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CALL TO ORDER

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Ladies, before we start while we're getting settled, I have a couple of supersonic waves. All tickets need to be in by now. If you bought tickets at the Ways & Means table, they need to be in. And there is one bracelet back there that still needs to be picked up.

This convention session is reconvened. Estella Avina, Department Chaplain, had to leave this morning so Donna Scott has graciously agreed to sit in as Chaplain. She will now offer the invocation.

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Let us pray. Lord, as we work in our great organization, help us look beyond the awkward appearance of the person underneath. Teach us to love and accept them. Forgive our critical thoughts

1 and harsh words. We place our impatience with your love  
2 and forgiveness. And be with those who are traveling  
3 today and see them safely home. In your name we pray.  
4 Amen.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Madam Secretary will  
7 call the roll call of the Department Officers, Chairmen,  
8 and District Presidents.

9

10 ROLL CALL

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12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning,  
13 ladies.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you for  
16 returning. Okay. President Loretta Marsh.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Loretta, are you  
19 here?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Vice President  
22 Joan Cannon.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Treasurer Ruby  
25 Kapsalis.

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: NEC Wendy  
3 O'Brien. I believe she's excused this morning. Chaplain  
4 Estella Avina. Historian Deloris Artis.

5 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: I am right here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Music Donna  
7 Scott.

8 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Is it Sunday yet?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yeah, ma'am.  
10 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'm ready  
12 to go home.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Me too. Past  
14 National President Nancy Brown-Park.

15 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: She  
16 left for Girls State.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: So is she  
18 excused?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: She's excused.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Sergeant-at-Arms  
21 Donna Smith.

22 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS SMITH: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Marshal Rosemary  
24 Weber.

25 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL WEBER: Still walking.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Finance Committee  
2 Chairman Linda Hayes.

3 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I'm still here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Senior Member  
5 Brenda Preston.

6 SENIOR FINANCE MEMBER PRESTON: Present.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Junior Member  
8 Martha Romano.

9 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: Here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Advisory  
11 Committee Linda Fercho.

12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERCHO: Wham.

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: Bam.

14 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank you, ma'am.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Advisory  
16 Committee Madeline Lee?

17 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: She's  
18 not here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Advisory  
20 Committee Anita Biggs.

21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: Bam.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Americanism  
23 Glenda Schultz.

24 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: AEF Ann Philcox.

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1 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: I'm here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Children & Youth  
3 Dee Ann Graham.

4 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
6 Community Service Tracy Varnell.

7 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Good  
8 morning.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Constitution &  
10 Bylaws Jean Cooley-Desmeules.

11 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
12 Here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Hey, it only took  
14 me five days. Let's see. Credentials Yvonne Scott  
15 Wright.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's here.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Terry, for the  
18 record, that's Yvonne Wright Scott.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Picky, picky,  
20 picky. Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman.

21 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Yay.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Editor Estella  
23 Avina. Education Kim Vincent.

24 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: I'll be  
25 off and running to Girls State tomorrow.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Elections  
2 Danielle White.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's up checking out of her  
4 room.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Girls State Tammy  
6 Sollazzo. Girls State Director Elissa.

7 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: She's at Girls State.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Junior Activities  
9 Liz Doidge.

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: No dog is too  
11 big. No love is too small.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I want a dog.  
13 Junior Conference Director Mindy Sinclair. Is Mindy here  
14 today?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's checking out of her room  
16 right now.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Leadership Linda  
18 Fercho.

19 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Legislative  
21 Wendy. She's excused. Membership Joan Cannon.

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: National Security  
24 Gloria Williams.

25 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: And she's such a  
2 pretty gecko. Past Presidents Parley Harry Clendenin.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Poppy Tamra  
5 Duron.

6 POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: The Poppy Mouse has  
7 retired.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: They retired?  
9 Public Relations Kathy Smith.

10 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: I'm here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Resolutions Anita  
12 Biggs.

13 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I'm still Groot.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You know, she's  
15 going to buy me that Groot thing because I don't know what  
16 it is. Rules Sharon Moore.

17 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Veterans Affairs  
19 & Rehab Kathie Martinez.

20 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Ms. Fantastic is all  
21 stretched out.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Wow. Okay. Ways  
23 & Means Karen Munch.

24 WAYS & MEAN CHAIRMAN MUNCH: I'm here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Zana Chaney,

1 Page.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Page Susie

4 Morgan.

5 DEPARTMENT PAGE MORGAN: Good morning, Terry.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.

7 District 1 Allison.

8 DISTRICT 1 DELEGATE: Present.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 2 Pat  
10 Carey. Absent. District 3 Lola Ramey. Loretta, is she  
11 excused or absent?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: She's excused.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 4 Jean  
14 Edson.

15 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 5 Lynn  
17 Jewel.

18 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE JEWEL: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 6 Glenda  
20 Schultz.

21 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 7 Joanne  
23 Shope.

24 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT SHOPE: Right here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 8 Tammy

1 Manini.

2 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT MANINI: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 9 Dolly  
4 Rios.

5 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 10 Liz  
7 Parshall.

8 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHALL: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 11 Toni  
10 Domondon.

11 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.

13 District 12 Lisa Stuart.

14 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.

16 District 13 Cece Harvey.

17 DISTRICT 13: Good morning. We're still here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: They're here.

19 District 14 Gloria Sinopoli.

20 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE: She's at Girls State.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 15 Zana  
22 Chaney. At Girls State. District 16 Glenda Powell.

23 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Madam President.

24 District 16 says enough is enough; it's time to come home.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Amen.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 17 Yoko  
3 Parsons-Crook.

4 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOK: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She's here.  
6 District 18 Betty Ramos.

7 DISTRICT 18: We know [inaudible].

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I'm not sure  
9 those ladies were all reading the same paper. District 19  
10 Becky Bullard.

11 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President. The  
12 Freedom Fighters are ready to say bye-bye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Bye.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 20 Nancy  
15 Heinisch.

16 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President. We  
17 are District 20 Hot Dogs. We are not slow, so it's hip,  
18 hip, hip and away we go.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you,  
20 ladies. Wow. District 21 Cathleen McCoy.

21 DISTRICT 21: Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 22 Mo  
23 Giacialone.

24 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT GIACIALONE: We are on our  
25 way home.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 23  
2 Valerie Hill.

3 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT HILL: Good morning, Madam  
4 President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 24  
7 Deloris Artis.

8 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Terry. We are on the  
9 road again.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Amen. District  
11 25 Patty Galatioto.

12 DISTRICT 25: It's time to pack our duffle bags  
13 and hurry on our way. We'll keep our happy memories until  
14 we meet again one day. Bye, Madam President Loretta.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 26  
16 Louann Johnston.

17 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
19 District 27 Norma Billings.

20 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT BILLINGS: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
22 District 28 Robin Falkenberg.

23 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President. The  
24 Tremendous 28 is ready to fly home.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 29 Carol

1 Borgman.

2 DISTRICT 29: As women of Auxiliary we gather  
3 here today to do the work our chosen guests to improve our  
4 veterans' way.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Wow. Thank you,  
7 ladies. District 30 Kim Vincent.

8 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Every goodbye  
9 makes the next hello closer.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Wendy O'Brien,  
11 Mather. She's excused. Fresno Sandra Dowell.

12 HOSPITAL REP DOWELL: Doing it for the vets.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Palo Alto Connie  
14 Raya.

15 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Livermore Grace  
17 Huston.

18 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: San Diego Susie  
20 Tozier.

21 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Loma Linda Mavis  
23 Kanka. Long Beach Pat Alvarez.

24 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning, Terry.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning,

1 Pat. Los Angeles Earlean Paige. Is Earlean here this  
2 morning?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's loading her car.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Barstow Angie  
5 Acosta. She's excused. Fresno Rosalie Taylor. She's  
6 excused. Lancaster Linda Hayes.

7 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Are we still here?

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Unfortunately.  
9 Redding Terry Mikesell. Unfortunately she's still here.  
10 Ventura Madeline Lee. West LA Deloris Artis.

11 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yountville Peggy  
13 Grabski. Chula Vista Lois Cornish.

14 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: She's always here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She's always  
16 here. Madam President, that completes your roll call.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. We're  
18 going to welcome a guest. Would the Sergeant-at-Arms and  
19 Marshal please escort to the podium the First Area Vice  
20 Commander David Cockrill.

21 (Processional.)

22 FIRST AREA VICE COMMANDER COCKRILL: I apologize.  
23 I was supposed to be here to welcome you to Area 1. What,  
24 you can't hear me? All right. I was the speaker for the  
25 Honor Flight and TSA told me I couldn't speak.

1           Anyway, I want to apologize for not being here.  
2 I've been in committee meetings. I literally got told by  
3 the Department Commander, he says, where are you. Well,  
4 I'm in a special meeting. Now I know why you ladies are  
5 so busy. Anyway, I'm here to say thank you for coming.  
6 Also I want to thank District 6. If you seen what I  
7 brought them, it wasn't the same thing. What five, six  
8 weeks, they were out weeks outside doing business for me.  
9 The stands were out there for six years also. They really  
10 did a marvelous job. I want to thank the Auxiliary. If  
11 you seen what I brought them and what they have now in,  
12 it's amazing.

13           Anyway, I'm going to make this short. I did  
14 bring you something. Maybe. If I sit here and unfold it.  
15 This is for your program.

16           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All right.

17           FIRST AREA VICE COMMANDER COCKRILL: Okay.

18           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

19           FIRST AREA VICE COMMANDER COCKRILL: Hopefully  
20 that's good. You can hear me now; right?

21           AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes.

22           FIRST AREA VICE COMMANDER COCKRILL: I have to  
23 get back, but the reason I wasn't here is I was at the  
24 committee meetings and I've been in them all the time and  
25 so I'm kind of tired. In fact I was called to do one and

1 I said I have enough. This is enough meetings.

2 So anyway, thank you. And as they do in the  
3 military, they salute all women.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And, Dave, it's been  
5 a pleasure. Have a great summer.

6 (Applause.)

7 (Processional.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Some more toward our  
9 puppies there.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How much?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: \$100.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: At this time I'm  
14 going to call Ruby to the podium to make some  
15 presentations.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: This is for the  
17 President's Club. Melanie Taylor. Let me give these to  
18 the Madam President so she can hand them out. Oh, I've  
19 got to have my list though. Jerry Johnston District 21.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madeline Lee.  
22 Linda Fercho. Anita Biggs. Ruby Kapsalis. ALA Unit 79,  
23 District 21.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: ALA Unit 83,

1 District 12. ALA Unit 295, District 25. Susan Baker Unit  
2 694, District 28. ALA Unit 739, District 21. Donna  
3 Smith. Terry Mikesell. Thank you, ladies.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: This is the  
6 President's Club. If you're not familiar with it, it's a  
7 way to donate to the Department by joining the President's  
8 Club. It costs \$25 and you get a -- you get a token and  
9 we get money.

10 Okay. We'll continue with the Chairmen reports.  
11 At this time I'm going to call on the Advisory Committee  
12 to give their report and then we will go to the  
13 Constitution & Bylaws. Oh, these ladies have been great  
14 all year. They've been very supportive and I really  
15 appreciate them.

16  
17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

18  
19 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: They choose the  
20 shortest one to be in the middle. Almost. That's what  
21 Anita said, not me. And Madeline. But it's been our  
22 pleasure, Madam President, to serve you this year. I  
23 think Anita got more calls than me, but she's taller so  
24 that's okay.

25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: I called her more.

1           ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: That's right, but I  
2 saw her more. We saw her more.

3           ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: Yes, we did.

4           ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: But it was a great  
5 year. Thank you. Thank you for serving our organization  
6 and doing such a wonderful job. You're a very elegant and  
7 lovely woman and the 15th District is really glad you're  
8 coming home. Thank you. Thank you.

9           ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: It's been a pleasure.  
10 You're a real lady and in these times, you know, you don't  
11 see women that are just so -- well, women are wonderful,  
12 but you're very special and you're -- you're like a  
13 Southern Bell.

14           DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She is  
15 from the south. South Dakota.

16           ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: Anyway -- oh, okay. I  
17 just want to say it's been great working with you this  
18 year. You've done a wonderful job and you've done it with  
19 grace and soul and we appreciate you so much.

20           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, ladies.

21           (Applause.)

22           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Constitution  
23 & Bylaws. I don't know if it's our favorite or second  
24 favorite, but --

25

1           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT

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3           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:

4 He had a rough night last night, so I hope he stands up.

5 His last appearance. The convention committee on

6 Constitution --

7           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You know, I think

8 what might be happening, I think we leave them on

9 overnight and it --

10          CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:

11 Okay. The convention committee on Constitution & Bylaws

12 met June 21st, 2018 in the Cherry Wood Room of the Crowne

13 Plaza Hotel, Sacramento, California. The statistical --

14 it's not staying on. It's flickering. Hello? Go back to

15 my singing days; right?

16          Okay. The statistical report of this chairman

17 appears on page 14 of the Book of Reports. Geni Lefler

18 from District 14 was appointed secretary, Janet Payne,

19 District 6 offered prayer, and Judie Tabacchi from 18 was

20 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 delegates

21 answered roll call and we had three visitors.

22          The committee agreed upon the following report.

23 The Constitution & Bylaws department codes were read with

24 only one small code change. It is -- I promise it's

25 small. The code currently reads: "The adopted" --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Jean, you may share  
2 my microphone.

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
4 There we go. The code currently reads, number 2: "The  
5 adopted changes in the National Constitution and Bylaws  
6 shall be forwarded annually from the Department Office" --  
7 okay. Can you hear me now?

8 Number 2: "The adopted changes in National  
9 Constitution and Bylaws shall be forwarded annually from  
10 the Department Office as soon as they are received after  
11 the National Convention. Every Unit, District Department  
12 Chairman and Officer and Past Department President shall  
13 receive a free set attached to their existing copy. A  
14 change will be made" -- "a charge will be made for  
15 additional sets."

16 Our proposed code is, number 2: "The adopted  
17 changes in National Constitution and Bylaws shall be" --  
18 I'm sorry. I'm nervous up here.

19 "The adopted changes in National Constitution and  
20 Bylaws shall be posted annually on the Department Office  
21 Website as soon as they are received after the National  
22 Convention."

23 We are changing "forwarded" to "posted," changed  
24 "from" to "on," and inserted "website" after "the  
25 Department Office." This will eliminate the entire last

1 sentence.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Code change  
3 currently reads: "The adopted changes in National  
4 Constitution and Bylaws shall be forwarded annually from  
5 the Department Office as soon as they are received after  
6 the National Convention. Every Unit, District  
7 Department Chairman and Officer and Past Department  
8 President shall receive a free set attached to their  
9 existing copy. A charge will be made for additional  
10 sets."

11 The new proposed code will read: "The adopted  
12 changes in National Constitution and Bylaws shall be  
13 posted annually on the Department Office Website as soon  
14 as they are received after the National Convention."

15 Is there any discussion? Did you move?

16 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
17 I move to accept this change to Constitution -- number 2  
18 of the Constitution & Bylaws Department Code.

19 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:  
20 Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
22 and seconded. Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
25 of this code change, please say aye.

1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

5 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:

6 Thank you. There were no other changes. Certificates for  
7 100 percent reporting were read. Second and third place  
8 for both District and Unit Best Supplementals were  
9 announced. There were several honorable mention awards  
10 given too. A list of the winners have been given to the  
11 Department Office to be displayed, except for the first  
12 place winners.

13 Madam President, may I have your permission to  
14 continue on with my supplemental?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

16 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:

17 The Department of California President's theme this year  
18 was "Heroes Wear Dog Tags, Not Capes." Each of the  
19 Chairmen had a superhero assigned to their program. The  
20 Constitution & Bylaws were the Blue Lanterns. With this  
21 superhero it made this program quite fun and interesting  
22 to all of the members. Our mascot was the Super Bird.  
23 He's a parrot; I couldn't find a bird. And with the motto  
24 of the Blue Lantern, "In fearful day, in raging night with  
25 strong hearts full our souls ignite. When all seems lost

1 in the war of light look to the stars, for hope will burn  
2 bright."

3 This Chairman is very proud of our Blue Lanterns.  
4 They all reported to using their Standing Rules,  
5 Constitution & Bylaws, Roberts Rules of Orders Newly  
6 Revised are all being used in their meetings. Units  
7 reported that they had mini workshops, quizzes and study  
8 groups within their unit meetings. Some have also given  
9 new members folders that contain copies of Standing Rules,  
10 Constitution & Bylaws at the Unit, District, and  
11 Department level along with a small American flag. They  
12 have also have given to each member updated copies of the  
13 same so everyone can now be more proactive during  
14 meetings.

15 This year we had several newbies Constitution &  
16 Bylaws Chairmen both at District and Unit level. It was a  
17 pleasure to work with them answering all of their  
18 clarification questions about the District and Unit  
19 bylaws. You know the old saying: We've always done it  
20 that way? Well, I say -- I have to say that these new  
21 members don't believe that. They have either called,  
22 texted, or emailed me questions on correct ways it should  
23 be done. They even asked some questions that this  
24 Chairman even wasn't clear about, so I had to ask a  
25 clarification question to my mentor.

1           But all in all, it's such a breath of fresh air  
2 to have new members that will take new chairmanships and  
3 ask questions when they are not sure of the answers.

4           This chairman would like to commend all of the  
5 Districts and Units in the Department of California for  
6 the totally awesome job they did with updating both their  
7 Standing Rules and Constitution & Bylaws. As the Blue  
8 Lantern is always saying: Keep shining bright, the  
9 members of the Department of California have accomplished  
10 that to the fullest.

11           Now for what you are waiting for. May I present  
12 my first place winners?

13           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

14           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
15 I sent out on Thursday notes. I hope people have received  
16 them. Or a rep from that district. First Place District,  
17 Cynthia Edes from District 29.

18           (Applause.)

19           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
20 I love working with her. First Place Unit, Anita Biggs,  
21 Chairman of Unit 252 Jackie Robinson, 23rd District.

22           (Applause.)

23           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
24 All the supplementals that I did receive were totally  
25 awesome and it is truly hard to choose just one winner in

1 the best supplementals, so I removed everyone's names,  
2 district numbers, and units numbers and had a panel of  
3 judges to choose.

4 This chairman would like congratulate each and  
5 every one of the Blue Lanterns this year for making this a  
6 fun and interesting year. I learned also during this  
7 year. Madam President Loretta, that concludes my floor  
8 report. I would like to turn the microphone over to the  
9 Constitution & Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee if I might, but  
10 before I do, if anyone in the audience does not have a  
11 copy of the one -- the proposed changes to Constitution &  
12 Bylaws and Standing Rules for Department, please raise  
13 your hand and one will be given to you. I thoroughly  
14 enjoyed this one.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: As you know, this ad  
16 hoc committee has been working for a while on this.

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18 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS AD HOC COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
21 President Loretta, I'm not sure whose idea this was to  
22 have us do all this work. Was it you, Anita, or Harriet?  
23 Because we started a long time ago. It was one of the two  
24 of them.

25 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: It's her, it's

1 her.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's her,  
3 it's her. Whoever "her" is.

4 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Anita.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: This  
6 committee has worked very hard for four years to  
7 consolidate and update our documents in keeping with  
8 government standards. I would like to present the other  
9 members of this committee. Terry Mikesell.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I thought  
12 she was running out on us. And Melanie Taylor. We spent  
13 many days and hours trying to include all the previous  
14 documents and adding those that we couldn't find written  
15 anywhere to be included. Most recently in March we spent  
16 two days here in Sacramento working on our final draft.  
17 I'm not sure if I ever want to tackle this kind of  
18 assignment again.

19 I do not expect these documents to be perfect,  
20 but at least it gets us to a starting place. We sent out  
21 a draft for others to take a look and we received very  
22 few, if any, feedback, which probably means very few  
23 really looked at them and was a waste of a lot of paper.

24 We still need a little follow-up time to fix any  
25 documents that carry a Constitution & Bylaws or Standing

1 Rules reference to make sure they are correct. And as  
2 you've heard many times this weekend in our code reference  
3 Constitution & Bylaws whatever, all of those have to be  
4 changed, but we couldn't do it until we actually vote on  
5 these.

6 Some changes will not go into effect until  
7 2019-'20 as appointments have already been made. We will  
8 also have to update the Model Bylaws, so continue to be  
9 patient with us as we move along slowly.

10 Now are we ready? We do not intend to read all  
11 50 pages of this document. We will move only those that  
12 are relevant.

13 In the Constitution, the first part is the  
14 preamble, the eligibility and all of that. On page 3,  
15 Article III, Section 3 is Gold Star Members. We only  
16 added the -- an update last sentence on dates of  
17 hostilities to read as our document had not been  
18 corrected. "Operation Desert Shield/Storm/Gulf War/War on  
19 Terrorism." This is a mandate from National. There's no  
20 reason to vote on it.

21 Article IV still on page 4 -- 3. Article IV -  
22 Department Officers, Section 1. Change "Marshal" to  
23 "Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms" to be consistent with other  
24 departments. All references to "Marshal" will now, if  
25 passed, will now be automatically changed to Assistant

1 Sergeant-at-Arms.

2 By direction of the committee I move this change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
4 and seconded that we change the name of "Marshal" to  
5 "Sergeant-at-Arms" in all the places that it applies.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It would  
7 be "Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms."

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Assistant  
9 Sergeant-at-Arms. Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
12 of this change, please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay.

18 Section 1 now reads: "The Department Organization shall  
19 be composed of the following elected department officers:  
20 President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Junior  
21 Member of Finance. The following department officers are  
22 appointed by the Department President: Parliamentarian,  
23 Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Assistant  
24 Sergeant-at-Arms." So that would -- we just voted on  
25 that.

1           Page 3, Article IV Department Officers - Section  
2 1(a) delete in its entirety and add an alternative to read  
3 as follows.

4           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I'm sorry. Which  
5 section?

6           DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's page  
7 3, Article IV, Section 1 (a). "The National Executive  
8 Committeewoman and Alternate National Executive  
9 Committeewoman shall be elected to a two-year term and  
10 limited to serve no more than twice.

11           (b) In the event of a vacancy in the office of  
12 National Executive Committeewoman, the alternate shall  
13 become the National Executive Committeewoman and an  
14 alternate shall be filled by the Department Executive  
15 Committee." If Article IV(a) and (b) are approved, then  
16 Article V, Section 12 will be removed.

17           By direction of the committee, I move this  
18 change.

19           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
20 and seconded that: "(a) The National Executive  
21 Committeewoman and Alternate National Executive  
22 Committeewoman shall be elected to a two-year term and  
23 limited to serve no more than twice. (b) In the event of  
24 a vacancy in the office of National Executive  
25 Committeewoman, the alternate shall become the National

1 Executive Committeewoman and an alternate shall be filled  
2 by the Department Executive Committee." If Article IV(a)  
3 and (b) are approved, then Article V, Section 12 will be  
4 removed.

5 Is there any discussion?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Terry Mikesell,  
7 District 2. Okay. I am not in favor of this. My opinion  
8 is our Department President, which is a tremendous job, is  
9 very capable of being our NEC. So I don't think it should  
10 be a two-year elected position. I think we need to leave  
11 it as it is because our Department President is very  
12 capable of being our National Executive Committeewoman.  
13 So I will vote no.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any further  
15 discussion?

16 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: While I'm  
17 up here, Linda Workman, Past Department President. The  
18 idea of the -- we'll turn this way. The idea of the NEC  
19 is to have continuity and serve on a committee for the  
20 National Organization. So I am totally in favor of the  
21 two year NEC. I'm going to take this out to the back.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any further  
23 discussion?

24 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Madam  
25 President?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

2 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:

3 Melanie Taylor, Past Department President. I am in favor  
4 of this. The first year that you are the NEC Woman you  
5 are learning what that job is and we need continuity to  
6 know what you're doing to bring that information back to  
7 our department. So the second year you pretty much have  
8 it under your belt and you understand what you're doing.

9 The NEC Woman now as compared to a few years ago  
10 has more of a responsibility. There are a lot more  
11 intricate things are being brought before the NEC for  
12 their vote and I -- like I said, the first year you're  
13 green, you don't understand, you're learning. The second  
14 year you pretty much understand what you're doing. And  
15 it's not saying that the Past Department President cannot  
16 run for this office. The chances are that she will. And,  
17 you know, I'm not being uppity or anything when I say  
18 this, so please understand. I don't see Susie Member  
19 running for NEC Woman because it might be a little more  
20 intimidating for her. So I do see Past Department  
21 Presidents that would be running for that.

22 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Anybody can run?

23 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Yeah,  
24 it's open to anybody.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Chair

1 recognizes Martha. Actually, if they have a comment, they  
2 can line up here in front of this mic instead of -- until  
3 we fix the situation here.

4 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: I hope everyone  
5 can hear me. So I participated in -- it was at National  
6 and all the NEC members were there at the National level  
7 and this came up. And my understanding is this is a trend  
8 across the nation and it is for continuity. It's a big  
9 job and while you're learning, you might not pick up  
10 everything the first year, and so a lot of the units  
11 across the -- all the states are adopting this practice  
12 and new policy. So this is not new to a lot of states,  
13 they've been doing this for a while. We heard both sides  
14 at the meeting and a lot of the units that were doing this  
15 across the other states really have benefited from it. So  
16 I am in favor. They have more pros than cons.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Chair  
18 recognizes Susie Tozier.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,  
20 District 22, Unit 6. I just a year ago completed being  
21 NEC and it is very intimidating the first year because you  
22 really don't know what you're doing. And by the -- you  
23 know, because a lot of things are coming. Your  
24 responsibility is tremendous, tremendous. You have no --  
25 you know about things that other people don't know because

1 of confidentiality, and so it is a big job. It's not just  
2 a job for status. It's a job -- you know, you're taking  
3 -- there is a commitment for the organization, for the  
4 benefit of the organization, the Auxiliary corporation  
5 which you are a corporation because we are a business of  
6 women working for the veterans. So the second year would  
7 have been a lot better and I would have been more relaxed  
8 and really understood a lot of stuff. So I vote for it,  
9 yes.

10 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: Hello, Madam  
11 President. Laura Keldry, District 20, Unit 377. I have a  
12 question on this for clarification. Where it says the  
13 alternate shall become the committeewoman, is that a  
14 completion of the existing two-year term or is that  
15 beginning a new two-year term when that alternate steps  
16 in? That's my question.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Some of  
18 these details are going to have to be worked out, but if  
19 the NEC has resigned or whatever reason she can't  
20 function, then the alternate would move up into her place.  
21 That would not take away from her position as -- as the  
22 alternate. It would be a -- how do I want to say this?  
23 It -- if she wanted to run for NEC the next time, then she  
24 could still run for a two-year term. Is that what you  
25 were asking, if that was going to prohibit her from

1 running if she would want to do that?

2 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: I was just  
3 wondering if she's stepping in to complete the original  
4 two-year term of the NEC or if she steps in, does she  
5 begin her own two-year term?

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Then she  
7 would no longer be the alternate NEC. If she wanted to  
8 run for a two-year term after she completes somebody  
9 else's term, she could still do that.

10 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: So she would  
11 complete the other person's term. Okay. Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Oh, okay.  
13 Not every Department President wants to be an NEC. And  
14 one of the things is that was kind of a highlight when you  
15 went -- we had the Awareness Assembly in Washington D.C.  
16 where NEC was -- it was meeting at the same time. That's  
17 no longer the case. All the NEC meetings are in  
18 Indianapolis at this point. It may change, but at this  
19 point they're in Indianapolis. There's not an offer of  
20 going to Washington D.C. like there was. So I'm not sure  
21 that that would be something some of the NEC's would want  
22 to do.

23 As I said, it was an opportunity to go to  
24 Washington D.C. and have National pay for part of your  
25 expenses which that's not happening now. Anyone else

1 before Terry?

2 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE DIEBEL: Well, Terry was  
3 before me.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No, she  
5 already spoken once. Everybody gets a chance once.

6 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE DIEBEL: Okay. Linda  
7 Diebel, 19th District Unit 359. My question is the  
8 Assistant NEC Woman would be also an elected or -- would  
9 that be elected?

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: (Nods  
11 head.)

12 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE DIEBEL: Okay. Does she  
13 also go to the meetings so that she can be training the  
14 same as --

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Not  
16 necessarily.

17 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE DIEBEL: Okay. So if she  
18 took the NEC's position, then they would have to explain  
19 what's been going on. Thank you. I just wanted  
20 clarification.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Anyone  
22 else before Terry?

23 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Hi. I'm Deloris  
24 Artis for District 24, Unit 23. If the alternate moves up  
25 to the NEC Woman, then who fills her position?

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The  
2 Executive Committee. Anyone else?

3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Ruth wants to know  
4 is that north or south?

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That's  
6 something we have to work out, whether we do north and  
7 south. That's why it would not go into effect if it's  
8 passed until 2019-'20.

9 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Thank you.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Once again Terry  
11 Mikesell, District 2 Unit 197. I went to NEC training and  
12 I have to tell you the first thing they told me was I have  
13 to remember that I am voting for the National Organization  
14 first, that it doesn't make any difference about my unit  
15 or my department. That bothered me, so I -- that's what  
16 I'm going to say and I'm going to vote no.

17 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam  
18 President, Linda Workman. I call for the previous  
19 question.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The discussion is  
22 closed or do we vote on that?

23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You have to vote on  
24 that.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. This is a

1 call for the question. All those in favor, please say  
2 aye.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

5 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The ayes have it.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Just a  
8 point of reference to all of us. When it's a Constitution  
9 & Bylaws change, it requires a two-thirds vote. I believe  
10 we have it.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, all those that  
12 vote yes, please stand up. Yes, this is for the call of  
13 the question, not for the -- just to stop debate. This is  
14 not a vote on the code or the change. Yes, this is just  
15 to stop the discussion. Okay. Thank you.

16 Okay. So we have a motion on the floor to change  
17 or to add (a) and (b) for the National Executive  
18 Committeewoman. I don't think we need to after all the  
19 discussion need to reread it, do you? You know what  
20 you're voting on. All those in favor, please say aye.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. It sounds to  
25 me like the ayes have it.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
2 President, we need to go back a moment to Article IV,  
3 Section 1 where it says: "The Department Organization  
4 shall be composed of the following elected Department  
5 Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary,  
6 Treasurer," secretary and treasurer, there's a comma  
7 between them, "and Junior Member of Finance. The  
8 following department officers are appointed by the  
9 Department President: Parliamentarian, Chaplain,  
10 Historian." We want to insert -- I'm sorry. We want to  
11 delete "Musician" and keep "Sergeant-at-Arms" and  
12 "Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms." When I read it before I did  
13 not delete "Musician."

14 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: It's not in our copy. It  
15 should be.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It should  
17 be. I have so many pieces of paper on Constitution &  
18 Bylaws, I don't even know what I'm reading from. And when  
19 you have 15 copies of 50 pages each like what are we doing  
20 here.

21 Okay. Well, we -- a little bit of discussion on  
22 that, whether it's Musician or Music Chairman. In our  
23 opinion on the committee was that it should be Music  
24 Chairman and not Musician. Musician implies that there's  
25 an instrument, a piano or something, a guitar or whatever,

1 and we haven't had that for a very long time, I think  
2 somebody said 2004. So what we're doing is we're still  
3 having music, but we would like it to be a Music Chairman  
4 rather than a Musician.

5 By direction of the committee I move that if it's  
6 not in your copy, that we delete "Musician" as one of the  
7 officers.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
10 and seconded to delete "Musician" as an appointed office,  
11 as an officer, and add it as a chairman or just delete  
12 that as --

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: At this  
14 point just delete "Musician."

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: At this point delete  
16 "Musician" as an officer. Any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All of those in  
19 favor, please say aye.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion cared.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. So  
25 it should read: "The Department Organization shall be

1 composed of the following elected department officers:  
2 President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Junior  
3 Member of Finance. The following department officers are  
4 appointed by the Department President: Parliamentarian,  
5 Chaplain, Historian, Sergeant-At-Arms, and Assistant  
6 Sergeant-at-Arms."

7 Okay. And so we've taken care of the other two.  
8 We also moved in committee that anyplace it shows  
9 "Musician" that we delete it and wherever we need to  
10 insert "Music Chairman." By direction of the committee I  
11 move that correction be made.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
13 and seconded that wherever in the Constitution it refers  
14 to "Musician" be changed to "Music Chairman." Is there  
15 any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
18 please say aye.

19 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. And  
24 then we've already brought up that Article V, Section 2  
25 where it says: "The Department Executive Committee shall

1 be comprised of the Department President, the Department  
2 Vice President, Junior Past Department President," and  
3 then in parenthesis it says, "NEC woman." And then we'll  
4 put this to be removed if voted as an elective position.  
5 "The Department Secretary, Department Treasurer,  
6 Parliamentarian, District Presidents, Department Chairman  
7 and Standing Committees, Members of the Finance Committee,  
8 Girls State Director, Junior Conference Director, all with  
9 voting privileges. The Department Secretary and Treasurer  
10 if paid employees and the Parliamentarian shall be  
11 non-voting members of the Executive Committee and voting  
12 members of the Department Convention."

13 The NEC was attached to the Junior Past  
14 Department President. So with the vote of the last  
15 change, we would want to remove that.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Where are you  
17 reading from?

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Page 5.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Page 5, Section 2 at  
20 the very top.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Where it  
22 says, "NEC woman" in parentheses.

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: You're still  
24 on the Constitution?

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'm still

1 on the Constitution. You were not given that? It's about  
2 eight pages long.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are you reading  
4 from this?

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'm  
6 reading number -- there's eight pages of this document.  
7 It's the Constitution. It's on page 5 at the very top.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second paragraph.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. So  
10 the NEC Woman, it would be your vote whether we keep the  
11 NEC Woman as part of the Executive Committee but no longer  
12 attached to the Junior Past Department President. Do you  
13 understand?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. I  
16 move that we leave the NEC Woman in there as a part of the  
17 Executive Committee but not part as the Junior Past  
18 Department President.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. It's been  
20 moved and seconded that the NEC Woman remain a part of the  
21 Executive Committee but not tied to -- not consecutive to  
22 the Department President position. Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
25 please say aye.

1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

5 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Diane? I have a  
6 question. Madam President, just a question. If we're  
7 electing the alternate NEC, she's an elected officer.  
8 Should she not be also included in the DEC with a vote?

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That's  
10 what we just did. We left the NEC person in, but not as  
11 the Junior Past Department President.

12 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: What about the  
13 alternate, if we're electing our alternate also. We're  
14 electing an alternate.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The  
16 alternate usually fills in if the main person isn't there.  
17 It's up to the body if you want to do that.

18 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: But if they're  
19 elected, they would be elected as is our NEC, as is our  
20 Junior Member of Finance, as is our President, as is our  
21 Vice President.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: If you  
23 would like to insert that.

24 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Madam President, I  
25 would like to insert that the elected Alternate NEC as

1 well as the NEC Woman have a vote and be part of the DEC.  
2 I move.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
5 and seconded that the --

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Point of order.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, ma'am.

8 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE KENT: First of all, you ran  
9 a vote while I was attempting to come up to ask a question  
10 and I wasn't even recognized and I waved my hand and you  
11 ignored me. You still ran the vote. That's number one.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Let -- we're going  
13 to continue with this and I'm going to ask for a  
14 discussion and you can repeat your question. Okay?

15 Now I forgot what we're doing. It has been moved  
16 and seconded that the Alternate NEC be a member of the  
17 Executive Committee as an elected office. Any discussion?  
18 Okay.

19 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE KENT: The question I have --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. Your name and  
21 unit number, please.

22 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE KENT: My name is Carol Kent  
23 and my unit I believe is 351. I'm with Rio Linda.  
24 Anyways -- oh, 521 sorry. I'm new so bear with me. The  
25 question is why are -- why the separation and why --

1 what's the importance?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Separation of?

3 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE KENT: Why are you trying to  
4 delete the position and what's -- what's the significance  
5 behind it?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We're not deleting  
7 any position, we're just changing it. As it stands now,  
8 for example, I'm Department President so I will  
9 automatically be NEC Woman. I mean, there's no election,  
10 no nothing; I'm just automatically that. We're making  
11 it -- we have changed it so that it is another elected  
12 position rather than an automatic position.

13 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE KENT: Okay. So then the  
14 question I have is -- I'm sorry. Bear with me.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Is that -- does that  
16 answer your question?

17 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE KENT: No, it doesn't because  
18 there was another issue that I was --

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Was it concerning  
20 the alternate? Okay.

21 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE KENT: It was part of the  
22 process that I was -- that was -- I was asking about. It  
23 seemed like there was -- there was a rush through of all  
24 this without a whole -- the whole discussion of why -- why  
25 we were doing all of this.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We had several,  
2 several people up here commenting on it saying the pros  
3 and cons of doing it, so there was quite a bit of  
4 discussion on that so -- okay. Thank you, ma'am.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Those were  
6 the only changes in the Constitution. I know if you look  
7 at your Constitution, the page is long. The other changes  
8 in there will be moved as Bylaws or Standing Rules. By  
9 direction of the committee I move that we accept the  
10 constitution as changed.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Loretta, we  
12 have a motion on the floor.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Sorry. Okay.  
14 There's a motion on the floor that the Alternate NEC Woman  
15 become a member of the Executive Committee. All those in  
16 favor, say aye.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: We're  
22 going to move on to Bylaws if you want to get that -- oh,  
23 I'm sorry, we need --

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, that was too  
25 close.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Now, Madam  
2 President, I move the adoption of the constitution.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No, that last vote  
4 was too close. We have to determine the nos and the ayes,  
5 basically is it two-thirds?

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: All of  
7 these require a two-thirds vote.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those that voted  
9 to make the National -- or the Alternate National  
10 Executive Woman a member of the Executive Committee,  
11 please stand. If you voted to make her a member of the  
12 executive committee. She would be an elected officer.  
13 Yes, it's an elected position.

14 Okay. You may be seated. All those that voted  
15 no, please rise. Okay. What --

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: In my  
17 opinion it did not pass; right? I would say so too  
18 because it requires two-thirds to pass.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So that  
20 motion was defeated. She would not be a member of the  
21 Executive Committee.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Now, Madam  
23 President, by direction of the committee I move that the  
24 Constitution be adopted as changes have been made.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved

1 and seconded that the Constitution be adopted according to  
2 the changes made. Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
5 please say aye.

6 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay.

11 Moving on to bylaws. And by the way, ladies, a lot of the  
12 verbiage in these documents are straight out of the  
13 National Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules, right  
14 out of there. We don't have to vote on those issues.  
15 We're going to try to do them as quickly as we can.

16 So for Bylaws, page 1, Article I. Department  
17 Organization Sections 1 through 3. It's out of the  
18 National Bylaws but we changed it to be California. So  
19 the first one is: "The American Legion Auxiliary  
20 Department of California is chartered by the National  
21 Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary and  
22 is comprised of districts and units attached to posts of  
23 the American Legion and all nonaffiliated unit members,"  
24 those are Headquarters Unit 1000, "within the State of  
25 California. The Department of California charter is

1 signed by the National President of the National  
2 Secretary."

3 One through 3, I can go ahead and read them, but  
4 there really is nothing to vote on here. "The Department  
5 of California American Legion Auxiliary shall have the  
6 authority to create intermediate bodies between the Units  
7 and Department to act as a liaison between such  
8 organizations and for the purpose of promoting the  
9 programs of the American Legion Auxiliary."

10 Section 3 is: "The Department shall have  
11 authority to create and charter new units and the  
12 Department will act as the liaison between such  
13 organizations and the National Organization for the  
14 purpose of promoting the programs of the American Legion  
15 Auxiliary. The Department shall also have authority to  
16 create and charter intermediate bodies called Districts  
17 between the Units and Department to act as a liaison  
18 between such organizations in the purpose of promoting the  
19 program of the American Legion Auxiliary. An intermediate  
20 body shall be administratively subject to the Department  
21 and totally under Department jurisdiction. The Department  
22 Executive Committee shall have the authority to set forth  
23 responsibilities and limits of all intermediate bodies.  
24 In no event shall these responsibilities established by  
25 the Department Executive Committee usurp the prerogatives

1 of the National Organization, Departments, and Units."

2 All of that is just changed to make it California  
3 rather than very general. Let's see. By direction of the  
4 committee I move to pass Sections 1 through 3.

5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
7 and seconded that Sections 1, 2 and 3 be passed as read to  
8 comply with the Department of California. Is there any  
9 discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
12 please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay.  
18 Number 4 is already in our documents, we don't have to  
19 vote on that. If you think this was fun, let me tell you.  
20 Okay.

21 On page 4 Duties of Officers. These may look a  
22 little different than what you have in your Constitution &  
23 Bylaws, but they're there -- they're just formatted  
24 differently, but we have added to the duties of the  
25 President number K, she shall be a signatory on all bank

1 accounts. And we added one in committee, that she shall  
2 attend budget meetings as vice president as is the sitting  
3 president and audit meetings. But that was added in  
4 committee.

5 By direction of the committee I move the addition  
6 of K and L.

7 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:  
8 Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
10 and seconded that we add in section 1 --

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No.  
12 That's what I said. In committee, that's why it's not  
13 going to be on your paper. In committee it was added that  
14 she shall attend budget -- she shall attend the budget  
15 meetings as Vice President and as the sitting President  
16 and also the audit meetings. So you don't have that on  
17 your paper. I move the addition of those two items.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. It has been  
19 moved and seconded that under section 1 there be added  
20 item K and L. K, she shall be a signator -- speaking of  
21 the president, she shall be a signatory on all bank  
22 accounts. L, she shall attend budget meetings as Vice  
23 President and as president and at audit committees. Is  
24 that the way it's worded?

25 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: (Nods

1 head.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
5 please say aye.

6 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Under  
11 Department Vice President we've added: "B, she shall be  
12 the presiding officer at the meeting of the organization  
13 in the absence of the Department President. C, she shall  
14 be a signatory on all bank accounts and she shall attend  
15 budget and audit meetings."

16 Madam President -- and we added that last one.  
17 You'll have to add that one to your -- because that was --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: "She shall attend  
19 all budget and audit meetings."

20 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: That  
21 was added in committee.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: By  
23 direction of the committee, I move the addition of item B  
24 and C to Section 2 under the Department Vice President.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: B, C, and D;

1 correct?

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
4 and seconded that under Section 2, B, C, and D be added to  
5 include: "B, she shall be the presiding officer at a  
6 meeting of the organization in the absence of the  
7 Department President. C, she shall be a signatory on all  
8 bank accounts. D, she shall attend budget and audit  
9 meetings." Is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
12 of these additions, please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Under  
18 Section 3 Department Secretary and Section 4 Department  
19 Treasurer, since it used to be a one-person position, we  
20 just separated out what their duties were.

21 So the Department Secretary there were no  
22 changes. On Department Treasurer we've added A, and I  
23 believe you have that. This is on page 5, that she shall  
24 be signatory on all bank accounts. By direction of the  
25 committee, I move the acceptance of that addition.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
2 and seconded under Section 4 Department Treasurer to add:  
3 "A, she shall be a signatory on all bank accounts." Is  
4 there any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
7 of this change, please say aye.

8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Again  
13 Section 7 was changing Marshal to Assistant  
14 Sergeant-At-Arms. That's on page 6. We've already taken  
15 care of that.

16 Section 8 we're deleting as we've already voted  
17 to change that to Music Chairman.

18 We tried to highlight the places that were  
19 changes. There was no changes at all in the subsidiary  
20 organizations. That's all the changes.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That's all the  
23 highlighted sections I can see.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah.  
25 Okay. By direction of committee I move that we accept the

1 Bylaws as amended.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
4 and seconded that we accept the Bylaws as amended. Any  
5 discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
8 please say aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Let's move  
14 on to Standing Rules. We've got a bunch of them. If any  
15 of you looked at any of our documents, we've got it  
16 backwards. The Constitution should be your smallest  
17 document and the hardest one to change. The Bylaws should  
18 have a little bit more meat to them and be changed a  
19 little easier. The Standing Rules are easily changed.

20 Okay. Standing -- the first five pages are right  
21 out of the National documents on Code of Ethics, on  
22 conflict of interest and all of that. So you can skip  
23 over all of the those until we get to page -- we've got to  
24 find something that -- something that's highlighted.

25 Okay. I believe it's going to be the very bottom

1 of page 9, goes over to page 10. And that is: "The  
2 preconvention committee shall exist for the Department  
3 Chaplain, Department Historian for the following  
4 committees." And actually the only thing in there that  
5 we've changed is we added Music which we have voted to  
6 already change every place that it appears, and so that's  
7 really nothing.

8 This seems like it's going a lot faster than it  
9 did in committee. Of course we read all 50 pages in the  
10 committee, pretty much all 50. We added some purposes of  
11 these committees that came from National documents. So  
12 those were not in our bylaws before, but I really don't  
13 believe they needed to be addressed. I know there's one  
14 in here we need to add because it's -- I have -- I must  
15 have missed it because we could not find it written  
16 anywhere, but it's something we've been doing for as long  
17 as I can remember. I need to find it. And it was about  
18 if you are in your own right and you give up your own  
19 right to take the vote of your unit --

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Page 6.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Are you  
22 seeing it someplace?

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Page 6.

24 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Here  
25 it is. Right here.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Page 6, number  
2 4, bottom of the page.

3 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Page  
4 6.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay.  
6 It's page 6 at the bottom, number 4 under "Department  
7 Conventions." It says: "Any delegate in her own right  
8 that chooses to represent her unit vote rather than her  
9 own right forfeits her department allowance." We've been  
10 doing that for as long as I can remember, but I have not  
11 seen it written anywhere, so we inserted that.

12 By direction of the committee I move the addition  
13 to the Department Convention.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
15 and seconded that under Department Convention number 4 is  
16 added reading: "Any delegate in her own right that  
17 chooses to represent her unit vote rather than her own  
18 right forfeits her Department allowance." Any discussion?

19 POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: Madam President, this  
20 subject came up in our caucus.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Identify yourself.

22 POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: Oh, sorry. Tamra Duron,  
23 District 25. This subject came up in our district caucus  
24 and Diane told us something that I think maybe should be  
25 inserted with this. To give up your vote as your own

1 right, do you need to be a regular delegate, a good unit  
2 as well as a delegate in your own right when sent into  
3 Department?

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: May I  
5 answer that, Madam President?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, please.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: When  
8 you're doing your elections in your unit, if you are -- if  
9 you think you're the only person in your unit going to  
10 convention and perhaps your unit has three or four votes  
11 or five or whatever it might be and you are willing to  
12 give up your allowance, then you need to be at least an  
13 alternate. You cannot just go from in your own right to  
14 nothing anywhere else on the page.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Any further  
16 discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. All those in  
19 favor of adding this addition, please say aye.

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: There were  
25 some changes to the Department Convention Committee, but

1 they're brought down from National about how we do our  
2 committees. I'm not going to say I necessarily agreed  
3 with it, but it is the way it is. So it's on page 8 and  
4 it's about Resolutions.

5           So it's Section 4, A through D: "Committee on  
6 Resolutions. The purpose of the committee on Resolutions  
7 is to receive Resolutions and refer them to the proper  
8 preconvention committee and to formulate such Department  
9 Convention Resolutions not within the jurisdiction of the  
10 other established preconvention committees as listed in  
11 this section. This committee shall meet in advance of the  
12 other preconvention committee meetings to allow ample time  
13 to properly assign the Resolutions to the other  
14 preconvention committees prior to their convening. This  
15 committee has no authority to take any action on a  
16 Resolution other than to refer to it to the appropriate  
17 preconvention committee unless there is a written opinion  
18 from the Counsel General that a Resolution is illegal and  
19 can cause the organization, its officers, its Department  
20 Executive Committee Members, appointees and other members  
21 to become liable. In such an event, the committee on  
22 Resolutions shall report said action to the Department  
23 Convention Delegate.

24           "A. Resolutions pertaining to finance are to be  
25 at the Department Office not later than 60 days prior to

1 the opening of the following Department Convention."  
2 That's the same as we've always had or at least for a long  
3 time.

4 "All Resolutions other than the above must be in  
5 the Department Office 45 days prior to the following  
6 Department Convention. Exceptions to this may be made to  
7 allow the presenting of emergency resolutions not later  
8 than noon on the second day of convention.

9 "C. All resolutions will be numbered in  
10 Department, one copy to be kept in the office files, the  
11 remaining resolutions to be sent to the Department  
12 Resolutions Chairman within five days after being received  
13 by Department Office. She in turn will direct them to  
14 their respective committees. Note: Emergency Resolutions  
15 are those which arise during the convention or after the  
16 date established for admitting them.

17 "D. At the preconvention meeting the committee  
18 on Resolutions, resolutions not written within the  
19 jurisdiction of any of the preconvention committee shall  
20 be presented for explanation by a member of the committee  
21 on Resolutions. Upon conclusion of discussion of each  
22 resolution, the committee may vote either to, A, recommend  
23 to the Department Convention delegates that a proposed  
24 resolution be adopted; B, recommend to the Department  
25 Convention delegate that a proposed resolution not be

1 adopted; or C, make no recommendation to the Department  
2 Convention delegates regarding a proposed resolution.  
3 Each member of the committee on Resolutions and one  
4 representative from each district shall be entitled to  
5 vote on the recommendations to be made to the Department  
6 Convention delegates. The committee on Resolutions shall  
7 be report its activity to the Department Convention  
8 delegates."

9 By direction of the committee, I move that we  
10 accept section 4, A through D.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
13 and seconded that we adopt Resolutions A through D. Is  
14 there any discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
17 of accepting these Resolutions, please say aye.

18 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. On  
23 Convention Commission, page 9 and it's -- okay. It starts  
24 off with "There shall be" -- is everybody on page 9?

25 "There shall be a Convention Commission of three

1 members appointed by the Department President. One of  
2 three members first appointed, one shall serve for one  
3 year, one for two years, and one for three years.

4 Thereafter one member shall be appointed each year for  
5 three-year term. The chairman shall be appointed by the  
6 Department President from the three commission members."

7 One the duties of the commission: "It shall be  
8 the duty of the Convention Commission to ascertain if all  
9 facilities and accommodations are adequate for Auxiliary  
10 convention as presented by the American Legion Convention  
11 Commission and/or Corporation.

12 "2. Authority to set convention. In the event  
13 it is not feasible to hold a convention at the same date  
14 and city as that of the American Legion, the Convention  
15 Commission may determine by investigation where our  
16 convention could be held and report their findings to the  
17 Department Executive Committee and/or Corporation for  
18 consideration." That has not changed.

19 "3. The Department President after conferring  
20 with the Department Vice President shall appoint the  
21 Department Convention host city chairman and co-chairman  
22 two years in advance of the scheduled convention. She is  
23 charged with preparation of the preliminary plans and  
24 local arrangements for the Department Convention. If the  
25 convention city is changed during this period, the

1 convention chairman may also be changed." This was not in  
2 your Constitution, Bylaws, or Standing Rules, but it was  
3 in the Department Code.

4 "4. The Department President shall appoint such  
5 other Department Convention committees as appropriate  
6 including Distinguished Guests, Credentials, Elections,  
7 Rules, Resolutions. The Department President may also  
8 appoint a Department Chairman of Pages.

9 "5. The Department Convention Host City Chairman  
10 shall appoint her host committees, including a secretary  
11 and members of all committees necessary for the  
12 functioning of the Department Convention on the local  
13 level with all such appointments to be approved by the  
14 Department President."

15 By direction of the committee, I move that we  
16 accept Convention Commission, the entire section.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Is there any  
18 discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
21 and seconded that we accept or adopt the section on  
22 Convention Commission. All those in favor, please say  
23 aye.

24 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: On pages 9  
4 through 10 is about the preconvention committee meetings.  
5 We just added Music as chairman, and we move that we  
6 accepted that in its entirety.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been --

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That would  
9 be the preconvention meetings.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
11 and seconded that the term "Music Chairman" be placed --  
12 put in place of "Musician" in its entirety. Wherever one  
13 is, change it to the other. Any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
16 please say aye.

17 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried. We  
21 could have gone through them all and made you vote on each  
22 one.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Page 10  
24 Constitution & Bylaws. Okay. "The purpose of the  
25 Preconvention Committee on Constitution & Bylaws is to

1 receive and consider all proposed amendments to the  
2 governing documents that are to be presented to the  
3 Department Convention delegates and to verify that  
4 amendments adopted by the Department Convention are  
5 correctly incorporated into the governing documents. In  
6 addition, it is to clarify the meaning of the proposals  
7 for Department Convention delegates prior to Department  
8 Convention. Each proposed amendment shall be presented  
9 for explanation by the Committee Chairman at the  
10 preconvention committee on Constitution & Bylaws. Any  
11 delegate may ask a clarifying question. Such questions  
12 from nonmembers of the preconvention committee on  
13 Constitution & Bylaws shall be limited to clarifying the  
14 intent or purpose of a proposal. There shall be no debate  
15 on the merits of the proposal based on clarifying  
16 questions from nonmembers of the committee.

17 "2. Upon conclusion of open discussion regarding  
18 clarification of each proposed amendment, the committee  
19 may discuss the merits of the proposal and may vote to  
20 either recommend" -- let's see. "Recommend to the  
21 Department Convention delegates that a proposed amendment  
22 be adopted. Recommend to the Department Convention  
23 delegates that a proposed amendment not be adopted, or  
24 make no recommendation to the Department Convention  
25 delegates regarding a proposed amendment.

1 "Each member of the preconvention committee on  
2 Constitution & Bylaws and one representative assigned from  
3 each district shall be entitled to vote on the  
4 recommendation to be made to the Department Convention  
5 delegates."

6 By direction of the committee I move that we  
7 accept this section on Constitution & Bylaws in its  
8 entirety.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
11 and seconded that we accept the section on Constitution &  
12 Bylaws in its entirety as read to you. Any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
15 please say aye.

16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: On page 12  
21 under Department Vice President: "1. The Department  
22 President may authorize the Department Vice President to  
23 attend meetings or officials visits on her behalf."

24 This is an addition. I move -- by direction of  
25 the committee I move the acceptance of this amendment.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved --

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: -- and seconded that  
4 the section on Department Vice President number 1: "The  
5 Department President may authorize the Department Vice  
6 President to attend meetings or other official visits on  
7 her behalf." Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
10 of adding this section, please say aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay.

16 Under Department Secretary, number 1: "She shall notify  
17 the Department Executive Committee if the President is  
18 incapacitated." That's always been in there.

19 Number 2: "Routine records of Department  
20 Headquarters other than those of a permanent nature shall  
21 be held in the Department Headquarters for a period of  
22 three years before being destroyed."

23 I move the -- by direction of the committee, I  
24 move the acceptance of that addition.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Of number 2;

1 correct? It has been moved and seconded that we add under  
2 Department Secretary line 2 which reads: "Routine records  
3 of Department Headquarters other than those of a permanent  
4 nature shall be held in Department Headquarters for a  
5 period of three years before destroyed." Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
8 please say aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those opposed  
11 no?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

14 Under the Department Treasurer, number 1: "All books,  
15 cancelled checks, and supporting papers of all Department  
16 Chairmen disbursing funds shall be held in the Department  
17 Headquarters for a period of seven years before being  
18 destroyed."

19 By direction of the committee I move this  
20 adoption.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
23 and seconded that we adopt this rule number 1: "All  
24 books, cancelled checks, and supporting papers of all  
25 Department Chairmen disbursing funds shall be held in

1 Department Headquarters for a period of seven years before  
2 being destroyed." Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
5 please say aye.

6 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those opposed  
8 no.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Under  
12 Department Chaplain, we were adding number 3: "She shall  
13 be responsible for compiling and sending to the districts  
14 and units rules for district and unit prayer books that  
15 are to be submitted in contest for Department and National  
16 awards. Judging of the district and unit prayer books  
17 shall be done at the Department Convention prior to the  
18 opening of the general session."

19 By direction of the committee, I move the  
20 adoption of number 3.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
23 and seconded that we add to Department Chaplain Section 3  
24 as it was read. Or do you want me to reread it? As it  
25 was read to you. You have it in print also. Any

1 discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
4 of this addition, please say aye.

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: On page 12  
10 under Historian, addition number 2: "She shall be  
11 responsible for compiling and sending to the Districts and  
12 Units an outline of rules for District and Unit Histories  
13 that are to be submitted in contest for Department and  
14 National awards. Judging of the District and Unit History  
15 Books shall be done at the Department Convention prior to  
16 the opening of the general session. This to include  
17 Junior Histories."

18 By the direction of the committee, I move the  
19 adoption.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
22 and seconded that we adopt under Department Historian  
23 Section 2 as read to you. Any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,

1 please say aye.

2 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those opposed  
4 please say no.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Turning to  
8 page 14 now under "Committees." We just added Music.  
9 We've already taken care of that.

10 And then on page 13 -- 15. Sorry. We're adding  
11 number 8: "Department Standing Committee chairmen are  
12 appointed for a one-year term unless otherwise stated."

13 By direction of the committee I move the  
14 acceptance of this addition.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
17 and seconded that under committees we add Section 8 that  
18 says: "Department Standing Committee Chairmen are  
19 appointed for a one-year period term unless otherwise  
20 stated." Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
23 of this adopting number 8, please say aye.

24 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. On  
4 page 19, Music. "The purpose of the Music Chairman is to  
5 provide motivation support to all Chairmen and programs."

6 By direction of the committee we move the  
7 acceptance of this addition.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
10 and seconded that we add the section on Music stating:  
11 "The purpose of the Music Chairman is to provide  
12 motivation and support to all Chairmen and programs." Is  
13 there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
16 of adopting this section, please say yes or aye.

17 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: On page 21  
22 under "Department." Number 1: "The American Legion  
23 Auxiliary, Department of California is a separate entity  
24 that operates independently as an affiliate of the  
25 American Legion Auxiliary National Organization. The

1 Department shall be governed by their own Department  
2 Constitution and/or Bylaws, rules, and policies which  
3 shall not conflict with the National Constitution &  
4 Bylaws, National Standing Rules, National Rules and  
5 Policies. The Department may refer to the American Legion  
6 Auxiliary Department Operations Guide, the American Legion  
7 Auxiliary Girls State Program, and Operations Guide,  
8 Manual of Ceremonies and other publications of the  
9 National Organization for guidance in the conduct of its  
10 programs and the administration of the Department  
11 activities."

12           Next page: "2. Governance issues within the  
13 department not resolved by the Department Executive  
14 Committee may be appealed to the National Executive  
15 Committee. The National Executive Committee has the  
16 authority to accept or reject appeals for consideration.

17           "Number 3. The Department shall not charge for  
18 materials received free of charge from National  
19 Headquarters.

20           "Number 4. The Unit has the responsibility for  
21 the discipline of its members. A member disciplined by  
22 her unit may appeal the Unit's disciplinary action in  
23 writing to the Department Executive Committee. The  
24 Department Executive Committee shall review the appeal and  
25 respond as it deems appropriate. The action of the

1 Department Executive Committee is final. Disciplinary  
2 actions against members, including membership suspension,  
3 are not appealable to the National Organization. All  
4 discipline must be imposed in accordance with the  
5 principals of due process and equal protection. A  
6 department may discipline a unit for failure to discipline  
7 a member.

8 "5. It shall be the responsibility of the  
9 Department Executive Committee as directors of the  
10 Department Organization to determine all questions  
11 affecting the election eligibility, conduct, and capacity  
12 of the Department's Officers and Directors, Department  
13 Executive Committee members, and the Department's National  
14 Executive Committee members. Such matters shall be  
15 determined according to due process and shall be specified  
16 in the Department's governing documents to include, A,  
17 questions affecting the election, eligibility, conduct and  
18 capacity of the department's officers and directors.

19 Department Executive Committee members, and the  
20 Department's National Executive Committee members shall be  
21 submitted in writing to the Department Executive  
22 Committee.

23 "B. The Department Executive Committee may  
24 designate, appoint, and authorize a subcommittee to hear,  
25 try, and make written findings of fact and recommendations

1 regarding such matters.

2 "C. The Department Executive Committee shall  
3 provide due and proper notice of a hearing and trial.

4 "D. The findings of fact and recommendations of  
5 said matters shall be presented to the Department  
6 Executive Committee for its approval, rejection, or final  
7 action. The action of the Department Executive Committee  
8 in such matters shall be final and conclusive without  
9 appeal to the National Organization."

10 By direction of the committee I believe that we  
11 accept -- and this all came from national. Let's see.  
12 Where were we? Under Departments 1 through 5.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Second.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
15 and seconded that we adopt the change under Department  
16 Sections 1 through 5 as read to you. Or I could read them  
17 again if you want.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
22 of this adoption, please say aye.

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

25 (No response.)

1 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: We  
2 had a comment.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Grace, what  
4 was your question?

5 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Grace Huston, Unit 249,  
6 District 11. I have a question because I've never been  
7 involved in disciplinary, but somewhere does it give some  
8 time frames for all these actions to take place? Because  
9 there's certainly nothing in here that tells you how long  
10 you have for the appeal process. I just want to know if  
11 there's something maybe at the department level.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: May I  
13 answer?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, ma'am.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I haven't  
16 seen any time frames.

17 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Thank you.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The rest  
19 of that section is already in effect and I do want to  
20 bring it to your attention for those that are not aware,  
21 Number 6: "A Legion Department has no authority to  
22 regulate an Auxiliary Department and vice versa." And  
23 you'll find it here later the same thing goes for Unit and  
24 Post.

25 Okay. I think we're on the last one I hope.

1 It's Dues and Assessments, and it's page 29.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: What was the page?

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: 29. Dues  
4 and Assessment. Number 1: "The National per capita dues  
5 for senior members shall include a complimentary  
6 subscription to the American Legion Auxiliary National  
7 Magazine. A. Per capita tax" -- and I want you to know  
8 this is the way it is at the moment. Okay? There may be  
9 a change to that. "Per capita tax shall be paid in  
10 advance annually. The National Senior per capita dues  
11 shall be \$12. Department Senior per capita dues shall be  
12 \$7 and Auxiliary News assessment shall be \$1.00 and  
13 National Junior dues are \$2.50 and Department Junior dues  
14 are 75 cents.

15 "B. As provided in the Department Bylaws,  
16 modification to the Department per capita dues for Senior  
17 and Junior members shall require a two-thirds vote in the  
18 affirmative by the Department Convention Delegates."

19 That's it. By direction of the committee I move  
20 the adoption of Dues and Assessment Section 1A and B.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
23 and seconded that we adopt under the dues and -- Dues and  
24 Assessment Section 1A and B. Is there any discussion?

25 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Marcia Munroe, Unit

1 249, District 11. What was the change?

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Actually  
3 the change was adding what the National changes were done  
4 at National Convention last year.

5 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Oh, thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Which is  
7 really mandatory.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. Any further  
9 discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. All those in  
12 favor of this adoption, please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
18 President, by direction of the committee I move the  
19 acceptance of the standing rules as amended.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
22 and seconded that we accept the Standing Rules as adopted.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Amended.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Amended. Any  
25 discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
3 please say aye.

4 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank God.

9 (Applause.)

10 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Madam  
11 President? Madam President?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

13 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: I would like  
14 to commend the -- Department Past President Anita and I  
15 had talked about putting this committee together five  
16 years ago and I just want to say thank you very much. We  
17 know how hard you worked to get this accomplished.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: And I think  
20 everyone needs to thank them.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: What we  
23 did, it was not an easy task. There was sometimes we  
24 could kill each other.

25 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: And I bet

1 sometimes you wanted to kill us, so --

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Madam President,  
3 may I make a comment?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Terry Mikesell,  
6 District 2, Unit 197. I want to thank Diane DeLashmit  
7 because her health has not been good, but she has kept  
8 after us. She is a wonderful taskmaster and I so much  
9 appreciated working with her and Melanie. Melanie was the  
10 keyboard person and Diane was Diane and of course I was  
11 me, and so these two ladies agree the voice of whatever  
12 was me. But thank you. It was a pleasure.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It was?

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: It was.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, ladies.  
18 I'm going to call upon your next favorite, the Finance  
19 Committee.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And could I have,  
22 please, any of the judges that Estella asked yesterday to  
23 judge Chaplain books, if you would meet me at the side of  
24 the stage over here. If you were helping judge Chaplain  
25 books, please meet me by the side of the stage. And I

1 would like to ask Joan to take the podium while I talk  
2 with these ladies. And the Finance Committee can make  
3 their way up.

4 (Recess from 10:01 a.m. to 10:16 a.m.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Ladies, we've  
6 got lots to do yet so go back to our seats and we will  
7 continue. While you're making your way back to your  
8 seats, I can tell you're all in a real hurry to get at  
9 this. As you know the Chaplain Estella Avina had to leave  
10 early, so I've asked her judges for the prayer book to  
11 announce the winners for her and we'll do that while the  
12 Finance Committee gets their thing together here.

13 Okay. Ladies, we're going to announce the  
14 winners for the prayer books.

15 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Good morning. My  
16 name is Deloris Artis. I am from District 24, Unit 283,  
17 but I am a Past Department Chaplain. And standing with me  
18 is Sharon Moore who is also a Past Department Chaplain.

19 In judging the books yesterday, we went back over  
20 the books. We found several prayer books that was not in  
21 compliance to the rules, so it was determined that Unit  
22 280 from District 18 was selected as the Best Overall  
23 Chaplains Prayer Book.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: And it was

1 determined that District 27 was the Overall Best Chaplain  
2 Book For the District.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Thank you, Madam  
5 President.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. And  
7 their awards and certificates are with their book?

8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: I do not know what  
9 the Chaplain Estella did with the awards or whatever. She  
10 didn't give us that information. I didn't even know that  
11 she had left the building until now.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Well, we appreciate  
13 your coming and taking care of this.

14 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: I still have some  
15 awards so I could send them to the districts.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We'll check  
17 with what Estella did. Thank you very much.

18 Okay. You're on. Oh, this is my lucky day. You  
19 know, I get to close a convention and I won the laptop.

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21 FINANCE CONVENTION REPORT

22

23 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Good morning. The  
24 convention committee on Finance met on June 21st, 2018 in  
25 the Chestnut Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento

1 California. Brenda Preston was appointed secretary, Linda  
2 Diebel from District 19 offered prayer, and Linda Workman  
3 was appointed sergeant-at-arms. A total of 18 district  
4 delegates answered roll call. There were three visitors:  
5 Micka Jeppason, Kathie Martinez, and Harriet Clendenin.

6 The Finance code was read and changes were made.  
7 Madam President, may I read the code changes for approval?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. I don't have a  
9 copy of them. I have a budget, but not the code change.

10 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I think I gave it in  
11 there.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, yes. Thank you.

13 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: May I read just -- or  
14 may I -- maybe -- let's see. How do I say this? May I go  
15 over briefly, just say the code of the ones that have only  
16 the split of the Secretary/Treasurer position that will  
17 become the duties of the Secretary? Can I just do all  
18 those at once? Or I move that I --

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You can tell us  
20 where -- yes.

21 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you can move  
23 to --

24 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. I think I've got  
25 it figured out. Okay. Page -- the first page of the

1 Finance Code, page 29, Finance Code Section 4. And we  
2 have page 29, Finance Code Section 6.

3 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Okay.  
4 They don't get --

5 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. Then I have to  
6 read it all. Okay. We'll read it all in its entirety.

7 Page 29, Finance Code Section 4 as it reads now:  
8 "The annual audit shall be completed no later than  
9 November 15th and shall appear in the Book of Proceedings,  
10 one copy of the audit shall be provided to each district  
11 by the Department Secretary/Treasurer as soon as it is  
12 received from the auditing firm. 2014."

13 Changed to read: "The annual audit shall be  
14 completed no later than November 15th and shall appear in  
15 the Book of Proceedings, one copy of the audit shall be  
16 provided to each district by the Department Secretary as  
17 soon as it is received from the auditing firm. 2018."

18 Justification: With the split of  
19 Secretary/Treasurer position, this becomes the duty of the  
20 Secretary. By direction of the committee I move for  
21 adoption of the Finance Code Section 4.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, by direction of  
25 the committee. Okay. Get with it, Loretta. It has been

1 moved that we change the Finance Code Section 4. She's  
2 adding the word "provided" and separating  
3 Secretary/Treasurer to read only Secretary. So the final  
4 change would be: "The annual audit shall be completed no  
5 later than November 15th and shall appear in the Book of  
6 Proceedings, one copy of the audit shall be provided to  
7 each district by the Department Secretary as soon as it is  
8 received from the auditing firm." Is there any  
9 discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
12 of this code change, please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

17 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 29 of the Finance  
18 Code Section 6. As it reads now: "The Department  
19 Secretary/Treasurer is authorized use of a credit card for  
20 official use only and shall provide copies of the credit  
21 card statement with copies of receipts to the Finance  
22 Chairman, monthly, for review, verification and internal  
23 control of expenditures. 2012."

24 Change this to read: "The Department Treasurer  
25 is" -- no. I'm sorry. "The Department Secretary" --

1 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: No,  
2 you were right.

3 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. Then I put it  
4 down wrong here. Okay. "The Department Treasurer is  
5 authorized use of a credit card for official use only and  
6 shall provide copies of the credit card statement with  
7 copies of receipts to the Finance Chairman, monthly, for  
8 review, verification and internal control of expenditures.  
9 2018."

10 Justification: With the split of the  
11 Secretary/Treasurer position, this becomes the duty of the  
12 Treasurer and the date is changed to 2018. By direction  
13 of the committee I move for adoption of Finance Code  
14 Section 6.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
16 that Finance Code Section 6 be changed to read only  
17 Treasurer. They're dropping Secretary. That's the only  
18 change in it. Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
21 of this code change, please say aye.

22 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Page 30  
2 Finance Code Section 8. As it reads now: "Upon  
3 completion of the budget by the Girls State Committee for  
4 the ensuing year, said budget shall be sent to the  
5 Department Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Committee for  
6 review and approval of the Finance Committee not later  
7 than October 10. The budget shall be recorded on the form  
8 provided by the Finance Committee. Said budget to be  
9 approved by the Midyear Department Executive Committee.  
10 2012."

11 Changed to read: "Upon completion of the budget  
12 by the Girls State Chairman for the ensuing year, said  
13 budget shall be sent to the Department Treasurer and  
14 Finance Committee for review and approval of the Finance  
15 Committee not later than October 10. The budget shall be  
16 recorded on the form provided by the Finance Committee.  
17 Said budget to be approved by the Midyear Department  
18 Executive Committee. 2018."

19 Justification: With the split of the  
20 Secretary/Treasurer position this becomes the duty of the  
21 Treasurer. I'm looking right at it, Treasurer.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You made a miss  
23 reading too, Linda, when the change to read upon  
24 completion of the budget by the Girls State Committee.  
25 You read it as Chairman.

1 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Oh.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So that should be:  
3 "Upon completion of the budget by the Girls State  
4 Committee for the ensuing year said budget shall be sent  
5 to the Department Treasurer and Finance Committee for  
6 review and approval of the finance committee not later  
7 than October 10. The budget shall be recorded on the form  
8 provided by the Finance Committee. Said budget to be  
9 approved by the Midyear Department Executive Committee."

10 They're only dropping again Secretary and leaving  
11 Treasurer. It has been moved to adopt this code change.  
12 Any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
15 please say aye.

16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

20 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 30 Finance Code  
21 Section 9. As it reads now: "A fee of \$25 will be  
22 charged to any Unit, District, Department Officers and  
23 Chairmen, Past Department Presidents and individual  
24 members who wish to receive bimonthly mailings in paper  
25 form. All receipts of bimonthly mailing via email will

1 not be charged. 2013."

2 Change to read: "A fee of \$30 will be charged to  
3 any Unit, District, Department Officers and Chairmen, Past  
4 Department Presidents and individual members who wish to  
5 receive bimonthly mailings in paper form. All receipts of  
6 bimonthly mailing via email will not be charged. 2018."

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And "recipients,"  
8 not "receipts."

9 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Oh, yes.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So the only change  
11 -- I'll wait for your motion.

12 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Justification is to  
13 increase the fees of the bimonthly mailings to help cover  
14 the increasing costs of mailing/shipping to units and  
15 districts. By direction of the committee I move for  
16 adoption of Finance Code Section 7.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It's been moved to  
18 change Finance Code 7, the change being from \$25 to \$30.  
19 That's the only thing that's changed. All those in favor  
20 of this -- oh. Any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
23 of this code change, please say aye.

24 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

3 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 31 Finance Code  
4 Section 10, as it reads now: "Secretary/Treasurer shall  
5 be limited to \$25 with single signing authority" --  
6 \$25,000. I don't need to be reading today. Okay. I'm  
7 going to start over.

8 "Secretary/Treasurer shall be limited to \$25,000  
9 with single signing authority. Any transaction over  
10 \$25,000 shall require detailed approval by email from the  
11 Department President and the Finance Chairman. Each  
12 invoice shall be paid in full with supporting  
13 documentation/approval attached."

14 Change to read: "The Treasurer shall be limited  
15 to \$25,000 with single signing authority. Any transaction  
16 over \$25,000 shall require detailed approval by email from  
17 the Department President and the Finance Chairman. Each  
18 invoice shall be paid in full with supporting  
19 documentation/approval attached. 2018."

20 Justification: Add "the" at the beginning of the  
21 first sentence. With the split of the Secretary/Treasurer  
22 positions, this becomes the duty of the Treasurer. By  
23 direction of the committee I move for adoption of Finance  
24 Code Section 10.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: A motion has been

1 made to accept a change of Finance Code Section 10, the  
2 only change being here again dropping the Secretary and  
3 leaving it just Treasurer. Is there any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
6 please say aye.

7 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

11 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 30 Finance Code -  
12 The Department Budget - Section 6. As it reads now:  
13 "After consultation with the Finance Committee and the  
14 Department President, the Department Secretary/Treasurer  
15 may transfer interest income from nonrestricted investment  
16 accounts when necessary."

17 Change it to read. "After consultation with the  
18 Finance Committee and the Department President, the  
19 Department Treasurer may transfer interest income from  
20 nonrestricted investment accounts when necessary. 2018."

21 Justification: With the split of the  
22 Secretary/Treasurer position this becomes the duty of the  
23 Treasurer. By direction of the committee I move for -- to  
24 change the Finance Code Section 6 of the Department code.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved to

1 change Finance Code Section 6 to drop -- to drop the word  
2 "Secretary" and leaving just "Treasurer." Is there any  
3 discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
6 of this code change, please say aye.

7 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

11 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 31 Finance Code -  
12 The Department Budget - Section 7: "Before any changes  
13 are made to the Welfare restricted investment accounts,  
14 the Secretary/Treasurer will consult with the Finance  
15 Committee and the Department President. The Department  
16 Secretary/Treasurer can transfer any earned interest from  
17 the investments to Welfare accounts where needed."

18 Change it to read: "Before any changes are made  
19 to the Welfare restricted investment accounts, the  
20 Treasurer will consult with the Finance Committee and the  
21 Department President. The Department Treasurer can  
22 transfer any earned interest from the investments to  
23 Welfare accounts where needed. 2018."

24 Justification is with the split of the  
25 Secretary/Treasurer position, this becomes the duty of the

1 Treasurer. By direction of the committee I move to change  
2 Finance Code in the Department Budget Section 7.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There was a motion  
4 to change the Finance Code Section 7, and here again it's  
5 dropping Secretary and just leaving Treasurer. Otherwise  
6 it stays the same. Is there any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
9 of this code change, please say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

14 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 32 - Finance Code -  
15 The Department Budget - Section 8. As it reads now: "A  
16 National Candidates Fund shall be budgeted. If not used,  
17 funds will be placed in a reserve account." And that will  
18 be General Fund 62461.

19 Changed to read: "A National Candidates Fund  
20 shall be budgeted."

21 The justification to is delete the last sentence  
22 and then the rest is the same. By direction of the  
23 committee I move for the change of the Finance Code  
24 Department Budget Section 7.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is a motion on

1 the floor to change Finance Code Section 8. It's very  
2 short so I'll go ahead and read it: "A National  
3 Candidates Fund shall be budgeted. If not used, funds  
4 will be placed in a reserve account."

5 And the new as proposed: "A National Candidates  
6 Fund shall be budgeted," dropping the rest of it. Is  
7 there any discussion?

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane  
9 DeLashmit. Let's see. Where am I from? District 25,  
10 Unit 299. We've been putting the money in a reserve  
11 account so that when we have a candidate, we have money  
12 there so that we're not scrambling, so I'm -- and I don't  
13 recall, and I haven't looked at the budget to see how much  
14 is going there, but I'm not so sure I'm in favor of  
15 doing -- maybe I'm misreading this, but it sounds to me  
16 like the National Candidates Fund shall be budgeted,  
17 period. We're not putting any money in there on an annual  
18 basis. Am I understanding that correctly?

19 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Yes. Okay. The -- we  
20 put the \$500 in, and from what I remember is that it's not  
21 to be carried over, it's just \$500 every year. We carry  
22 that \$500.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Well, when  
24 you have a candidate for National, \$500 isn't going to cut  
25 it. And my understanding is that it's supposed to be

1 added to it and if it's not used, it's still added to so  
2 that when you have a candidate, that there's a sufficient  
3 amount of money in there. \$500 doesn't even cut it for  
4 the Department President, let alone a National Officer.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Let me see what  
6 we do. It was decided because the -- there was no  
7 candidate in the near future for National President to  
8 offset not having an expense fund, we would just delete  
9 the \$500 until we got a candidate. This was -- this was  
10 made by a -- a motion was made by -- I forgot who it was  
11 made by. Yeah, anyway, it was decided that because we  
12 didn't have a candidate in the very near future, that we  
13 would delete the -- delete the income account to  
14 correspond with not having an expense account for it.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Any further  
16 discussion?

17 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Yes. Past Department  
18 President Linda Fercho, District 16, Unit 741 I think.  
19 But no, if we eliminate the 500 from the budget until we  
20 have a candidate, how much are we planning to put in the  
21 budget when we do have one if we don't accumulate it a  
22 little bit at a time?

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: We have -- we  
25 have a \$28,000 deficit, ladies, in the general fund. I

1 don't know where this \$500 is going to come from.

2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam  
3 President, Linda Workman, Unit 472, District 26. As Nancy  
4 Brown-Park's campaign manager, we did all kinds of things  
5 to raise funds as a campaign committee and that is the  
6 funds that we used when she was running for National  
7 President. So it wasn't -- although the people in the  
8 Department were wonderful in helping us do that, there  
9 were lots of fundraisers we had to have enough money for  
10 her campaign.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Is there  
12 any further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We have the  
15 motion on the floor to accept this code change. So all  
16 those in favor of accepting the code change, please say  
17 aye.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those opposed to  
20 accepting it, please say no.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Nos have it.

23 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: So it will continue to  
24 be a National Candidates Fund shall be budgeted. If not  
25 used, the funds will be placed in a reserve account. I

1 believe that it was 1500 in it. Now it's just five.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's 500.

3 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Yeah. Okay. Page 31  
4 Finance Code - Allowances and Expenses - Section 1. As it  
5 reads now: "Specific instructions shall be given by the  
6 Chairman to Department Officers, Chairmen, and District  
7 Presidents regarding the use of Department funds."

8 Change it to read: "Specific instructions shall  
9 be given by the Finance Chairman to the Department  
10 Officers, Chairmen, and District Presidents regarding the  
11 use of Department funds. 2018."

12 Insert "Finance" before "Chairman" to make it  
13 clear. By direction of the committee I move for the  
14 change of the Finance Code - Allowances and Expenses -  
15 Section 1.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. It's been  
17 moved to change Finance Code Section 1 to add the word  
18 "Finance" to "Chairman" where it where would read "Finance  
19 Chairman" rather than just "Chairman." Is there any  
20 discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
23 of this code change, please say aye.

24 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

3 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 32 - Finance Code  
4 Allowances and Expenses - Section 1. As it reads now:  
5 "The American Legion, depending on the number of rooms  
6 reserved by the Auxiliary members, shall be requested by  
7 the Department Secretary/Treasurer to offer a  
8 complementary room for the Junior Past Department  
9 President when attending National Convention."

10 Change it to read: "The American Legion,  
11 depending on the number of rooms reserved by the Auxiliary  
12 members, shall be requested by the Department Secretary to  
13 offer a complementary room for the Junior Past Department  
14 President when attending National Convention. 2018."

15 Justification: With the split of the  
16 Secretary/Treasurer position, this becomes the duty of the  
17 Secretary. By direction of the committee I move for the  
18 change to Finance Code - Allowances and Expenses - Section  
19 1.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved to  
21 change Finance Code - Allowances and Expenses - Section 1  
22 to drop Treasurer, the word "Treasurer" from the code and  
23 it would read strictly "Department Secretary." Is there  
24 any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
2 of this code change, please say aye.

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

7 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 33 - Finance Code -  
8 Miscellaneous - Section 1. As it reads now: "An amount  
9 not to exceed \$10,000 California Disaster Fund which may  
10 be and expended under the supervision of the Department  
11 President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the Finance Chairman  
12 in the event of a major disaster. Those eligible for  
13 assistance shall be members and/or dependents of the  
14 American Legion Auxiliary and/or the American Legion."

15 Change it to read: "In the event of a major  
16 disaster, the California Disaster Fund may release an  
17 amount not to exceed \$10,000 which may be expended under  
18 the supervision of the Department President, Treasurer,  
19 and the Finance Chairman. Those eligible for assistance  
20 shall be members and/or dependents of the American Legion  
21 Auxiliary and/or the American Legion. 2018."

22 Justification: The first sentence is reworded to  
23 understand it better. "In the event of a major disaster,  
24 the California Disaster Fund may release an amount not to  
25 exceed \$10,000 which may be expended under the supervision

1 of the Department Treasurer and Finance Chairman."

2 "Secretary" was also deleted because the Treasurer expends  
3 all funds.

4 By direction of the committee, I move for the  
5 change to Finance Code - Miscellaneous - Section 1.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is a motion on  
7 the floor to change Finance Code - Miscellaneous - Section  
8 1. And since there were quite a few changes and words  
9 moved around here, I will read both this one in its  
10 entirety. "An amount not to exceed \$10,000 California  
11 Disaster Fund which may be and expended under the  
12 supervision of the Department President,  
13 Secretary/Treasurer, and the Finance Chairman in the event  
14 of a major disaster. Those eligible for assistance shall  
15 be members and/or dependents of the American Legion  
16 Auxiliary and/or the American Legion."

17 It has been proposed to change it to: "In the  
18 event of a major disaster, the California Disaster Fund  
19 may release an amount not to exceed \$10,000 which may be  
20 expended under the supervision of the Department  
21 President, Treasurer, and the Finance Chairman. Those  
22 eligible for assistance shall be members and/or dependents  
23 of the American Legion Auxiliary and/or the American  
24 Legion."

25 Is there any discussion?

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
2 President, Diane DeLashmit, District 25, Unit 299. In a  
3 case of a major disaster, \$10,000 isn't going to go very  
4 far. I know we don't have very many applicants for this  
5 because very few people know about it, which I think we  
6 need to do some PR on it to just let people know. I -- I  
7 have not read my budget, I haven't had time, but I think I  
8 was told there was like \$106,000 or something in reserves  
9 for that account. I think we should increase it because  
10 \$10,000 -- you know, we had so many fires and floods and  
11 so many things this year that could have affected  
12 Legionnaires and our own members. I really think \$10,000  
13 is a drop in the bucket if we have a major disaster. I  
14 amend that motion to make it \$25,000.

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Second.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is an  
17 amendment on the motion to change it to \$25,000. Is there  
18 any discussion on this amendment only?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If not, we will vote  
21 on the amendment to raise it to -- to change it from  
22 10,000 to 25,000. That's all we're voting on is just the  
23 amendment. We're not voting on the code right now. Those  
24 in favor, please say aye.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Those opposed please  
2 say no.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. The ayes have  
5 it. So the code change then would read in the -- we will  
6 be voting on the -- on the code change as amended which  
7 would be: "In the event of a major disaster, the  
8 California Disaster Fund may release an amount not to  
9 exceed \$25,000 which may be expended under the supervision  
10 of the Department President, Treasurer, and Finance  
11 Chairman. Those eligible for assistance shall be members  
12 and/or dependents of the American Legion Auxiliary and/or  
13 the American Legion."

14 So now we're voting on the actual code change.  
15 Is there any more discussion on that?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
17 President?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Anita Biggs,  
20 Past Department President District 23. I have a question  
21 with regard to the supervision. Isn't this disaster fund  
22 under the direction of the Community Service Chairman?

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I move to amend  
25 to add: "Under the supervision of the Department

1 President, the Treasurer, the Finance Chairman, and the  
2 Community Service Chairman."

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: I second it.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. There is an  
5 amendment on the floor to add Community Service Chairman.  
6 Is there any discussion on that amendment?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If not we will vote  
9 on the amendment. Those in favor of adding Community  
10 Service Chairman to the code, please say aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Those opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The amendment has  
15 carried, so I will read it again as amended. "In the  
16 event of a major disaster, the California Disaster Fund  
17 may release an amount not to exceed \$25,000" -- I wrote my  
18 25 to the side. Now I need to cross that out -- "which  
19 may be expended under the supervision of the Department  
20 President, the Treasurer, the Finance Chairman, and  
21 Community Service Chairman. Those eligible for assistance  
22 shall be members and/or dependents of the American Legion  
23 Auxiliary and/or the American Legion."

24 Okay. So now we'll go back and now we're going  
25 to vote on the code change as I read it with the two

1 amendments. More discussion? You're going to make me  
2 lose my place here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I'm sorry. But  
4 when we're raising this to \$25,000, total income for that  
5 fund this year was \$6,882. So we need to up donations for  
6 that because \$6,000 a year for donations for that, we  
7 start giving out \$25,000, it's not going to last long.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So that was  
9 just a recommended -- we don't have to -- that's just a  
10 recommendation. Okay. So we'll vote on the code change.  
11 Those in favor of the code change with the two amendments,  
12 please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried as  
17 amended twice.

18 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 33 of the Finance  
19 Code - Miscellaneous - Section 2. As it now reads: "In  
20 the event there is a deficit in the Girls State program  
21 during the operation period, the amount of the deficit be  
22 transferred from the General Fund until the time funds are  
23 available from the Girls State Reserve Fund to repay  
24 General Fund with written approval of the Department  
25 President, the Department Secretary/Treasurer, and the

1 Finance Committee."

2 Change it to read: "In the event there is a  
3 deficit in the Girls State program during the operation  
4 period, the amount of the deficit be transferred from the  
5 General Fund until the time funds are available from the  
6 Girls State Reserve Fund to repay General Fund with  
7 written approval of the Department President, the  
8 Department Treasurer, and the Finance Committee. 2018."

9 Justification: With the split of the  
10 Secretary/Treasurer position, this now becomes the duty of  
11 the treasurer. By direction of the committee I move for  
12 the change of the Finance Code - Miscellaneous - Section  
13 2.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is a motion to  
15 change Finance Code - Miscellaneous - Section 2, here  
16 again to simply drop "Secretary" and make it strictly  
17 "Treasurer." Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
20 of this code change, please say aye.

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

25 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 33 - Finance Code

1 Miscellaneous Section 3. We're adding a new section that  
2 will now read: "A \$25 fee will be charged for any  
3 returned checks. 2018."

4 Justification. There has been nothing stated in  
5 the code to allow for charging a fee for returned checks.  
6 By direction of the committee I move the adoption for the  
7 change of the Finance Code Miscellaneous -- no. For the  
8 addition of Finance Code Miscellaneous Section 3.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is a motion on  
10 the floor to add Finance Code Miscellaneous Section 3  
11 which would read: "A \$25 fee will be charged for any  
12 returned checks." Is there any discussion?

13 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Madam  
14 President, I have a question. I just have a question for  
15 Ruby. Our bank, is that the charge that they charge for  
16 returned checks? It's not more?

17 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: It's \$12.

18 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: \$12.  
19 Wow. I need to change my bank.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: What is yours?

21 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: \$32.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. That was just  
23 a question. The motion remains on the floor. Any other  
24 questions? We have one coming. Put your track shoes on.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'd ruin my

1 pantyhose. I wouldn't be able to. Susie Tozier, District  
2 26. Ladies, we have to -- this is standard procedure for  
3 businesses. We have to offset the labor in the office and  
4 the costs associated to notify you that you bounced a  
5 check. So we need this because this -- you know, and  
6 maybe it will detour some of the bounced checks that are  
7 happening. \$12 is like a pittance to some people, but  
8 when you start adding it up. So I vote for this.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any further  
10 discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We will vote  
13 on the Finance code at this time to add this \$25 fee. All  
14 those in favor, please say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

19 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. When we finished  
20 with the code, the 2018-2019 proposed budget was read.  
21 Madam President, may we read the budget?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

23 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Martha Romano know is  
24 going to read the General Fund portion of the budget.

25 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: I apologize I have

1 to catch a plane so I'm going to read it and probably  
2 leave soon after that. I apologize. I'm not going to  
3 read the numbers. I'm going to go by the line items and  
4 then give you proposed amount at the end, just to go right  
5 through it. I've never been this tired.

6 Okay. So on line 1 for General Fund Program  
7 Income, we're going to go right to Online Dues, 48,000.  
8 Americanism Donations, 5,500. Dues Membership Senior and  
9 Junior, 323,862. Dues Unit 1000, 12,800. Dues Auxiliary  
10 News Assessment, \$18,725. Postage Income, 3,000.

11 Going down to Ways & Means - Other, 3,000.  
12 Current Department President Pins, 4,500. Donations in  
13 Loving Tribute, 1,200. Donations President Club, 500.  
14 Interest Income Unrestricted, 6,000. Admin Income Other  
15 Accounts, 25,000. Fidelity Bond, 2,500. Delegate Fees -  
16 Convention, 17,000. Income/Reimbursement from National,  
17 1,500. Department Convention Proceedings, 150.  
18 California Disaster Fund, 5,000. Live Units, 1,700.  
19 Department President Special Project, 15,000. Leadership  
20 cards, \$25.

21 Now the next one we discussed in committee and we  
22 decided to change it, although it was not corrected on  
23 your copy. Under the next two items we have Department  
24 Convention Banquet and Department PPP Lunch. We decided  
25 to combine those two, so it should read Department

1 Convention Banquet/Luncheon, so that would be 4,000. So  
2 the monies that were allocated for the line above is now  
3 zeroed out.

4 Midyear/DEC Meals, 3,500. National Convention  
5 Income, 2,000. National Candidate Campaign Fund, 500.  
6 General Fund Miscellaneous Account, 1,600.

7 We're on 2 of 9. So the Total General Fund  
8 Income is 506,562. We are now on General Fund -  
9 Administrative Expenses. On Salary, 110,316. Payroll Tax  
10 SDI and UI, 5,100. Insurance SS and Medicare, 5,738.  
11 Supplies, 3,000. Postage, mailing service, 3,600.  
12 Telephone telecommunications, 3,500. Computer  
13 license/website, 620. Employee Transportation Allowance,  
14 600. Workers' Comp Insurance, 1,600. Equipment Rental  
15 and Maintenance, 18,400. Fidelity Bond, 2,500. He didn't  
16 like that. Okay. Depreciation, 3,000. Accounting and  
17 audit, 11,600. Payroll Service, 2,200, Auxiliary News -  
18 Editor, \$50. Finance - Chair, \$50. Filing fees and FTB  
19 Fees, 550. Bank fees and returned checks, \$750. New  
20 Computer/Office Equipment, 1,000. Contract Services,  
21 \$1,650. For grand total in General Fund Administrative,  
22 \$175,824. Okay. Moving down to General Fund Other  
23 Expenses/Moving Expenses. Relocation/Movers, \$75.

24 Okay. We are now on page 3 of 9 on the top.  
25 National Dues, \$225,902. Department -- 21. I'm sorry.

1 221,902. Sorry. Department President Pins, \$2,185. Okay  
2 under Ways & Means. Fundraising - Pins and Charms, 200.  
3 Ways & Means - Other, 150. Moving down to Department  
4 President Special Project, 15,000. Membership PUFL,  
5 2,500. Live Units, 2,245. Temporary Admin Staff Expense,  
6 1,000. Online dues, 30,000. ALWMC, 2,400. General Fund  
7 Miscellaneous, 1,000. Okay. General Fund - Other  
8 Expenses, total is 278,657.

9 Moving down to Department President, Executive  
10 Expense, 7,500. Department Vice President, 200. District  
11 Presidents, 4,600. Training and Program Workshop, 4,750.  
12 Parliamentarian, \$25. Woo-hoo. Authorized Travel, 2,000.  
13 Executive Committee Meeting, 16,000. Distinguished  
14 Guests, 400. Secretary and Treasurer Travel Allowance,  
15 500. Past Department President Pin, 500. National  
16 Candidates Reserve, 500. National President's Visit,  
17 1,500. Musician, \$25. Total General Fund Executive  
18 Expense 38,500. I mean, 38,500. Okay. We're good.  
19 General Fund - Convention Expense.

20 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Wait, wait.

21 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: Oh, Musician.

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Yeah,  
23 shouldn't Musician be moved now that they're no longer an  
24 officer? Or moved to Chairman?

25 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: Can we just read

1 the whole thing and then we'll take comments. Thank you.

2 Okay. General Fund Convention Expense.

3 Department Convention, 21,000.

4 Should be on page 4 of 9. Okay. Top of the

5 page. Department Convention Proceedings, 1,000.

6 Convention Reporter 3600. Convention Commission Chair,

7 200. Convention Chair Department 150. American Legion

8 Convention Corporation, 2,500. National Convention,

9 3,000. So for grand total of General Fund Convention

10 Expenses, 31,450.

11 Okay. Moving on to General Fund - Committee

12 Expense. Auxiliary Emergency Fund - Chair, \$50.

13 Americanism - Chair, 75. Constitution & Bylaws - Chair,

14 \$225. Chaplain - Chair/Memorial Program, 300. Community

15 Service -- I'm sorry. Wait. Community Service - Chair,

16 \$50. Historian - Chair, 375. Leadership - Chair, \$50.

17 Legislative - Chair -- I'm sorry. Okay. Did I skip

18 Historian?

19 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: 62487.

20 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: Junior Activities,

21 \$50. Leadership - Chair, 150. Legislative - Chair, 50.

22 American Legion Auxiliary DC Conference, 500. Membership

23 - Chair, 350. Membership Promotion, 500. National

24 Security - Chair, 50. Public Relations - Chair, 50.

25 Public Relations - Press Book, 50. W & M - Chair, 50.

1 Americanism Essay Award/Grants, 6,200. California  
2 Disaster Fund Expense, 2,500. Americanism Administrative  
3 Fee, 1,800. For a total of \$13,375.

4 We're going to do the Summary of General Fund  
5 Expenses is 537,806. So we are over by \$31,244. So we're  
6 short.

7 Okay. General fund program expense.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I think she wanted  
9 to read the entirety.

10 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: I'm going to read  
11 the entire thing.

12 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Normally  
13 we do each section and you have to make your changes for  
14 each section because you can't --

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: It affects  
16 the overall --

17 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: It affects  
18 the overall budget.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So are you prepared  
20 to take it section by section? Not reread it, but just  
21 take questions on the first section?

22 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: But I might have  
23 to leave so someone else can -- Finance can take over.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You know what, she's  
25 so close to the end, why don't we just -- I mean, she's

1 like we have to go back and do each section anyway.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: No.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Why don't we just  
4 let her finish.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: There's an  
6 error in this section that should have been corrected  
7 yesterday. \$30,000 was transferred from the reserve to  
8 the current budget, so there is only \$1,000 for the --  
9 from the Auxiliary News to Membership. So -- oh, yes, it  
10 was. The dues increase was not approved. So that should  
11 be added into the budget with a note saying \$30,000  
12 transferred from the Reserve Account for the Auxiliary  
13 Newsletter. So it's missed -- you didn't put that in the  
14 budget as a correction.

15 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The budget had already  
16 gone to the printer.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Well, you  
18 should have noted it. But there's not \$31,000. There's  
19 only a \$1,000 deficit right there. Or \$1200.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: \$1,250.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: So that is a  
22 note that you need to be aware of.

23 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: Please just write  
24 it in the transfer was approved. The copies were printed  
25 prior to the approval of the transfer, so just write it

1 in. And the deficit line will change because the transfer  
2 was approved, the 30,000. So instead of the 31,244, we  
3 had a transfer of \$30,000. That amount will change. So  
4 our new deficit amount we will be short by \$1,244 versus  
5 the 31,244.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So you're now  
7 working on Summary of General Fund Expense, is that the --  
8 yeah, Summary of General Fund. And could you -- the  
9 figure would be with the changes, do you know?

10 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: We didn't take  
11 that into account.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We're waiting for a  
13 new figure here. We're just waiting for a clarification  
14 on what number we should change to what. I'm glad you  
15 don't have to do this without a computer or a calculator.

16 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE DIEBEL: Madam President?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

18 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th  
19 District, Unit 359. The 30,000 I believe should be added  
20 on the first page under dues where it says Auxiliary News  
21 Assessment which it has right now 12,800. And that should  
22 be changed to 42,800 to account for the 30,000 transfer.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, that's  
24 1,000. It's underneath. Madam President, Anita Biggs. I  
25 wasn't delegated in the Finance Committee meeting, but it

1 should be the next line, 42421 Auxiliary News Assessment.  
2 No. You said 12,8. It should be 48,725.

3 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: That's why the  
4 original transfer was only 18,725, but it was changed to  
5 the 30. The amount here reflects the original amount that  
6 was sent to you. Again, it was printed before that, so  
7 the amount that was there reflects what we originally  
8 recommended.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you for your  
10 patience, ladies. Hard to change all these without your  
11 computer.

12 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: Okay. I  
13 apologize. So it's going to change the amounts on page 4  
14 and 5 on the totals, so I'm going to attempt to do that  
15 information. So on the bottom of page 4 where we have all  
16 the totals, General Fund Administrative did not change and  
17 that's still 175,824. Okay. General Fund - Other  
18 Expense, 278,657. Okay. And then General Fund -  
19 Executive Expense, 38,500. Okay. The top of page 5,  
20 General Fund Convention Expense, 31,450. General Fund  
21 Committee Expense, 13,375. For your Total Fund Program  
22 Expense 537,806. We changed that to minus the 30,000  
23 would be the 507,806. Your next total income would also  
24 change to 5 -- to add the 30,000. So instead of 506,562,  
25 it's actually 536,562. And the other number also changed.

1 Instead of the 31,244, it was now 1,244.

2 Okay. And going on to General Fund Reserves and  
3 Restricted Summary. We'll have a minor change on that so  
4 I will note that so that you can add that. You're going  
5 to have to handwrite that part as well. So the General  
6 Fund Reserves, 236,489.27. Americanism Essay, 130,069.10.  
7 California Disaster, 106,420.17. Auxiliary News, since we  
8 have the transfer that number is no longer going to be  
9 good. You will cross off the 59,139, change that, minus  
10 the 30 will be 29,139. Just subtract 30,000 from the 59.  
11 You have 29,139. We did the transfer from Reserves for  
12 30,000. This is where it's coming from.

13 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: That's what they voted  
14 on the other day.

15 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: What you voted on.  
16 Okay. So we no longer have that 30,000 in there. We put  
17 it in the other line item. Okay. So we're changing that  
18 number. Display Case, 3,093. National Candidate, 500.  
19 So Total General Fund Restricted is 236,489.27 minus the  
20 30,000, so it would be the 206,489.27. And then on the  
21 Reserves, you also have to change that amount. No, we  
22 don't. So it's 185,103.51. Okay.

23 Minor correction. I misspoke on the Total  
24 General Fund Program Expense. That should remain the  
25 537,860 -- I mean 806. The only -- the only one that's

1 being changed is the Over and Under. The 506 amount  
2 increases by 30 on the top of page 5. Top of page 5 where  
3 it has the over and under, where it says 506, just to be  
4 clear, 506,562 is augmented by the 30,000. Okay. So that  
5 number is 536,562. Okay. And the number directly below  
6 it from 31,244 is only 1,244. Those are the only two  
7 changes there. Okay? The expense did not change, just  
8 the over and under. Okay. Just those two items change,  
9 those two figures. Auxiliary News right below that under  
10 Reserves and Restricted Summary, the 59,000 is the only  
11 line item that's changing. The 59,139 is being reduced  
12 and the new number is 29,139. Okay. Now the only other  
13 item that's changing because we took the money from  
14 Reserves, the one minus the 30,000, 185,103.51, take 30 so  
15 it's 155,103.51. So on that page we had one, two, three,  
16 four changes only.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, Ann.

18 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE SANCHEZ: Ann Sanchez,  
19 District 6, Unit 233. Didn't you say you had already  
20 included the original 18,000 that you were asking to  
21 transfer?

22 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: That was the  
23 original amount we wanted to transfer and it was in the  
24 proposed budget when it was printed.

25 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE SANCHEZ: And that is on page

1 1 which only leaves 11,700 and something, not the 30.

2 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: All right. So  
3 instead we left that 18,000 and then the 30,000 we add to  
4 that.

5 DISTRICT 6 DELEGATE SANCHEZ: Making a total  
6 transfer of 48,000?

7 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: No, that's not  
8 transferred because that's already budgeted. The 18,000  
9 was budgeted.

10 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: We transferred the 30 to  
11 add to the 18.

12 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: No, we did not  
13 transfer the 18. The 18 was already there. We  
14 transferred the 30 to augment the proposed amount of  
15 18,000. So we're adding, so it would be 47 -- 48. I'm  
16 sorry. 48,725.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

18 JUNIOR FINANCE MEMBER ROMANO: Are we all good on  
19 the numbers? All right. Okay. We are done with the  
20 numbers on the General Fund so we are going to move on to  
21 Welfare Fund and Brenda is going to take that over. And  
22 please be kind. Again, we printed all these after  
23 committee and there was a snafu. They printed all the  
24 pages wrong and we had to go back and get these printed  
25 again. So please be gentle with Brenda. These things

1 were done way before we had an opportunity to make  
2 changes.

3 (Applause.)

4 SENIOR FINANCE MEMBER PRESTON: Okay. Under  
5 Welfare Funds, we'll start off with Poppy Production Fund  
6 Income. Poppy Orders, 50,000. Okay. Poppy Orders,  
7 50,000. Poppy Distribution, 11,000. Poppy Income -  
8 Restricted, \$40. Poppy Donations, 300. Poppy Fund  
9 Miscellaneous, 275. For a Total Poppy Production Funds  
10 Income of \$61,615.

11 Poppy Production Fund Expense. Postage - Poppy  
12 Production Manager, 4,000. Administrative Fee, 5,000.  
13 Poppy Production Labor, 25,000. Poppy Production Poppy  
14 Kits, 19,000. Poppy Awards, 200. Poppy Chair, 175. Bank  
15 Fees/Service Charges, \$20. Poppy Fund Miscellaneous,  
16 1600. Poppy Production Fund Expense \$54,995, for an under  
17 of \$6,620. Over.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Over. Are -- is  
19 there any questions on the Poppy before we go on to the  
20 Welfare?

21 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: It's  
22 over. We made money.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It's over, yeah.

24 SENIOR FINANCE MEMBER PRESTON: There's no  
25 brackets. Okay. Poppy Reserves, \$15,693. And then we'll

1 go to the Welfare Fund/VAR, 18,000 for the VAR  
2 Donations/Units Income. And Donations - Gifts/Patient,  
3 12,500. Interest Income - Restricted 3,000. VAR TFA,  
4 15,000. Total VAR is 48,500.

5 I'm going to go down to the expenses. 5,000 for  
6 Administrative Fee. TFA Cases, 10,000. Patient Welfare  
7 Funds, 1200. VAMC Tours, 1900. Gift Shop/Patient  
8 Remembrance, 12,525. Hospital Representatives  
9 Allowances/Midyear Meeting, 4,000. Chairman, 400. Bank  
10 Fees/Service Charges, \$200. Total Welfare Fund Expense  
11 \$35,225, for a net over of \$13,275.

12 Okay. We'll move on to Children & Youth now.  
13 Children & Youth Donations/Units Income, \$6500. Poppy  
14 Fund Distribution -- never mind. Welfare Fund Children &  
15 Youth, \$6500. Welfare Fund Expense Administrative  
16 Expense, \$2,000. TFA Welfare Cases, 4350. Chairman,  
17 \$150, for a Total Welfare Fund Expense \$6500. So it was a  
18 wash.

19 Okay. Welfare Fund/Education. Donations/Income,  
20 \$7,250. Income - Poppy Seals, 1,400.

21 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Poppy  
22 10 percent distribution.

23 SENIOR FINANCE MEMBER PRESTON: Oh, sorry. 10  
24 Percent Poppy Distribution, \$1100. Then Poppy Seals  
25 Income, 1400. Connie Settle Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000,

1 for a total of \$14,750 for the Welfare Fund Education  
2 Income.

3 Then we go to expenses. Administrative Fee,  
4 2,200. Scholarships General, 10,000. Poppy Seals, \$250.  
5 Chairman, \$150. Connie Settle Memorial Scholarship,  
6 5,000, for a Total Welfare Fund Expense for Education,  
7 \$17,600 for a deficit of 2850.

8 Okay. Past Presidents Parley. Past Presidents  
9 Parley Donations/Unit Income, 7800. And that was the  
10 income. Expenses is Administrative Fee, \$2370. Nurse  
11 Scholarships, 10,000. Chairman, a hundred. Welfare  
12 Fund/PPP Luncheon Awards, \$500. Total expenses for PPP,  
13 \$12,970 for a deficit of 5,170.

14 Okay. Summary of Welfare Programs. Poppy  
15 Production Fund Income is \$61,615. Welfare Program for  
16 VAR \$48,500. Sorry. Welfare Fund Children & Youth, 6500.  
17 Welfare Fund Education/Income, \$14,750. I apologize.  
18 Sometimes it's hard to keep on the correct line. Past  
19 Presidents Parley, 7800, for a total income of \$138,165.

20 Expenses. Poppy Production Fund Expense,  
21 \$54,995. VAR, \$35,225. Children & Youth, 6500.  
22 Education, 17,600, and PPP, \$12,970, for a Total Expense  
23 of 127,290. For a total net of 11,875. And the reserves  
24 VA&4 has a reserve of \$109,784.21. Children & Youth has a  
25 reserve of 31,366.92. Education has a reserve of

1 40,328.89. Past Presidents Parley has a reserve of  
2 42,569.39, and the Poppy fund has a reserve of 15,693,  
3 making a Total Welfare Reserves of \$239,742.41.

4 (Applause.)

5 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. The Junior and  
6 Girls State budgets are for your information only. Let's  
7 see. By direction of the Finance Committee, I move that  
8 the budget be approved.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
11 and seconded that the budget be approved as corrected.  
12 All those in favor -- any more discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
15 please -- wait, wait. Oops, oops.

16 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: We didn't discuss  
17 -- Marcia Munroe, Unit 249, District 11. We didn't  
18 discuss any of the -- any of the things we had questions  
19 about. Is this the time?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. What do you  
21 have a question on?

22 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Okay. On the page  
23 3 of 9, it says Executive Committee Meeting, it went up  
24 almost double. I was just wondering why that was. From  
25 the actual to the proposed, why would that be?

1 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: She's looking at General  
2 Fund 62457.

3 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Yes.

4 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: It went up to 16,000.  
5 It's just the same that we've been budgeting, that we  
6 budgeted last year. So far we've expended 9,200.

7 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: But since we're  
8 over, we shouldn't -- we should cut some other things.

9 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: That's the proposed for  
10 the next year.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. I can  
12 answer that question. It depends on which part of the  
13 state it's in, where it is. Some years it's more, some  
14 years it's less. So it depends upon where the DEC meeting  
15 is held. This year it was held in the south, so it was  
16 cheaper. Next year it will be held in the north, so it  
17 will be more expensive.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any more questions?  
19 Robin.

20 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: Robin  
21 Falkenberg, District 28. Back on page 3 of 9, I think  
22 it's a clarification more than anything. On GF62459 where  
23 it says Secretary and Treasurer Travel Amounts, how is  
24 that going to be split between the two now that we have a  
25 separate Secretary and a separate Treasurer? I think it's

1 just a clarification. So it would actually be \$250 each  
2 for a total of 500 or one or the other gets the travel  
3 expense?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Whoever needs it.

5 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: Thank you.

6 DISTRICT 23 DELEGATE PATTON: Hi. Joyce Patton,  
7 Unit 252 District 23. Page 3 of 9 where it speaks of --  
8 where we changed Musician to Music, it should be moved --

9 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Correct. I'm sorry.

10 DISTRICT 23 DELEGATE PATTON: -- to page 4. And  
11 also will the amount remain 25 or will it go up to 50 as a  
12 chairman?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It will remain as it  
14 was budgeted and it's just a matter of moving that item  
15 because we just changed it.

16 DISTRICT 23 DELEGATE PATTON: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: They haven't had  
18 time to switch it over yet.

19 DISTRICT 23 DELEGATE PATTON: Okay. Thank you.

20 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Marcia Munroe, Unit  
21 249, District 11. Okay. On page 3 of 9 also it does --  
22 the Department Convention and including mileage, that went  
23 up double also.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Same reason.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Same reason. There

1 are more people travel from south to north than north to  
2 south.

3 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Okay. Thank you.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any other questions  
5 or discussions?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Motion is on  
8 the floor to accept the budget. All those in favor,  
9 please say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

14 (Applause.)

15 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Oh, thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Ladies, we  
17 have some guests in the back. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.  
18 We're not finished with this budget. I thought that was  
19 it. I'm getting too ahead of myself. I'm sorry, Linda.  
20 Go ahead. If you have more report, yes.

21 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. First of all, I  
22 wanted to introduce you to my -- to the Ninja Frogs:  
23 Brenda Preston and Martha Romano has already left.

24 (Applause.)

25 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. And so, Madam

1 President, this concludes my committee report. May I  
2 continue to my supplemental report?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

4 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: And I'll make it fast.  
5 These three Ninja Frogs, Brenda, Martha and I, Treasurer  
6 Ruby and Secretary Terry met with the auditors for the  
7 2016-2017 audit in December as well as I believe Wendy.  
8 As was reported at DEC, it was a good audit. As with any  
9 audit we were presented with some helpful and appreciated  
10 suggestions.

11 On May 25th we gathered around the table at the  
12 Department Headquarters with computer in tow, copies of  
13 the budget, various reports and paperwork covering the  
14 table. We began working on the budget for this next  
15 fiscal year not realizing how late it would take us into  
16 the evening. And then after we finalized the budgeted, it  
17 was time to work on the department policy and finance code  
18 making changes as we went.

19 After a full day of frog-ish croaks, we finally  
20 had a budget but with a few flaws. It is important that  
21 all of us work together towards the needs of the  
22 California American Legion Auxiliary. You see your  
23 grocery prices getting higher and higher, fuel costs going  
24 up, utility bills more than ever before, and everything  
25 else is costing you more. The increases affect your

1 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California and San  
2 Francisco as well.

3 Thank you, Madam President, for your support and  
4 confidence in this Finance Committee. It has been my  
5 pleasure to work with you.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Linda.  
9 Okay. At this -- at this time we have the Sons of the  
10 American Legion in the back of the room. We'd like to  
11 welcome them with the Sergeant-at-Arms, along with the  
12 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please bring forward our  
13 guests.

14 (Processional.)

15 SAL COMMANDER JORDAN: Good afternoon, ladies.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

17 SAL COMMANDER JORDAN: Can you all hear me? Is  
18 that better? Well, first and foremost I would like to  
19 thank all of the beautiful ladies in the room for  
20 everything you do, not only for me but the Sons of the  
21 American Legion because you know as well as I know that  
22 half of the squadrons in the State of California depend on  
23 you to survive and it's everything that you do to keep us  
24 moving forward. So thank you so much for that.

25 (Applause.)

1 SAL COMMANDER JORDAN: The same guy was last  
2 year. This year coming up is going to be a special year.  
3 A very dear friend of mine from a district way, way down  
4 south was elected to lead the Sons of the American Legion.  
5 He's an agent of change, a constant, constant supporter of  
6 the entire American Legion Family in working together to  
7 reach everybody's goals and opportunities, to support not  
8 only our veterans, but the families of the veterans as  
9 well. And like I said before, without you ladies in this  
10 room, a lot of those things wouldn't happen. It is an  
11 honor and a privilege as your pick for soon-to-be  
12 hopefully the National Commander of the Sons of the  
13 American Legion to introduce to you the Detachment  
14 Commander for the Detachment of California for the ensuing  
15 year, Mr. Jim Fischer.

16 (Applause.)

17 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: We have the hundred  
18 year coming up. Wow. Hey, this is a way more beautiful  
19 group than I've been in front of all day. I'd like to  
20 introduce my officers, Senior Vice Commander Tiny Stuart.

21 (Applause.)

22 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Junior Vice Manager  
23 Steven Culp.

24 (Applause.)

25 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Smokey Robert

1 Stover.

2 (Applause.)

3 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: NEC Mark Severance.

4 (Applause.)

5 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Our youngest man,  
6 our Chaplain Frank.

7 (Applause.)

8 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Sergeant-at-Arms  
9 Sandy Loeb.

10 (Applause.)

11 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Assistant  
12 Sergeant-At-Arms Jim Salcedo.

13 (Applause.)

14 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Alternate NEC Man  
15 Matt Parsons.

16 (Applause.)

17 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: First Area Vice  
18 Commander Al Delsid.

19 (Applause.)

20 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Second Area Vice  
21 Commander Paul Martin.

22 (Applause.)

23 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Third Area Vice  
24 Commander David Smith, Sr.

25 (Applause.)

1 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Fourth Area Vice  
2 Commander Mike Losoya.

3 (Applause.)

4 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: Fifth Area Vice  
5 Commander John Paine.

6 (Applause.)

7 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: And trying to  
8 repeat as our number one area membership chairperson, Area  
9 Number 6, Art Carlos.

10 (Applause.)

11 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: My assistant Gil  
12 Desmueles.

13 (Applause.)

14 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: And my adjunct Ned  
15 Fox.

16 (Applause.)

17 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: If I could, Madam  
18 President, can we escort Marney Cane up here or somebody  
19 from her Unit 872?

20 (Processional.)

21 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: On behalf of the  
22 Sons Attachment of California, I'd like to award the Dodie  
23 Sherad Auxiliary Member of the Year Award for you to take  
24 to Marney. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: I also want to  
2 thank Unit 422 out of the great 25th District. Thank you  
3 very much for all the support you've given me.

4 (Applause.)

5 SAL COMMANDER ELECT FISCHER: I'd like to talk to  
6 you more, but you guys have a lot of stuff to get through  
7 and it's taking too long. Thank you very much, ladies.

8 (Applause.)

9 (Processional.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We'll do some  
11 fun things now. We'll call up the Ways & Means Chairman  
12 for her report, Karen Munch.

13 Okay. Ladies, the Ways & Means Chairman. Karen  
14 Munch.

15  
16 WAYS & MEAN CONVENTION REPORT  
17

18 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Hi everybody. I  
19 know this is the moment you're waiting for for the last  
20 three days. I wanted to thank all of you for your amazing  
21 generosity in buying the raffle tickets, the money of  
22 course goes to the general fund in Ways & Means to help  
23 run the department. And today with this convention we  
24 made a total of \$3,475.

25 (Applause.)

1           WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: I want to thank my  
2 committee member, Marion Roche Carlos for all her hard  
3 work.

4           (Applause.)

5           WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: And I have the  
6 orange/pink tickets. They're coral color. Okay. And I  
7 want to just start -- get on the right page here with  
8 number one which is the acrylic painting. It goes to Sue  
9 Mar, District 10. Number 2 is the double planter. Linda  
10 Hayes, District 20. Oh, yes. Look at that. Number 3 is  
11 the beer basket, Jeannie from District 7. Okay. Four is  
12 the olive oil basket, Debbie Hurado, 14. Number 5 is the  
13 triple planter goes to Ronnie Crubeck, District 11. Six  
14 is the wine and book basket. Kim Vincent. There she is.  
15 Find my place. The cookie and cocoa basket goes to Sue  
16 Mar, District 10. The wine and candy basket goes to Judy  
17 Samples. The Red Vines Licorice is Ramona in District 6.  
18 Some of you did not put down your last name or even the  
19 last initial. We are not Cher or Madonna. We have to  
20 have an initial in there somewhere.

21           The wine picnic basket went to Kelly Huff out of  
22 Unit 716. The metallic purse which was so very nicely  
23 donated to us and it's stuffed with all kinds of things  
24 inside went to S. Romero, 289. The vodka basket, Danielle  
25 White. See her. She's going to have a party.

1           Number 13 is the bicycle plant holder. Tammy  
2 Wilkening in District 16. She's thrilled. Okay. Number  
3 14 is the two plants with the stars in them. That's M.  
4 Reid, District 10. The dog pillows of which I decided the  
5 dog on the pillow is Liberty, what she's going to look  
6 like. Karen B., District 22.

7           The vodka and plant basket is Candace Wilson,  
8 District 14. The beer and popcorn in fact said Cyd,  
9 C-Y-D, District 25. The gin and old-fashioned glasses is  
10 no name. There's a ticket number. It's of course 001579.  
11 We can come back to it. 579. Give you a chance to look.  
12 Pink ticket is 579.

13           The picnic basket goes to Rosemary Weber,  
14 District 25. The garden basket, that was Sandy Felix.  
15 She left, took it already District 14. The kitchen basket  
16 -- no, no. It was Mary Adame. Anyway, the kitchen basket  
17 is Mary Adame, District 11. All right. The red, white,  
18 blue quilt, Mindy Sinclair, District 18. Hawaiian basket,  
19 number 24, is -- is it Debbie Fletcher, District 25.  
20 Okay. The red, white, and blue pillow number 25 was  
21 Grace, District 11.

22           (Applause.)

23           WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: 26 is the pillows  
24 that say "Support Our Troops" on it, and it is a number.  
25 001768. Okay. We can wait. It's 768. Okay. Red,

1 white, and blue pillows is Kae Orcutt, District 14. The  
2 red, white, and blue quilted pillow is Molly K., District  
3 28. She's there. The pink and green pillow and quilt,  
4 which I made by the way, is Gayle McCatherty, District 7.

5 Okay. Then we come to the Mary Kay gift sets.  
6 Marion Roche Carlos is a Mary Kay rep. If you need  
7 anything see her. Number 30 Mary Kay bath set went to --  
8 oh, this one didn't even put her name, she put her  
9 initials. DB Unit 53.

10 Okay. Number 31, Mary Kay bath set. I could not  
11 read the name on this. It's ticket 1561 and she's out of  
12 Unit 795. 1561, that's the ticket number, and she's from  
13 Unit 795. If any of you are from that district unit, go  
14 back and look at it. Mary Kay bath set again is 1743.

15 Okay. Men's lotion set was Ann Brotolli out of District  
16 25. Okay. And yeah, if these people aren't there and you  
17 do know them, please come pick them up.

18 Mary Kay bath basket was also a number 1770.  
19 Okay. Then we're going on. You guys keep looking. Mary  
20 Kay -- let's see. Then the glass poppy dish is Vicky Feer  
21 of District 9.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's not here; I'll take it.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Okay. You take it  
24 up with her. The red outdoor blanket is Nancy Niles. I  
25 know she took it. She had to leave. The goose outdoor

1 blanket is Sandy Dowell out of District 14. The red,  
2 white, and blue candle set is Robin Falkenberg, District  
3 28. The -- oh, the bag -- the shoulder bag and the  
4 computer cover is Susie Tozier, District 22.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

6 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: The beach chair and  
7 accessories is Betty Ramos, District 18. The two plant  
8 bowls that are back there together is Harriet Clendenin,  
9 District 15. The candy jar is Lu Ann Capazzi, No. 42.  
10 Number 43 are the two handbags and the pillow and the box  
11 and everything that are all in one bag, and that's Mary  
12 Hernandez, District 29.

13 And finally the bedspread that was donated to us  
14 by Unit 169 in Roseville. I guess it's been in their  
15 possession for a number of decades. They have no idea how  
16 long they've had it. They have no idea who made it. I  
17 took it up to the room and I threw it across the bed to  
18 look at it and it is nine American Legion emblems that  
19 have been crocheted and put together. It's very striking  
20 and it seems to be in very good shape. And the winner is  
21 Melanie Taylor.

22 (Applause.)

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: So that -- oh, we  
24 have the 50/50 drawing. Those are the green tickets. We  
25 took in \$360 so the winner is going to take home 180. And

1 I'm going to have Madam President draw the winner.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Money, money.

3 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: I have the money.

4 It says Dee Ann, District 15, Unit 26.

5 (Applause.)

6 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Madam President, I  
7 would like to thank you for this appointment. It's been a  
8 fun year. I enjoyed doing it and I hope you were happy  
9 with it.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. You did  
11 a wonderful job, Karen. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And, Dee Ann, my  
14 commission isn't too high.

15 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: May I say  
16 something? I just wanted to thank Karen and Marion.  
17 Thank you. Because all the hours that they put in, all  
18 their hard work and their creativity, it's a lot of hours  
19 sitting back there and I just wanted to congratulate them  
20 and thank them for all their hard work.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. I didn't  
23 have quite this high of figure in mind, Dee Ann, but thank  
24 you. Okay.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam

1 President, Diane DeLashmit, District 25, Unit 299. The  
2 other day I moved that this emergency resolution be tabled  
3 until after we had the budget and could look at what the  
4 budget was saying, so at this time I wish to move it from  
5 the table so that we can discuss the dues increase.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Moved and seconded  
8 to remove the resolution from the table and continue  
9 discussion. Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
12 please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So we're  
17 ready for a motion to proceed here.

18 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. Ready? I move  
19 that an increase of \$2 for 2019-2020 senior dues which  
20 raises the dues from \$7 to \$9 and an increase of 75 cents  
21 for junior dues which raises junior dues from 75 cents to  
22 1.50 for the 2019-2020 year be approved.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It's been moved and  
25 seconded that our per capita dues be increased by \$2 for

1 seniors to a total of -- what was that?

2 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The total dues being  
3 submitted including National dues will be seniors \$21,  
4 juniors \$4.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: To 12. We're doing  
6 the department.

7 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So it will be to 12.

9 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Right.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Right?

11 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: That's right.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

13 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Dues from seven to nine.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: To 12. Okay. The  
15 dues increase for seniors \$2 up to \$12. No. Yes, because  
16 it's 17 now. National added three and we're adding two,  
17 so that's 22. So the motion -- we have a motion to  
18 increase the dues by \$2 for seniors which will bring our  
19 total per capita up to 22 and increase the junior dues by  
20 75 cents which would bring our total per capita to \$4. Is  
21 that right? Total per capita is \$4. Any discussion?  
22 Effective 2019 into 2020.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She didn't  
24 put that in her motion.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, she did. She

1 must have.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I must  
3 have been sleeping.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah. That I had  
5 written down here in my notes. Okay. Any discussion?

6 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Marcia Munroe, Unit  
7 249, District 11. Does it mention the dollar for the  
8 News?

9 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: That's already in the  
10 budget. It's not changing. It's there. We're not going  
11 to --

12 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: So we'll continue  
13 paying the dollar.

14 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Yes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Any further  
16 discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
19 of this resolution, please say aye.

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Those opposed say  
22 no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

25 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Thank you.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So are we  
2 good on this? All righty. I'll call up the Resolutions  
3 Chairmen, Valerie Hill, and Patricia Galatioto.

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5 RESOLUTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

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7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
8 President, the convention committee on Resolutions met  
9 June 21st, 2018 in Terrace 3 of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in  
10 Sacramento. Debbie Fletcher, District 25 was appointed  
11 secretary, Jan McCormack District 13 offered prayer, and  
12 Marcia Munroe, District 11, was appointed  
13 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 13 delegates answered roll  
14 call. There were no visitors present.

15 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
16 The code was read and there were no code changes. There's  
17 only two. The Emergency Resolution Article IX, Section 2  
18 per capita tax was discussed. A majority of the delegates  
19 agreed with the proposed increase and all delegates agreed  
20 in changing the year to 2019-2020, however, no action was  
21 required by the Resolution Committee.

22 No other resolutions were received and no  
23 committee referred the emergency resolution as well.  
24 There were no recommendations. There was no further  
25 business and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

1           Madam President, this concludes my report. May I  
2 continue with the courtesy resolutions?

3           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

4           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Valerie Hill is  
5 coming. Is she coming?

6           AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's coming down. She's  
7 coming down.

8           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. If  
9 there's another -- would you like to appoint another  
10 District President at this time or would a District  
11 President like to volunteer? We had Patty.

12          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

13          PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's my  
14 pleasure, once again, Glenda Schultz is going to come and  
15 help. Glenda Schultz, District 6. But I really  
16 appreciate you, Madam President, bringing in these lovely  
17 assistants to assist me in reading these resolutions and  
18 thank you absolutely for these ladies.

19          And I am going to give you -- this is Patty  
20 Galatioto from District 25.

21          DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GALATIOTO: Whereas, the  
22 management and staff of the Crowne Plaza Convention and  
23 Conference Center have been gracious and most efficient  
24 and, whereas, they were courteous and made every effort to  
25 make our stay in Sacramento so comfortable and enjoyable.

1 Therefore be it resolved that we express our gratitude and  
2 appreciation for their outstanding service and  
3 cooperation. And be it further resolved that a letter of  
4 appreciation be sent to the manager of the Crowne Plaza  
5 Convention and Conference Center.

6 (Applause.)

7 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GALATIOTO: Whereas, the  
8 senior sales manager of the Crowne Plaza Convention and  
9 Conference Center Melicia Amani has been extremely  
10 cooperative and helpful in planning this American Legion  
11 Auxiliary Department Executive Committee meeting, and  
12 whereas, this professionalism courtesy of efficient  
13 demeanor contributed significantly to the success of this  
14 meeting and in making our stay in Sacramento both  
15 enjoyable and pleasant. Now therefore it be resolved that  
16 we express our gratitude and appreciation to Melicia Amani  
17 for her outstanding assistance during this meeting, and be  
18 it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be  
19 forwarded to the general manager of the Crowne Plaza.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GALATIOTO: Whereas, the  
22 director of food and beverage of the Crowne Plaza  
23 Convention and Conference Eric Lane has been extremely  
24 kind and thoughtful of all our needs at this American  
25 Legion Auxiliary Department Executive Committee meeting;

1 and whereas his professionalism courtesy and efficient  
2 demeanor contributed significantly to the success of this  
3 meeting and in making our stay in Sacramento both  
4 enjoyable and pleasant. Now therefore be it resolved that  
5 we express our gratitude and appreciation to Eric Lane for  
6 his outstanding assistance during this meeting. And be it  
7 further resolved that a copy of this resolution be  
8 forwarded to the general manager of the Crowne Plaza.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM SCHULTZ: Whereas, there  
11 were 15 Past Department Presidents in attendance at this  
12 Department Convention, and whereas, throughout the years  
13 the Past Department Presidents continue to serve,  
14 participate, support the programs of the American Legion  
15 Auxiliary, Department of California, and whereas, their  
16 presence and willingness to make themselves available to  
17 share their knowledge, insight, and experience with others  
18 demonstrates a true and genuine concern for our members  
19 and organization. And therefore it be resolved that we  
20 express our appreciation to the Past Department Presidents  
21 for their continued dedication and service to our  
22 organization by giving them a standing ovation to show our  
23 gratitude and love.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM SCHULTZ: Thank you.

1 Whereas, Lela Dooley, a dedicate lifelong member of the  
2 American Legion Auxiliary serving as the Honor Junior  
3 Auxiliary Department President extended her wonderful  
4 message about our juniors. And whereas, this lovely young  
5 lady was not only a pleasure to have at our Department  
6 Convention, she represented our Junior Auxiliary with  
7 poise and grace, holding the most successful conference  
8 with extraordinary leadership skills and reminding us that  
9 our future is in good hands. Now therefore be it resolved  
10 that we express our thanks and appreciation for her  
11 attendance at this department contention. And be it  
12 further resolved that a copy of this resolution be given  
13 to Lela Dooley and her unit, Pacific Palisades, Unit 283,  
14 District 24.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM SCHULTZ: Whereas, the  
17 Convention Committee Chairman Wendy O'Brien, her  
18 co-chairman Ann Sanchez and her dedicated committee have  
19 done a great job and generously given their time to ensure  
20 our stay during this meeting was both comfortable and  
21 enjoyable. And now -- I'm sorry. And therefore it be  
22 resolved that we express our gratitude and sincere  
23 appreciation to Wendy, Ann, and the committee for a job  
24 well done and the many courtesies and warm hospitalities  
25 extending during this meeting. And be it further resolved

1 that a copy of this resolution be sent to Wendy O'Brien  
2 and Ann Sanchez.

3 (Applause.)

4 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you so much,  
5 Glenda. The final resolutions. Whereas, a number of  
6 distinguished guests found time in their busy schedules to  
7 accept our President's invitation to attend this meeting.  
8 And whereas, we are honored to welcome them and enjoy  
9 their warm greetings and informative remarks. Now  
10 therefore it be resolved that we express our appreciation  
11 with a round of applause for the follow for their  
12 attendance at this meeting. You can applause at the end.

13 Mr. Robert Heinisch, the Department of California  
14 Commander; Ms. Janet Wilson, Department of California  
15 National Executive Committeewoman/man, whichever, and Past  
16 Department President; Ms. Glenda Schultz, District 6  
17 President; Mr. Tomidan Jordan, Detachment of Sons of the  
18 American Legion Commander; Mr. Mick Sobczak, President,  
19 Department of California American Legion Riders; Mr.  
20 Harold Brad Walls, Area 5 Vice Commander; Mr. William  
21 Boles, District 6 Commander; Ms. Lela Dooley, Department  
22 Honorary Junior Auxiliary, and I would like to acknowledge  
23 Dave Cockrill, Area 1 Vice Commander. Now you may  
24 applaud.

25 (Applause.)

1           RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Whereas, the  
2 leadership and talent of a number of our members have been  
3 recognized by the national organization and they are  
4 currently serving the American Legion Auxiliary in various  
5 programs. We ask that they rise, remain standing until  
6 all have been called. And therefore it be resolved that  
7 we appreciation to the following members for continuing  
8 their service with honor and prestige to the Department of  
9 California this year. Mrs. Nancy Brown-Park, Past  
10 National President; Mrs. Melanie Taylor, National Public  
11 Relations Chairman; myself, National Centennial Strategic  
12 Plan Goal of One Campaign and National Strategic Plan  
13 Committee Member; Mrs. Linda Workman, National Western  
14 Division Girls Nations Chairman; Mrs. Linda Fercho,  
15 National Western Division Public Relations Chairman. Is  
16 that -- are you Public Relations or National Security?  
17 National Security Chairman. Mrs. -- it got mixed up.  
18 Mrs. Nancy Heinisch, National Western Division Public  
19 Relation Chairman; Mrs. LuAnn Capazzi, National Western  
20 Division Legislative Chairman; and Mrs. Robin Falkenberg,  
21 National Western Division Community Service Chairman; and  
22 Pat Alvarez, Western Division Poppy Chairman.

23           (Applause.)

24           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,  
25 ladies. I'll fix that you one for you, Terry.

1           Whereas, Department Commander of the American  
2 Legion Robert Heinisch has graciously taken time from his  
3 busy schedule to join us at this Department Convention  
4 and, therefore, his cooperation and working together with  
5 our Department President and Auxiliary members reinforces  
6 the close relationship of the California American Legion  
7 Family and further enhances all the programs of our  
8 organization. Now therefore be it resolved that we  
9 express to Commander Heinisch our deep appreciation for  
10 the kindness and many courtesies that he has extended to  
11 our Department President as they travel throughout the  
12 department, and we thank him for his presence at this  
13 Department Convention. And be it further resolved that  
14 copies of this resolution be mailed to the Department  
15 Commander and for the American Legion Department Office.

16           (Applause.)

17           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
18 President, would you please allow the Vice President to  
19 assume the chair so you can come over here to receive a  
20 resolution? Join me at the podium, our beautiful  
21 president.

22           (Applause.)

23           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Whereas,  
24 Department President Loretta Marsh has given a year of  
25 outstanding service to the American Legion Auxiliary and

1    whereas she has shown capable leadership and friendliness  
2    as she represented our organization nationwide and  
3    throughout the state great of California.  And whereas her  
4    theme of Real Heroes Wear Dog Tags, Not Capes has inspired  
5    us to become superheros and motivated us to soar to higher  
6    heights in service to veterans while we worked our  
7    programs to further our mission of service, not self.  And  
8    whereas as our Super Lady Bug, she has shown her love and  
9    dedication to veterans, active military service personnel  
10   and their families by her selflessness.  Therefore be it  
11   resolved, that the members and guests assembled at this  
12   Department Convention express their deep appreciation and  
13   sincere thanks to President Loretta Marsh for her  
14   dedication and service to the American Legion Auxiliary.  
15   And be it further resolved that we show our appreciation  
16   and love to President Loretta with a standing ovation; and  
17   be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be  
18   sent to President Loretta and her unit Corporal Marshal N  
19   Braden 56, District 16.

20                    (Applause.)

21                    PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS:  Madam  
22   Department President, thank you so much for this  
23   appointment.  It has been another great learning  
24   experience.  That's the end of my report.

25                    (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Kathy has a  
2 clarification she wants to make on her report yesterday.  
3 Could someone just hand her the mic so she doesn't have to  
4 come up and she can just --

5 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: I missed  
6 something yesterday in my report, and that was the award  
7 for the press book. And it's going to Susan Morgan.  
8 She's in Unit 280, District 18. And this book is so  
9 beautiful. It's more articles than I received from the  
10 whole Department of California.

11 (Applause.)

12 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: So, Madam  
13 President, please add this to the one I gave you  
14 yesterday. And thank you, Susan, for doing such a  
15 beautiful job.

16 And may I make a point of privilege? I just want  
17 to thank everybody for your love and support and the cards  
18 that I received during my surgery and all of the  
19 greetings. They really up lifted me when I wasn't feeling  
20 well. Thank you so much for all of your love.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Kathy.  
23 If you are a department president with a presentation, you  
24 can come to the stage and make your way up here now.

25 Is there any unfinished to come before this

1 assembly?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Is there any new  
4 business to be brought to this assembly?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: None? Okay. Then  
7 we will now have the presentation of the Past Department  
8 Presidents.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Are there  
10 any Goldie's Golden Links, Jeri's Cards, Ruby's All Stars,  
11 Margaret's Dream Catchers, Shelby's Actresses, Pilar's  
12 Musician or Harriet's Master Crafters in the audience? If  
13 you would please stand, please. Our Department  
14 President's Special Project \$20, Junior Conference \$20,  
15 VA&R \$338, Education 187, Past Presidents Parley 150, for  
16 a total of \$715.

17 (Applause.)

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Are there any  
19 Linda's Workmen in the audience? Please rise. We will be  
20 donating \$10 to the Past Department Presidents Junior  
21 Scholarship and \$90 to VA&R TFA.

22 And if I may, I have Nancy Brown-Park. Any  
23 Patriots out there? Nancy had to leave, so on behalf of  
24 Nancy, \$10 to the Junior Scholarship and \$60 to VA&R TFA.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: If any of

1 Virginia Gandy's Engineers are in the audience, Judy  
2 Lloyd's Editors, and Diane's Circus Acts, please stand.  
3 We've got a bunch of them up here. We had a good year.  
4 We had a good crop. Okay. For the Juniors \$45, Education  
5 \$130, VA&R \$130.

6 (Applause.)

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CURRACO: Representing  
8 the Peachy Performers and the Gwen's Classy Penguins, if  
9 you will stand. There they are. We have voted to give  
10 Past Department Parley Junior Scholarship \$10 and to the  
11 Department Education Fund \$95.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Will Melanie's  
14 Hot Air Balloon Pilots, Sue's Lighthouses, and Ronnie's  
15 Roses please stand if you're in the audience. Oh, great.  
16 On behalf of these three Past Department Presidents we are  
17 donating \$100 to the VA&R TFA, \$100 to the Education for  
18 scholarships, \$20 to Junior Conference, and \$20 to Gift  
19 Shop Patient Remembrance for a total of \$240.

20 (Applause.)

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOB: Do we have any  
22 of Sandy's Colonels? I see -- I see some in the back.  
23 Great. Well, thank you, ladies. I just wanted to let you  
24 know that we'll be doing \$100 to the VA&R program.

25 (Applause.)

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Okay. Are  
2 any of Pat's Country Charmers or LuAnn's Ships Captains  
3 out there in the audience? Yay. Thank you. And we have  
4 some up here of course. Okay. We are donating to the  
5 VA&R TFA account \$75, Education program \$75, and the  
6 Junior Conference \$50. Thank you very much for your  
7 donation.

8 (Applause.)

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Ladies,  
10 are there any Rodeo Queens out there? I know I've had  
11 some here. Wendy's Captains, Madeline Lee's Love  
12 Princesses, Bonnie Christner's Prom Princesses, and Bev  
13 Sparks' Stars. Okay. We are going to donate \$25 to  
14 Junior Conference and \$25 to Junior Conference -- or  
15 Junior Scholarship, and \$480 to TFA for VA&R for \$530.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Will  
18 Terry's Treasures please stand? Look at all my Treasures.  
19 Okay. We are giving \$20 to the Junior Presidents  
20 Scholarship and \$180 to VA&R TFA for a total of \$200.  
21 Thank you, ladies, very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. On  
24 behalf of the Past Department Presidents, that was the  
25 Past Department Presidents Secretary this year, we are

1 donating \$100 to VA&R TFA in memory of Past Department  
2 President Marion Kuhl, \$100 to VA&R TFA in memory of  
3 Phyllis Holmberg, Past Department President, and \$30 to  
4 the Junior Scholarships.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any  
7 Dream Team Captains in the house? Best team ever. On  
8 behalf of the Dream Team Captains we are donating \$200 to  
9 Education, \$150 to VA&R TFA, \$65 to Junior Scholarships,  
10 and \$50 to Madam President's Special Project for a total  
11 of \$565 in donations. Thank you.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie's  
13 Farmers? \$100 to TFA VA&R, \$20 to Junior Conference for a  
14 total of \$120. Thank you, ladies.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Does our  
16 secretary have any last minute supersonic waves?

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Rosemary Weber  
18 had her black bag and in it was her glasses. She doesn't  
19 really care about the bag, but if you have the bag with  
20 her glasses, please return her glasses. Thank you.

21 Okay. In the office I have Kay Hamby and Sophia  
22 Grant to pick up their alternate packets. And then if the  
23 convention -- the committee members, chairman next year,  
24 pick up your procedure books in the department office or  
25 drop your procedure books off in the department office.

1 And I'm not going to be secretary next year, thank you  
2 very much, but if I was secretary next year and you left  
3 your convention tub or the committee tub in there, I'd  
4 ship it to you collect. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Will the Department  
7 President Elect Joan Cannon please announce the time of  
8 her installation and give us any last minute instructions.

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: We need just a  
10 half an hour, so that's about 1:00 o'clock, maybe a little  
11 after be back for us to set up. The flag bearers, don't  
12 forget you have to go to the department office to get the  
13 unit and district flags. Okay. Ten minutes to. We're  
14 going to have to move fast team. We might need some help.

15 (Recess from 12:37 p.m. to 1:21 p.m.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: This meeting is  
17 reconvened for the purpose of installing the officers.  
18 I'm going to introduce you now to the installing officer  
19 which will be Anita Biggs, Past Department President.

20 (Applause.)

21

22 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2018-2019

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24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. Madam  
25 President, it is my pleasure to introduce the installing

1 team. The Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms is Ann Shull from  
2 Unit 22, Lodi. Honorary Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms is  
3 Sandy Johnston, Unit 22. Honorary Chaplain is Bonnie Mar,  
4 Unit 22, and the Honorary Musicians are Kathy and Dave  
5 Smith. The District Color Bearers and Unit Color Bearers  
6 are from District 11 and McFall-Grisham Unit 249 who are  
7 Mary Reid and Veronica Tubick.

8 We will now proceed with the installation of the  
9 Department Officers for the year 2018-2019. Will the  
10 Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and with the Distinguished Guest  
11 Chairman please escort the District Second Vice  
12 Presidents.

13 (Processional.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary  
15 Sergeant-At-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with  
16 the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the  
17 District First Vice Presidents.

18 (Processional.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: All right. Ladies,  
20 let's see if they can follow instructions now. And before  
21 we bring in our presidents, we're going to bring in the  
22 chairmen, the Department Chairmen. Will the  
23 Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms along  
24 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the  
25 Department Chairmen.

1 (Processional.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You all need to be  
3 more lovely. Would the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and  
4 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the Distinguished Guest  
5 Chairman please escort the District Presidents.

6 (Processional.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: We'll just move them  
8 in the front row, the four extras. All right. Very good.  
9 Stand up. You look wonderful. Will the Honorary  
10 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms with the  
11 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the Department  
12 Officers to the stage.

13 (Processional.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Come on. Okay. Well,  
15 we've already received our -- our Department Officers, the  
16 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit, the Sergeant-at-Arms  
17 Rosemary Weber, the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms Cece --  
18 where is Cece? Oh, she's doing double duty. Okay. And  
19 our Historian is Jean Cooley-Desmeules. Our Chaplain,  
20 Donna Smith, is not able to be here. Our Junior Member of  
21 Finance was supposed to be elected -- brought up by  
22 herself, but we are out of time. Kae Orcutt.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: As well as our  
25 Department Vice President Kathie Martinez.

1 (Applause.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you for  
3 standing. So will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms along  
4 with the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms and the Distinguished  
5 Guest Chairman please present the colors of the 11th  
6 District and McFall-Grisham Unit 249.

7 (Processional.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary  
9 Sergeant-At-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please  
10 escort Department President Elect Joan Cannon escorted by  
11 her son David Cannon.

12 (Processional.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You may be seated.  
14 The installation of our newly elected and appointed  
15 officers is one of the most important and impressive  
16 ceremonies of our Department. As we begin this transition  
17 from one administration to another, we wish to express our  
18 appreciation to the retiring department and district  
19 officers for their outstanding contributions to the grand  
20 history of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of  
21 California.

22 As we turn from the memories of the successful  
23 year we have just completed, let us all look forward with  
24 renewed dedication and enthusiasm to a new year conducted  
25 by our new department and district officers as we honor

1 and serve our veterans their families and our country. We  
2 congratulate our new officers and wish for them a year  
3 that will inspire us all.

4           District Vice Presidents, District Presidents,  
5 Department Officers, would you please rise. My fellow  
6 members, you have been chosen to fill the various offices  
7 of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.  
8 You will, I know, vindicate the trust that has been  
9 reposed in you and fulfill in every way the obligations  
10 which that trust entails. You will familiarize yourselves  
11 with the duties of your respective offices as given in the  
12 department bylaws.

13           Always remember that the welfare and success of  
14 this administration depends upon you and upon your  
15 shoulders rests the burden of preserving the integrity of  
16 the American Legion Auxiliary. You must protect its good  
17 name before the people of the United States and at all  
18 times endeavor to have them understand its policy and its  
19 purpose. Always remember the tolerant spirit of the  
20 American Legion Auxiliary. Allow no distinguish of class  
21 or creed to appear among our members. There is no rank  
22 among us, for each serves as an equal as her fellow  
23 members and all strive towards the same goal which is the  
24 realization in the life of a republic of the ideals of  
25 justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

1           Please raise your right hand and repeat after me  
2 giving your name where I give mine. I, Anita Biggs.

3           (Response.)

4           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Promise to perform  
5 faithfully.

6           (Response.)

7           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: All the duties of the  
8 office.

9           (Response.)

10          INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I am about to assume.

11          (Response.)

12          INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And I further pledge.

13          (Response.)

14          INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: That I am not a member  
15 of.

16          (Response.)

17          INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And do not subscribed  
18 to.

19          (Response.)

20          INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The principals of any  
21 group.

22          (Response.)

23          INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Opposed to our form of  
24 government.

25          (Response.)

1           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You may be seated.  
2 District Second Vice Presidents, would you please rise?  
3 Yeah, all of you, all four of you. Spread this out to  
4 your cohorts, okay? Into your helpful hands is placed the  
5 responsibility of assisting the first presidents in all  
6 their duties. The cooperation and spirit with which you  
7 fulfill your responsibilities will contribute much to the  
8 success of this year. Congratulations to you all. Thank  
9 you.

10           (Applause.)

11           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District First Vice  
12 Presidents, would you please rise? To you is given the  
13 active cooperation with the president for the continued  
14 development of your district programs. In the absence of  
15 the president, you will be prepared to assume the duties  
16 of her office. This year can be a rewarding learning  
17 experience for you and prepare you for future goals.  
18 Congratulations to each one of you. Thank you so much.

19           (Applause.)

20           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District Presidents,  
21 would you please rise? You are assuming a tremendous  
22 responsibility in leading the day-to-day activities of the  
23 units in your district as a deputy to the Department  
24 President. You are the most important member of the  
25 executive board, for you represents the link between the

1 members of this great department and the Department  
2 President. With full confidence in your abilities you  
3 have been chosen by your district to fill this important  
4 position. May your year of service as a District  
5 President and the Department Sunflowers be a happy,  
6 exciting, and rewarding adventure for you and your  
7 district. Congratulations to each of you and thank you so  
8 much for your service.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Would our  
11 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit please rise. Diane, this  
12 charge, as you know, is one you know quite well and you do  
13 quite well. Your duty is to advise the Department  
14 President of procedural matters in deliberations of this  
15 department. The benefit of your experience and wise  
16 counsel will be a great asset to her in the performance of  
17 her duties. Congratulations and thank you so much, Diane.

18 (Applause.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the  
20 Sergeant-at-Arms Rosemary Weber and Assistant  
21 Sergeant-At-Arms Cece -- where are you? There you go.  
22 Cece Harvey. You will have the very special honor this  
23 year of carrying the flag of our country and the banner of  
24 the Department of California. The love and respect with  
25 which you carry out these duties will inspire the

1 membership, and in addition you are responsible for  
2 ordering all department meetings and such other duties as  
3 may be assigned to you by the Department President.  
4 Congratulations to you both. Next time sit together.  
5 Okay?

6 (Applause.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You've got me working.  
8 Historian Jean Cooley-Desmeules. See, I know how to say  
9 that French name, huh? To you is given the rather awesome  
10 responsibility of compiling the history of this  
11 administration. Many memorable accomplishments will occur  
12 this year and your official record will preserve those  
13 golden moments for those who follow. Congratulations to  
14 you and I know you're going to do a fabulous job. Thank  
15 you so much.

16 (Applause.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Our chaplain is not  
18 here. We won't be giving her charge. Junior Member of  
19 Finance, Kae Orcutt.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Hi Kae. Kae, you are  
22 entering a three-year term of a very important committee  
23 of this department. Study carefully your responsibilities  
24 as outlined in the bylaws and policies. Always remember  
25 that you were elected by the membership to represent their

1 best interests. We know you will consider well the duties  
2 and enjoy your service on this committee. Congratulations  
3 and thank you so much.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary  
6 Sergeant-At-Arms -- you all need to be up here -- and  
7 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please escort Department Vice  
8 President -- she's up here. That's right, run. Fabulous.  
9 Great running.

10 Okay. You're going to present -- one of you can  
11 come on this side and then escort Odette Curraco and  
12 Kathie Martinez to the podium. Past Department President  
13 Odette Curraco will present the charge and present the pin  
14 to Vice President Elect Kathie Martinez.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CURRACO: Kathie, we've  
16 been -- we've been friends for such a long time and I feel  
17 it my privilege to present over your heart your Vice  
18 President pin. I'm not going to put it on you though. I  
19 can't see that well. And this will be a learning year of  
20 learning experiences for you and to help our President  
21 Joan in whatever she asks you. Your office will be taking  
22 care of membership and remember that membership is the  
23 lifeline of our organization. And I know you'll be doing  
24 a great job. Congratulations. I love you.

25 (Applause.)

1           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will you please escort  
2 these ladies back to their seats. Thank you. Honorary  
3 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, please  
4 escort to this podium the Department President Elect so  
5 that I may give her her charge.

6           Department President Elect Joan, great trust has  
7 been reposed in you by your election to the highest office  
8 within the Department of California. I charge you to  
9 constantly in your mind hold the obligation which is yours  
10 of upholding the four great principals expressed in the  
11 preamble to the constitution: justice, freedom,  
12 democracy, and loyalty. As Department President you have  
13 the great challenge of developing and improving the  
14 programs of the American Legion Auxiliary which I know you  
15 will. You have been selected by your members to fulfill  
16 this challenge. We have faith in your ability and  
17 integrity. We know that you will exemplify the qualities  
18 of leadership that the members expect from their  
19 Department President. You will be the spokesperson for  
20 all of us to the public. Our members will look to you for  
21 guidance, inspiration, and understanding.

22           Joan, we know that you will continue to use your  
23 talents, your strength and your love of the American  
24 Legion Auxiliary in the best interests of all of our  
25 members. Your leadership will inspire our members to

1 achieve goals never thought before possible in all of our  
2 travels. Congratulations to you, Joan, and best wishes.

3 (Applause.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Now will the Honorary  
5 Sergeant-At-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms please  
6 escort Linda Fercho to this podium to present the pin and  
7 the Department President's order to Joan. Thank you.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Joan, it is an  
9 honor and a privilege as one of my Rodeo Queens -- Wendy  
10 was also -- and I'm so proud of you and the woman you are  
11 and that the leader you'll be, that's for sure. And I  
12 will pin this over your heart. And it's really, really  
13 small, but I've been practicing. I've been practicing.

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You did it.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I did it. The  
16 insignia of the American Legion Auxiliary Department  
17 President. I know that you will wear it with a great deal  
18 of pride uniting our members in service, ideals,  
19 commitment, and leading for another successful year of  
20 service to others, not self. And now I'm going to give  
21 you your -- hold that again.

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Great song. Now will  
23 the Sergeant-at-Arms -- the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms,  
24 Assistant Marshal please escort Past Department President  
25 Linda Fercho and Department President Elect Joan back to

1 their seats. Thank you.

2 Now will all the newly installed officers please  
3 rise. That means all of you that were installed,  
4 everybody. Members and guests, I present to you the  
5 officers for the Department of California for the year  
6 2018-2019.

7 (Applause.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: My fellow members, I  
9 share in the pride that is yours with these new officers  
10 who you have chosen to guide our organization this coming  
11 year. They have been charged with serious  
12 responsibilities and in turn I charge you likewise. Will  
13 all the members of the American Legion Auxiliary please  
14 rise, raise your right hand and repeat after me. I  
15 solemnly promise.

16 (Response.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To renew my pledge of  
18 service.

19 (Response.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To the American Legion  
21 Auxiliary.

22 (Response.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And to give  
24 wholehearted support.

25 (Response.)

1           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To these department  
2 officers.

3           (Response.)

4           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. Will the  
5 Honorary Chaplain Bonnie please come forward and offer  
6 prayer.

7           HONORARY CHAPLAIN MAR: You're all standing,  
8 that's wonderful. Dear Lord. We ask that you will give  
9 wisdom and understanding to these newly elected officers  
10 of the American Legion Auxiliary. Bless and encourage  
11 them in your own special way. Guide them as they lead us  
12 in their paths of service as they may assume their offices  
13 with loyal hearts determined to fulfill their obligations  
14 to our organization. We pray that the American Legion  
15 Auxiliary may be worthy of being used by you in giving  
16 moral and spiritual leadership to the great enterprise of  
17 building and organization that has for its purpose service  
18 to mankind and to you. We ask this in your name. Thank  
19 you, God. Amen.

20           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Amen. You may be  
21 seated. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant  
22 Sergeant-At-Arms please escort to this podium the Junior  
23 Past President, Department Past President Linda Marsh and  
24 the other one on the other side Past Department President  
25 Madeline Lee. Madeline will present the Junior Past

1 President Loretta with her charge and a pin and will  
2 present her her ribbon.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Loretta, you have  
4 come to the close of your year as president of the  
5 Department of California. Your theme "Real Superheros  
6 Wear Dog Tags, Not Capes," has been a great thing for the  
7 department. It has been a tremendous experience for you  
8 and you can be very, very proud of what you have  
9 accomplished. Your leadership has been great and as you  
10 retire from this office, be assured that you will take  
11 with you the love and respect of all of our members. We  
12 thank you for taking time out of your busy life to serve  
13 as our president. May you have many, many happy memories  
14 of your year as Department President. Congratulations on  
15 a job very well done.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Now I didn't  
18 practice like Linda so I'm not going to pin the pin.

19 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I opened it for you  
20 and everything. Be careful, don't prick yourself.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Well, let me see  
22 then. I did it.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Okay. Now as you  
25 join our ranks, we will give you our special ribbon.

1 Please wear it with pride and distinction as the gracious  
2 lady you are.

3 (Applause.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Excuse me, Madeline  
5 Lee. These girls have jobs that they have to do. Can you  
6 escort her back to her seats.

7 (Applause.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Now Honorary  
9 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, will you please escort our  
10 President Joan to the podium.

11 Madam Department President Elect, I present to  
12 you a gavel, your symbol of authority. May you use it  
13 with discretion and always in the best interests of this  
14 department. Madam Department President Joan, may I be the  
15 first to congratulate you. I wish for you a successful  
16 year filled with freedom blooming in your special garden  
17 as we serve veterans and many wonderful memories. I'm so  
18 very proud of you.

19 My fellow members, I present to you our  
20 Department President Joan Cannon.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: Thank you.  
23 Thank you all for staying because I know for some of you  
24 it's a very long drive or a long flight, so I appreciate  
25 that. And I appreciate everybody that dressed in their

1 colors. You all look so wonderful. It's nice to see  
2 those beautiful sunflowers out there.

3 I just wanted to thank everybody today because we  
4 needed to try to hurry up and it truly is what we are, an  
5 American Legion Family because everybody helped get  
6 everything together. So I appreciate it. And I want to  
7 say a special thank you to everybody that stepped in and  
8 helped us get our sets together so we could get going on  
9 the installation. Thank you all very much. You truly are  
10 service, not self. So thank you.

11 I want to just do some introductions. I'd like  
12 to introduce my son David Cannon.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: He's a Navy  
15 veteran. He was on the USS Boston out of Garden,  
16 Connecticut, a submariner.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: And my  
19 sister, Marsha, is out in the audience.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: And I have  
22 two other sisters by -- by choice because as they say  
23 sisters of different mothers: Grace Huston and Donna  
24 Vasquez. I couldn't have done this without you in regards  
25 to your help. And I'm wife number two, Gary Huston, if he

1 tried not to sneak out. Is he still here? Gary, he's  
2 over there. Thank you very much. He drug all this down  
3 from Modesto, California, so thank you, Gary, and he's  
4 going to have to drag it back too. So thank you very  
5 much.

6 And I would just like to thank everybody for  
7 stepping up and accepting your positions. And that's the  
8 hardest part as we know. We talk about membership  
9 dwindling and the fact that when you have dwindled  
10 membership, we have to do more as individuals. So if we  
11 can just step up to take your positions, I really do  
12 appreciate it. And I'm hoping that we'll have a fantastic  
13 year, I know we will have a fantastic year, and we can  
14 work on membership and some learning experiences and we're  
15 going to have a great year. So thank you all. I really  
16 appreciate you being here and accepting your positions.  
17 Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: Okay.  
20 Department Officers, those of you who are here, please  
21 stand up. Okay. So Rosemary Weber will be our  
22 Sergeant-at-Arms.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: Jean  
25 Cooley-Desmeules is our Historian. She's going to have an

1 easy job because I don't like a lot of books, so we can be  
2 all E stuff. And of course we all know Kathie Martinez.  
3 She is not only our new Vice President, but also our  
4 Membership Chairman.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: And unlike me  
7 in my dyslectic self, she's a numbers person so we should  
8 have a much better year. Kae Orcutt, she is our Junior  
9 Member of Finance and she also is a wonderful choice  
10 coming in and help us. She has an accounting background.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: And of course  
13 Diane DeLashmit, what can we say. I asked her, I said,  
14 "Diane, would you please be my parliamentarian?" She  
15 said: "Joan, I want to retire, but for you I'll do it one  
16 more year." So thank you. Special thanks, Diane.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: Cece Harvey,  
19 our Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms from District 13. Thank  
20 you very much.

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Madam President would  
22 like to give gifts to the District Presidents, so if the  
23 District Presidents can just come this way. Unfortunately  
24 I don't have the list of names of the District Presidents.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: And they're

1 all the same so everybody -- and I apologize. They got  
2 drug through different cars.

3           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Just walk this way and  
4 walk back around so it will work out easily.

5           Okay. I need you back up here, Madam President.  
6 Not quite. Are there any presentations for Joan and/or  
7 Loretta to be made at this time? Please come forward.

8           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Joan, I have a  
9 little gift for you, and nice things come in little  
10 packages. I would like for you to open it. And actually  
11 this is something that all the Past Department Presidents  
12 wish for you. And it is a bracelet and it says, "Enjoy  
13 the journey."

14           (Applause.)

15           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And that's  
16 what we wish for you, enjoy your journey.

17           INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Madam President, I  
18 want to thank you so much for this opportunity to install  
19 you. This is my first department installation, not my  
20 first installation, but my first at this level and this  
21 has been a joy to me. I feel we've bonded as like  
22 sisters. You could have introduced me as one of your  
23 sisters from another mother. Or even from a different  
24 father.

25           But I have something for you. I just saw it and

1 we had to have it. It was really a strange event trying  
2 to get this bag out of Macy's, but I had to -- I had to do  
3 something with it. It's all you.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: So thank you for that.  
6 Any other presentations at this time? Oh, you're talking  
7 about that gopher? We let Harold take the gopher because  
8 her gopher-to-be is not here, so we would rather you all  
9 give it to him at DEC. Harold will take care of him.  
10 Thank you very much, Department Commander.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT CANNON: At this time  
13 I will return the gavel to Past Department President  
14 Loretta to close her contention.

15 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Before I  
16 proceed with the closing of this convention, allow me to  
17 say a few words. There will only be a few because of the  
18 time and because I could stand here all day and not  
19 express the gratitude and love that -- and appreciation  
20 that I feel for this group and this organization, so it's  
21 pointless to try to express it.

22 I want to congratulate Madam President Joan, all  
23 the officers who were just installed. If you're like me,  
24 it seemed like it was forever, ages ago, but only  
25 yesterday that I was installed and it's done. Don't know

1 how it can feel the same way at the same time. I joke  
2 about, yay, I'm done, I'm done, but I truly have enjoyed  
3 it and I appreciate the privilege of serving.

4 Is there any further business to come before this  
5 convention?

6 (No response.)

7 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If not,  
8 will the acting Chaplain Donna Scott please offer prayer.

9 HONORARY CHAPLAIN SCOTT: Please rise. Let us  
10 pray. As we depart one from the other, may God bless us  
11 and keep us into his gracious protection within ourselves.  
12 May he be near us to defend us, with us to refresh us,  
13 around us to preserve us, before us to guide us, behind us  
14 to justify us, and above us to bless us and keep us from  
15 harm. Amen.

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17 ADJOURNMENT

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19 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Until we  
20 meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our  
21 country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performances  
22 of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the  
23 community, state, and nation be ever a main objective of  
24 the American Legion Auxiliary and its members. Let us  
25 ever be watchful of our organization and ourselves that

1 nothing shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom,  
2 loyalty, and democracy.

3           The 16th District and Corporal Marshal N Braden  
4 Unit 56 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms  
5 will retire the colors. My Sergeant-at-Arms Deloris Artis  
6 and Assistant Rosemary Weber along with the Distinguished  
7 Guest Chairman Linda Workman will retire this Junior Past  
8 Department President, escorted by my husband, Harold  
9 Marsh. And when I reach the back of the room, this 99th  
10 Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of  
11 California will be adjourned.

12           (ProceSSIONAL.)

13           (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
14 was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.)

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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate  
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion  
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 99th Annual  
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 24, 2018, at the time  
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of  
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California  
13 99th Annual Convention members were written down by me in  
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my  
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct  
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion  
17 Auxiliary - Department of California 99th Annual  
18 Convention members.

19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for  
20 nor in any way related to any party to said meeting, nor  
21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

22 Dated this 15th day of July, 2018, at Modesto,  
23 California.

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