

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

The Department Membership Committee was called to order by Membership Director Richard Tracy in the Trustee Room at the Holiday Inn Muskegon-Harbor in Muskegon, Michigan on September 21, 2018 at 11:00 am.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dick Tracy, Bob Higley, Gary Land, Jim Carlin, Robert Berger, Doug Carignan, Donald Mraz and Carl Morrison.

GUESTS PRESENT: 42 including Past Department Commanders Larry Money, Jerry Lynch and John Mella. Past National Historian Richard Duby. Membership coordinator Deanna Clark.

Jim Carlin nominated Gary Lane to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Membership Committee. No other nominations were made and Gary Lane was elected Vice-Chairman.

Carl Morrison nominated Bob Higley to serve as secretary of the Membership Committee. No other nominations were made and Bob Higley was elected secretary.

Minutes: It was moved by Carl Morrison and supported by Gary Lane that the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting of the Department Membership Committee be approved. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 10 Posts have not turned in their post officer, audit and bonding forms. They are post 272, 309, 59, 237, 570, 133, 199, 319, 341 and 201. District Commanders were instructed to contact these posts.
- This year's membership incentives were announced. Posts that reach 100% of their goal by Veterans Day will receive \$2.00/member and the post commander will receive a jacket. Posts that achieve 100% of their goal by December 31, 2018 will receive \$1.00/member.

- NEC Ray Moore introduced the leading candidate for 2019-2020 National Commander Bill Oxford. Mr. Oxford explained the need to recruit new members so our organization stays alive.
- There was a lengthy discussion on DMS headquarter post members.
- Gary Lane gave the UP report. We need to get out in the public and be visible.
- Dick Tracy stated Michigan is currently in 18th place nationally in membership.
- Post Development and membership training will take place on Saturday September 22nd from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Governor room.
- Dick Tracy announced the Al Ford award is now an award that can be earned every year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee the meeting was closed at 11:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Tracy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Richard Tracy
Membership Director