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FOREWORD

These are the Department Convention Committee reports and resolutions adopted by the delegates at the Department Convention held in Willmar, Minnesota, July 14-16, 2022 and which constitute the recommendations upon which the 2021-2022 programs of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota will be formulated.

The Department's Constitution and By-Laws are printed in Appendix "A" of this book and correctly represent all amendments adopted through the 100th Annual Department Convention.

This booklet is mailed to each Post of record. It has been prepared for the information of the membership of The American Legion; therefore, it should be filed among your permanent records for convenient use and reference in the future.

MICHAEL MAXA
Department Adjutant

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2021-22 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER	Tom Fernlund, St. Cloud
VICE COMMANDER	Gary Weaver, LaCrescent
VICE COMMANDER	Harold "Hal" Meyer, Jr., Lynd
VICE COMMANDER	Ray Eiden, Minneapolis
VICE COMMANDER	Carl Moon, Walker
VICE COMMANDER	Wilbur "Gene" Swanson, Duluth
CHAPLAIN	Rev Kelley Adelsman, Pine Island
NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN	William Barbknecht, Battle Lake
ALTERNATE COMMITTEEMAN	Peggy Moon, Walker
JUDGE ADVOCATE	Greg Colby, Northfield
TREASURER	William Goede, Plainview
HISTORIAN	Gary Miller, Stewartville
SERGEANT AT ARMS	Ken Gibson, Jr., St. Paul
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR	Paul Hassing, Montgomery
SERVICE OFFICER	Jeremy Wolfsteller, St. Paul
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT	Michael Maxa, Le Center

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

District	(District Representatives)
First	Mike Parry, Waseca Dale Wellik, Dodge Center
Second	Steve Fosness, Fairmont Brad Pagel, Slayton
Third	Robert Hart, Oak Park Heights Linda Dvorak, Le Center
Fourth	David Dahl, St. Paul Joe Jansen, New Brighton
Fifth	Wade Larson, Prior Lake Andrew Rose, Sr., Minneapolis
Sixth	Jim Lucas, Pine River Paul Edwards, Brainerd
Seventh	David "Chip" Manson, Sunburg Dean Knutson, Marshall
Eighth	Larry Pocrnich, Hibbing D. Marvin Hill, Virginia
Ninth	Terry Buraas, Grand Forks, ND Steven Sundstrom, Detroit Lakes
Tenth	William Gordon, Albertville Tom Allen, Clearwater

AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

The Americanism Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Children and Youth Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS COMMITTEE

The Constitution and By Laws Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

The Employment Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

ENERGY AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Energy and Conservation Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee was called to order at 10:02 AM in the Executive Boardroom at Willmar Conference Center, Willmar, MN, on July 14, 2022.

Mary Jo York was Chairman and Rachael Hill was Secretary.

No districts were represented as this is a regular working committee.

Resolution 2022-6 was assigned to the committee. After discussion, the resolution was referred to the American Legion Foundation as Oratorical is a Foundation program. However, the resolution was then returned to the Finance Committee as the American Legion Foundation is a separate corporation, not under the Department of Minnesota and resolutions should be handled as such. The Finance Committee then voted to reject the resolution as again, it is an American Legion Foundation program.

Resolution 2022-13 was also assigned to this committee, but was withdrawn by the author and required no further action.

Other regular business by the Finance Committee was conducted as normal.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 PM.

Mary Jo York, Chairman
Rachael Hill, Secretary

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOME TOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
Mary Jo York	Forest Lake	225
Carl Hendrickson	Cloquet	71
Carl Moon	Walker	560
Richard Wog	Willmar	545
William Goede	Plainview	179

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative committee met at 1:02 PM in the Green Mill Lower Level at the Willmar Conference Center, Willmar MN, on July 14, 2022.

Peggy Moon was elected Chairman and Barrett Kirchenwitz was elected Secretary.

All Districts were present.

Resolution 2022-7 was assigned to the committee. The resolution passed as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Peggy Moon, Chairman
Barrett Kirchenwitz, Secretary

Resolution 7

WHEREAS, from the VA Special Report of State Summaries for Minnesota dated 9/30/2019, there were 321,809 veterans in Minnesota. ([https://www.va.gov/vetdata/dacs/Special Reports/State Summaries Minnesota.pdf](https://www.va.gov/vetdata/dacs/Special%20Reports/State%20Summaries%20Minnesota.pdf), page 2); and

WHEREAS, from the VA Special Report of State Summaries for Minnesota dated 9/30/2019, there were 19,523 retired veterans in Minnesota. ([https://www.va.gov/vetdata/dacs/Special Reports/State Summaries Minnesota.pdf](https://www.va.gov/vetdata/dacs/Special%20Reports/State%20Summaries%20Minnesota.pdf), page 2); and

WHEREAS, there are no license plates for retired military in Minnesota. There are 12 other states which have retired military license plates, Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, not all veterans can get the Veterans War plates "Gulf War (Desert Storm) or Global War on Terrorism (Service) or Global War on Terrorism (Expeditionary) or others" as they were not awarded any war medals "SW Asia Service Medal or Global War on Terrorism expeditionary or Global War on Terrorism service" as they were not deployed or stationed in war areas but still supported the wars from stateside or other areas, (DD 214 required); and

WHEREAS, the veterans' plates " Proud To Be A Veteran or Support Our Troops " does not display any retired status for the veterans who served this country for 20 or more years; now, therefore it is

RESOLVED, the Department of Vehicle services develop and make available, "Retired Military License Plates by Branch of Service" to bring greater significance to our retired military as a symbol of the sacrifice our veterans make for our freedom and country; and be it further

RESOLVED, The American Legion Department of Minnesota ask the Minnesota Department of Veteran Affairs to support the Military Retiree license plate; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, this resolution is forwarded to the First District for concurring action and upon their approval forwarded to the Department of Minnesota convention in 2022 for concurring action. Be it further resolved, that funds generated from the sale of retired branch of service plates be dedicated to our existing support our troops grant program.

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

DISTRICT	MEMBER	HOME TOWN	POST
FIRST	Dale Wellik	Dodge Center	333
SECOND	Randy Olson	Winnebago	82
THIRD	Barrett Kirchenwitz	Montrose	594
FOURTH	Eric Ahlness	White Bear Lake	39
FIFTH	Milton Schoen	Minneapolis	1
SIXTH	Peggy Moon	Walker	560
SEVENTH	Rueben Nathe	Litchfield	104
EIGHTH	D. Marvin Hill	Virginia	239
NINTH	Dennis Henkemeyer	Bagley	16
TENTH	Luis Campero	Sauk Rapids	550

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

NATIONAL SECURITY AND FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The National Security and Foreign Relations Committee was called to order at 1:00 PM at the Holiday Inn Express Breakfast area in the Willmar Convention Center, Willmar, MN, on July 14, 2022.

Gene Swanson was elected Chairman and Randy Bastyr was elected Secretary.

All districts were present.

Resolution 2022-4 was assigned to the Committee.

The committee discussed the resolution and the need for clarification with additional phrasing; therefore, the resolution was not passed and will be sent back.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Gene Swanson, Chairman

Randy Bastyr, Secretary

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

DISTRICT	MEMBER	HOME TOWN	POST
FIRST	Jim Kellogg	Taopi	146
SECOND	Brad Pagel	Slayton	64
THIRD	Pat Logan	Bloomington	491
FOURTH	Randy Bastyr	Oakdale	39
FIFTH	Clair Brenna	Minneapolis	435
SIXTH	Dave Doubrava	Sauk Centre	67
SEVENTH	Jan Ekert	South Haven	483
EIGHTH	Wilbur Swanson	Duluth	71
NINTH	Gary Olson	Moorhead	21
TENTH	Paul Lesch	Lino Lakes	566

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Public Relations Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE

The Recreation and Sports Committee was called to order at 1:00 PM in the Best Western Breakfast Area at the Willmar Conference Center, Willmar, MN, on July 14, 2022.

Lou Michaels was elected Chairman and Alberta Wohlfeil was elected Secretary.

All Districts were present. Tim Engstrom, Department Staff, was also present.

Resolution 2022-8 was assigned to the committee. After discussion, the resolution was passed.

Tim Engstrom explained the resolution to the Committee and said it will be set up comparatively to the Baseball Committee. Tim showed the committee the Softball logo.

Larry Pocrnich of Hibbing Post 222 made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Myron Ehrich of West Concord Post 295.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1:13 P.M.

Lou Michaels, Chairman
Alberta Wohlfeil, Secretary

Resolution 8

WHEREAS, the four-person structure of the existing Minnesota American Legion Fastpitch Softball Committee was intended to be nimble enough to take swift action and get a new program up and running when there was no prior structure in place, and

WHEREAS, a handful of American Legion districts, though not all, have begun to form softball leadership either through directors or committees, and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota American Legion Fastpitch Softball Committee has been successful in launching its inaugural season and in planning a postseason and anticipates further growth next season, and

WHEREAS, it would be unreasonable to expect a committee of only four Legionnaires to handle the local, regional, and state responsibilities that would come with a growing, statewide program, and

WHEREAS, switching to a structure more like the existing Minnesota American Legion Baseball Committee would be more suitable for handling growth, garnering buy-in among communities, and sustaining the program with enthusiasts for the long-term; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, effective at the end of the 2022 softball postseason, the Department Fastpitch Softball Committee shall consist of one (1) member appointed or elected by each eligible district, with a district being eligible only if it possesses at least two softball teams, and with each district determining its own policy regarding American Legion Family affiliation and length of terms, and be it further,

RESOLVED, three (3) members appointed by the Department Commander, each with a three-year term on a staggered basis so that one of the three is appointed annually, all of whom must be active members of The American Legion Family, and one of them shall be the director, and the other two shall be vice directors, with one of the vice directors taking official minutes and turning those minutes into the Department, and be it further,

RESOLVED, non-voting ambassadors as deemed by the Fastpitch Softball Committee itself, and a non-voting Department of Minnesota staff member who provides guidance and coordination to the committee, and be it finally,

RESOLVED, the Department of Minnesota Fastpitch Softball Committee upon approval of this resolution, forwarded to the Department of Minnesota convention in 2022 for concurring action.

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

DISTRICT	MEMBER	HOME TOWN	POST
FIRST	Myron Ehrich	West Concord	295
SECOND	Alberta Marth-Wohlfeil	New Ulm	132
THIRD	Bob Roe	Prior Lake	447
FOURTH	Lou Michaels	St. Paul	599
FIFTH	Don Orttel	Minneapolis	555
SIXTH	Robert Albrecht	Hackensack	202
SEVENTH	Hal Meyer	Lynd	113
EIGHTH	Larry Pocrnich	Hibbing	222
NINTH	Robert Horack	Mahnomen	31
TENTH	Tom Merino	Lino Lakes	566

REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

The Rehabilitation Committee was called to order at 1:00 PM in the Executive Boardroom at the Best Western in Willmar, MN, on July 14, 2022.

Ray Kane was elected Chairman and Cliff Teigland was elected Secretary.

All Districts were present.

Resolutions 2022-9, 2022-10, 2022-11, 2022-12, and 2022-14 were assigned to the committee. After discussion, all resolutions were passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Ray Kane, Chairman
Cliff Teigland, Secretary

Resolution 9

WHEREAS, one of the basic purposes of The American Legion is "our devotion to mutual helpfulness"; and

WHEREAS, part of the Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission's purpose is to ensure that veterans and their families receive the highest quality of care for their injuries and illnesses incurred from their military service; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion motto is "Veterans Strengthening America"; and

WHEREAS, as members of The American Legion, we have a sacred obligation to leave no veteran behind ensuring that our veterans are cared for; and

WHEREAS, current veteran suicides average 22 per day and the 2021 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Suicide Prevention Report indicated that in 2019, the adjusted rate for veterans was 52.3% greater than nonveteran U.S. adults; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 VA National Suicide Prevention Report stated that 45,861 U.S. adults committed suicide and 6,261 of these were veterans; and

WHEREAS, the White House released a national strategy on November 3, 2021, for preventing veteran suicide, purporting that it would harness the full breadth of the federal government to tackle the issue; this strategy aims to limit barriers to mental health care; and

WHEREAS, the VA has a gatekeeper training program provided by VA suicide prevention coordinators to veterans and those who serve veterans; and

WHEREAS, other organizations have developed very successful and valuable suicide awareness and prevention training programs; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is developing an action-oriented campaign to change the narrative of veteran suicide; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion encourages suicide prevention training; Resolution No. S8(NEC, May 7-8, 2003), Subject: "Youth Suicide Prevention Education" resolves to increase youth suicide awareness by encouraging schools to implement youth suicide prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 238 (NEC, August 30-31, September 1, 2016), Subject: "Suicide Prevention for American Veterans Act" urged the U.S. Congress to pass and the President to sign into law an Act to expand and improve care provided to veterans at risk for suicide; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for trained Legionnaires at the post level to intervene in veteran suicide situations in their community; and

WHEREAS, this will enhance awareness and increase the likelihood of recognizing signs of veterans and community members at risk of suicide; and

WHEREAS, posts can be empowered to prevent as many veteran suicides as possible while working with national and local agencies to return veterans to their community with a sense of belonging and purpose for a safe and productive life; and

WHEREAS, Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Family have the desire and the ability to save lives; they need to be given the appropriate tools so they can make a difference in saving a life; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Executive Board of American Legion Post #82/District 2/Department of MN in regular meeting assembled in Winnebago, MN on January 17, 2022, That Post #82/District 2/Department of Mn. strongly encourages suicide awareness and prevention training at the post level; and, be it

RESOLVED, that posts are strongly encouraged to seek out qualified trainers and invite them to provide training for their Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Family and, be it

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the 2nd District Convention assembled in New Ulm, MN on June 3rd and June 4th, 2022 for Concurring Action and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the Department of MN Convention assembled in Willmar, MN on July 13th - 16th, 2022 for Concurring Action and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be forwarded to the National Convention assembled in Milwaukee, WI on August 26th - September 1st, 2022 for Concurring Action.

Resolution 10

WHEREAS, effective August 5, 2021, claim adjudicators began processing disability claims for asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis on a presumptive basis related to exposure to particulate matter in the Southwest Asia theater and other areas, and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for presumption, a Veteran must meet the following basic entitlement criteria: Has manifested chronic asthma, chronic rhinitis and/or chronic sinusitis, to include rhinosinusitis, within 10 years of separation from the last period of military service; and

WHEREAS, served any length of time in the Southwest Asia theater of operations, as defined in 38 CFR §3.317(e), beginning on August 2, 1990, through the present, as well as Afghanistan, Syria, Djibouti, or Uzbekistan on or after September 19, 2001, now be it,

RESOLVED, that the 10-year limitation rule be stricken from the regulation allowing any veteran that served in the listed area of operation from August 2, 1990, forward that develops chronic asthma, rhinitis and/or sinusitis to include rhinosinusitis be eligible under presumption and be **it finally**

RESOLVED, that, if passed, by The Department of Minnesota Convention, this resolution be forwarded to The National American Legion Convention in 2022 for action.

Resolution 11

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched its new and improved Veterans Community Care Program on June 6, 2019, implementing portions of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act) and

WHEREAS, under the new Veterans Community Care Program, Veterans can work with their VA health care provider or other VA staff to see if they are eligible to receive community care based on VA's new Access Standards criteria which includes wait times and

WHEREAS, veterans are only considered for wait time eligible if the create date and the clinically indicated date the provider wants the Veteran to be seen are outside the 20/28 days and VA has no availability to see the Veteran and

WHEREAS, 20 days from the date of request for primary care, mental health care and noninstitutional extended care services, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider and

WHEREAS, 28 days for specialty care from the date of request, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider and

WHEREAS, veterans are not wait-time eligible based on access standard criteria when VA cancels/reschedules including any return to clinic order/follow-up that is greater than 20/28 from the date it is entered and therefore be it

RESOLVED, when VA cancels a veteran's appointment and the next availability to be seen is outside the wait time Access Standard, the veteran becomes eligible for care in the community and be it further

RESOLVED, that, if passed, by The Department of Minnesota Convention, this resolution be forwarded to The National American Legion Convention in 2022 for action.

Resolution 12

WHEREAS, BHAP is a program managed by VA's VISN 2 Center of Excellence for Suicide Prevention initiated in November 2012 VHA Memorandum, 2012-12-11, Behavioral Autopsy Program Implementation, and

WHEREAS, it is used to systematically collect both quantitative and qualitative information related to all Veteran deaths by suicide reported to VA facilities. This includes the deaths of Veterans who were not registered in, enrolled in, or otherwise receiving VA care, so long as they are suspected to have died by suicide within a VA facility's catchment area, and

WHEREAS, BHAP uses a three-pronged system to increase VA's knowledge of the characteristics and contexts of suicide on the national level, and

WHEREAS, BHAP Chart Analysis Tool (BHAP form) is a comprehensive review of a Veteran's Electronic Health Record (EHR) to identify contributory factors to suicide, such as psychosocial stressors and diagnoses, and

WHEREAS, BHAP Family Interview Program conducted by BHAP team members using the Family Interview Tool-Contact Form (FIT-C form) with bereaved family members to introduce and explain the formal interview program and request their participation to understand the circumstances impacting the Veteran's life in the time before the death, and

WHEREAS, reviews of care by Suicide Prevention Coordinators (SPC's), consist of interviews by a BHAP team member discussing a SPC's perspective of suicide prevention initiatives and possible areas for improvement, including a Veteran's death by suicide, identified difficulties, problems or barriers the Veteran may have experienced in his/her care, suggested actions that may have helped prevent the Veteran's suicide, and any direct action the SPC might have taken because of the care review, and

WHEREAS, SPCs are responsible for completing the BHAP Chart Analysis Tool (BHAP form) within 30 days of becoming aware of a Veteran suicide or suspected Veteran suicide, and

WHEREAS, all information collected for BHAP is considered privileged and confidential under the provisions of 38 U.S. Code § 5705 Confidentiality of Medical Quality-Assurance Records, now therefore it be

RESOLVED, VA amends the current BHAP form to include a section for veterans that only received Primary Care Service that includes questions on diagnosis, symptoms, pain management and last clinic seen at, and be it further

RESOLVED, VA Healthcare Systems enter into an agreement with local State Department of Health for sharing of all state BHAP reports without charges, and be it further

RESOLVED, trends or patterns obtained by the BHAP be made available to Congressionally Chartered Veteran Service Organizations to support VA in its public health approach reducing veteran suicides, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that, if passed, by The Department of Minnesota Convention, this resolution be forwarded to The National American Legion Convention

Resolution 14

WHEREAS, VA's rating schedule is primarily a guide in the evaluation of disabilities resulting from all types of diseases and injuries encountered as a result of or incident in military service, and the percentage of ratings represent as far as can practicably be determined the average impairment in earning capacity, resulting from such diseases and injuries and their residual conditions in civil occupations, and

WHEREAS, the degrees of disability specified are considered adequate to compensate for considerable loss of working time from exacerbations or illnesses proportionate to the severity of the several grades of disability, and

WHEREAS, in September 2017, VA began updating the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities for the first time since 1945, which are the federal regulations used by claims processors to determine the severity of disabilities related to military service and decide claims, and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, VA updated its Schedule for Rating Disabilities (VASRD) specifically pertaining to the respiratory/auditory conditions and mental disorders, and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, VA updated its sleep apnea rating criteria that only consider the effectiveness of the treatment rather than basing it on severity of symptoms and the effects of using equipment like C-PAP machines for the rest of their lives, and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, VA updated its regulation to remove tinnitus as a stand-alone condition and only award a 10 percent evaluation for tinnitus when a non-compensable hearing loss evaluation is awarded, and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 2022, VA updated its disability rating criteria for mental disorders, placing greater emphasis on a disabled veteran's ability to function in a work setting, rather than focusing on symptoms, like

frequency, intensity and duration alone, now, be it

RESOLVED, that disability ratings should not be based on the effects of treatment, regardless of whether such treatment results in improved earning capacity and that many veterans can only obtain gainful, substantial employment because their symptoms are mitigated through treatment and continuing oversight, but the condition is not cured, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the tinnitus diagnostic code 6260 be retained in VASRD, representing a stand-alone condition that is consistent with several Court decisions that recognize tinnitus as a stand-alone condition, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that disability ratings for mental health disorders should continue to be based on the frequency, severity, and duration of symptoms, which can have serious effects on a veteran's quality of life and, be it further

RESOLVED, that VA justify in detail the appropriateness of VA rating the disabilities of U.S. veterans using the World Health Organization's criteria, based on the entire world population rather than veterans who have experienced traumas and disabilities from military service, and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that, if passed by The Department of Minnesota Convention, this resolution be forwarded to The National American Legion Convention in 2022 for consideration.

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOME TOWN</u>	<u>POST</u>
FIRST	Mary Hanson	Austin	570
SECOND	Duane Mabon	Luverne	6
THIRD	Ray Kane	Cottage Grove	98
FOURTH	Ken Gibson	St. Paul	542
FIFTH	Ray Eiden	Minneapolis	555
SIXTH	Cliff Teigland	Spicer	254
SEVENTH	Keith Seidler	Spicer	545
EIGHTH	Wilson Spence	Duluth	71
NINTH	Tim Haugen	Moorhead	21
TENTH	Douglas Hookom	Anoka	102

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Resolutions Committee was called to order at 1:00 PM in the Green Mill Upper Level at the Willmar Conference Center, Willmar, MN, on July 14, 2022.

Paul Edwards was elected Chairman and Gary Weaver was elected Secretary.

All Districts except District 9 were represented.

Resolution 2022-5 was assigned to the committee. After discussion, the resolution was approved.

No other business was brought before the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:13PM.

Paul Edwards, Chairman
Gary Weaver, Secretary

Resolution 9

WHEREAS, the Department of Minnesota Media and Communications Committee was formed in 2021 with a total of four members, and

WHEREAS, the Media and Communications committee was extremely busy during its initial year and has been spread very thin, and

WHEREAS, the services of the Media and Communications must remain available whenever and wherever requested, and

WHEREAS, the Media and Communications committee was extremely successful now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Communications Committee add an additional member (for a total of five members), and, be it finally

RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented at the Department Executive Committee at the Department Convention convened in Wilmar, Minnesota July 13-16, 2022.

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

DISTRICT	MEMBER	HOME TOWN	POST
FIRST	Gary Weaver	La Crescent	595
SECOND	Dennis Strassburg	Adrian	32
THIRD	Diane Jankowski	Hutchinson	96
FOURTH	Joe Jansen	St. Paul	406
FIFTH	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis	1
SIXTH	Paul Edwards	Brainerd	627
SEVENTH	Carl Wilson	Brandon	278
EIGHTH	Jennifer Havlick	Two Harbors	109
NINTH	None		
TENTH	Tess Davis	Princeton	216

SAFETY SCHOOL PATROL COMMITTEE

The School Safety Patrol Committee meeting did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

TIME AND PLACE (CONVENTION CORP)

The Time and Place Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

2022 TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Father L.J. Fortin Trophy

To the Post which contributed the most outstanding record in promotion of The American Legion's "Back To God" movement

No Applicant

Lindell Community Service Bell

To the Post accomplishing the most outstanding single piece of community service work during the year

No Applicant

Frank J. Ring Boy Scout Trophy

To the Post with the most outstanding Boy Scout program during the year

No Applicant

Levi M. Hall School Patrol Trophy

For outstanding School Patrol activity

No Applicant

Joseph W. Finley Trophy

To the Post with the best all-around program of Post activities

No Applicant

Stafford King Conservation Trophy

To the Post or individual with the best conservation program

No Applicant

Americanism Trophy

To the Post with the best Americanism program

No Applicant

Lloyd Grossnickle

To the Post with the most outstanding single Children & Youth project

No Applicant

Hanson Education Trophy

To the Post contributing most to the field of education

No Applicant

2022 BLOOD WINNERS

District

1	Leon J. Wetzel Post 9, Winona
1	Waseca Post 228, Waseca
1	Dyrdal-Prolow Post 249, Spring Grove
2	St James Post 33, St. James
2	Colburn Post 286, Sanborn
2	Erwin March Post 64, Slayton
3	Forest Lake Post 225, Forest Lake
3	Montgomery Post 79, Montgomery
3	Chanhassen Post 580, Chanhassen
4	North St. Paul Post 39, St. Paul
4	St. Paul Post 8, St. Paul
4	Rosetown Memorial Post 542, Roseville
5	Minneapolis Post 1, Minneapolis
5	Viking Post 493, Minneapolis
5	Gopher Post 440, Minneapolis
6	Kriesel-Jacobsen Post 560, Zimmerman
6	Otto Hendrickson Post 212, Park Rapids
6	Richard Howard Ferrell Post 46, Little Falls
7	Austin F. Hanscom Post 167, Willmar
7	Henderson-Lewis Post 545, Spicer
7	Minneota Post 199, Minneota
8	Virginia Post 239, Virginia
8	Carl Anderson Post 262, Cloquet
8	Grand Marais Post 413, Grand Marais
9	Melvin E. Hearl Post 21, Moorhead
9	Hans E. Lian Post 444, Middle River
9	Hogberg-Gerszewski Post 353, Argyle
10	Hansen-Hayes Post 178, Milaca
10	Coon Rapids Post 334, Coon Rapids
10	Shaddrick & Labeau Post 303, Fridley

2022 AMERICANISM WINNERS

CERTIFICATE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
3M Post 599, St. Paul, MN

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE
Viking Post 493, Minneapolis, MN

DISTRICT	POST NAME & NUMBER	LOCATION
1	Langemo Post 295	West Concord
2	Erwin March Post 64	Slayton
3	Edward Born Post 343	Norwood
4	St. Paul Post 8	St. Paul
5	Gopher Post 440	Minneapolis
6	James Kobernat Post 340	Hill City
7	Buffalo Lake Post 469	Buffalo Lake
8	Walter Riley Post 307	Nashwauk
9	Ecklund-Holmstrom Post 117	Thief River Falls
10	Earl C. Hill Post 550	Bloomington

CHILDREN & YOUTH AWARDS

CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLANCE

Category I	1-99 members	Post 291, Johnnie Baker
Category II	100-299 members	Post 36, Fairmont
Category III	300-499 members	Post 46, Little Falls
Category IV	500 & over members	Post 212, Park Rapids

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Category I	Not Awarded
Category II	Not Awarded
Category III	Not Awarded
Category IV	Not Awarded

JIM OLDENBURG WINNER
Not Awarded

LLOYD GROSSNICKLE AWARD WINNER
Not Awarded

2022 COMMUNITY SERVICE WINNERS

MOST DOLLARS SPENT PLAQUE WINNERS

Category I	1-100 Members	3M Post 599, St. Paul
Category II	101-250 Members	Lee C. Prectice Post, Fairmont
Category III	251-700 Members	Hutchinson Post 96, Hutchinson
Category IV	701 plus Members	No Entry

HIGHEST HOURS AVERAGE VOLUNTEERED PLAQUE WINNERS

Category I	1-100 Members	3M Post 599, St. Paul
Category II	101-250 Members	Charles Borak Post 45, New Prague
Category III	251-700 Members	Hutchinson Post 96, Hutchinson
Category IV	701 plus Members	No Entry

DISTRICT CATEGORY POST NAME AND LOCATION

First	I	Everett h. Hale Post 68, Spring Valley	II	Adams
			III	Leon J. Wetzel Post 9, Winona
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Second	I	Erwin March Post 64, Slayton		
	II	St. James Post 33, St. James		
	III	Seifert-Bianchi Post 132, New Ulm		
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Third	I	Edward Born Post 343, Norwood	II	Silver
			III	Chanhassen Post 580, Chanhassen
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Fourth	I	NO ENTRY	II	NO
			III	NO ENTRY
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Fifth	I	Viking Post 493, Minneapolis		
	II	Art & Leonard Falldin Post 555, Minneapolis		
	III	NO ENTRY		
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Sixth	I	James Kobernat Post 340, Hill City	II	Melrose
			III	Spencer-Ross Post 134, Walker
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Seventh	I	Erickson Strom Post 186, Olivia		
	II	Henderson-Lewis Post 545, Spicer		
	III	Austin F. Hanscom Post 167, Willmar		
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Eighth	I	Venier Molea Post 452, Keewatin	II	Louis
		Lequier Post 122, Deer River		
	III	Anderson-Claffy Post 109, Two Harbors		
	IV	NO ENTRY		

Ninth	I	Hogberg-Gerszewski Post 353, Argyle	II	Warren
	III	East Grand Forks Post 157, E. Grand Forks		
	IV	NO ENTRY		
Tenth	I	Chisago City Post 272, Chisago City	II	John
			III	Woodcock-Herbst Post 216, Princeton
	IV	NO ENTRY		

SILVER BRIGADE WINNER

(Receives Certificate, Patch, and Pin)

Paul Siebert	Forest Lake Post 225	25 new members
Richard Grobe	Lake City Post 110	26 new members

GOLD BRIGADE WINNER

(Receives jacket, patch, pin and plaque)

No Entry

APPENDIX "A"

CONSTITUTION

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Department of Minnesota

ARTICLE ONE

Name

The name of this organization shall be "The American Legion, Department of Minnesota." Its principal office shall be maintained in the City of St. Paul.

ARTICLE TWO

Nature

Section 1. The American Legion is a civilian organization. Membership therein shall not increase or decrease liability for military or police service. Former military or naval rank does not exist in The American Legion. No member shall be addressed by his military or naval title in any convention or meeting of The American Legion.

Sec. 2. The American Legion shall be absolutely non-political and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking political office or preferment.

ARTICLE THREE

Organization

Section 1. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, is a Department of and subject to the jurisdiction of The American Legion.

Sec. 2. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, shall be organized in units termed districts, which said districts shall correspond territorially to the Congressional districts of the State of Minnesota, as they were organized immediately prior to the reapportionment act of Congress, 1930, and of local units termed posts, except that all territory included in the present corporate limits of the City of Minneapolis and the Village of Richfield shall be included in the Fifth District of the Department. District organization shall be subject to the jurisdiction of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota. Except for the exceptions listed, the posts within each County of each district shall be organized into County Councils under the jurisdiction of the Department of Minnesota, The American Legion. A staff of officers shall be elected and regular meetings of the Council held, and in all elections and other business transacted, each post shall have an equal vote:

Exceptions:

- (1) The Fourth (4th) and Fifth (5th) Districts' Officers shall preside in their respective Counties instead of

County Officers; and

(2) Rural Hennepin County, now a part of the Tenth (10th) District, shall organize itself into a Rural Hennepin County Council and function as a County Council; and

(3) Present multi-County Organizations of less than District designation now in existence may remain and continue to function as County Councils; and

(4) Counties with three (3) or less posts within them may form a multi-County Council with immediate surrounding Counties, but in no case shall more than three (3) Counties organize into one (1) Council.

No post shall be received into this organization until it shall have received a charter from the national executive committee of The American Legion.

ARTICLE FOUR

Eligibility

Section 1. Eligibility for membership in this Department shall be governed by the provisions of the national constitution of The American Legion relating thereto.

Sec. 2. There shall be no form or class of membership except active membership as provided in the national constitution.

ARTICLE FIVE

Legislative Organization

Section 1. The legislative body of this Department shall be the department convention, which shall be held annually at such time and place as shall be fixed by the preceding convention in accordance with the national constitution. In the event that the time or place shall not be fixed by the preceding convention, it shall be fixed by the department executive committee. Each convention shall adopt its own rules of order. In the event that, due to an emergency, National or State, it is for any reason impossible to convene the annual Department Convention, the Department Executive Committee, if it can be convened, shall be the legislative body for that year-shall elect Department Officers and transact all necessary Department business and legislation.

Sec. 2. The Department Convention shall be composed of delegates from each post, members of the Department Executive Committee, The Department Chaplain, Treasurer, Historian and the District Adjutants, but only delegates from posts shall be entitled to vote at such convention.

Sec. 3. Each post shall be entitled to two delegates and to one additional delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof, whose department dues have been received by the Department Treasurer and whose district dues have been paid to their respective district officers 30 days prior to the convention for which they are chosen. The final voting strength of each post shall be determined 30 days prior to the convention. Each post shall choose its own delegates, who shall be members in good standing of such post. In addition, each post may

choose alternate delegates to serve in the absence of the principal delegates. The vote of each post shall be equal to the total number of principal delegates to which it is entitled. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by a majority of the delegates present from that post. Alternates shall have all the privileges of delegates except that of voting. Proxies shall not be allowed. A post not represented by either delegate or alternate shall have no vote. When provided by majority vote, the voting may be by district.

Sec. 4. The convention shall be the final judge of the choice and qualification of the delegates.

Sec. 5. A quorum shall exist at a department convention when ten per cent of the posts are wholly or partially represented by duly chosen delegates or alternates.

ARTICLE SIX

Department Executive Committee

Section 1. The administrative power of the organization shall be vested in the Department Commander and the Department Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Commander and the Vice Commanders, the Department Chaplain, the Department Historian, the Department Sergeant at Arms, the Department members of the National Executive Committee, the immediate past Department Commander and two members from each district, who shall be the District Commander and the immediate past District Commander. A district convention shall be held in each district not more than 60 days and not less than 15 days prior to the holding of the department convention at which district convention each post shall have the representation to which it would then be entitled at a department convention and District Officers shall be selected annually, who shall assume their office at the close of the next Department Convention. In the event of a vacancy in the representation of any district on the Executive Committee, the district, in the manner provided by its constitution and by-laws, shall fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. In case of the inability of any member on the Executive Committee to attend any meeting he or she may select an alternate who shall have power to vote.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Department Commander, but in no event more than 22 days after the final adjournment of the convention, and thereafter at the call of the Commander. The Commander shall call a meeting upon the written request of five or more members of the Committee.

Sec. 4. The Executive Committee may select from its membership a sub-committee of three to seven members in addition to the Commander and may delegate its power to said sub-committee. Proceedings of said sub-committee shall, however, be subject to review by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. The Executive Committee or the Commander, with the consent of the Executive Committee, may appoint such standing committees as may be necessary.

Sec. 6. A majority of the Executive Committee constitutes a quorum.

Sec. 7. All past National Commanders from the Department of Minnesota, while in good standing in their respective Posts in the Department of Minnesota, shall be ex officio members of the Department Executive committee with vote, and shall also be life delegates to all Department Conventions of the Department of Minnesota of The American Legion, with vote to be

exercised by them with their respective Posts.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Department Officers

Section 1. The officers of this department shall be a Commander, five Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Treasurer, Chaplain, Historian, Judge Advocate, Director of Rehabilitation, Sergeant at Arms and Membership Director.

Sec. 2. The Commander, Vice Commanders, Chaplain and Sergeant at Arms shall be elected annually by the convention and said election shall be held on the third day of the convention. The Commander, Vice Commanders, Sergeant at Arms and Chaplain elected by the convention shall not be eligible to succeed themselves in the same office.

Sec. 3. The representative on the National Executive Committee shall be elected by the Department Convention every odd numbered year for a term of two years. The Convention shall also elect an Alternate National Committeeman for the same term, who shall serve in the place of said National Executive Committeeman in case of his death, resignation, or incapacity.

Sec. 4. The Department Historian shall be elected in 1983 for a term of one year, and the Historian shall be elected by the convention each year thereafter.

In the absence of a satisfactory report the Historian shall be subject to recall at any department convention.

Sec. 5. Unless otherwise specially provided, the officers in Sections 2, 3 and 4 of this article shall serve until the adjournment of the next succeeding convention and thereafter until their successors shall have been duly chosen. A majority of all ballots cast shall be necessary for the election of the above named officers. In Elections where there are more than two candidates, the candidate receiving the fewest votes in each round of voting shall be eliminated.

Sec. 6. Except as otherwise provided, in case of a vacancy in any of the offices set forth in Sections 2 and 3, the Adjutant shall forthwith call a meeting of the Department Executive Committee and said committee shall by election fill any such vacancy, provided that a vacancy in the office of Commander shall be filled from one of the Vice-Commanders, and the vacancy thereby created thereupon filled likewise by elections.

Sec. 7. The Adjutant, Treasurer and the Judge Advocate shall be elected by the Executive Committee. In 1998, the Adjutant shall be elected to a three-year term, the Treasurer to a two-year term, and the Judge Advocate to a one-year term. On the expiration of each such initial term, each such officer shall be elected to a three-year term. Said officers may be removed from office by the Executive Committee for failure to perform job duties satisfactorily or for misconduct. The Adjutant shall be paid such sum for salary and expenses as may be determined by the said Executive Committee. The Director of Rehabilitation shall be selected by the Standing Department Rehabilitation Committee and shall be paid such salary and expenses as may be determined by said committee with the approval of the Executive Committee. The Department Membership Director shall be appointed by the Department Commander."

Sec. 8. No Legionnaire shall hold or be elected by Convention or Executive Committee to more than one elected Department of Minnesota position.

ARTICLE EIGHT

National Representation

Section 1. The delegates-at-large to which the department is entitled in the National Convention shall be elected by the convention and shall include the incoming Commander, the incoming department representative on the National Executive Committee and the outgoing Commander.

Sec. 2. Additional delegates to which the Department is entitled shall be elected by a caucus of the delegates to the Department Convention from each District or at the various District Conventions of the State of Minnesota. The number of delegates to which each District shall be entitled shall be determined by the Department Executive Committee, which shall apportion delegates as nearly as possible on the basis of paid-up members in each district.

Sec. 3. The outgoing Department Commander shall be chairman of the delegation of the department to the National Convention. In the event the outgoing Commander is unable to attend, the chairman of the delegation to the National Convention shall be elected by the majority of the delegation at their first caucus.

ARTICLE NINE

Organization

Section 1 (a). Fifteen or more persons eligible for membership in The American Legion may apply for a charter as a post thereof to the Department Commander. Such application, when approved by the Department Commander or the Executive Committee shall be forwarded to the National Executive Committee of The American Legion. Every post charter shall be countersigned by the Department Commander and Adjutant.

(b). The Department Adjutant may apply for a charter for a Department at Large Post. The Constitution and By-Laws of said Post to be subject to the approval and ratification by the Department Executive Committee and to specifically provide that said post shall not be entitled to representation at any Department Convention or meeting.

Sec. 2. No post charter in the name of any living person shall be approved.

Sec. 3. Each post shall have a Commander, one or more Vice Commanders, Adjutant, Finance Officer, Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer, Post Executive Committee, and such other officers as the post may determine and shall select such officers who shall assume office no later than the close of the next Department Convention.

Sec. 4. Each post may prescribe its own constitution and by-laws not in conflict or inconsistent with the National and Department Constitutions.

ARTICLE TEN

Finance

Section 1. The revenue of The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, shall be derived from annual membership dues and from such other sources as may be approved by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. The amount of such annual dues shall be determined by the Department Convention and remain in effect until changed by subsequent action of the Convention. The annual dues shall be collected by each post and the portion designated as District, Department and National dues shall be immediately transmitted to Department Headquarters. No post shall be qualified for representation at any district and/or Department Convention until all of said dues have been fully paid.

Sec. 3. The fiscal year of the Department shall be October first through September thirtieth.

Sec. 4. All department and post officers responsible for national or department funds shall furnish adequate bonds conditioned for the faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 5. The Department Finance Committee shall be composed of seven members. The Department Commander and the Department Treasurer shall be full members of the Department Finance Committee with vote for the term of their office. The Department Commander shall appoint, subject to ratification by the Department Executive Committee, members to fill expiring terms, no two members of said Finance Committee to be appointed from the same district; who shall serve for a full five year term, or until removed by a majority vote of the Department Executive Committee. The Department Adjutant shall be ex-officio secretary of said committee. The appointed member serving their last year on the committee shall automatically become its chairman. The Department Finance Committee shall be charged with preparation and adoption of the annual budget of the Department, the handling and disbursement of funds under that budget, and such other duties as shall be prescribed by the Department Executive Committee.

Sec. 6. The sinking fund of the Department, as set up by previous convention mandate, shall be continued, and from time to time the Finance Committee may add to such fund such amounts as in their discretion may be available therefrom, and shall add to the principal thereof such amounts as may be earned as either interest or income therefrom, to such principal, provided that when such fund reached the total sum of \$200,000.00 no further additions thereto need be made, and all interest or income therefrom shall be transferred to the General Operating Fund. Except as hereinbefore provided, the principal of such fund shall not be expended, except by a two-thirds vote of the Department Convention authorizing such expenditure.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Discipline

The provision of the National Constitution and By-Laws relating thereto shall govern the discipline of posts and members of this department.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Individual Transfers

Upon application to the Post Adjutant any member of the post desiring to transfer to another post shall be

entitled to a transfer card to such other post, provided all dues and assessments have been paid to date. Record of such transfer forthwith shall be transferred to the department headquarters.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Auxiliary

Section 1. The American Legion, Department of Minnesota, recognizes an auxiliary organization known as the American Legion Auxiliary.

Sec. 2. Eligibility for membership in the Auxiliary of the Department of Minnesota shall be governed by the provision of the National constitution of the American Legion relating thereto.

Sec. 3. The American Legion Auxiliary in the Department shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

American Legion Family Hospital Association

Section 1. Each member in good standing in this department is a member of the American Legion Family Hospital Association, which is officially sanctioned and supported by The American Legion, Department of Minnesota.

Sec. 2. Each post shall raise 25 cents annually for the American Legion Family Hospital Association for each member in good standing. The money so raised shall be remitted to department headquarters with the state and national dues and by it remitted as speedily as may be to the American Legion Family Hospital Association. No post may be qualified for representation at the department convention or shall have a vote in department affairs while any part of this support of the Hospital Association remains unpaid. The Executive Committee may at any time in its discretion cause payment to the American Legion Family Hospital Association to be suspended and report the matter to the next convention for its action.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any convention by the vote of a majority of the total authorized representation, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been read at such convention at least twelve hours before the vote thereon.

Sec. 2. Insofar as this constitution may at any time be in conflict with the provisions of the National Constitution, the latter shall prevail.

BY-LAWS

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

THE AMERICAN LEGION

ADMINISTRATON

1. The Department Commander shall be the executive head of the Minnesota Department, with full power to enforce the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws and will of the State Convention. He shall preside over all meetings of the Department, in Convention and meetings of the Executive Committee, and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary uses require. He shall appoint all necessary committees, except such as are otherwise provided for by the Department Constitution.

2. The Department Vice Commanders shall act as representatives of the Department Commander on all matters referred to them by him and shall, at his request, preside over Conventions or meetings of the Executive Committee and perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office.

3. The Department Adjutant shall keep a record of all activities of the Department and Conventions and meetings of all Executive Committee. He shall at each regular Convention and meeting of the Executive Committee, read the minutes of the preceding meeting and make such corrections as may be directed unless by a majority vote of the Delegates or Executive Committee, the reading shall be dispensed with. He shall have the proceedings of each annual convention prepared and kept in permanent record. He shall cause notice to be given of all meetings of Department or Executive Committee. He shall keep a record of the membership of the local Posts. He shall collect all annual dues and pay the same to the Department Treasurer, taking a receipt therefor. He is charged with the administration of the Department Headquarters, subject to the directions of the Commander or Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as the Executive Committee may direct. He shall engage in no other occupation or profession during his term of office.

4. The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds of the Department, and shall deposit the same in its name in such bank or banks as the Executive Committee shall designate. He shall present his books for inspection at any meeting of the Executive Committee or the Convention upon demand of any Delegate or member of the Executive Committee. He shall give bond to the Department in such sum as the Executive Committee shall direct.

5. The Judge Advocate shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Commander or Executive Committee and shall act in an advisory capacity to the officers and committees of the Department.

5A. The Department Director of Rehabilitation shall have charge and direction of all rehabilitation and service arising in the department and shall be the official advisor of all district and Post Service Officers. He shall perform such other service and rehabilitation duties as may be required by a Department Convention or the Department Rehabilitation Committee. He shall prepare an annual report of the activities of his office, together with recommendations which shall be printed and distributed to all department officers and posts in such manner as the Department Rehabilitation Committee may determine.

5B. The Sergeant at Arms shall perform such duties as may be required of him by the Commander or the Executive Committee.

5C. Members of the Department and national Standing Committees shall be ex-officio members of the similar convention committees.

DISCIPLINE

6. Each Post of The American Legion shall be the judge of its own membership, subject to the restrictions of the National and Department Constitutions and By-Laws.

6A. Members may be expelled from The American Legion only upon a proper showing of cause and upon one or more of the following grounds, vis.: disloyalty, neglect of duty, dishonesty and conduct unbecoming a member of The American Legion. All charges must be made under oath, in writing by the accusers, and no member in good standing shall lose his membership until given a fair trial after due notice before the Post in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the Department Executive Committee.

6B. All questions affecting the election, eligibility and conduct of the national executive committeeman, or of his alternate, or of department officers or members of the Department Executive Committee, shall be referred to and determined by the Department Executive Committee. All questions concerning the election, eligibility and conduct of Post or District officers or members of Post or District Executive Committees, shall be referred to and determined by the Executive Committee of the Post or District involved, which shall be the final authority thereon.

RULES

7. Any mandate adopted by convention action shall not be changed during the year of its adoption and it shall continue to govern the state policy of the department unless changed by convention action.

7A. Any mandate of the Department or Executive Committee, which establishes a policy of continuing nature and has the effect of governing the actions of the department, shall be set forth in a pamphlet which shall be supplemental to the Constitution and By-Laws and which shall be part of the governing rules and regulations of the department.

7B. The policy mandate pamphlet shall be kept up to date and changed as the mandates are changed.

RULES OF ORDER

8. At all Department Conventions and meetings of the Executive Committee, Robert's Rules of Order, revised 1915 edition, shall govern except when special rules shall be adopted by the convention or meeting, or wherein the same (Robert's Rules of Order) conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws.

AMENDMENTS

9. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any Convention by the vote of a majority of the delegates present, providing there is a quorum.

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

at

WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

JULY 14,15,16, 2022

Reports and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND ANNUAL

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

THE COMMITTEE (MEMBERS PRESENT)

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>HOME TOWN</u>	<u>POSTFIRST</u>	Gary Weaver	La
Crescent	595				
SECOND	Dennis Strassburg	Adrian	32		
THIRD	Diane Jankowski	Hutchinson	96		
FOURTH	Joe Jansen	St. Paul	406		
FIFTH	Lynne Nottage	Minneapolis	1		
SIXTH	Paul Edwards	Brainerd	627		
SEVENTH	Carl Wilson	Brandon	278		
EIGHTH	Jennifer Havlick	Two Harbors	28		
NINTH					
TENTH	Tess Davis	Princeton	216		

SCHOOL-SAFETY PATROL COMMITTEE

The School-Safety Patrol Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.

TIME AND PLACE (CONV CORP) COMMITTEE

The Time and Place Committee did not have any resolutions and therefore did not meet.