AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES OF 06-NOV-2026

CALL TO ORDER:

1) On Friday, November 06, 2026 at **1302** hours, the meeting of The American Legion Department of Michigan Media & Communications Committee, held in the **Huron Room at Treetops Resort Conference Center** was called to order by committee chair Oscar Gomez
2) **Total Attendance: 22 ATTENDEES**

INTRODUCTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS & SPECIAL GUESTS:

POSITION / TITLE	Name	Present
Department 1st Vice-Commander	Roger Deaton	Y

ROLLCALL OF DEPARMENT OF MICHIGAN'S MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE POSITIONS	Name	Present
Chairperson	Oscar Gomez	Y
Vice-Chairperson	Steve Caudill	Y
Secretary	Adam Lyons	E
Committee Member	Liz Cuddington	E
Committee Member	Mike Fitzgerald	Y
DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE (NO VOTE)		
Media & Communications Coordinator	Jim Showers	Y
QUORUM		
Need at least 3 Committee Members present	QUORUM	YES

1) Review of Meeting Minutes:

1) Minutes of the Media & Communications Committee Meeting on 15-OCT-2026 were read and accepted as read.

2) REPORTS:

a) Committee Chairperson Report – Oscar Gomez:

1) Highlights from the National Media & Communications Commission meeting during National Convention in Kentucky:
   a) Asides from sharing highlights that your post is doing within our monthly Michigan Legionnaire, if you want to want to get National exposure of something great your Post has done, National has a website called **LegionTown.org** – place to share your stories about your Post (some of the stories from that site may be included into one of the Legion Magazine publications
   b) Instructions on "**How to create your own Membership Impact Report**" for your Post, County, District or Department are available (see Oscar) – great tool for showing the accomplishments of your Post, such as how many Buddy Checks you have performed, how many scholarships or youth programs supported, how may community events your post participated in, and many more data points like this
   c) Oscar showed the prototype of the new re-sized and redesigned Legion Magazine
      i) **Magazine Redesign and Cost Optimization:** The national organization is reducing the width of the Legion magazine by one inch. This minor physical adjustment reclassifies the publication from a "magazine" to a "catalog" for postal purposes, yielding an estimated $1.2 million in annual savings.