

**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE
June 21, 2018**

The Department Membership Committee was called to order by Jerry Andrus, Membership Director, in the Great Lakes Room at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on June 21, 2018, at 9:15 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Andrus, Ernie Berry, Carl Morrison, and Bill Clark

GUEST PRESENT: 15

Minutes:

It was moved by and supported that the minutes of the February 17, 2018, meeting of the Department Membership Committee be approved. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jerry Andrus spoke on where we ended our year. We placed 31st Nationally, which was the lowest in years.

Discussion on who sets goals for the year.

Discussion on how to get Posts to set goals for Membership and also keep them coming at the end of the year. Several ideas were presented by the group.

Discussion on incentives for posts to turn in membership before the end of December.

Discussion on Resolution 18-C-7. Motion to approve. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was closed at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jerry Andrus
Membership Director

	Post	Dist
1. ERNEST BERRY		
2. Jerry Andrews		
3. Carl MORRISON		
4. CRAIG TILLMAN	173	12
5. Bill CLARK	337	16
6. Stephen M. STEVENS	14	18 th
7. Eric Nelson	258	5 th
8. Scott Mullarkey	179	5 th
9. Wm C Mc MURRAY	0315	D2 Z2
10. Don Gillespie	36	3rd
11. Scott Nichols	412	8
12. RICHARD DURBAY	4	7 th
13. Sheila Saunders	298	3 2-2
14. RICHARD TRACY	254	10 th 4 th
15. Wendy Retzlaff	44	12
16. Wendy Sexton	244	11
17. James JENNINGS	55	3
18. Clifford ROSE	465	3
19. HOWARD CROWN	88	18

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: 18-C-7
SUBMITTED BY: Department of Michigan 10th District
SUBJECT: Legion National Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS) Dues

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The American Legion National DMS program offers a new membership rate of \$25.00; and

WHEREAS, Local posts cannot compete with this rate because they have to pay National and Department per capita dues rates; and

WHEREAS, The backbone of The American Legion is the local posts and their involvement in the local community; and

WHEREAS, The offering of such reduced dues by National DMS is in direct competition with local posts for new members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Convention assembled in Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 21, 2018, That the Department of Michigan objects to this low dues membership rate for new DMS members; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Department of Michigan present this resolution to the National Convention in Minneapolis, MN, in August of 2018; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That The American Legion National organization fix the minimum National DMS rate at a rate not lower than the average State and National combined per capita rate.