



American Legion Department of Michigan
Education and Scholarships Committee
Fall Conference
Double Tree Hilton Hotel Battle Creek, Michigan
September 26, 2025 9:00 am in Meeting Room I/II

Committee Members: Chairman PDC Larry Money, David Kennedy, Kim Lambouris, Charles High, Mark Maida, Ed Herter, and James Warunek(Absent Excused)

Guest: NEC Brett Holt and Leading Candidate for National Commander John Bowen from Colorado.
Ashley Zimmer Programs Coordinator

Meeting came to order with Saluting the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Chairman Money to appoint Kimberly Lambouris as Secretary./2nd by David Kennedy

Chairman Money – Stated that last year Chairman David Kennedy filled out a budget and it stands at \$24, 775.00. If you would like to see a breakdown of the budget, he can get you a copy.

David Kennedy spoke about writing a resolution to create a Veterans Scholarship at a college, university, or trade school for a \$1000 for 2 veterans per District. The scholarship recipient would be for an American Legion member in good standing. To fund these scholarships to start in 2028 we would need to increase membership dues by \$1.00 per member starting in 2027 if passed. The scholarships would start in 2028. Discussion took place.

Motion made by Charles High to approve a resolution to increase membership dues of \$1.00 per member to go towards a Scholarship for Veterans of \$1000/per veteran for 2 veterans per District./2nd Dave Kennedy **Passed**

NEC Brett Holt introduced ^{Jay} John Bowen from Colorado who is the leading candidate for National Commander.

Old Business

David Kennedy spoke about Banners for each zone that were approved 2 years ago that would be used to promote our scholarships, but have not been able to get them ordered. Chairman Money will look into it to see why they have not been ordered.

New Business

David Kennedy - Stated tentative dates for oratorical registration deadline for next year to be the following for 26/27 - December 4th, 2026

Wilson/Brewer – 1/4/27

District Oratorical deadline – 1/24/27

Zone Oratorical deadline – 2/27/27

Department Oratorical Deadline – 3/27/27

Trade school Scholarship Deadline – 4/23/27

Motion made by Dave Kennedy to adjourn/2nd Charles High

Meeting Adjourned at 10:04 am

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry C Money". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Larry Money
Chairman Education and Scholarships