

The American Legion Department of Michigan Internal Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee was called to order by Chairman Cooper at 1 PM in meeting rooms Riverview A & B at the Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center in Port Huron, Michigan on February 7, 2026.

There were six members in attendance along with six guests. A quorum was present.

A motion was made by Carl Atkinson and supported by Jena Wilmers to approved the minutes of the January 20, 2026, Zoom meeting. The motion Passed.

The Leadership Development Subcommittee Chair Jena Wilmers, gave a report on the activities of the Leadership Development Committee's new training program and that they are building a strong training team.

Upcoming training classes

- 21 Feb 26 Post 566 Memphis, MI 0900-1600
- 28 Feb 26 Post 443 Sanford, MI 0900-1600
- 14 Mar 26 Post 101 Greenville, MI 0900-1600
- 21 Mar 26 Post 257 Battle Creek, MI 0900-1600
- 28 Mar 26 Post 32 Livonia, MI 0900-1600
- 18 Apr 26 Post 49 South Haven, MI 0900-1600

The Legion Riders Subcommittee Chair Kamin, gave a report on the Legion Riders meeting.

Discussed the issue happening between the Wyandotte, 217, and Riverview, 389, with the Downriver name. Committee decided to have then DEC to advise 389 to cease the use of the name Downriver. Motion by Jim Austin, 2nd by Mark Kolawski, approved

M/Tolbert
2 Overholts
to Adopt
PASS

Adding in the procedure of moving a chapter from one post to another.
Motion by Duane Miller, 2nd by Dan Shew, approved.

Working with Ron Runyon to get a state charter for the chapter

Motion to recommend approval of Resolution #26-02 to send to DEC, made
by Woods, 2nd by Wilmers. Approved

Motion to recommend approval of Resolution #26-03 to send to DEC, made
by Woods, 2nd by Kamin. Approved

No more business to come before the Internal Affairs Meeting

With no further business to come before the Committee, the Meeting was
adjourned at 2:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Cooper , Chairman

**Department of Michigan Internal Affairs
Minutes of January 20, 2026, Zoom Meeting**

The Zoom meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee was called to order by Chairman Cooper at **19:06**

In Attendance: Chairman Dan Cooper, Jena Wilmers, Robert Kamin, Kurt Lepinski, Barry Wood, Carl Atkinson, Brian Mohlman

A motion was made by Barry Wood and supported by Jena Wilmers to approved the minutes of the September 16th, 2025, Zoom meeting. The motion Passed.

The Leadership Development Subcommittee Chair Jena Wilmers, gave a report on the activities of the Leadership Development Committee's new training program.

The Legion Riders Subcommittee Chair Kamin, gave a report on the Legion Riders.

An updated Rules of Procedure for the Trial of Members was reviewed. A motion by Wilmers and seconded by Mohlman to approve the procedure and to present it at the Winter Meeting. The motion passed.

An updated Outline of Authorization for The leadership subcommittee was reviewed. A motion by Wilmers and seconded by Mohlman to approve the procedure and to present it at the Winter Meeting. The motion passed.

Ron

A motion was made by Mohlman and seconded by Wood to approve the resolution to approve to use approved template for constitution and bylaws And send to department for consideration at the winter meeting; that motion passed

A motion Mohlman and seconded by Wilmers to approve resolution modifying permanent time and place standing committee And send to department for consideration at the winter meeting; that motion passed

A motion was made by Mohlman and seconded by Wood to approve modifying the resolutions assignment committee and making it a subcommittee of internal affairs And send to department for consideration at the winter meeting; that motion passed

With no further business to come before the Committee, the Zoom Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Cooper

m/ Tolbert 4th Dist
2/ overholts 3rd Dist
to adopt
pass

Riders
DEPARTMENT MEETING 2.7 called to order at 11:00 am

Chairman Robert Kamin Present
SAL Rep Mike Globke Present
ALA Rep Angela Snyder Present

8 District Liaisons
23 guests presents

Roger Avie introduces national commander
Dan Wylie, National commander
Acknowledges Mike "Ponytail" Globke, founding ALR member. Founded in
1994
Spoke of the Legion Riders & Patriot Guard
Spoke on the Veterans & Children's Fund

Boys State, Deputy Director spoke :
Asking all hats of the legion to volunteer at Boys State
Asking for 1776.00 to help enhance the boys state store. (asking for
personal items, hygiene, belt, socks, toothbrushes, etc.)
donations to Michigan legion / boys state
June 21-27. Asking for everyone to give some time.
Scott asks if someone wants to donate hard goods, where to send: send to
Post 29 earmarked for Boys state.

Discussion of an issue 16th district

Riverview is trying to take the 'Downriver' name. Have asked for Riverview
to not use the Downriver name. Riverview is refusing to cooperate.
We have to decide if we want them to remove the Downriver name.

Jim Austin MAKES A MOTION TO WRITE A LETTER TO RIVERVIEW TO
CEASE AND DECIST/ REMOVE THE ROCKER IMMEDIATELY. If they do
not comply, the DEC will decide on what disciplinary action to be done.
Mark Kolaski SECONDS
All in favor: MOTION CARRIES UNANIMOUSLY

Rules and procedures: * **Rob presents his form for moving a chapter**
Motion by Duane to add the process of moving a chapter to the Riders
Rules of Procedure for moving a chapter
Seconded by Dan Shew
Motion carries unanimously

Debbie asked how chapter gets the Rules, they should be getting them from the district liaisons

Scrat talks about legacy run: not donating to VCF due to the fact that no one from VCF would return calls or messages. Motion by Angela Snyder to change the recipient to Michigan American Legion Foundation
Second by Dan Shew
During discussion Gary Tanner explained what the foundation is and who ~~mail~~ it helps
Motion carries unanimously

Good of the riders
Scott discussing Hell to Paradise 3
Not starting at Hell Saloon
Starting in Stockbridge open to parking and camping
208 paid registrants

Kirk adding about Legacy Ride: in charge of donations: asking for every post to donate \$1000.00

Roger Deaton Blessing of the bikes May 2nd

Bike Blessing at Post 114, Ishpeming

May 9th Bike blessing in Lansing

August 11: wall that heals looking for motorcycle escort : Rob will have information

Brian Morrison from Petoskey/ new chapter: first annual memorial ride
MEMORIAL DAY *FLYER AVAILABLE*

Respectfully submitted
Robert Kamin Chairman

m/ 1st Burnett
2/ 16th Ramik
to adopt
PASS