

AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
MEMBERSHIP STANDING COMMITTEE

September 20, 2019

The Department Membership Committee was called to order by Membership Director Robert Higley in the Lincoln Room at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center in Flint, Michigan on September 20, 2019 at 1430 hours

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Higley, Sheila Overholts, Gary Lane, Dave Spencer, Gregory Spight, Richard Parks, Bill Hilgris, Gary Walter and Wendy Sexton

**GUESTS PRESENT: 38**

The first order of business was to elect the chairperson and secretary. Gary Lane was elected vice chairperson and Gregory Spight was elected secretary.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Sheila Overholts and seconded by Wendy Sexton that the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting of the Department Membership Committee be approved. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** None

The meeting was suspended to recognize and welcome Richard Heigert, National Vice Commander and Paul Dillard, leading National Commander Candidate from the Department of Texas.

**New Business:**

- As of September 19, 2019 Michigan, is in 25<sup>th</sup> place nationally with 33,919 members which is 52.76% of our goal.
- ~~913~~ Posts have not turned in their post officer, audit and bonding forms. Their cards are still at department headquarters. They are post 184, ~~313~~, 223, ~~309~~, 59, 401, 183, 237, 504, ~~27, 61~~, 200 and 63. District Commanders were instructed to contact these posts.
- It was recommended that all posts send in renewals on a weekly basis and also sign up and use myLegion.org.

- The contract between posts and department to transfer headquarter post members that turn in a request for transfer was discussed.
- The membership incentive for members that renew by November 1, 2019 was explained. Posts need to get the members that renew by November 1<sup>st</sup> into department by then.

There was a **motion** by Sheila Overholts and seconded by Dave Spencer that the membership committee recommends that the department create a new post for DMS members that don't want to transfer to a local post. Motion was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee a **motion** to adjourn was made by Greg Speight and seconded by Richard Parks. The meeting was closed at 1530

Respectfully Submitted,



Bob Higley  
Membership Director