

**DEPARTMENT POST DEVELOPMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**June 26, 2015**

Meeting held at the Sterling Heights Convention Center in Sterling Heights, Michigan in the Concord Room.

Meeting called to order at 9 a.m.

No quorum was present.

Per rules the temporary chairman Al Ford assumed the position of convention chairman for the meeting.

Chairman Ford appointed Ken Dittenber as secretary.

27 guests were present.

Minutes: The minutes of the 2014 meeting were read.

Chairman Ford gave an overview of committee progress for the last year. 1 new post was started and 9 posts were revitalized. 225 new and or transferred members were obtained.

We had 18 charter cancelations.

There are 13 posts in our Department currently with membership below the number required to continue as a post.

The number of posts requesting information for charter turn in has increased.

On a positive note, 2 new posts being considered (Ada Township and Allendale), 2 posts are currently scheduled for revitalization and 2 districts are reviewing that we have a district wide revitalization.

As of December 2014, Michigan had 650,000 eligible veterans who could join a Michigan post – we have signed only 68,000 of these people.

High potential area for membership increase – Wayne County has 96,000 eligible, only 6% signed in the Legion. Oakland County is in the same type of situation, over 60,000 eligible vets with only 6% signed in the Legion.

A general discussion was held on recruiting membership retention and the various Department and National support available.

Review of Amendment C-15-1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Zone Commander Marilyn Britton thanked Post Development Committee for work they have completed in her area.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.



ALTON FORD, CHAIRMAN

KEN DITTENBER, SECRETARY