

**THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**Resolution Number: 25 - 24**

**Submitted By: Permanent Time & Place Committee**

**Subject: Late Conference & Convention Registration Fee**

- WHEREAS,** The Rules of Procedure for the Permanent Time and Place Committee, ROP L, for Fall Conference, Convention, and Winter Meeting in all three “Registration” sections currently read, “A registration fee, as agreed upon by the Department Executive Committee, and recognized by the officers or representatives of the Convention Corporation, in the amount of \$25, shall be collected from all persons attending the Conference (Convention).”; and
- WHEREAS,** An accurate count of anticipated attendees helps to ensure hotel staff and conference services are adequately staffed to provide a satisfactory level of services to attendees; and
- WHEREAS,** The Genessee County Convention Corporation received 238 advance registrations for Winter Meeting 2025 and 104 walk-in registrations, causing attendance estimates to be understated by 30.4%; and
- WHEREAS,** An understatement such as this causes a great deal of additional work and expense to the Convention Corporations, as well as increasing the potential for detrimental understaffing by hotel and convention staff; and
- WHEREAS,** The Convention Corporations must provide an unknown stock of blank name badges and holders when the actual attendance is unknown, whether they use the supplies or not; and
- WHEREAS,** This causes backups and delays in registrations at the conference & convention locations; and
- WHEREAS,** A late registration fee would encourage and motivate attendees to pre-register for each conference and convention in a timely basis; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED,** By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in Fall Conference assembled in Battle Creek, Michigan, September 26 - 28, 2025 that the Convention Corporations shall be entitled to collect a “Late Registration Fee” in the amount of \$5, in addition to the “Registration Fee” as provided in the Permanent Time & Place Rules of Procedure,

for all registrations received after the Friday immediately preceding the start of said conference or convention ; and, be it Further

**RESOLVED,** That the Department Adjutant shall make all of the changes required by this resolution; and be it finally,

**RESOLVED,** This action shall take place at the close of the Fall Conference September 26 - 28, 2025.

Rejected