Minutes of the Education and Scholarship Committee
The American Legion, Department of Michigan
Winter Meeting February 15, 2020
Camp David Room, Gateway Holiday Inn, Flint, MI

Meeting opened at 9:03 a.m. by Committee Chairman John Bradford with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Committee members present: John Bradford, chairman, Sheryl May, Brian Morrison, and George Maciejewski. James Atkinson excused. A quorum is present.

John Bradford appointed Morrison secretary.

There were no guests present.

Minutes of the meeting of the previous meeting were presented. No additions or corrections. Motion by Maciejewski to accept. Second by May. Carried.

Motion to approve change to Rules of Procedures for the Education and Scholarship Committee removing the word “normally” from the membership section, first paragraph by Morrison. Second by Maciejewski. Motion carried.

Motion to add “Teacher of the Year” under Purpose in the ROP by May. Second by Morrison. Carried.

Motion to replace the line “applications be available upon request from Department” with “online submission forms will be made available at michiganlegion.org” under Program promotion in the ROP by May. Second by Maciejewski. Carried.

Motion to add descriptions and duties of committee members and chairman under program promotion in the ROP by Morrison. Second by May. Carried.

Motion to update description of the duties of the Chairman and committee members to clarify all of the duties in the ROP by Maciejewski. Second by May. Carried.

Chairman Bradford welcomed NEC John Knox and Alternate NEC Jerry Lynch to the meeting of the Education and Scholarship Committee. Knox introduced National Commander’s aide Larry Kline and National Commander Bill Oxford. NC Oxford commented on the importance of our scholarships and programs to the Foundation for the Future.

Discussion by the committee on the results of each Zone’s Oratorical Contest. Motion by Morrison to create separate Zone Oratorical 1st Place scholarship prize of $500 (five hundred dollars) separate from any awards achieved at the department (state) level competition. Second by Maciejewski. This award will allow 1st place zone winners to receive their awards even if circumstances prevent them from attending and participating in the Department contest. Motion carried. Committee members reviewed applications for Wilson and Brewer scholarships. 11 applications for the Wilson scholarship were selected by the committee to add to the 15 selected by the District committees. 5 applications for the Brewer scholarship were selected.

There being no further business to come before this committee, motion to adjourn by Maciejewski. Second by May. Carried.

Meeting was closed at 1:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Bradford