. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 1:59 p.m. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



Stephen J. German, Chairman

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