

2022 REPORT OF CONVENTION

RULES COMMITTEE

The Convention Rules Committee met on May 6, 2022 and respectfully submits the following report and recommendations:

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER SHALL GOVERN, except for the following restrictions and additions:

Only individuals displaying to the Sergeant at Arms the official paid delegates or alternate stamp on their name badge shall be admitted to the Convention floor. Two exceptions to this rule shall be:

- (1) Any interested party shall be admitted to the Convention floor during a special or joint session as determined by the presiding officer;
- (2) Any Legionnaire who is neither a delegate nor alternate shall be admitted and seated in a guest section upon showing a current membership card. All delegates from each Post, County and District shall be seated on the floor of the Convention with their respective District sign.

All Past Department Commanders shall be seated with their own District.

When it is desired to address the Convention, the delegate shall be announced by their District floor leader. The floor leader will request the floor for the delegate by addressing the chair with the appropriate title, i.e., "Mr./Madam Commander," "Mr./Madam Adjutant," etc., announcing the delegates name, Post number and location.

All Convention Committees shall consist of one delegate from each District unless otherwise specified in the Department Constitution.

In accordance with Article V Section 7 (c) of the Department Constitution, no resolution shall be considered at any annual Department Convention unless such resolution shall have been submitted to the Department Headquarters on a date not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the first day of such Convention. No exception from this rule shall be permitted unless such resolution shall be presented to such Convention by or with the consent of the Department Executive Committee or unless unanimous consent is obtained from a Convention Committee or unless unanimous consent of all delegates present is obtained from the floor of the convention.

No delegate shall speak on a resolution or subject more than twice; debate shall be limited to five minutes on the first appearance and two minutes on the second appearance; debate on any one resolution or subject shall be limited to one-half hour unless the consent of the Convention is secured for a longer period.

No non-debatable motion or any motion to cut off debate shall be entertained until in the judgment of the Chair, both sides of the question all have been adequately presented. If an opponent is the first to speak on any resolution, the Chair will recognize the Chair of the Committee to have the last rebuttal on said subject.

All District Caucus shall be held at the designated time or at meetings determined upon at regular caucuses held at appointed times. Caucuses may be held during the period of Convention sessions.

There shall be no suspension of the rules of this convention without the majority consent of all delegates present.

Voting shall be by acclamation, except for the election of officers, unless a roll call of the Districts is demanded by at least two Districts, or unless requested by the Commander. On a roll call vote, the District floor leader will announce the vote of their delegation. Only the number of delegates actually seated on the floor of the Convention may vote at any time. A unit rule shall not be enforced at this Convention.

The Department shall police all outside vendors so that a policy will be enforced whereby no political items or items non-related to programs of The American Legion may be sold.

Each Committee report shall be made as a whole and (unless there is objection) shall be voted upon as a whole. After the committee Chair states the committee recommendation on each item, the presiding officer shall ask, "Does anyone wish separate action on any items of this report?"

Upon the request of any single delegate, any item shall be passed over for separate action. The question shall then be put as to acceptance of the report, excluding those items on which separate action has been requested. Immediately thereafter, such items shall be brought one by one for separate action.

Each committee secretary shall enter in their minutes, the names of the maker and second of each motion in committee, and whether the vote was unanimous, and the names of those voting each way if the vote was not unanimous.

In accordance with Article IV, Section 2 of the Department Bylaws; Nominating speeches for the office of Department Commander shall be limited to four minutes, nominating speeches for National Executive Committee Member and Alternate National Executive Committee Member shall be limited to three minutes. Nominating speeches for all other officers shall be limited to two minutes and the seconding for all offices shall come from the District floor leader of the candidates District, which will be a one sentence seconding as follows: The (number of) District seconds the nomination of (name of candidate) for the office of (name of office candidate is nominated for).

The following officers shall be nominated in the following order and shall be elected at this Convention:

- a. One Department Sergeant at Arms
- b. Four Department Vice Commanders
- c. One Department Commander
- d. One Alternate National Executive Committee member
- e. One National Executive Committee member

Election Procedures:

- a. Nominations for all elective offices shall be made a special order of business as the last item of business on Friday's agenda. Nominations shall proceed until all nominations for all elective offices shall have been made. No nominations shall be made or entertained after the adjournment of the first day's business session.
- b. The elections are conducted under the provisions as set forth in the Department Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. Election officials shall expeditiously upon the closing of the polls, tally and count the votes and make return thereof, so that announcement of the results of such election shall be made promptly and/or at the request of the Department Commander.

Respectfully submitted with recommendation for approval and acceptance this 6th day of May 2022 at Portage, Wisconsin.

APPROVED:

Keith Lovell, Department Vice Commander

Gail Minks, 6th District Commander

Ken McCormick, 3rd District Commander

2022 REPORT OF CONVENTION CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee met on May 6, 2022 and respectfully submits this report and these recommendations:

The following American Legionnaires in good standing shall constitute the delegates and/or alternates to the Department Convention; all Past Department Commanders, all voting members of the Department Executive Committee and all County Commanders. Alternates may replace none of the aforementioned. In addition, each Post which meets the additional requirements as hereinafter set forth in this report shall have a minimum of two delegates, and two alternates, one additional delegate and one additional alternate for each one hundred memberships on which the Post shall have paid its dues to the Department at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Department Convention. However, those with less than fifteen (15) paid up members shall be allowed one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate.

Article V, Section 6 of the Department Constitution provides no delegates shall be entitled to a seat or a vote in the annual Department Convention unless the Post from which he is elected has paid all financial obligations owing to the Department.

Article II, Section 3, Sub-paragraph (b) of the Bylaws also directs the Department Adjutant to notify all Posts of financial obligations owing to the Department at least thirty (30) days prior to any Department Convention. If at Convention time, these obligations shall remain unpaid, then it shall be the duty of the Department Adjutant to notify the Convention Credentials Committee, which committee shall challenge the right of delegates and alternates to sit in such Convention, until all financial obligations due to the Department are paid.

The Credentials Committee has learned it is becoming increasingly difficult for Department Headquarters to properly record the names of the delegates and the alternates to a Department Convention because of extreme laxity on the part of some Posts in not complying with Article V, Section 3 of the Department Constitution which is quoted as follows: "At least twenty-eight (28) days prior to the annual Department Convention, the Department shall issue to each Post a certificate showing the number of delegates and alternates to which the Post is entitled under this Constitution. The Post Adjutant of each Post shall certify the names of the delegates and alternates elected by the Post endorsement thereon, and **shall mail the same to the Department at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the annual Department Convention.**"

It has been reported to the Credentials Committee some Post Adjutants fail to comply with the above quoted Department Constitution Article V, Section 3 and the Credentials Committee recommends Certification forms be given out to delegates who have not been pre-certified by their Post Adjutant only if their names and Post number shown on their current American Legion membership card coincides with the name and Post number which they are representing.

It has also been reported to the Credentials Committee that many individual Legionnaires report to Department Headquarters or at the Credentials desk that they have been sent to replace a delegate or alternate originally listed on the certificate submitted by the Post Adjutant. The Credentials Committee recommends that in no case should credentials issued to a delegate or alternate be changed unless written instructions and verifications are received from their District Commander or his designated representative.

District Commanders should submit a listing to the Credentials Committee prior to the start of the Convention of those District Officers other than the District Commander who are authorized to sign the certification forms for delegate replacements.

It is recommended credential stamps be given out on an individual basis and only to the individual whose name appears on a current American Legion membership card coinciding with the name on the credential badge to be stamped, giving authorization to vote at the Department Convention elections.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE NO ONE BE CERTIFIED AS A DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DURING THE PERIOD OF ONE HALF HOUR PRIOR TO THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS DURING ANY ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

Respectfully submitted with recommendation for approval and acceptance this 6th day of May 2022 at Portage, Wisconsin.

APPROVED:

Harry Bauer, Department Vice Commander

Jim Johnson, 2nd District Commander

Linda Pfeiffer, 4th District Commander

2022 REPORT OF CONVENTION PERMANENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The Permanent Organization Committee met on May 6, 2022 and respectfully submits the following report and recommendations:

There shall be the following Convention Committees; each committee to consider such subjects as may come within limits hereinafter set forth and in addition thereto, any questions, which may be specifically referred to them by the Convention. Each Committee shall perform their duties as outlined and report their recommendations to the Convention.

The composition of a Convention Committee shall be those delegates, or delegate's alternates who have been certified by their respective District Commander or District Commander's designee. All Convention Committees shall have the power to request the presence and the counsel of any Department Officer or Department Committee Chair, if in their opinion it is deemed necessary.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the Constitution none of the following Convention Committees will initiate resolutions (except with the unanimous consent of a Convention Committee, or unless unanimous consent of all delegates present is obtained from the convention floor), but will generally act to consider resolutions referred to them, consolidate and restate those covering identical subjects and amend resolutions provided that all amendments must be germane.

Americanism – This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Children and Youth – This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Constitutional Amendments – This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Finance – This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Legislative - This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Membership - This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

National Security - This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Resolutions – This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation - This committee should consider resolutions as are assigned to it, and shall submit to the Convention its recommendations to the delegates in Convention assembled.

Respectfully submitted with recommendations for approval and acceptance this 6th day of May 2022 at Portage, Wisconsin.

Approved:

David Latimer, Department Vice Commander

Scott Markle, 12th District Commander

Larry Larson, 10th District Commander