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7 **CALL TO ORDER**

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Before we start
10 this morning, there's a couple things I would like to
11 announce.

12 (Singing.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. First
14 of all, please try to be respectful. There's a lot of
15 people in the back of the room that cannot hear and
16 anything that you say here echoes right up here and it
17 doesn't go that way. So please try to be respectful.

18 And the next thing is our Past Department
19 President Gloria would like to tell all of you that she
20 is doing better. She is doing physical therapy and she
21 is so sorry that she cannot be here with us today.

22 The next thing we have is would our Distinguished
23 Guest Chairman please escort our Past Western Division
24 -- not our Past, but the Legion's Past Western Division
25 Vice President to the podium. National Vice President,

1 I'm sorry, Jim Higuera.

2 (Processional.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: And before I let
4 him start, I would just like to say that I made a huge
5 faux pas yesterday. We have -- only one. If it's only
6 one, I'm okay. But I failed to honor some of our
7 members that worked so, so hard and put in so much of
8 their time and money and hearts to represent us, and
9 that is our Color Guard from Jackie Robinson Unit 252.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So to all of them
12 and to all of you, I apologize that I did not announce
13 yesterday, but there was Color Guard competition. So
14 from the bottom of my heart, I apologize to all of you.
15 Thank you.

16 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA:
17 Thank you, Madam President. If I could spend a few
18 moments if that's all right.

19 Good morning, ladies. You know, I always like to
20 start by saying thank you, thank you each and every one
21 of you for your support that you give to the American
22 Legion Family. You know, we all had a mom, we all had a
23 sister, and we all had daughters and granddaughters, and
24 I tell you what, when you get involved in this greatest
25 organization that's the backbone of the American Legion,

1 but where does it -- where does a man go when he wants a
2 hug and some love and some of these things? He goes to
3 Momma, that's right.

4 But I'll tell you one thing though. I should
5 have wore my shades because I'm basking in the glow of
6 so much beauty here. I am. And I always make it a
7 point to tell you.

8 You know, we've been around the country and stuff
9 like that, but it's always great to come home and see
10 what California has to offer. And you girls exemplify
11 the fact -- well, let's just say the Auxiliary because I
12 know that there are spouses involved now, but that's
13 okay. You know, they're not a threat. You can take
14 care of that; right? I'm sure you can.

15 But anyway, as you all know, my name is Jim
16 Higuera. I'm a Past National Vice Commander for the
17 American Legion the year '21-'22. And I like to think
18 that we did a great job in the West, but somehow our
19 membership goals didn't meet what we wanted them to.
20 You know, COVID coming on a few years back, you know, we
21 suffered a bit. We lost quite a few members. God bless
22 them. And we're losing members every day.

23 Our main focus a number of years ago was to be
24 the one, and the thing is as mothers you would recognize
25 the fact that my baby is sick, let's get my baby some

1 help. Your baby might be 30 years old, but he's still
2 your baby, male or female. And it's up to us to
3 recognize: Here, take this. Take your shirt off, rub
4 some Vicks on him or whatever you do and nurse them back
5 to health.

6 But that's the mission of the American Legion and
7 the American Legion Family is to recognize suicidal
8 ideations, to recognize when just not a veteran, but
9 anyone that's having major issues, mentally, physically,
10 emotionally, and all these things. So, you know, as
11 being part of the American Legion Family, you are better
12 equipped to recognize those than we are.

13 So we ask for your indulgence in joining us in
14 that effort. You know, if you can't do anything, let us
15 know and then we'll take over and take the credit;
16 right? Yeah.

17 But my mission today is I'm also the Ritual
18 Chairman for the Department of California, and each year
19 we emphasize the fact that we have an Officers Guide
20 that tells the American Legion how to run a meeting, how
21 to put on a memorial ceremony, how to do this. It's a
22 can-do book. It's like a cookbook. You know, here are
23 the directions, just follow them. But it's a guideline.
24 And that's what we do. That's our main focus.

25 But on the other hand, we also conduct all the

1 competitions of the Department of California. If you
2 want me to go back a couple years, and I'm sure there's
3 a few of you in here that can go back 58 years. And I
4 know some of you are not even that old.

5 Well, just to quote Margaret Smith, great friend
6 of mine; her daughter is out here. You know, we've had
7 that friendship for years. And the thing is that lady
8 was involved, but she was a woman Marine. Don't take no
9 crap; right? And I think that's the way she raised her
10 daughter. And guess what, her daughter's involved here
11 with the American Legion because of Mom. Mom is, what,
12 90 years old now? Yeah, yeah, and still kicking, still
13 barking like a sergeant; I'll tell you.

14 But anyway, our other function is to conduct the
15 contests. And if we go back far enough, we used to have
16 a bowling tournament, a barbershop quartette that
17 involved the ladies and the men. You know, you dress up
18 with the shirts and sing barbershop songs or something
19 to that effect. Yesterday they had a bowling
20 tournament. You know, even our Juniors and Sons can get
21 involved in these things. And if we want more
22 participation in the American Legion, we have to have
23 some kind of hook to get them in here to say, wow, this
24 is neat.

25 I mean years ago we had a convention in

1 Minnesota. My daughter lives in Iowa, and I said bring
2 up the family. I rented a room. My little
3 granddaughter Kinzie was so excited to walk into the
4 exhibit center and get all these things, you know, to
5 put in her bag. And she said: Grandpa, I want to come
6 back. I want to get involved.

7 So I tell my daughter, I says, look -- I forgot
8 the name of the town. You know, when you don't live
9 there, you don't know. I says there's a local American
10 Legion. Your qualification is the fact that I am your
11 dad. And the folks in Iowa know me. And here's the
12 Past National Commander that would lead you down the
13 path.

14 But anyway, I'm talking too darn long. You
15 ladies or this Auxiliary needs to get on with business.
16 But yesterday we had a competition and there were two
17 teams involved. One was the National Champion of the
18 American Legion. And they've held that title for a
19 number of years. They were also selected by their point
20 finish in various categories to be the National
21 Commander's Personal Color Guard.

22 This year they offered to step down, put on an
23 exhibition, but still appear at the National level. We
24 are very happy to say that we had another unit that came
25 up. They inquired and I said I'll send you an

1 application. This is what you need to do.

2 So I'll tell you, you girls are very cunning and
3 smart. Well, we think we're doing it right, but let's
4 go to the champs and see how they do it. And guess
5 what? The champs offered to help them. Okay? Take the
6 floor. Let's see what you got. Okay. We've got to
7 clean it up right here, we'll clean it up over there.

8 But yesterday your American Legion Auxiliary
9 Department of California fielded a team from Jackie
10 Robinson --

11 (Applause.)

12 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: --
13 Unit 252 which was led under the leadership of Anita
14 Biggs. They are no strangers to the Los Angeles County
15 area and parts of California because they have competed
16 in the big shows down there. And they would call them
17 because they got their together.

18 Today I am happy to present certificates of
19 participation to the five members that were present and
20 competing. And I'll read the plaque and I'll read the
21 names. And if these ladies are here or you will accept
22 on their behalf, we would appreciate it.

23 Certificate of the Merit presented in grateful
24 appreciation to Anita Biggs, Jackie Robinson Unit 252.

25 (Applause.)

1 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: Be
2 it known that the Department of California Ritual
3 Commission is proud to acknowledge your participation in
4 the American Legion's Annual Color Guard Competition.
5 We salute you and your team as our 105th Department
6 Convention Color Guard Champions.

7 (Applause.)

8 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: The
9 other participant -- oh, by the way, these were supposed
10 to have been presented, but it was better that we
11 present it in front of you because this is your team.
12 These are your champions. But above all, they're our
13 champions.

14 It was presented on the 20th day of June, 2024
15 Visalia, California and signed by myself, Jim T.
16 Higuera, Chairman of the Ritual Commission, and John H.
17 Aldridge, our Department Commander. Sharon Moore.

18 (Applause.)

19 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: And
20 these others aren't here; right?

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Right.

22 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA:
23 Let's take a picture. I understand the other three team
24 members are not here, but please allow me to mention
25 their names so if you see them out there in town and

1 stuff like that, oh, you're Renee Alexander.

2 (Applause.)

3 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: Are
4 you Bertha Edmundson?

5 (Applause.)

6 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: And
7 last, but not least, Cheryl Jefferson.

8 (Applause.)

9 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: And
10 it would really be nice if you're walking down the
11 street and you heard the name and they got their tag on
12 and you said: Weren't you a part of that championship
13 from California? And they're going to say: How did you
14 know? Well, they had some guy that went on and on at
15 our meeting.

16 Now the thing is we also present a plaque, but
17 not knowing who was going to be the winner to have the
18 plaque or the plate appropriately -- how do you called
19 it? -- inscribed, it will be done and presented. But
20 this is what they're going to be getting right here.

21 (Applause.)

22 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA:
23 This is why I love being here. You just get surrounded
24 and you can't go. You know, my sweetheart Denise,
25 talked to her on the phone. She's in Tennessee at the

1 wedding of her grandson. And the fact is that she said
2 say hi to the girls of the Auxiliary. God bless them,
3 give them a hug, and tell them I love them. So that's
4 the message from Denise.

5 I want to say thank you so much, Madam President,
6 members of the executive staff, officers, and of course
7 the backbone of this organization, you. Thank you,
8 thank you, thank you. God bless you all.

9 (Applause.)

10 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA: Oh,
11 yeah, one last thing. When you compete at the State
12 level, if you wish you can compete at the big picture,
13 the big scene which is going to be held in New Orleans.
14 And Anita and her team from Jackie Robinson Unit 252
15 have said we have our reservations, we're going to be
16 there, we're going to compete. We're going to show them
17 what we got. So there's a strong possibility we may
18 come home with two champions.

19 It used to be a fact because the Sons of the
20 American Legion had a 12-year run. Nobody can beat
21 them, nobody wanted to compete with them. So as far as
22 Ritual is concerned, color guard competition,
23 California, they're at the top. Thank you again.

24 (Processional.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: If you are going

1 to National Convention, please be sure to check the
2 schedule. Watching that competition is just so
3 heartwarming to see how they've put so, so much time
4 into it. And our Newport Beach Color Guard from The
5 Legion, they are excellent. Like he said, they've won
6 for so many years. And so I'm sure Jackie Robinson is
7 going to be right in there. Thank you. That will be on
8 Friday, and it's normally about 4:30, August 23rd. And
9 you've been warned, and if you don't know where it is,
10 just ask them.

11 One more quick thing before we start. The bucket
12 -- on behalf of the AEF Chairman Linda Karnstedt, the
13 bucket for donations for AEF is in the back of the room.

14 This convention is reconvened. Will our
15 secretary please do the roll call. I'm so sorry. My
16 second faux pas. Our Chaplain Madeline Lee will offer
17 the prayer.

18

19 **INVOCATION**

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21 HONORARY CHAPLAIN LEE: Dear Lord, thank you for
22 this day and thank you for bringing us back together to
23 learn and listen to all the wonderful things that our
24 members have done for our veterans, our children, and
25 our communities. Be with our President throughout this

1 day and thank her for the great leadership that she has
2 given us throughout the year. Be with our servicemen
3 and women and those who are not able to be with us today
4 and bestow your blessings upon them. We ask these
5 things in your precious name, amen.

6 DELEGATES: Amen.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
8 Madeline, for graciously -- thank you, Madeline, for so
9 graciously stepping in for our Chaplain Patty Martinez.
10 Patty had a good, good friend that passed away I believe
11 in Ohio, I could have the wrong state, so she had to
12 leave last night. The funeral was this weekend.

13 Liz, will you please do roll call.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I will.

15

16 **ROLL CALL**

17

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: President Glenda
19 Schultz.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Vice President
22 Linda Hayes.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: She's here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Past Present
25 Gloria Williams is excused.

1 Secretary Elizabeth Doidge. I think I'm here.
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Liz, they're
3 having a hard time hearing you.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Treasurer Katherine
5 Tellyer.
6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TELLYER: Here.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: NEC Person Kathie
8 Martinez.
9 NEC PERSON MARTINEZ: Good morning.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
11 Alternate NEC Person Dee Ann Graham.
12 ALTERNATE NEC PERSON GRAHAM: Here.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Chaplain Erika
14 Hernandez -- or Chaplain Patty Martinez.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Excused.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, excused.
17 Wanda, I wanted to make sure I got Erika's name right so
18 I called her early. Historian Erika Hernandez.
19 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HERNANDEZ: Good morning,
20 Liz.
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
22 Parliamentarian Anita Biggs.
23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Good morning,
24 Liz.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

1 Sergeant-at-Arms Jean McGinnis.

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MCGINNIS: Good morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

4 Alternate Sergeant-at-Arms Melise Munroe.

5 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MUNROE: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

7 Finance Committee Linda Workman.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: I'm here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Teresa Lugo-Nunez.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ: Good

11 morning, Liz.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. And

13 Ann Sanchez.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER SANCHEZ: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Advisory Committee

16 Linda Workman.

17 ADVISORY CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh, yeah, still here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Joan Cannon.

19 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CANNON: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Kathie

21 Martinez.

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARTINEZ: Yes, ma'am.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm breathing into

24 it. Americanism Cindy Rogers.

25 AMERICANISM CHAIR ROGERS: United as One.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Auxiliary Emergency
2 Fund Linda Karnstedt.
3 AEF CHAIR KARNSTEDT: I'm here.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Children & Youth
5 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco.
6 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Good
7 morning.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
9 Community Service Patricia Galatioto is excused.
10 Constitution & Bylaws Sharon Moore.
11 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Good morning,
12 Liz.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
14 Convention Chairman Dee Ann Graham.
15 CONVENTION CHAIR GRAHAM: Here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
17 Co-Chairman Terry Oclaray.
18 CONVENTION CO-CHAIR OCLARAY: Good morning.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
20 Convention Commission Chairman Anita Biggs.
21 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: How you
22 doing, Liz?
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm tired today.
24 I'm good. I'm tired. Convention Commission Committee
25 Gloria Sinopoli.

1 CONVENTION COMMISSION SINOPOLI: Present.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Credentials

3 Madeleine Reed. She's out there. Distinguished Guest

4 Linda Workman.

5 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Yippy,

6 it's Saturday.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Editor Nancy

8 Heinisch.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Excused.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Education Linda

11 Hayes.

12 EDUCATION CHAIR HAYES: Here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Elections Rebecca

14 Glenny.

15 ELECTIONS CHAIR GLENNY: Present.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Girls State is

17 excused. Junior Activities Chairman Martha Romano.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Conference

20 Director Jackie Cleveland. Excused. Junior Conference

21 Committee Two Year Lucy Hunt.

22 JUNIOR CONFERENCE TWO YEAR HUNT: Good morning,

23 Liz.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

25 Junior Conference Committee One Year Rosa Hernandez.

1 JUNIOR CONFERENCE ONE YEAR HERNANDEZ: Good
2 morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
4 Junior Conference Nurse Ann Sanchez.

5 JUNIOR CONFERENCE NURSE SANCHEZ: Filling ice
6 packs.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I've got a box at
8 home for you. Leadership Donna Mattox.

9 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
11 Legislative Donna Smith.

12 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR SMITH: Good morning, Liz.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
14 Membership Chairman Suzanne Winters.

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR WINTERS: Good morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
17 Membership Support Area 1 Carolyn Glenn.

18 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 1 GLENN: Good morning.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support
20 Area 2 Rebecca Glenny.

21 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 2 GLENNY: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support
23 Area 3 Terry Miller.

24 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 3 MILLER: Present.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support

1 Area 4 Cassandra Brown.

2 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 4 BROWN: Good morning,

3 Liz.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

5 Membership Support Area 5 Cynthia Mayfield.

6 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 5 MAYFIELD: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support

8 Area 6 Yolanda Zuniga. Excused.

9 Music Stephanie Huff.

10 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: Good morning, Liz.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

12 National Security Liz Doidge. I am here.

13 PPP Kathie Martinez.

14 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR MARTINEZ: Good

15 morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

17 Poppy Robin Falkenberg.

18 POPPY CHAIR FALKENBERG: The poppies are

19 cultivated.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Public Relations

21 Joan Cannon. She's here. Resolutions Linda Fercho.

22 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Present. Still here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Rules Linda

24 Karnstedt.

25 RULES CHAIR KARNSTEDT: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Unit Development &
2 Revitalization Tracy Varnell-Fercho.

3 UD&R CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Holding and counting.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Veterans Affairs &
5 Rehabilitation Susan Baker.

6 VA&R CHAIR BAKER: Good morning, Liz.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. Ways
8 & Means Arlene Smith is excused. Ways & Means Committee
9 Marcia Munroe.

10 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: Present.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means Fran
12 Brossman.

13 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE BROSSMAN: Still selling
14 pink tickets.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page Ann
16 Sanchez.

17 PERSONAL PAGE SANCHEZ: Guarding Governor
18 Schultz.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page
20 Jennifer Turner.

21 PERSONAL PAGE TURNER: Guarding Governor Schultz
22 and I'm watching all of you.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year Chairman
24 Joan Cannon. Mid-Year Co-Chairman Grace Huston.

25 MID-YEAR CO-CHAIRMAN HUSTON: Present.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year
2 Co-Chairman Marcia Munroe.
3 MID-YEAR CO-CHAIRMAN MUNROE: Present.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Clovis Workshop
5 Gloria Sinopoli.
6 CLOVIS WORKSHOP SINOPOLI: Present.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Clovis Workshop
8 Co-Chairman Debbie Hurado. Is she excused this morning,
9 Glenda? She gave me a note. She's attending her
10 neighbor's funeral.
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry?
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Debbie Hurado, can
13 I mark her excused? She gave me a note. She's
14 attending her neighbor's funeral.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Thank you.
17 Northern California Workshop Maria Lopez.
18 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP LOPEZ: Here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Southern California
20 Barbara Toth.
21 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP TOTH: Good morning,
22 Liz.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
24 District Presidents. District 2 Carolyn Glenn.
25 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT GLENN: Present.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
2 District 4 Samantha Valine. District 5 Linda Karnstedt.
3 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: Here.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 6 Suzanne
5 Winters.
6 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.
7 Sensational District 6 is in the house. United as One
8 we will be there until all the work is done.
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Melise
11 Munroe.
12 DISTRICT 7: Good morning, Madam President
13 Glenda.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 8 Teresa
16 Canonizado. Excused. Exhibit 9 Dolly Rios. Excused.
17 District 10 Susan Mar.
18 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 11
21 Elizabeth Estavillo. Or wait. Grace Huston.
22 DISTRICT 11: Good morning, Miss Glenda. We all
23 can agree your kindness and dedication is plain to see.
24 We're back today with a plan to waken the weary and you
25 did it all while remaining so cheery.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Wow. Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 12

3 Elizabeth Estavillo.

4 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT ESTAVILLO: Present.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 13 Leah

6 Williamson. Cece is sitting in.

7 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 14 Debbie

10 Ennen.

11 DISTRICT 14: Good morning, Madam President.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Exhibit 15 Linda

14 Carmichael.

15 DISTRICT 15: Good morning.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 16 Marion

18 Rocha-Carlos.

19 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Governor, from

20 District Sweet 16.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Teresa

23 Lugo-Nunez.

24 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT LUGO-NUNEZ: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 18

1 Gabriella Ramos.

2 DISTRICT 18: Exhibit 18 girls are unforgettable.

3 Serving veterans is always on top.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 19 Diana

5 Livas.

6 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20 Carol

9 Harville.

10 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Wow. Good

12 morning. The attitude.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 21 Ellen

14 Federowski.

15 DISTRICT 21: Roses are red, violets are blue.

16 District 21 is here to Be the One United as One. Good

17 morning, Madam President. Good morning, Liz.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

20 District 22 Janie Jackson.

21 DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Madam President.

22 District 22, all for one and one for all.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23

25 Cassandra Brown.

1 DISTRICT 23: President Linda, I don't live for
2 money or fame and I don't do it for personal gain. I
3 volunteer to lend a hand to the veterans who serve this
4 land. My rewards are tucked in my heart to let you know
5 I've done my part in helping veterans far and near. I
6 am proud to be a volunteer. Good morning, Madam
7 President.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 24 Melissa
10 Card.

11 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President.

12 County Seat 24 is still conducting business.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 25 Barbara
15 Toth.

16 DISTRICT 25: With two or more we're side by side
17 with eagerness and lots of pride. We show our veterans
18 that we care with strong support beyond compare. Good
19 morning, Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 26 Peggy
22 Toye.

23 DISTRICT 26: Good morning, Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 27 Jean

1 Ring.

2 DISTRICT 27: Good morning, Madam President.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 28 Rebecca

5 Glenny.

6 DISTRICT 28: The nuggets, the golden nuggets we

7 packed. District heart never lacking in half. For

8 veterans we strive side by side we tried, together our

9 service won't slack. Good morning, Madam President.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 29 Carol

12 Borgman.

13 DISTRICT 29: Good morning, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Past Department

16 Presidents. 1989-1990 Beverly Sparks. 1992-'93 Willie

17 Burke. 1995-'96 Judy Lloyd. 1996-'97 Ruby Kapsalis.

18 1998-1999 Linda Workman.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: I'm still

20 here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2001-2002 Madeline

22 Lee.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Still here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2002-2003 Nancy

25 Brown-Park is excused. 2003-2004 Linda Caples.

1 2004-2005 Melanie Taylor.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Up, up and

3 away.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2005-2006 Bonnie

5 Christner.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Good

7 morning, Liz.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

9 2006-2007 Sandy Jacob. 2007-2008 Shelly Hitch.

10 2010-2011 Pilar Reyes. 2011-2012 Linda Fercho.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Rodeo Queens

12 in the house.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2013-'14 Anita

14 Biggs.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Still shooting

16 hoops.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2015-'16 Susie

18 Tozier.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: The Farmers

20 are plowing.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2016-'17 Wendy

22 O'Brien. 2017-'18 Loretta Marsh. 2018-'19 Joan Cannon.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Flowers are

24 blooming.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2019-'21 Kathie

1 Martinez.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Eagle is
3 still soaring.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2021-2022 Dee Ann
5 Graham.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Still surfing.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '22-'23 Gloria
8 Williams is excused.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Excused.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: If I can do roll
11 call tomorrow when I get -- my eyes are twisted today.
12 I keep getting off on lines. Just a warning for
13 tomorrow.

14 Fresno Representative Cynthia Oliphant.

15 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: I'm here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Deputy
17 Sandra Dowell. Loma Linda Representative Sandra
18 Kurkoske.

19 HOSPITAL REP KURKOSKE: Present.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Loma Linda Deputy
21 Tamara Bell.

22 HOSPITAL DEP BELL: Good morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

24 HOSPITAL DEP BELL: Sorry.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach Deputy

1 Cynthia Mayfield.

2 HOSPITAL REP MAYFIELD: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach

4 Representative Debbie Butler.

5 HOSPITAL REP BUTLER: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Villages of

7 Cabrillo CBOC Deputy Gail Spitzform. Palm Desert CBOC

8 Nancy Brown-Park is excused. Los Angeles Representative

9 Patricia Jackson-Kelly. West LA Ambulatory Care Center

10 Deputy Diana Williams. Downtown East LA OPC Deputy Pam

11 Dixon-Hicks.

12 HOSPITAL DEP DIXON-HICKS: Good morning, Liz.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

14 Bakersfield OPC Deputy Barbara Goodlow. Santa Maria

15 community-based OPC Loretta Marsh. Excused. Sierra

16 Foothills VA Clinic Lori Franceschi. Northern

17 California Mather Representative Suzanne Winters.

18 HOSPITAL REP WINTERS: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Northern California

20 Mather Deputy Robin Schmidt.

21 HOSPITAL REP SCHMIDT: Good morning, Liz.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

23 Fairfield Kelli Germeraad. She's excused. She's up at

24 Girls State. Martinez OPC Linda Workman.

25 HOSPITAL DEP WORKMAN: Oh, yeah.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Still here. Palo
2 Alto Representative Connie Raya.
3 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Present.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Palo Alto Deputy
5 Arlene Muller.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Oh-oh.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Menlo Park Joyce
8 Henderson-McLeod is excused. Livermore Representative
9 Grace Huston.
10 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego
12 Representative Susie Tozier.
13 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Still volunteering and
14 loving it.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego Deputy
16 Irma Mathai. San Diego Deputy Donna Smith.
17 HOSPITAL DEP SMITH: Still here.
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: WAVE Clinic Past
19 Poppy Production Manager Lois Cornish was excused.
20 That's the last one on that page.
21 I'm going to go back really quick because we have
22 a new representative here. I lied when I said all of
23 Girls State. Girls State Vice President Alternate Linda
24 Lara-Guzman.
25 GIRLS STATE VICE PRESIDENT ALTERNATE LARA-GUZMAN:

1 Present.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Barstow Veterans
3 Home Representative Angie Acosta. Barstow Deputy Judy
4 Samples. Chula Vista Veterans Home Lois Cornish is
5 excused me. Fresno Veterans Home Representative Home
6 Gloria Sinopoli.

7 HOSPITAL REP SINOPOLI: Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Lancaster Veterans
9 Home Marcy Velador.

10 HOSPITAL REP VELADOR: Good morning, Liz.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
12 Ventura Veterans Home Madeline Lee.

13 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Still here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: West LA
15 Representative Deloris Artis.

16 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Good morning, Liz.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
18 Honorary Junior President Olivia Thuney. She's excused
19 at Girls State and you'll actually see her shortly.
20 Honorary Junior Vice President Alyssa Alcaraz.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Sorry. She's
22 sick. She's here, but she's sick. She may be coming.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior
24 Secretary Hailey Doidge.

25 HONORARY JUNIOR SECRETARY DOIDGE: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior
2 Chaplain Laura Landis.

3 HONORARY JUNIOR CHAPLAIN LANDIS: Here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior
5 Historian Laura Smith. Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms Anna
6 Edson.

7 HONORARY SERGEANT-AT-ARMS EDSON: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Honorary Junior
9 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Mckayla Doidge.

10 HONORARY ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DOIDGE:
11 Here.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Roll call is
14 complete, but I have a special note for today. Ms.
15 Tracy Varnell-Fercho's birthday is today.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Can we get a quick
18 round of birthdays for Tracy.

19 (Singing.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: At this time our
21 Distinguished Guest Chairman will be escorting the
22 Department 14 Commander to the stage.

23 (Processional.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Linda,
25 hands off.

1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: She ruins
2 all my fun.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I was too busy
4 getting hugged.

5 TAL DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: And the
6 hugs ain't over. So good morning.

7 DELEGATES: Good morning.

8 TAL DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: Oh, we can
9 do better than that.

10 DELEGATES: Good morning.

11 TAL DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: Let's wake
12 those veterans up that are sleeping. Good morning,
13 Auxiliary.

14 DELEGATES: Good morning.

15 TAL DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: All right.
16 For those who don't know me, I'm kind of a -- I like to
17 have a lot of fun. My name is Chris Wenzinger and I am
18 the current 15th District Commander, better known as The
19 Friendly 15th.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Sorry. I said
21 14th.

22 TAL DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: Oh, that's
23 okay. It's all right. I'm definitely not the 14th
24 District Commander. Very good friend of mine. I think
25 I'm better looking than Chris Hoffman. He does have a

1 great name. I'm Chris Wenzinger, he's Chris Hoffman.
2 So -- yeah, and I'm his Sergeant-at-Arms for the area
3 next year so I really got to be good or he's going to
4 run me.

5 But I apologize for not coming sooner. We have
6 been conducting business over there like you wouldn't
7 believe. And I have -- I have a short dream. I don't
8 want to take a whole lot of your time up, but I have a
9 dream. And some of you are going to think I'm crazy and
10 you may have your Sergeant-at-Arms come yank me off the
11 stage. If I ever have my way, Chris' way, okay, and I
12 can be wrong and I'm willing to debate it outside,
13 another time, that one of these conventions in the
14 Department of California we're going to have an opening
15 ceremony and we're going to have the entire American
16 Legion Family in the room at the same time.

17 (Applause.)

18 TAL DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: We are a
19 family. And we're only going to get things done
20 together. So I want to thank you for everything that
21 you do, everything that you've done, and everything that
22 I know you will do. You guys are perfect. You are.

23 And let me tell you. I'm going to say -- I'm
24 going to add this. And I know there's some people in
25 here that know my wife. You guys are beautiful. You

1 guys are a lot better looking than the folks in there.
2 And you smell better, so -- and the hugs. The hugs are
3 a lot nicer because this morning I was dared to hug the
4 Department Commander so they could get photos to tease
5 him. So Department Commander is a very -- John Aldrich
6 is a very wonderful man who's done a great job this
7 year. And he obliged me with my morning hug, much as
8 the president did and some other people in this room.

9 But really, welcome to Visalia. I hope you enjoy
10 your stay. With your credentials when you are downtown
11 and you go to businesses, have your credentials with
12 you. I have spoken with the former mayor who is the
13 president of the Downtown Visalians. There is an
14 association here. If they see your credentials, some of
15 the restaurants will take 10 percent off your meal or
16 throw in a free dessert. Okay?

17 Shopping. There's a couple businesses that will
18 also give you a discount in Downtown Visalia on Main
19 Street, same thing for seeing your credentials.

20 So please enjoy Visalia. I apologize it's so hot
21 outside. And for those of you that made it over to the
22 Post 18/Post 75 dinner and comedy show the other night,
23 I truly apologize. The day before our air conditioner
24 was working so well that the Past Commander's Club
25 begged us to turn it off. And then a couple hours

1 before the dinner, it broke. So those of you that made
2 it there, in fact, I won't say who it was, but somebody
3 in this room actually won the 50/50 drawing.

4 But anyway, welcome to Visalia. I hope you enjoy
5 your stay. If there's anything you need while you're
6 here, if you see me walking around, please feel free to
7 ask me. If I brought the three Post commanders that
8 live in the City of Visalia, I would have made them come
9 stand up here and give you their phone numbers so that
10 you know who to call.

11 And I will tell you honestly if you need
12 something, other than bail money to get out of jail, I
13 will tell you that Zana and Rochelle both do have my
14 personal cell phone number. Okay?

15 All right. Thank you very much. Enjoy your
16 convention and you take care. Oh, and Luisa Carson also
17 has mine, so --

18 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: And I'll
19 get it soon. Okay?

20 (Processional.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning,
22 Valerie. Oh, she's not on yet. We're going to have our
23 Girls State Director, Chairman, and our Junior President
24 up on the screen. From Girls State in Sacramento, we
25 have our Girls State Director, the beautiful Valerie

1 Hardy.

2 (Applause.)

3 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Good morning. Thank

4 you. That was very sweet. I'm not feeling very

5 beautiful this morning with about 20 hours total of

6 sleep for the week so far.

7 Thank you all for this. It's been amazing so

8 far, but before we get started on our Girls State

9 business, it is my honor to introduce our Honorary

10 Department Junior President of the Department of

11 California Olivia Thuney.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning,

14 Olivia.

15 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: I think you

16 guys are muted. You guys are muted. If you want to

17 unmute.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning,

19 Olivia.

20 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Good morning.

21 All right. Can everyone hear me okay? Are we good over

22 there?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We're good.

24 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Perfect.

25

HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Okay. All right, everyone. Settle in for another one of my marathon speeches. I'll try to be quick this time. I pinkie promise.

Hello, my name is Elizabeth Thuney and I am the Honorary Department Junior President of California for the American Legion Auxiliary. It seems like it was only yesterday in 2019 when my mom dragged me out of the house for my very first Taco Tuesday at the ALA Unit 716.

It seemed -- who could have thought that five years later dedicating over 1,700 service hours and serving over 100,000 tacos to get at the American Legion Family would have led me on this credible journey. These relationships and experiences have changed my life forever.

First off, I'm proud and honored to be speaking to you as the ALA representative from Girls State here in Sacramento. Shortly after the speech I will have the opportunity to address the girls to share my experiences with the Junior program and hopefully encourage them to become members or volunteers themselves.

Although it's bittersweet because I'm missing

1 many of my close mentors and supporters that I met last
2 year at convention, which is unfortunately being held
3 during the same week, I would like to extend my
4 gratitude to all the amazing ladies who are the
5 foundation and leadership of the ALA. And of course my
6 biggest supporters from Unit 716: my mom, Marion,
7 Christian, Auntie Marcy, Cindy, Ernie, and fellow
8 Juniors. Hello from Sacramento.

9 This past year has been a blur. Starting off
10 with a school trip to Iowa, followed up by DEC in
11 Sacramento, National Western Division Juniors meetings
12 in Las Vegas, Junior Conference, and Camp Hamilton
13 Memorial Day's observance in Bakersfield, all the while
14 fundraising for my special project and additional
15 volunteering at the blind center at our local VA
16 hospital.

17 I can't believe how much I've packed into 12
18 short months. I'm constantly asked: Olivia, why do you
19 volunteer so much with the American Legion Auxiliary.
20 My reply is always the same: It gives me great joy to
21 see the veterans' faces when I share with them my pride
22 in being Honorary President of the Juniors and what the
23 younger generation can do to assist and support our
24 veterans and their families.

25 In my current position I see myself as the bridge

1 in leading and showing our juniors the power that small
2 actions can have great impact on the lives of others.

3 Throughout the past year I've concentrated
4 primarily on my goals for fundraising. I wanted to
5 incorporate my family's love for baking into a regular
6 bake sale on Taco Tuesdays that would bring together our
7 friends and family at Unit 716, to support veterans'
8 causes outside our units. After thousands of cracked
9 eggs, hundreds of pounds of flour and sugar and probably
10 enough sticks of butter to build a pyramid, our small
11 operation of baked goods has managed to raise thousands
12 of dollars to needy veteran organizations.

13 Thanks to my grandma's world famous peanut butter
14 and oatmeal raisin cookies and my Big Bordo's famous
15 coffee cake, we've recently donated \$1,000 to Camp
16 Hamilton in Bakersfield to continue the tradition of
17 memorial service of planting a tree in remembrance of
18 soldiers who have passed in honor of them.

19 Wanting to do more after the loss of my longtime
20 family dog Sammy, I dedicated my special project for the
21 year in honor of his loyalty. So far I've raised \$4,000
22 for this program that train and place service dogs with
23 disabled veterans.

24 I would like to thank Unit 716, District 29 and
25 the units of District 29 who participated and donated to

1 Sammy's project which is very near and dear to my heart.

2 Looking forward to my second term as Junior
3 President, my next special project will be to support
4 the amazing work done at my local VA blind center as I
5 have witnessed firsthand the care and joy veterans
6 experience at this center. One veteran last week
7 described the center as the happiest place on earth.
8 So, Disneyland, you better look out.

9 In closing, I would like to thank the ALA for
10 asking me to represent and share what the ALA stands for
11 and its support for veteran and youth programs such as
12 Girls State. Together we are truly United as One and
13 our impact and dedication helps veterans and their
14 families.

15 Thank you, Madam President Glenda, for giving me
16 this opportunity to share my journey and experience with
17 everyone at the ALA convention and here at Girls State.
18 God bless America.

19 And, Mom, Dutch Brothers is on me.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Olivia.

22 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Yes.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: On behalf of all
24 of us, I would like to say that we are all so so proud
25 of you and all your hard work and your efforts and

1 everything that you do to support the veterans. You
2 make us all very, very proud. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: No, thank you.
5 Thank you. It's been an amazing journey. I just can't
6 thank you enough for all the support.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. We
8 love you.

9 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: We love you
10 too.

11 (Applause.)

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: She's a pretty
13 amazing kid.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, she is.

15 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: So next I would like
16 to introduce to you our newly inaugurated governor from
17 ALA California Girls State. She is from Redondo Beach.
18 This is our governor, Her Honor Sloane Graham.

19 GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR GRAHAM: Good morning,
20 everybody.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Good morning.

22 GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR GRAHAM: I want to thank
23 you, Madam President Glenda Schultz, for the invitation
24 to address the convention today. It's truly an honor to
25 be here. I also want to thank all the members of the

1 American Legion Auxiliary for your dedication to
2 California's youth by offering the Girls State program.
3 I'm so grateful to District 19, Unit 184 and my Unit
4 Chair Cece for sponsoring me to attend Girls State.

5 This experience really connected me with
6 passionate girls and it allowed us to collaboratively
7 explore leadership and government and building
8 long-lasting bonds throughout the way. I've made so
9 many friendships here. And it also deepened my sense of
10 civic duty and inspired me to serve others with genuine
11 integrity.

12 We've had a meaningful session thus far,
13 including debating legislation in the senate and
14 assembly, preparing for our mock trial that's actually
15 today in the courts, and we look forward to completing
16 our service project for the Honor Flight tomorrow.

17 Thank you again so much for this opportunity and
18 I hope that the Girls State experience continues to be
19 such a life-changing endeavor for many girls to come in
20 the future.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you so so
23 much. On behalf of all of us we are extremely proud of
24 and you happy that you as governor will be representing
25 us. Thank you.

1 GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR GRAHAM: Thank you so much.

2 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: And now it's my
3 turn.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.

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6 **GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR CONVENTION REPORT**

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8 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Madam President,
9 Madam Vice President, distinguished guests and Auxiliary
10 members, good morning. My name is Valerie Hardy. I am
11 the director of ALA California Girls State and we are
12 speaking to you from Sacramento at our 81st session.

13 Our team has worked very hard in preparation for
14 this year's program. We have a staff of 67 volunteers,
15 30 of whom are members of the ALA. We have one member,
16 staff member who is an American Legion member, and ten
17 more staff members who are eligible to join. Forty of
18 our staff members are Girls State alum.

19 418 delegates arrived on Tuesday for a week of
20 learning, growth and leadership and sisterhood. It has
21 been exciting to share ALA California Girls State with a
22 new class of citizens.

23 This week has been filled with activities. We
24 have had elections. I'm sorry. Day one, our delegates
25 got to know each other as they began building their

1 cities. We had city elections with our own Olivia
2 elected clerk of her city, Hoyt. Our day ended with our
3 opening ceremonies where delegates became citizens of
4 California's Girl State and the Military Child's Table
5 was share by Past National President Nancy Brown-Park.

6 Excuse me. On day two, we selected our political
7 party leaders, had county elections, and had discussion
8 groups on topics such as healthcare, education, and even
9 economics.

10 Day three was all about state elections.
11 Citizens file for state offices, we had party
12 conventions, and our evening ended with a POW/MIA People
13 for One ceremony, an inspiring Girls State alum panel of
14 phenomenal women, including District 26 President Peggy
15 Toye.

16 Yesterday we had our state speeches, the whistle
17 stop tour, and our general election where you just met
18 Sloane who was elected as our governor. The California
19 state majority leaders spoke at our inaugural last night
20 and our four county namesakes shared their wisdom.

21 Today we will have county mock trial and
22 education town hall, our city expo, and tonight will be
23 our talent show. Our citizens are hard at work building
24 their Girls State and they are doing a fantastic job.

25 After much work to get our budget balanced, the

1 current budget was approved by the committee in October
2 and the DEC in January. Increasing the fees to \$500 per
3 delegate made it possible for us to get out of the red
4 and cease depleting our reserve funds.

5 In addition, we have units who have donated items
6 on our wish list, thank you a million times, as well as
7 a Legionnaire who donated the cost of one meal. These
8 donations further help build our reserves and allows us
9 a little wiggle room in our programming.

10 ALA California Girls State is Americanism in
11 action. Our young ladies leave with greater
12 appreciation of our democracy, our nation, and our
13 veterans. As a result, they are ready to become active,
14 responsible citizens who will one day lead our United
15 States.

16 Girls State has been my passion since 1980 when I
17 attended as a delegate from El Segundo High School and
18 will continue to be a big part of my life. This will be
19 my last time as director, for real this time; don't ask
20 me again, and I thank the many Department Presidents who
21 put their trust in me to lead and guide this prestigious
22 and rewarding program. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

23 Madam President, this concludes my platform
24 remarks.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
2 Valerie. Don't leave yet.

3 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Okay.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I would like to
5 say on behalf of all of us that we are extremely proud
6 of you for being appointed as the ALA Girls State
7 National -- Girls Nation. I keep saying State. Girls
8 Nation Chairman. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Thank you, Glenda.
11 I'm really looking forward to it. And I would like to
12 introduce the ALA California Girls State Chair, Allyn
13 Kau.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

15 Good morning, Allyn.

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17 **GIRLS STATE CHAIR CONVENTION REPORT**

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19 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Good morning, Madam
20 President. I will begin with my convention committee
21 meeting report.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.

23 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: The convention committee
24 on ALA California Girls State met on June 17th, 2024 via
25 Zoom. Surprise, surprise. The statistical report of

1 this Chairman is on page 30 in the Book of Reports.

2 Valerie Hardy was appointed secretary, Estella
3 Siegrist offered prayer, and Leslie Vondra was appointed
4 sergeant-at-arms. A total of 19 district delegates
5 answered roll call. There were 18 visitors present.

6 The committee agreed upon the following report:
7 2023 ALA California Girls State Department Code was read
8 by myself. There were two proposed changes to the code.
9 Martha Romano moved to accept the first proposed
10 addition as read and Noella Passarelli seconded. The
11 preconvention committee voted to accept the addition and
12 present it on the floor at convention.

13 The second proposed change was moved by Maryann
14 Ward of District 7 to accept and Martha Romano seconded
15 the motion, and then the preconvention committee voted
16 to accept it and present it on the floor at convention.

17 There were no resolutions, and then I asked for
18 recommendations for the coming year. Sylvia Hillard
19 proposed allowing two delegates per school in the Junior
20 class. Becky Bullard, also from District 19, added that
21 school counselors are asking for additional delegates.
22 Discussion was had regarding the paying for fees.

23 I reported that the location of 2025 ALA
24 California Girls State be at CSU Sacramento, but there
25 is no locations for the years following. So I ask the

1 committee members to help find a new location for 2026
2 and beyond. And we did our awards and closing prayer
3 was led by Teresa Canonizado from District 17.

4 Madam President, because the Girls State code is
5 posted on the website, I move to dispense the reading of
6 the Girls State code. Do I need to read the code?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
8 on the floor to dispense with the reading of the Girls
9 State Code.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
14 favor.

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

19 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Thank you, Madam
20 President. May I now present the committee's proposed
21 Department Code changes?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We don't
23 have a copy. Liz, she's got it. Hold on just a minute,
24 Allyn.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry, guys. I

1 thought we fixed it.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Allyn, while she's
3 getting that, is Nancy available to say hi to us?

4 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Oh.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It's okay. Just
6 tell her we miss her.

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Okay. Let me --

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: What code number
9 are you changing?

10 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: The first one, the
11 committee recommends an addition to the Girls State
12 Finance section which --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hold on. We just
14 want the code number. Anita is pulling it up on her
15 phone to look at it.

16 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: It's an addition so it's
17 not there, but it's in the finance section of the Girls
18 State code.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. No. 10.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: She's adding
21 Code 10?

22 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: So I think the finance
23 section ends with No. 9, and this will be No. 10.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. How many
25 attendees did you have?

1 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Here at Girls State?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.

3 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: 418 arrived.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All right. Allyn,
5 can you share your screen with the code on it?

6 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: I'm not using my Zoom.
7 This isn't my Zoom. That would be a great idea. Let me
8 get -- oh, maybe -- this is Val's computer. Let me see
9 if I can mess it up for her and get it.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Liz, just
11 got it up.

12 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Oh, she did it. Now I've
13 got to find you guys. I don't know. She has a Mac. I
14 don't know how to use it. So you have it?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.

16 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: All right. Okay. So the
17 committee recommends in addition to the Girls State
18 Finance section which would be No. 10 to read: "The
19 amount in the ALA Girls State Reserved Funds should be
20 maintained at approximately 50 percent of the previous
21 year's expenditures."

22 I move for approval.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We have a
25 motion on the floor to add No. 10 to the Finance section

1 stating, it will read: "The amount in the ALA Girls
2 State Reserve Funds should be maintained at
3 approximately 50 percent of the previous year's
4 expenditures. (2024)."

5 Is there any discussion? Linda Fercho, do you
6 want to --

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Madam
8 President, Linda Fercho, Past Department President. You
9 can't hear me?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Alynn will never
11 be able to hear you if you don't go to the mic.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I'll take the
13 long way around. Okay. Oh, boy. My age is showing.

14 Linda Fercho, Past Department President, District
15 16, Unit 741. If this change is passed, this code, will
16 that increase the Girls State amount that we're paying
17 at this time?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: She's asking if
19 this is passed if that will increase the amount of the
20 delegate fees.

21 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: This -- this is unrelated
22 to delegate fees. What happens is we have the reserve
23 fund for Girls State and then we have our other fund.
24 And for the -- since because of COVID when we didn't
25 increase fees even though fees were increasing for us,

1 we would take out of our reserve fund. So the
2 discussion came up, well, how -- we don't want to make
3 our reserve funds too low and just keeping taking and
4 taking until we don't have a reserve fund. So all this
5 is doing is clarify for future volunteers on the
6 committee a good amount to keep in the reserve funds so
7 we don't just take, take and make the reserve fund go
8 lower and lower. It has no effect on the delegate fees.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCH0: Madam
10 President Governor, how will that reserve fund be
11 increased if it lowers?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: She's asking how
13 the reserve fund will be increased if it lowers.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCH0: If it does not
15 maintain that.

16 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: So the reserve fund can
17 only be increased if we transfer money to the reserve
18 fund. So right now our reserve fund is over that 50
19 percent amount. So our reserve fund is good now and we
20 just want to add this so that the reserve fund stays in
21 a healthy amount.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCH0: Okay. Thank
23 you very much.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
25 further discussion?

1 We have one more coming, Allyn.

2 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Okay.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Hi, Allyn.

4 Susie Tozier, District 22, Unit 255. It is a

5 requirement by IRS that these large programs maintain a

6 reserve. So this is a good, good addition to the code

7 because it is a requirement that will tell future

8 leaders that this has to be done.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: That was Susie

10 Tozier and she's saying that it was -- it's an IRS

11 requirement that we have a reserve fund and this is good

12 insurance for the future.

13 Any further discussion?

14 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Thank you, Susie.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Susie,

16 she said.

17 Any further discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Hearing

20 none, we'll vote. All those in favor.

21 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

25 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: The second proposed

1 change adds a sentence to Unit/Unit Chairman's
2 Responsibilities No. 2 describing the options to choose
3 department alternates. Am I good to go ahead? Are you
4 okay?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah.

6 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Okay. The current code
7 reads as follows: "Only the Unit shall have final
8 approval of the recommendations, subject to acceptance
9 by the Department Chairman. When the Unit has chosen
10 the delegate, the fee and transmittal form shall be
11 forwarded to the Department Office no later than March
12 31st, as provided in instructions. Publicity with
13 parent/guardian consent may be released indicating that
14 the delegate has been chosen. If the selected delegate
15 and first alternate, due to circumstances beyond
16 control, cannot attend the ALA Girls State Session, a
17 second alternate selected in the same manner shall
18 attend to prevent forfeit of the Unit fee."

19 The committee recommends that Unit/Unit
20 Chairmen's Responsibilities No. 2 be amended to read:
21 "Only the Unit shall have final approval of the
22 recommendations, subject to acceptance by the Department
23 Chairman. When the Unit has chosen the delegate, the
24 fee and the transmittal form shall be forwarded to the
25 Department Office no later than March 31st as provided

1 in the instructions. Publicity with parent/guardian
2 consent may be indicating that the delegate has been
3 chosen. If the selected delegate and first alternate
4 due to circumstances beyond control cannot attend the
5 ALA Girls State session, a second alternate selected in
6 the same manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the
7 Unit fee. If the Unit does not have an alternate, they
8 may select a student who has completed the department
9 alternate application."

10 I move for approval.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

12 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: The only -- the only
13 amendment is the last sentence is new.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We don't have
15 the sentence on this.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So this is the
17 current right here and then this and on the back, this
18 top line is the amended. So right here.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So this will just
20 be added?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No. They're
22 eliminating this, changing it to this.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So this is the new
24 code.

25 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: The only change would be

1 the last sentence of that.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. So the rest
3 of the code is being deleted?

4 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: No, no.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Added.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I was wrong. Add
7 that sentence to the end.

8 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Nothing in the previous
9 code is being changed. Just we're adding one more
10 sentence.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We have a
12 motion on the floor to what code number? I'm sorry.

13 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: It is under the Unit/Unit
14 Chairmen's Responsibilities, and then it's No. 2.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We have a
16 proposed amendment to the Code 2. It currently reads:
17 "Only the Unit shall have final approval of the
18 recommendations, subject to acceptance by the Department
19 Chairman. When the Unit has chosen the delegate, the
20 fee and transmittal form shall be forwarded to the
21 Department Office no later than March 31st, as provided
22 in instructions. Publicity with parent/guardian consent
23 may be released indicating that the delegate has been
24 chosen. If the selected delegate and first alternate,
25 due to circumstances beyond control cannot attend the

1 ALA Girls State Session, a second alternate selected in
2 the same manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the
3 Unit fee."

4 If approved the proposed amendment will read:
5 "Only the Unit shall have final approval of the
6 recommendations, subject to acceptance by the Department
7 Chairman. When the unit has chosen the delegate, the
8 fee and the transmittal form shall be forwarded to the
9 Department Office no later than March 31st as provided
10 in the instructions. Publicity with parent/guardian
11 consent may be indicating that the delegate has been
12 chosen. If the selected delegate and first alternate
13 due to circumstances beyond control cannot attend the
14 ALA Girls State session, a second alternate selected in
15 the same manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the
16 Unit fee. If the Unit does not have an alternate, they
17 may select a student who has completed the department
18 alternate application."

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
22 we'll vote. All those in favor.

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

2 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Okay. Madam President,

3 may I please continue with my platform remarks?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

5 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: First I'm going to change

6 my background so you can see somebody else with me here.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hi Nancy. So good

8 to see you. We miss you.

9 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: I know. I

10 miss everybody. And I'm exhausted.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Well, you look

12 beautiful. Thank you so much for joining us.

13 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: But it's

14 been an incredible session. Incredible staff,

15 incredible people that are working so hard. It's been

16 really, really good. Everyone can be proud of what's

17 happening at California Girls State.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. We're

19 proud of all of you.

20 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: It does not seem that

21 long ago that I was spending the night at Tammy

22 Sollazzo's house preparing for the October 2018 Girls

23 State committee meeting as a new member of the

24 committee. I was appointed Department of Girls State

25 Chair the following year and am now finishing my fifth

1 year in this role. I am excited for the Districts and
2 Units Girls State Chair to be lead by a new department
3 next year who is well equipped to take us to an even
4 higher level.

5 This past year we created a new leadership team
6 to address two major challenges we identified in the
7 2022-'23 year: funding and recruiting students.

8 The fundraising leadership team spearheaded an
9 online auction that brought \$946.67 to the Department
10 Girls State Fund. They also worked with the Department
11 Treasurer Kathy Tellyer to file the required paperwork
12 and obtained a \$5,000 grant from the California Women's
13 Legislative Caucus. Our fundraising focus was developed
14 as a resource for units to provide ideas for unit Girls
15 State funds through various methods that could be
16 implemented locally.

17 Our candidate recruitment team produced
18 two-minute videos for our monthly Zoom meetings to teach
19 units how to publicize the ALA Girls State program.
20 They created templates and tools that units could modify
21 to fit their local needs. Individual support was
22 provided for first time Girls State Chairs to help them
23 navigate their new role.

24 Through volunteering since 1991 at the ALA Girls
25 State program, I developed a multi-generational network

1 of amazing people on whom I can lean through difficult
2 times. I had no idea six years ago that volunteering on
3 the American Legion Auxiliary administrative side Girls
4 State that I would encounter another network of
5 incredible people who truly live service, not self and
6 invest to teach the next generation the importance of
7 serving veterans, military, and their families and
8 promote patriotism, civic engagement and civil
9 discourse.

10 I am extremely grateful for all of your patience
11 and support as I serve in this role. I am forever
12 indebted to my predecessor Tammy Sollazzo who walked me
13 through my responsibilities in this position. I am
14 committed to supporting the next Department Girls State
15 Chair as faithfully as she mentored me. You all may be
16 in trouble if I'm a mentor.

17 It has been wonderful to have Bill Miller here on
18 staff this week, Tammy, Diane, Vicky, and so many others
19 must be here too.

20 One of the many highlights during this week was
21 the response of the ALA members at the end of November
22 when Roseann Vicky Bean informed us that after 95 years
23 District 9, District 161 voted to give up their charter.
24 Vicky had spent decades supporting ALA Girls State
25 working with her unit to sponsor 17 schools and

1 supporting Unit 202 as District 9 Girls State Chair.

2 She worried about what would happen with all of
3 these schools. In true ALA Girls State fashion, ALA
4 members in surrounding districts added to their already
5 full plates to provide assistance giving students from
6 these schools the incomparable opportunity to be here
7 this week.

8 Thank you to each one of you who support ALA
9 Girls State, whether it be in an appointed position, on
10 the interview committee, approving the use of unit
11 funds, or simply saying thank you to those in your unit
12 working with Girls State.

13 When you support Girls State you are recruiting
14 future ALA members like myself and teaching hundreds of
15 young people the importance of patriotism and serving
16 veterans, military, and their families. Our deepest
17 gratitude to the hundreds of selfless volunteers who
18 served as Unit and District Chairs, city liaisons,
19 counselors, nurses, bus chaperones, and department
20 committee members.

21 It is a privilege and honor to serve with all of
22 you to continually approve a once-in-a-lifetime
23 opportunity for our next generation of leaders. Thank
24 you for the opportunity, Madam President.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Allyn, thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You've done a
3 fantastic job and I'm sure that Tammy is looking down on
4 all you smiling. You made her proud.

5 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Thank you. Madam
6 President, may I now present my awards?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.

8 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Best District
9 Supplemental First Place, District 18 Estella Siegrist.

10 (Applause.)

11 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Best Unit Supplemental
12 First Place District 29, Unit 281 Donna Carter.

13 (Applause.)

14 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Madam President, that
15 ends my report.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Allyn.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We'll see you next
19 year in person.

20 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Thank you.

21 Rebecca, thank you for my tech support over
22 there. Can you turn it so I can see everyone before I
23 say goodbye?

24 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Yes, ma'am. Hold on. I
25 want to make it --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: The cord's not
2 very long so she's having to --

3 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: All right. I'm getting
4 you in trouble.

5 (Applause.)

6 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Good to see all of you.
7 Thank you for turning the camera for me.

8 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Oh, my
9 goodness. I miss all of you.

10 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Huge hugs. Thank you.
11 Bye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: And I'd like to
13 take a quick moment to thank Rebecca for making all of
14 this possible for all of us. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Next up we will be
17 doing Constitution & Bylaws with our Chairman Sharon
18 Moore. We don't have time. Sorry, Sharon. We only
19 have ten minutes.

20 How about our Music Chairman Stephanie Huff. And
21 that will be followed by two very short reports from
22 Linda Workman.

23

24 **MUSIC CONVENTION REPORT**

25

1 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: Good morning, everybody. The
2 convention committee for Music met on June 27th, 2024 in
3 Sequoia B Room. The statistical report of the chairman
4 appears on page 33 in the Book of Reports. Betty Ramos
5 from District 18 was secretary, Debbie Ennen offered
6 prayer, and Sandra Tolifson was appointed
7 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 14 District delegates
8 answered roll call and we had seven visitors.

9 The committee agreed to not have any code
10 changes.

11 (Applause.)

12 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: So thank you. The second and
13 third place awards were given so the delegates and I and
14 guests shared how they incorporate music into their
15 meetings and at events. I appreciate everybody's input.

16 And, Madam President, may I move into my
17 statistical report?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

19 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: Okay. We had 18 District
20 reports. They said that they incorporated music with
21 their monthly meetings, holidays, events and attending
22 flag retreat ceremonies. Forty-two times was how many
23 times they reported we sang the National Anthem, which I
24 know is underreported so we really need to focus on
25 accurate report.

1 166 parades were reported, 571 special holiday
2 programs, 84 visits to veteran homes included music, 132
3 special ceremonies, unfortunately 207 funerals, but
4 there were 36 visits to veteran hospitals. 133 members
5 attended a musical event that promoted Americanism. 13
6 districts included veterans in their music program, but
7 only three districts reported at least one school chorus
8 or band program which was my special challenge this
9 year.

10 Madam President, may I move on to my
11 supplemental?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

13 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: This year I challenged each
14 District to support at least one chorus or band program.
15 Out of the 30 districts in the Department, three
16 reported supporting at least one. Districts and their
17 Units reported playing music at their monthly meetings.
18 One member reported supporting music by singing original
19 songs to veterans. One District reported two of their
20 Units attending a flag retreat where they sang the
21 National Anthem, military anthems, and other patriotic
22 songs.

23 Districts from the Department reported playing
24 music during events and holidays. One District reported
25 playing Christmas music during a children's event and

1 the children sang along to the song.

2 Overall, all districts who reported activity
3 reported the importance and impact that music has not
4 only on their members, but the veterans and people in
5 our communities.

6 Madam President, may I move onto awards?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

8 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: Okay. First we have the
9 representative from District 18 for the unit. Okay.
10 Ms. Madeline, I will have you receive both. So for Unit
11 Supplemental First Place is Unit 211 in District 16 for
12 Kinley Kobel.

13 (Applause.)

14 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: And First Place -- I must say
15 Madeline Lee wrote her very own original song off of Be
16 The One. I'd appreciated it. It was nice to see an
17 original song. So First Place for District 16 is
18 Madeline Lee.

19 And, Madam President, may she sing the song for
20 us?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes. Quickly.

22 (Singing.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
24 Madeline.

25 (Applause.)

1 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: Madam President, this
2 concludes my report.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

4 MUSIC CHAIR HUFF: Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Very, very
6 quickly, we need all delegates with their District
7 Presidents, no alternates. So it was brought to my
8 attention that maybe 18 needs to check to see that you
9 have all delegates and not alternates. We are getting
10 ready for elections. Okay. So could each District
11 President -- in the back of the room.

12 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Yeah, alternates
13 are sitting in the back and not up here.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Thank you,
15 Gabby.

16 Okay. The doors will be closing in one moment so
17 please do not leave unless you don't plan on coming back
18 in. One moment. We will not recess. We will have a
19 15-minute -- let's make it a ten-minute recess as the
20 District Presidents -- please, respect.

21 We will have a ten-minute recess as the District
22 Presidents take roll call of their delegates and be
23 ready to report their voting strength when the Secretary
24 calls the roll of the districts. Please remember that
25 the doors will be closed in ten minutes. That will be

1 10:10. And no one -- please, respect. My gosh. I
2 don't know how long you guys want to sit here, but
3 please, please, you need to listen.

4 Please remember the doors will be closed at 10:10
5 and no one will be allowed to enter and leave after they
6 are closed. At this time all delegates should be with
7 their districts. We'll recess. I'm sorry. Thank you.

8 (Recess from 10:01 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: At this time all
10 delegates should be with their districts. The session
11 will come to order. Will everyone please be seated with
12 their respective districts.

13 Please remember that all delegates and alternates
14 taking the place of a delegate will be allowed to be in
15 the room during an election. So alternates can't be
16 sitting in the back if they're not taking the place of a
17 delegate.

18 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
19 Sergeant-at-Arms please see that everyone who is in
20 the -- quiet. I'm sorry. This is getting a little out
21 of hand. You know, we have a whole lot of work to get
22 done and I know that it's difficult when you have
23 somebody sitting right next to you and you think you can
24 talk and nobody will hear you, but when you have a whole
25 roomful of people doing that, it's very, very

1 distracting. Thank you. I'm sorry. I --

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam

3 President, you are okay.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, thank
5 you.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Will the
8 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please
9 see that everyone who is in the lobby knows that the
10 doors are being closed for the election process and if
11 they want to come in, to do so immediately. Check in
12 their badges and then close the doors. No one will be
13 permitted to leave until the Chair states that the
14 elections are concluded.

15 We will now have the report of the Elections
16 Chairman Rebecca Glenny, followed by the reading of the
17 Election Rules by Rebecca. Okay. It looks like they're
18 already there, but will the District Presidents please
19 proceed to the microphone and line up numerically.

20

21 **ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT**

22

23 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: All right. So, Madam
24 President Glenda, I wanted to extend my heartfelt
25 gratitude to you for the incredible opportunity to serve

1 as Elections Chair this past year. Navigating through
2 the complexities of Elections has been a journey filled
3 with valuable insights and learning experiences. I have
4 collected many golden nuggets of wisdom along the way.

5 Additionally, I have become very close with
6 Robert and his Rules of Orders. And as you may guess,
7 he has become my trusted companion. Currently I have
8 him tucked away in a bag, but he's right over there.

9 Your unwavering support and confidence in my
10 ability has significantly contributed to my growth as a
11 member and a leader. The knowledge I have gained from
12 this will undoubtedly continue to be beneficial.

13 So once again, thank you for believe in me and
14 allowing me to contribute to our organization's future.
15 May I continue with my convention meeting report?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

17 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: The Elections Committee
18 met on Thursday, June 27th, 2024 in the Sequoia B Room
19 at the Marriott Hotel, Visalia at 11:30 a.m. There is
20 no statistical report for this committee in the Book of
21 Reports.

22 Pamela Hicks, District 18, was appointed
23 secretary, Grace Huston, District 11, offered prayer,
24 and Katherine Graham, like the cookie, not the weight,
25 District 6, was appointed the sergeant-at-arms. A total

1 of 14 districts answered roll call and eight visitors
2 were present.

3 The committee agreed upon the following report.
4 Given that Elections does not have any Department Code,
5 the committee read the Department Standing Rules,
6 Department Convention Committee, Section 2, Committee on
7 Elections. Additionally, the committee read the
8 2023-2024 Convention Rules Nos. 25 through 36 on pages
9 22 and 23 Book of Reports. The meeting ended at 11:58.
10 So that concludes that report.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
12 Rebecca. You have the election rules.

13 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: I do. I just had to flip
14 to them.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.

16 ELECTION CHAIR GLENNY: Okay. So Election rules
17 start with No. 25 Book of Reports on page 22: No. 25:
18 Election of Department Officers, Junior Member of
19 Finance, National Candidate, Department Delegates, and
20 Alternates to National -- to the National Convention
21 shall be held on Saturday morning, June 29th, 2024.

22 Twenty-six: The doors of the convention hall
23 shall be closed during the entire election procedure and
24 no one shall leave or enter the hall until the Chair
25 states that the election is -- that election is

1 concluded. The exception to this shall be that in an
2 emergency, a member may leave and if their absence
3 affects the voting strength, the District President
4 shall immediately notify the presiding officer.

5 When -- 27: When there is but one nomination for
6 all offices and but one nominee for the Junior Member of
7 Finance, the nominee shall be elected viva voce.
8 Department Standing Rules, Department Convention
9 Committee, 2g. Upon roll call, the District President
10 shall report the number of units partially or wholly
11 represented by the duly elected delegates or alternates
12 present in the delegation at the time of roll call.
13 This is to determine that there is a quorum of Units
14 present at the time of this -- of the election.

15 Twenty-eight: When there is more than one
16 nominee for offices Junior Member of Finance or
17 endorsement for National Office, election shall be by
18 written ballot. Department Standing Rules, Department
19 Convention Committees, 2h. The District President
20 shall, when they are instructed by the Chair, take a
21 roll call of their respective delegations to ascertain
22 the total voting strength of their district for the
23 election, reporting the same to the Chair.

24 Twenty-nine: When there are three or more
25 nominees for the offices Junior Member of Finance or

1 endorsement by National Office of National Office,
2 unless one nominee receives a majority vote on the first
3 ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes
4 shall be automatically dropped before proceeding with
5 the next ballot. Department Standing Rules, Department
6 Convention Committee, 2.

7 All members seeking National Office shall be
8 endorsed at the Department Convention by a majority vote
9 not more than three years prior to the date they are to
10 be a candidate for office. The vote shall be by viva
11 voce. Unless there's more than one candidate, then the
12 vote shall be by ballot. Department Standing Rules,
13 Department Convention Committee, 2j.

14 Each District President and District Member of
15 the Elections Committee shall distribute and collect the
16 votes cast by the District Delegation and deliver them
17 to the Department Chairman of Elections.

18 Thirty-two: Department Officers, Chairmen,
19 Committee Members and Past Department Presidents shall
20 vote with their respective districts.

21 Thirty-three: Each delegate shall be entitled to
22 one vote, the vote of an absent Unit delegate not
23 represented by an alternate shall be cast by the
24 majority of the delegates from the Unit. When two
25 delegates represent three votes, the chairman of the

1 Unit delegation shall cast the third vote.

2 Thirty-four: A majority of the votes cast shall
3 elect, except that in the election of National delegates
4 and alternates, a plurality shall elect.

5 Thirty-five: These convention rules may be
6 amended during the convention by two-thirds vote.

7 Thirty-six: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly
8 Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all
9 points not covered by these rules, the Department
10 Constitution and Bylaws and the Convention Mandates.

11 That's everything.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. The
13 Secretary will call the roll of districts. We will now
14 proceed.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: All right.
16 District 1, there are zero delegates. District 2.

17 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT GLENN: One delegate.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District
19 4 there are no delegates. District 5.

20 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: Seven delegates.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District
22 6.

23 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT WINTERS: Nineteen
24 delegates.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Suzanne, can you

1 come up? I had you at 18. I'm sorry.

2 District 7.

3 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Thirteen.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

5 8 there are no delegates.

6 District 9.

7 DISTRICT 9 DELEGATE: One.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

9 10.

10 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR: Seven.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Susan, can you come

12 up too, please. I have you at six.

13 District 11. Come up. Sorry.

14 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: Seventeen.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Grace, we just

16 spoke and corrected your numbers. Yes or no?

17 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: I'm sorry.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up, Grace.

19 I know there are a couple of you that came and confirmed

20 numbers with me and I didn't correct my numbers, so if

21 you corrected numbers with me while we're sitting here

22 just before, please let me know.

23 District 12. District 12.

24 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT ESTAVILLO: Eight.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

1 District 13.

2 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT WILLIAMSON: We've got six

3 delegates.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

5 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT WILLIAMSON: Okay.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry. District

7 14.

8 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: We have 16.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

10 District 15.

11 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CARMICHAEL: Eleven.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

13 District 16.

14 DISTRICT 16 VICE PRESIDENT RICHARDS:

15 Twenty-eight.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

17 17.

18 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT LUGO-NUNEZ: Four.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up. Yours

20 is an easy one, but -- District 18.

21 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Twenty-four.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

23 District 19.

24 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: Twenty-three.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

1 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: No, we already
2 corrected it.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We did?

4 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: Yes.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You can come up
6 this way.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So I was sitting
8 here correcting things and I just forgot to correct my
9 own on a couple of them. So 19 we're okay. Twenty.

10 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HARVILLE: Twenty-one.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.
12 Twenty-one.

13 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: Twenty-three.
14 And I'm coming up.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.
16 Twenty-two.

17 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT JACKSON: Nineteen.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up. Sorry,
19 guys. Twenty-three.

20 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BROWN: District 23, Liz, I
21 just spoke to you and we have 16 delegates.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District
23 24.

24 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT CARD: Sixteen.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

1 25.

2 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT TOTH: District 25 has 26.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

4 District -- wait. We just talked to you, Barb; right?

5 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT TOTH: Yeah, we just

6 talked.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're right. I

8 just talked to you. You're good. You said 26; right?

9 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT TOTH: Twenty-six, yes.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Sorry.

11 District 26.

12 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: Seven.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up.

14 District 27.

15 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WINKLER-RING: Two.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up. That

17 one is another one I understand, delegates strength, not

18 just the delegates that are present.

19 Twenty-eight.

20 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT GLENNY: I gave you the

21 wrong number, so I'm going to stay here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Twenty-nine.

23 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Thirteen.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up. And 30

25 is not present.

1 Susan, give me a minute or -- Susan, what's
2 your --

3 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR: Six.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.

5 Okay. Ladies, we're back. We're going to start
6 with District 6.

7 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT WINTERS: Suzanne Winters,
8 District 6, Unit 388. My strength is 18.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. Thank
10 you, Suzanne.

11 We've got District 12.

12 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT ESTAVILLO: District 12,
13 our strength is 15.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. District 13.

15 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT WILLIAMSON: District 13, I
16 guess we've got four MIA and two delegates.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Two delegates,
18 correct.

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: They've got
20 two?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Two, yes.

22 District 14.

23 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT ENNEN: Sixteen.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.

25 District -- I can't remember.

1 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CARMICHAEL: Fifteen.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
3 Fifteen.
4 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CARMICHAEL: Fifteen.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District
6 17.
7 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT LUGO-NUNEZ: Five.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District
9 18. No. Yes. I don't know why Gabriella every time I
10 see her, I want to put her in District 19. I don't know
11 why. I'm sorry. I know she's 18 and she proudly loves
12 18.
13 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Twenty-three.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty-three.
15 Okay. Twenty.
16 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HARVILLE: Twenty-one.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Sergeant-at-Arms,
19 check the doors, please.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty-one.
21 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: Twenty-four.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.
23 Twenty-three. Twenty-two. I'm sorry.
24 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT JACKSON: Twenty.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty. Correct.

1 Twenty-seven.

2 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WINKLER-RING: Five.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

4 Twenty-nine.

5 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Thirty-eight.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty-nine is 38,

7 correct.

8 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: Eleven.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Eleven.

10 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT HUSTON: Sixteen.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sixteen. Okay.

12 Twenty-six, were you correct? Did I recall 26? She's

13 still here. Okay. You've got to go to the mic, please.

14 District 26.

15 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: District 26 has

16 seven.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Seven. Okay.

18 District 28.

19 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT GLENNY: Twenty-two.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty-two.

21 Perfect. Thank you. Okay.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You guys can sing

23 if you want to.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 22, can

25 you talk to Susie and then come to the mic.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Last one. District
3 22.

4 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT JACKSON: Nineteen.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: The credentials
7 Chairman Madeleine Reed will give the final credentials
8 report.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: One second. We're
10 getting our numbers here.

11 ELECTIONS CHAIR GLENNY: One second. She is
12 updating the numbers.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Sorry, I thought
14 they were ready. Can we have our Credentials Chairman
15 Madeleine Reed.

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17 **CREDENTIALS CONVENTION REPORT**

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19 CREDENTIALS CHAIR REED: Madam President, the
20 total number of units in the Department of California is
21 217. Quorum for the Department Convention is one-third
22 which equals 73 units. As of close of registration
23 today, Saturday, June 29th we have 108 registered units,
24 therefore, we have a quorum. Total voting strength is
25 383.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Wow.

2 CREDENTIALS CHAIR REED: One half strength is
3 192, plus one, therefore, we need 193 to elect. Madam
4 President, we have enough people to move forward with
5 elections.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
7 Madeleine.

8 (Applause.)

9 CREDENTIALS CHAIR REED: Madam President, thank
10 you for allowing me to be your Credentials Chairman. I
11 have learned a lot going through this process. Thank
12 you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
14 Madeleine. I appreciate your dedication and all the
15 hard work that you've done.

16 CREDENTIALS CHAIR REED: Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

18

19 **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025**

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21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Election of
22 Department President. There is but one nominee for the
23 office of Department President. Hold your head up.
24 Thank you. Linda Hayes. All those in favor of electing
25 Linda Hayes for Department President, signify by saying

1 aye.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a new

6 President.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Congratulations,

9 Linda. You have elected Linda Hayes for Department

10 President for the year 2024-225. Our heartfelt

11 congratulations, Linda.

12 Election for Department Vice President. Election

13 of. There is but one nomination for the office of

14 Department Vice President, Susan Baker. All those in

15 favor of electing Susan Baker for Department Vice

16 President, signify by saying aye.

17 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a new Vice

21 President.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You have elected

24 Susan Baker for Department Vice President for the year

25 2024-2025. Heartfelt congratulations to you, Susan.

1 Election of Senior Member of Finance. There is
2 but one nominee for the office of Senior Member of
3 Finance, Ann Sanchez. All those of favor of electing
4 Ann Sanchez, signify by saying aye.

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You have elected
9 Ann Sanchez as Senior Member of Finance for the year
10 2024-2025. Congratulations, Ann.

11 Election of Junior Member of Finance. There is
12 but one nominee for the office Junior Member of Finance,
13 Sharon Moore. All those in favor of electing Sharon
14 Moore Junior Member of Finance, signify by saying aye.

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You have elected
19 Sharon Moore as Junior Member of Finance for the year
20 2024-2025.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Congratulations,
23 Sharon.

24 The Secretary may now read the nominees for
25 delegates to National Convention.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I've got copies for
2 you, Anita. I might as well give you another one too.

3 Glenda, you want -- that's the National and then
4 District President.

5 Okay. National Delegates to Convention. We
6 start with President Glenda Schultz, President-Elect
7 Linda Hayes and Convention Secretary Elizabeth Doidge.
8 District 1 pass, District 2 Carolyn Glenn, District 4
9 pass, District 5 Melanie Taylor, District 6 Jennifer
10 Turner, District 7 Debbie Scanzano, District 8 pass,
11 District 9 Linda Workman, District 10 pass, District 11
12 pass, District 12 pass, District 13 pass, District 14
13 Gloria Jean Sinopoli, District 15 Dee Ann Graham,
14 District 16 Linda Fercho, District 17 Erika Hernandez,
15 District 18 Julie Morales, District 19 Lorrie Lewellyan,
16 District 20 Marcy Velador, District 21 pass, District 22
17 Linda Sundberg, District 23 Anita Biggs, District 24
18 Ruth Kahn, District 25 Tami Bell, District 26 pass,
19 District 27 Danielle White, District 28 Susan Baker and
20 District 29 Cindy Mayfield and District 30 pass.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Did she move? I'm
22 sorry, Liz, but move.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh. I move that we
24 elect the Delegates for National Convention.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. It has
2 been moved and seconded to elect the delegates as read.
3 Is there any discussion?
4 (No response.)
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
6 favor.
7 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
9 (No response.)
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
11 You have elected the Delegates to National Convention.
12 (Applause.)
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: The Secretary will
14 now read the list of nominees for alternates to National
15 Convention.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Anita, the way I
17 listed it where I have District 18, can I just read them
18 consecutively or --
19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Consecutively.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: All right.
21 District 1 pass, District 2 Judy Sarti, District 4 pass,
22 District 5 Linda Karnstedt, District 6 Suzanne Winters,
23 District 7 pass, District 8 pass, District 9 pass,
24 District 10 pass, District 11 pass, District 12 pass,
25 District 13 pass, District 14 Debbie Hurado, District 15

1 Sherry Core, District 16 Madeline Lee, District 17
2 Teresa Lugo-Nunez, District 18 Stephanie Huff and
3 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, District 19 pass, District 20
4 Nancy Heinisch, District 21 pass, District 22 Susie
5 Tozier, District 23 Cassandra Brown and Lucy Hunt,
6 District 24 Martha Romano and Marie Wigham, District 25
7 Barbara Toth and Donna Mattox, District 16 Valerie Hardy
8 and Diane Rapport, District 27 Susan Zimmerman, District
9 28 Robin Falkenberg, District 29 Pat Alvarez, and
10 District 30 pass.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Can I have a
12 motion?

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I move that we
14 accept the Alternates -- or elect the Alternates to
15 National Convention.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It has been moved
18 and seconded to elect the alternates as read. Is there
19 any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
22 favor.

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
2 You have elected the Alternates to National Convention.
3 Elected delegates and alternates, you need to
4 pick up your packets in the Department Headquarters and
5 sign for them.
6 We will now proceed to ratify the election of
7 District Presidents and Vice Presidents. Madam
8 Secretary, read the names of the District Presidents
9 Elect, please.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 1 nobody,
11 District 2 Carolyn Glenn, District 4 Samantha Valine,
12 District 5 Linda Karnstedt, District 6 Jennifer Turner,
13 District 7 Debbie Sullivan, District 8 Teresa
14 Canonizado, District 9 Helaine Rios, District 10 Susan
15 Mar, District 11 Joan Cannon, District 12 Maryann
16 Watson, District 13 Leigh Williamson, District 14 Sandi
17 Richerson-Watson, District 5 Linda Carmichael, District
18 16 Laurie Richards, District 17 Teresa Lugo-Nunez,
19 District 18 Stephanie Huff, District 19 Isabel Gallardo,
20 District 20 Elizabeth Tungate, District 21 Sharon
21 Mordetzky, District 22 Karen Bobren, District 23 Yvonne
22 Evans Hanna, District 24 Marie Whigham, District 25
23 Barbara Toth, District 26 Peggy Toye, District 27 Jean
24 Winkler-Ring, District 28 Kimberly Stuhler, and District
25 29 Pat Alvarez. District 30 had nobody.

1 I move that we ratify the election of District
2 Presidents.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It has been
4 moved -- did we --

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It has been moved
7 and seconded that we ratify the election of District
8 Presidents. Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
11 those in favor.

12 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You have ratified
18 the District Presidents.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: First Vice
20 Presidents. District 1 nobody, District 2 Judy Sarti,
21 District 4 Cathy Sanders, District 5 Lynn Jewell,
22 District 6 Suzanne Winters, District 7 Debbie Scanzano,
23 District 8 Dara Wong, District 9 Delores Long, District
24 10 Jasmine Kerry, District 11 Frances Brossman, District
25 12 Suzanne Miller. Sorry. I know cursive, but it's

1 been a while. District 13 Helen Hymes, District 14
2 Brittany Baker, District 15 Rochelle Billet-Smith,
3 District 16 Linda Fercho, District 17 Jaclyn Koelsch,
4 District 18 Julie Morales, District 19 April Joe Agent,
5 District 20 Sandra Marsteller, District 21 Danielle
6 Pantanella, District 22 Linda Sundberg, District 23
7 Alberta Cummings, District 24 Ruth Kahn, District 25
8 Tami Bell, District 26 Bonnie Schrier, District 27
9 Danielle White, District 28 Linda Lara-Guzman, District
10 29 Cindy Mayfield and District 30 pass.

11 I move that we ratify the election of the
12 District First Vice Presidents.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It has been moved
15 and seconded that we ratify the election of the District
16 First Vice Presidents. Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
19 favor.

20 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Oh, I'm sorry. I
22 think we had a discussion.

23 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: We didn't hear the
24 name of the District 26 VP. We just wanted to make sure
25 it's the right one.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Donna Schrier.
2 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: Yes. Okay.
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
4 favor.
5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
7 (No response.)
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You have ratified
9 the election of the First Vice Presidents.
10 Madam Secretary, please read the list of District
11 Second Vice Presidents Elect.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 1 nobody,
13 District 2 Linda Allison, District 4 Clerissa Griffiths,
14 District 5 Kelli Germeraad, District 6 Nicole Prudhel,
15 District 7 Glenda Schultz, District 8 -- going right
16 back around. Eight Constance Pleasant, District 9
17 nobody, District 10 Madeleine Reed, District 11 Ann
18 Scholl, District 12 Karen Freitas, District 13 Cece
19 Harvey, District 14 Debbie Hurado, District 15 Genecia
20 Risner, District 16 nobody, District 17 Erika Hernandez,
21 District 18 Sonia Reza, District 19 Debbie Butler,
22 District 20 Laura Kellgreen, District 21 Jana Sue Akers,
23 District 22 Colleen Collazo, District 23 Lucy Hunt,
24 District 24 Virginia Jakel, District 25 Margie Kimble,
25 District 26 Marci Lyzun, District 27 Monika Zuccaro,

1 District 28 Marguerite Blum. District 29 Cindy Edes,
2 and District 30 nobody.

3 I move that we ratify the election of
4 Second District Vice Presidents.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It has been moved
7 and seconded that we ratify the election of the District
8 Second Vice Presidents. All those in favor.

9 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry. Any
11 discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
14 favor.

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
19 You have ratified the Second Vice Presidents. This
20 concludes the elections and the Pages or the
21 Sergeant-at-Arms may open the doors.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Will the newly
24 elected Department Officers and National Officers please
25 come to the stage to be presented. Okay, you guys.

1 Madam Vice President, will you please come to the
2 stage. Madam Vice President. Madam President is
3 coming, Senior Member of Finance, Junior Member of
4 Finance.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Madam
6 President, Kathie Martinez, Past Department President,
7 District 24. I believe we need to ratify the nomination
8 for National Historian. It's Melanie Taylor.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Oh, my God.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: But it's -- but
11 it's an endorsement, it's not an --

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: -- election. Am I
14 wrong?

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No, it's an
16 endorsement. We're endorsing. California is endorsing
17 her.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Don't we
19 have to vote to endorse?

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We have to
21 vote to endorse.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We haven't
23 yet.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'll sit back
25 down.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry,
2 Melanie.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I move -- I move
4 for the endorsement of -- God, my brain is like I'm
5 done. It's not doing it.

6 I move that we endorse Melanie Taylor for the
7 Office of National Historian '24-'25.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It has been moved
10 and seconded that we endorse Melanie Taylor for National
11 Historian. Is there any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
14 favor.

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It gives me great
21 pleasure to present to you the newly elected Department
22 Officers for the year '24-'25.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Department
25 President Linda Hayes, Department Vice President Susan

1 Baker, Senior Member of Finance Ann Sanchez, Junior
2 Member of Finance Sharon Moore.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. I'm
5 sorry, Sharon, I said you can go back, but I think we
6 have an hour left so I think we will go ahead and do
7 your Constitution & Bylaws.

8 Our Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
9 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman will present --
10 and I'm not sure who we have. I believe -- is this the
11 National Commander?

12 (Processional.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry. Our
14 National Executive Chairman from The Legion. And of
15 course behind him is our favorite Past National Vice
16 Commander, Mr. Higuera.

17 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA:
18 Good morning, ladies, once again. I hadn't even started
19 and I was already getting a standing ovation. Thanks
20 again.

21 The American Legion Department of California is
22 very proud to have a gentleman with us today from the
23 Department of Kansas. You know, the Department of
24 Kansas has been on the radar screen a lot, and let's
25 just say Trish Ward for starters. That's going to be

1 your next National President of the American Legion
2 Auxiliary. We're proud of Trish because she's one of
3 our home girls; right? California grown and bred and
4 all that good stuff.

5 Today we are before you to introduce to you a
6 gentleman that has an outstanding record of service with
7 The American Legion. His eligibility comes from his
8 service in the United States Air Force. No Air Force
9 ladies out there?

10 (Applause.)

11 LEGION PAST NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER HIGUERA:

12 Okay. He has had and is still having an outstanding
13 professional career. Having completed law school, he
14 became a practicing attorney and then was asked by the
15 governor of the State of Kansas to be a presiding judge.
16 And he is still acting in that capacity. He has
17 indicated to us that he is -- well, let's just say loved
18 by few, something to that effect. But any case, I
19 affectionately call him the Cattle Barron because he
20 posted on his Facebook he had a ton of calves and stuff
21 so that keeps him busy.

22 But the fact I told this gentleman that, Dan, do
23 you have any sunglasses because you're going to bask in
24 the glow of the most gorgeous ladies you ever saw, you
25 know, west of the Mississippi River. It gives me a

1 great deal of pleasure to present to you The American
2 Legion's leading candidate for National Commander for
3 the years 2025-2026, the Honorable Dan Wiley, Department
4 of Kansas.

5 (Applause.)

6 KANSAS NEC WILEY: Good morning. While it's
7 awesome to be here in the great state of California, a
8 couple things. One is we're very proud in Kansas of
9 Trish Ward and the fact that she's going to be your
10 National President. Most of you probably know Trish.
11 We're looking forward to that in '24-'25 year in just a
12 couple months in New Orleans.

13 I hadn't planned on telling you this story, but
14 after Jimmy talked about loved by few, now I've got to
15 explain it because I don't want walk out the door and
16 go: What the heck? Does everybody hate the guy? I'll
17 tell you why everybody hates the guy.

18 You know, I was in -- I heard nothing, by the
19 way. I was in Oregon on a visit, oh, about three months
20 ago and we went to a cemetery to honor an individual
21 that was one of the founding fathers of The American
22 Legion. So we went to his grave site, we paid our
23 respects as what he normally do, and as I was walking
24 through the cemetery, I was explaining that one of the
25 things I like to do is I like to read the inscriptions,

1 the epithets on the tombstones because often they tell a
2 story. You see stuff like somebody's service, you might
3 see family members, you might see what they did as a
4 civilians career, something on that tombstone that tells
5 a story.

6 And I walked and I saw this tombstone and it
7 stopped me in my tracks. I had never seen this on a
8 tombstone before. And the tombstone said: "Loved by
9 most." And I thought to myself loved by most, what is
10 that? You know, I've seen "Loved by many," "Loved by
11 all." I have never seen "Loved by most."

12 And you know there's a story there. I don't know
13 what the story is. I wish I knew it, but it got me to
14 thinking. The people I was with -- and I am a district
15 court judge, and what Jimmy didn't explain was I hear
16 divorces. Yeah, that's why I'm loved by few. You know,
17 and I'm okay with that. But there's one more thing to
18 the story I have to tell you. You're not even going to
19 believe this, but this is true though.

20 So I've got a guy right in front of me now in
21 divorce court going through a divorce. And he's been
22 married a few times and divorced a few times. How many
23 do you think is a bunch? Like is five a lot of
24 divorces?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: No.

2 KANSAS NEC WILEY: There's a story there. Yeah,
3 all right. Well, he's been divorced more than -- is ten
4 a lot?

5 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah.

6 KANSAS NEC WILEY: Okay. She Says yes. I got
7 her number narrowed down. How about 15?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Wow.

9 KANSAS NEC WILEY: Yeah, it's more than 15. How
10 about 20? Yeah, we're not there yet. This is a true
11 story. The guy is going through his 23rd divorce. He's
12 about 70 years old. I thought what is this term limits.
13 He gets married, it's a two-year term, you know. I just
14 see his tombstone now: "Loved by quite a few, but not
15 anymore."

16 You know, it is great to be here. And on a
17 serious note, I want to tell you this. I am a strong
18 believer in the American Legion Family. First, my wife
19 is an Auxiliary member. She's a unit president like
20 many of you and I'm sure one day she would like to get
21 out of that job. She'd just like to find a replacement.
22 Good luck, honey. She was District President two years
23 and she enjoyed that, just finished her second term as
24 District President.

25 My daughter is a member of the Auxiliary and my

1 son is a member of the Sons of the American Legion, as
2 am I. I'm a member of The Sons of The American Legion
3 honoring my grandfather's service during World War I.

4 And so that's one of the reasons I'm a big
5 believer in the American Legion Family is just because
6 of my own family. But that's not the only reason. I'll
7 tell you why the biggest reason I'm a supporter of the
8 American Legion Family is that when I travel the
9 Department of Kansas as Department Commander and now as
10 I travel the United States, when you walk into a post
11 and you visit a post, you could tell within a matter of
12 minutes whether that post is successful or if that post
13 is struggling.

14 And it's almost always a product of leadership in
15 that post. And it's the leadership that recognizes that
16 we're all together in the same mission. It's not about
17 who gets the credit, it's about whether the job gets
18 done. It's those posts that are working together as a
19 post, a unit, squadron, and a chapter. Those are the
20 successful posts. They understand.

21 And I say this when I speak to all of our
22 organizations. They understand that elevating everybody
23 around you elevates not only yourself, but it elevates
24 the organization. Those are the ones. Those leaders
25 understand that working together, we get more done. And

1 that's why I'm a believer in the American Legion Family.

2 And I'm not telling you that to preach to you
3 because oftentimes I get did you say the same message to
4 The Legion. When we're in joint session, I have a
5 different message to The Legion. They have some other
6 issues like communication stuff I think they can work
7 on. Yeah, oh, yeah, yeah, that's -- that's my number
8 one line with them.

9 So I don't tell you that to preach. You guys
10 know that. I tell you that just to tell you that as
11 National Commander, one of the things I'm going to
12 preach is Commander Rolland's theme, and that is Family
13 First. That's going to be a secondary theme. I'm not
14 really going to go into it here today, but our theme is
15 going to continue to be "Be The One" because that is by
16 far the most significant issue of our times.

17 But a secondary theme is going to be Family First
18 because I am a believer. We have posts in our state
19 that but for the unit and but for the squadron and but
20 for the Riders, even though it's a conglomeration of all
21 three, but for those three, most posts wouldn't be open.

22 So you guys are very much appreciated. I just
23 wanted to let you know that. And I'll just close by
24 saying God bless you, God bless the American Legion
25 Family, God bless our troops, and God bless the United

1 States of America. Thank you so very much.

2 (Applause.)

3 KANSAS NEC WILEY: You're not showing that to
4 your exes are you?

5 (Processional.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We're going to
7 have our Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Sharon Moore.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Are we ready?

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10 **CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT**

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12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. Good
13 morning, Madam President, ladies. The convention
14 committee on Constitution & Bylaws met on June 27th,
15 2024 in Mineral King B Room. The statistical report of
16 this Chairman appears on page 28 in the Book of Reports.

17 Liz Tungate, District 20, was appointed
18 secretary, Suzanne Winters, District 6, offered prayer,
19 and Diana Livas, District 19, was appointed
20 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19 district delegates
21 answered roll call. There were five visitors present.
22 I messed up on here, so I'm going to say something else.

23 The meeting adjourned and reconvened on Friday,
24 June 28th, 2024 to continue with review of the Standing
25 Rules. The committee agreed upon the following report:

1 The Department Code was read and there was one code
2 change. 6c should be amended to read: "Constitution &
3 Bylaws amendments and rewrites shall be read at two
4 consecutive regular Unit/District meetings."

5 By the direction of the committee, I move for
6 acceptance of this code change.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
9 on the floor for Department Code change -- Department
10 Code No. 6c shall be amended to read -- I don't have the
11 current reading. Hold on.

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I'm sorry.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is that -- 6c
14 currently reads: "Constitution & Bylaw amendments and
15 rewrites shall be read at two separate Unit/District
16 meetings. (2012)."

17 The proposed change if approved -- sorry, I was
18 lost for words there -- will read: "Constitution &
19 Bylaws amendments and rewrites shall be read at two
20 consecutive regular Unit/District meetings."

21 Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
24 we'll vote. All those in favor.

25 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
5 Madam President. Second and third place awards as well
6 as 100 percent certificates, reporting certificates were
7 presented in committee. The Department Constitution,
8 Department Bylaws, and Department Standing Rules were
9 reviewed. The proposed amendments are as follows. And
10 I will go through the Constitution first, Madam
11 President.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: There are two
14 amendments to the Constitution. First one, Article 6,
15 Section 1 currently reads: "In the event it is not
16 feasible to hold a convention at the same location as
17 that of The American Legion, the time and location shall
18 be determined by a vote of the American Legion Auxiliary
19 Executive Committee."

20 Madam President, do I need to read the proposed
21 amendment and then also if adopted?

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No, just the
23 adopted.

24 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. Thank
25 you. Because that's a lot of reading. If adopted it

1 will read: "In the event it is not feasible to hold a
2 convention at the same location as that of The American
3 Legion, the time and location shall be determined by a
4 vote of the American Legion Auxiliary Department
5 Executive Committee."

6 By direction of the committee, I move to accept
7 this change.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
10 on the floor to change Article 6, Section 1 of the
11 Constitution. The current wording is: "In the event it
12 is not feasible to hold a convention at the same
13 location as that of The American Legion, the time and
14 location shall be determined by a vote of the American
15 Legion Auxiliary Executive Committee."

16 If adopted the code will read: "In the event it
17 is not feasible to hold a convention at the same
18 location as that of The American Legion, the time and
19 location shall be determined by a vote of the American
20 Legion Auxiliary Department Executive Committee."

21 Is there any discussion? Martha.

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Martha Romano,
23 District 24. Just for clarification, the location, does
24 that mean the hotel or the city?

25 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Location.

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: So like right
2 now we're in the same hotel in the same city. Last year
3 we were in the same city but different locations in
4 terms of hotels.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It just means
6 city, doesn't it, Sharon?

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Well, it
8 doesn't say, but I would assume it wouldn't matter.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, same city.

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Same city. So
11 does that mean then that we would have convention -- so,
12 for example, my husband's a Legionnaire, so if he has
13 convention -- it's on the same date; right? We're still
14 on the same date, but different locations?

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
16 Chairman, excuse me, I didn't mean to cut you off, but
17 in other governing documents, it is the city that is
18 determined by The American Legion and we are to be in
19 the same city. If we cannot be in the same location, we
20 have to make our decision here at the DEC to meet
21 somewhere that is feasible for us to meet. But we must
22 meet in the same city.

23 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Okay. I just
24 want to make sure that that's what we're saying.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: My name is

1 Anita Biggs, Past Department President, District 23,
2 Unit 252.

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Et cetera, et
4 cetera, et cetera. Okay. I just want to ensure that
5 the location means just different hotel because they
6 pick the city. No?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: (Nods head.)

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Correct.

9 DISTRICT 22 CALOZZO: Good morning, Colleen
10 Calozzo, Unit 365, District 22. I didn't hear a change.
11 What is the change?

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: The change
13 was instead of just saying Department -- it was saying
14 the American Legion Auxiliary Executive Committee -- oh,
15 it initially said the American Legion Executive
16 Committee. Now it's saying Department Executive
17 Committee.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Just adding the
19 word "Department."

20 DISTRICT 22 CALOZZO: Thank you.

21 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I'm sorry,
22 ladies, maybe I'll do the rationale after each as I do
23 each one so you'll know what the rationale was. I
24 apologize for that.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any further

1 discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
4 favor.

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Proposal No.
10 2, Article 6, Section 6: "Each delegate shall be
11 entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent
12 and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the
13 chairman of the delegation. The manner for casting
14 votes shall be as provided in the Department Convention
15 Standing Rules."

16 If adopted it will read: "Each delegate shall be
17 entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate absent
18 and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the
19 chairman of the delegation. The chairman of the
20 delegation is determined by the unit delegation. The
21 manner for casting votes shall be as provided in the
22 Department Convention Standing Rules."

23 And the rationale is clarification on how the
24 chairman of the delegation is selected. By direction of
25 the committee, I move -- I move for acceptance of this

1 change.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
4 on the -- we have a motion on the floor for Article 6,
5 Section 6 of the Constitution. The current wording is
6 now: "Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The
7 vote of any" -- excuse me -- "the vote of any delegate
8 absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast
9 by the chairman of the delegation. The manner of
10 casting votes shall be provided in the Department
11 Convention Standing Rules."

12 If adopted the code will read: "Each delegate
13 shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of any delegate
14 absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast
15 by the chairman of the delegation. The chairman of the
16 delegation is determined by the unit delegation. The
17 manner for casting votes shall be as provided in the
18 Department Convention Standing Rules."

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
22 we'll vote. All those in favor.

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

2 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. That's it for the Constitution. Now
4 we'll move on to the Bylaws. And, ladies, we have 25
5 proposals, so bear with me. We went through it, you all
6 got to go through it too.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: This is what
8 happens when people don't want to make code changes and
9 things aren't changed every year when they probably
10 should be.

11 Sorry, Sharon. Thank you.

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 For the Bylaws, Article 2, Section 1. The
15 current wording: "The Department Convention shall elect
16 annually five delegates for charter and one for each
17 1,500 members or major fraction thereof and one
18 alternate for each delegate to the National Convention.
19 Election shall be by ballot when the number of
20 candidates exceeds the number designated. A plurality
21 vote shall elect."

22 If adopted it shall read: "The Department
23 Convention shall elect annually seven delegates for
24 charter and one for each 1,200 members or major fraction
25 thereof and one alternate for each delegate to the

1 National Convention. Election shall be by ballot when
2 the number of candidates exceeds the number designated.
3 A plurality vote shall elect."

4 By direction of the committee, I move to accept
5 this change.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a proposed
8 change for the Bylaws, Article 2, Section 1. It
9 currently reads: "The Department Convention shall elect
10 annually five delegates for charter and one for each one
11 thousand five hundred (1,500) members or major fraction
12 thereof and one alternate for each delegate to National
13 Convention. Election shall be by ballot when the number
14 of candidates exceeds the number designated. A
15 plurality vote shall elect."

16 If adopted it will read: "The Department
17 Convention shall elect annually seven (7) delegates for
18 charter and one for each one thousand two hundred
19 (1,200) members or major fraction thereof and one (1)
20 alternate for each delegate to the National Convention.
21 Election shall be by ballot when the number of
22 candidates exceeds the number designated. A plurality
23 vote shall elect."

24 Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
2 President, Anita Biggs, Past Department President.
3 Clarification, this bylaw is to increase the number of
4 delegates that will be representing California in the
5 future. So that you understand that, that is really the
6 reason for this, so we'll have more participation and
7 folks that can go to National Convention.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
9 further discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
12 we'll vote. All those in favor.

13 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Sharon.

20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: The next one,
21 Article 3, Section 9: "In cases of vacancies in the
22 offices of Department President, Department Vice
23 President, Department Secretary, and Department
24 Treasurer simultaneously, the Junior Past Department
25 President, Department Parliamentarian, the Department

1 Finance Committee Chairman shall call an emergency
2 meeting of the Department Executive Committee within 30
3 days of such vacancies. The meeting shall be held in
4 the Department Headquarters for the American Legion
5 Auxiliary or by electronic means."

6 If adopted it shall read: "In cases of vacancies
7 in the offices of Department President, Department Vice
8 President, Department Secretary, and Department
9 Treasurer simultaneously, the Junior Past Department
10 President, Department Parliamentarian, the Department
11 Finance Committee Chairman shall call an emergency
12 meeting of the Department Executive Committee within 30
13 days of such vacancies. The meeting may be held in the
14 Department Headquarters of the American Legion
15 Auxiliary, regularly scheduled Department Executive
16 Committee Meeting, or by electronic means."

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

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
21 on the floor for Article 3, Section 9 that currently
22 reads: "In cases of vacancies in the offices of
23 Department President, Department Vice President,
24 Department Secretary, and Department Treasurer
25 simultaneously, the Junior Past Department President,

1 Department Parliamentarian, the Department Finance
2 Committee Chairman shall call an emergency meeting of
3 the Department Executive Committee within 30 days of
4 such vacancies. The meeting shall be held in the
5 Department Headquarters for the American Legion
6 Auxiliary or by electronic means."

7 If adopted it will read: "In cases of vacancies
8 in the offices of Department President, Department Vice
9 President, Department Secretary, and Department
10 Treasurer simultaneously, the Junior Past Department
11 President, Department Parliamentarian, the Department
12 Finance Committee Chairman shall call an emergency
13 meeting of the Department Executive Committee within 30
14 days of such vacancies. The meeting may be held in the
15 Department Headquarters of the American Legion
16 Auxiliary, regularly scheduled Department Executive
17 Committee Meeting, or by electronic means."

18 Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
21 we'll vote. All those in favor.

22 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

1 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
2 Madam President. Moving onto Proposal No. 3, Article 4,
3 Section 1, No. 1. Current wording: "Department
4 President: It shall be the duty of the Department
5 President to preside at all meetings of the Department
6 Convention assembled in the Department Executive
7 Committee; to enforce strict observance of the
8 Constitution & Bylaws except as hereinafter provided in
9 (d.) (and with the exception of the Legislative Chairman
10 this may be removed if NEC is elected) to appoint
11 chairman and members of the standing committees and
12 create such other special committees and appoint members
13 thereof as the Department President deems advisable, and
14 perform such duties as custom and parliamentary usage
15 requires."

16 If adopted it shall read: "Department President:
17 It shall be the duty of the Department President to
18 preside at all meetings of the Department Convention
19 assembled in the Department Executive Committee; to
20 enforce strict observance of the Constitution & Bylaws,
21 to appoint chairmen and members of standing committees
22 and create such other special committees and appoint
23 members thereof as the Department President deems
24 advisable, and perform such duties as custom and
25 parliamentary usage requires."

1 By direction of the committee, I move to accept
2 this change.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
5 on the floor for a proposed change. Article 4, Section
6 1, No. 1. It currently reads: "Department President:
7 It shall be the duty of the Department President to
8 preside at all meetings of the Department Convention
9 assembled in the Department Executive Committee; to
10 enforce strict observance of the Constitution & Bylaws
11 except as hereinafter provided in (d.) (and with the
12 exception of the Legislative Chairman this may be
13 removed if NEC is elected) to appoint chairman and
14 members of the standing committees and create such other
15 special committees and appoint members thereof as the
16 Department President deems advisable, and perform such
17 duties as custom and parliamentary usage requires."

18 If adopted it will read: "Department President:
19 It shall be the duty of the Department President to
20 preside at all meetings of the Department Convention
21 assembled in the Department Executive Committee; to
22 enforce strict observance of the Constitution & Bylaws,
23 to appoint chairmen and members of standing committees
24 and create such other special committees and appoint
25 members thereof as the Department President deems

1 advisable, and perform such duties as custom and
2 parliamentary usage requires."

3 Is there any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
6 we'll vote. All those in favor.

7 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

11 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
12 Madam President. Proposal No. 4, Article 4, Section 1,
13 No. 6 currently reads: "The Department President shall
14 appoint the following Department Officers: Chaplain,
15 Historian, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant
16 Sergeant-at-Arms, and Musician." And then in
17 parentheses it says, "(may be dropped)".

18 If adopted it will read: "The Department
19 President shall appoint the following Department
20 Officers: Chaplain, Historian, Parliamentarian,
21 Sergeant-at-Arms, and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms."

22 By direction of the committee I move to accept
23 this change.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We have a

1 motion on the floor for Article 4, Section 1, No. 6. It
2 currently reads: "The Department President shall
3 appoint the following Department Officers: Chaplain,
4 Historian, Parliamentarian, Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant
5 Sergeant-at-Arms, and Musician. (May be dropped)."

6 If adopted it will read: "The Department
7 President shall appoint the following Department
8 Officers: Chaplain, Historian, Parliamentarian,
9 Department Sergeant-at" -- sorry -- "Sergeant-at-Arms,
10 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms."

11 Okay. Rationale is the Music Chairman is an
12 officer now.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Chairman. Is a
15 chairman now, not an officer. Is there any discussion?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: No, it's all
17 good. Melanie Taylor, Past Department President,
18 District 5, Unit 293. Sharon, could I get a
19 clarification on what article and section you were
20 reading, please?

21 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Article 4,
22 Section 1, No. 6.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We have alphas
24 and not numerical. Madam President, I have that as E
25 and not 6.

1 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I have the
2 original bylaws.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I have the
4 original.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Anita is looking
6 for it. Hold on just a second.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Thank
8 you.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I should say Madam
10 Parliamentarian is looking for it. This is another
11 example of why you can't let these things wait and say
12 we'll change them next year. Or you can't wait like we
13 had them how many years ago, Melanie?

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: 2019 is when
15 Past Department President Diane DeLashmit and Terry
16 Mikesell and I were tasked as an ad hoc committee to
17 rewrite the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So they need to be
19 looked at every year. You can't just wait --

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Correct.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: -- every five
22 years and say now we're going to do all of this.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah, the last
24 it was done, Madam President, was in 2019. Looking at
25 the Department Website, the Constitution & Bylaws shows

1 it as an alpha and not a numerical.

2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam

3 President, is that what's on the website? Because I'm

4 looking. We were trying to find it.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: It's item E.

6 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Item E.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I got it

8 written online and here and it's all different. We're

9 trying to get it altogether. Thank you.

10 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: So this would

11 be Article 4, Section 1, Item E?

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yes.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: All of those

14 that you have numbered will be changed to alpha, A, B,

15 C, D, E.

16 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any

19 further discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in

22 favor.

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

2 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you.

3 Proposal No. 6, Article 4, then I would assume Section
4 1, and I would assume it would be item No. F; is that
5 correct?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay.

8 Current reading: "The Department President shall
9 appoint chairmen of all Standing Committees except
10 Legislative and Past Presidents Parley."

11 If adopted it will read: "The Department
12 President shall appoint chairmen and members of all
13 Standing Committees."

14 By the direction of the committee I accept this
15 change.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Move to
18 accept. I'm sorry.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
20 on the floor for Article 4, Section 1f currently reads:
21 "The Department President shall appoint the chairmen and
22 members of all standing committees except Legislative
23 and Past Presidents Parley."

24 If adopted it will read: "The Department
25 President shall appoint chairmen and members of all

1 Standing Committees."

2 Is there any discussion?

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam

4 President, Anita Biggs, Past Department President. More
5 clarification of this change. Before we were electing
6 the NEC, it was automatic that the NEC would be the
7 Legislative Chairman, the Junior Past President, and
8 NEC. Now that we elect, we can't do that. And also
9 with the Past Presidents Parley Chairman, the President
10 may not -- the Past President may not be available which
11 would lead anyway for the Department President to have
12 to make that selection. So now we're just making it
13 clear.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
15 further discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
18 we'll vote. All those in favor.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. Next
24 Proposal No. 6, Article 4, Section 1h: "The Department
25 President shall appoint the Girls State Chairman and

1 members of the Girls State Committee."

2 If adopted it will read: "The Department
3 President shall appoint the Girls State Chairman and
4 members of the Girls State Committee from nominees
5 recommended by the Girls State Committee."

6 By direction of the committee I move to accept
7 this change.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
10 on the floor for Article 4, Section 1h currently
11 reading: "The Department President shall appoint the
12 Girls State Chairman and members of the Girls State
13 Committee."

14 "The Department President" -- if adopted will
15 read: "The Department President shall appoint the Girls
16 State Chairman and members of the Girls State Committee
17 from the nominees recommended by the Girls State
18 Committee."

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
22 we'll vote. All those in favor.

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those opposed.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

2 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
3 Madam President. Proposal No. 7, Article 4, Section 11,
4 as in Larry, currently reads: "The Department President
5 shall attend budget meeting as Vice President as as the
6 sitting President, and audit meetings."

7 If adopted, it will read: "The Department
8 President and Vice President shall attend Budget and
9 Audit meetings."

10 By the direction of the committee, I move to
11 accept this change.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Second?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
15 to the floor for Article 7, Section 1, and what was the
16 letter?

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: L.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: L. Currently
19 reads: "The Department President shall attend Budget
20 meetings as Vice President as as the sitting President
21 and Audit meetings."

22 If adopted will read: "The Department President
23 and Vice President shall attend Budget and Audit
24 meetings."

25 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
3 those in favor.

4 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. This is a long one.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Oh, no.

11 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Article 4,
12 Section 3. We've got a bunch of short ones too, but
13 just bear with me. We've got a couple long ones.

14 Current reading -- I mean wording: "The
15 Department Secretary may be a paid full-time employee
16 responsible to the Department President and Department
17 Executive Committee. The Department Secretary shall be
18 a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and an officer
19 of the Department of California. As a paid employee and
20 Department officer, the Department Secretary shall serve
21 as a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and a
22 voting member of the Department Convention. The
23 Department Secretary may be removed from office at any
24 time by a majority vote of the Department Executive
25 Committee. The Department Secretary shall ensure that

1 all duties relative to the necessary operation of the
2 Department office be performed on a timely basis. If
3 serving as Department Secretary/Treasurer, the
4 Department Secretary shall monitor all investments,
5 record books, ledgers, and accounts and assure they are
6 current and accurate. In the event the Department
7 Secretary is not a paid employee, the Secretary shall
8 have the privilege of vote."

9 If adopted it shall read: "Department Secretary:
10 The Department Secretary may be a paid full-time
11 employee reporting to the Department President and
12 Department Executive Committee. The Department
13 Secretary shall be a member of the American Legion
14 Auxiliary and an officer of the Department of
15 California. As a paid employee and Department officer,
16 the Department Secretary shall serve as a non-voting
17 member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of
18 the Department Convention. The Department Secretary may
19 be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of
20 the Department Executive Committee. The Department
21 Secretary shall ensure that all duties relative to the
22 necessary operation of the Department office be
23 performed on a timely basis. In the event the
24 Department Secretary is not a paid employee, the
25 Secretary shall have the privilege of vote."

1 The rationale for this, we have separated the
2 roles of Secretary and Treasurer. The jobs are both too
3 intense to combine, therefore, by direction of the
4 committee, I move to accept this change.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second that.

6 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: That's my
7 Sergeant-at-Arms over there making all that noise.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
9 on the floor for Bylaws Article 4, Section 3, currently
10 reads: "The Department Secretary may be a paid
11 full-time employee responsible to the Department
12 President and Department Executive Committee. The
13 Department Secretary shall be a member of the American
14 Legion Auxiliary and an officer of the Department of
15 California. As a paid employee and Department officer,
16 the Department Secretary shall serve as a non-voting
17 member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of
18 the Department Convention. The Department Secretary may
19 be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of
20 the Department Executive Committee. The Department
21 Secretary shall ensure that all duties relative to the
22 necessary operation of the Department office be
23 performed on a timely basis. If serving as Department
24 Secretary/Treasurer, the Department Secretary shall
25 monitor all investments, record books, ledgers, and

1 accounts and assure they are current and accurate. In
2 the event the Department Secretary is not a paid
3 employee, the Secretary shall have the privilege of
4 vote."

5 If adopted will read: "Department Secretary:
6 The Department Secretary may be a paid full-time
7 employee reporting to the Department President and
8 Department Executive Committee. The Department
9 Secretary shall be a member of the American Legion
10 Auxiliary and n officer of the Department of California.
11 As a paid employee and Department officer, the
12 Department Secretary shall serve as a non-voting member
13 of the Executive Committee and a voting member of the
14 Department Convention. The Department Secretary may be
15 removed from office at any time by a majority vote of
16 the Department Executive Committee. The Department
17 Secretary shall ensure that all duties relative to the
18 necessary operation of the Department office be
19 performed on a timely basis. In the event the
20 Department Secretary is not a paid employee, the
21 Secretary shall have the privilege of vote."

22 Is there any discussion? I'm not sure why that
23 that "n" is in there.

24 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Madam
25 President, it's just a housekeeping. It's a typo. It

1 should be "an."

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. It's
3 correct in the book.

4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Yes, it is
5 correct in the book.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any discussion?

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
8 President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President,
9 District 5, Unit 293. My copy of that section, the last
10 few sentences in that paragraph read entirely different.
11 And on the website -- may I? Okay. Excuse me.

12 Section 3, Department Secretary original code
13 reads: "The Department Secretary may be a paid
14 full-time employee responsible to the Department
15 President and Department Executive Committee. The
16 Department Secretary shall be a member of the American
17 Legion Auxiliary and an officer of the Department of
18 California. As a paid employee and Department Officer,
19 the Department Secretary shall serve as a non-voting
20 member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of
21 the Department Convention. The Department Secretary may
22 be removed from office at any time by a majority vote of
23 the Department Executive Committee. The Department
24 Secretary shall ensure that all duties relative to the
25 necessary operation of the Department Office be

1 performed on a timely basis. The Department Secretary
2 shall monitor all investments, record books, ledgers,
3 and accounts and assure they are current and accurate.
4 In the event the Department Secretary is not a paid
5 employee, the Secretary shall have the privilege of
6 vote." And this was voted on in 2019.

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Did I not
8 read it like that? I have here, "If serving as
9 Department Secretary/Treasurer" --

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That's
11 deleted.

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: That was
13 deleted. Back then?

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Back then,
15 yeah.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Because
17 Section 4, Sharon, now specifically addresses the
18 Department Treasurer.

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: This was
20 corrected earlier. We took the "Treasurer/Secretary"
21 out.

22 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I think I see
23 what happened.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
25 Past Department President. Melanie is correct. The

1 only thing is the original wording is to deleted the
2 sentence that reads: "If serving as Department
3 Secretary/Treasurer." The purpose of the amendment is
4 to delete the duties that would be those of the
5 Treasurer to state that the Department Secretary will
6 monitor those duties. And that is in that original
7 bylaw.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah, so
9 you're saying then that she will run the Department
10 Office on a timely basis, that will stay. But then the
11 Department Secretary shall monitor all investments,
12 record books, ledgers --

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And that will
15 be deleted.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That would be
17 part of the Treasurer's --

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Treasurer's --

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: -- duties;
20 correct?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Exactly.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: And not the
23 Secretary.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Exactly.

25 Thank you.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: And so what
2 we're voting on is correct wording.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any more
4 discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
7 we'll vote. All those in favor.

8 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Those opposed.
10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. The
13 next one is Article 4, Section 4. And it's very long,
14 but it's only pertaining to the first sentence of that
15 section, which currently reads: "Department Treasurer:
16 The Department Treasurer may be a paid full-time
17 employee responsible to the Department President and
18 Department Executive Committee."

19 If adopted, it shall read: "Department
20 Treasurer: The Department Treasurer may be a paid
21 full-time employee reporting to the Department President
22 and Department Executive Committee."

23 Okay. That was not the right one. I'm sorry.
24 Before it said "responsible." Now it's saying
25 "reporting." That's the difference. It's just the word

1 change from "responsible" to "reporting to."

2 By direction of the committee, I move to accept
3 this change.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. There's a
6 motion on the floor for Article 4, Section 4 to remove
7 one word, change it from "responsible" to "reporting."
8 Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
11 favor.

12 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

16 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay.

17 Article 4, Section 4, No. D. And the current wording:
18 "The Department Treasurer shall have the power of
19 disbursing all other budgeted funds under supervision of
20 Finance Committee, subject to the confirmation of the
21 convention body. No funds in excess of the budget shall
22 be expended by the Department Treasurer except by
23 authorization of the Department President and Department
24 Finance Committee. Provided, however, that all the
25 times said" -- "all the times said money is expended or

1 disbursed the Department Treasurer shall enter or record
2 in a book kept for that purpose, and otherwise account
3 for the same. The Department Treasurer shall at all
4 times keep record books, ledgers, and accounts in
5 readiness for auditing."

6 If adopted it will read: "The Department
7 Treasurer shall have the power of disbursing all
8 budgeted funds under supervision of the Finance
9 Committee, subject to confirmation of the convention
10 body. No funds that exceed the budget shall be expended
11 by the Department Treasurer, except by authorization of
12 the Department President and Department Finance
13 Committee. Provided, however, that all the time said
14 money is expended or disbursed the Department Treasurer
15 shall enter or record in a book kept for that purpose
16 and otherwise account for the same. The Department
17 Treasurer shall always keep record books, ledgers, and
18 accounts in readiness for auditing."

19 By direction of the committee, I move for this
20 change.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
23 on the floor for Article 4, Section 4, No. D. It
24 currently reads: "The Department Treasurer shall have
25 the power of disbursing all other budgeted funds under

1 supervision of Finance Committee, subject to the
2 confirmation of the convention body. No funds in excess
3 of the budget shall be expended by the Department
4 Treasurer except by authorization of the Department
5 President and Department Finance Committee. Provided,
6 however, that all the times said money is expended or
7 disbursed, the Department Treasurer shall enter or
8 record in a book kept for that purpose and otherwise
9 account for the same. The Department Treasurer shall at
10 all times keep record books, ledgers, and accounts in
11 readiness for auditing."

12 If adopted it will read: "The Department
13 Treasurer shall have the power of disbursing all
14 budgeted funds under supervision of the Finance
15 Committee, subject to confirmation of the convention
16 body. No funds that exceed the budget shall be expended
17 by the Department Treasurer, except by authorization of
18 the Department President and Department Finance
19 Committee. Provided, however, that all the time said
20 money is expended or disbursed, the Department Treasurer
21 shall enter or record in a book kept for that purpose
22 and otherwise account for the same. The Department
23 Treasurer shall always keep record books, ledgers, and
24 accounts in readiness for auditing."

25 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
3 we'll vote. All those in favor.

4 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
9 Madam President. Proposal No. 11, Article 4, Section 4,
10 No. E currently reads: "The office of Department
11 Treasurer shall be bonded in a sufficient sum, to be
12 decided upon by the Department Convention, as prescribed
13 by National, the expense of same to be borne by
14 Department."

15 If adopted it shall read: "The office of
16 Department Treasurer shall be bonded in a sufficient
17 sum, to be decided upon at the Department Convention, as
18 prescribed by National, the expense of the same to be
19 borne by Department."

20 And it was just correcting a word since
21 Department Convention is an event and not a person. And
22 so by direction of the committee, I move to adopt this
23 change.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
25 on the floor for Article 4, Section 4, No. 3. It

1 currently reads: The office of Department Treasurer
2 shall be bonded in a sufficient sum, to be decided upon
3 by the Department Convention, as prescribed by National,
4 the expense of same to be borne by Department."

5 If adopted it will read: "The office of
6 Department Treasurer shall be bonded in a sufficient
7 sum, to be decided upon at Department Convention, as
8 prescribed by National, the expense of same to be borne
9 by Department."

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
13 we'll vote. All those in favor.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

18 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. No.

19 12. Halfway there, guys. Article 4, Section 7
20 currently reads: "Department Sergeant-at-Arms and
21 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: The Department
22 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms shall
23 advance the colors at the opening of Department
24 Convention and fur1 them at the close."

25 If adopted it would read: Department

1 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: The
2 Department Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
3 Sergeant-At-Arms shall advance the colors at the opening
4 of the Department Convention and furl them at the
5 close." We're adding: "They shall perform other duties
6 as requested by the Department President."

7 By direction of the committee, I move to accept
8 this change.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a proposed
11 motion on the floor for Article 4, Section 7. It
12 currently reads: "Department Sergeant-at-Arms and
13 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: The Department
14 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms shall
15 advance the colors at the opening of Department
16 Convention and furl them at the close."

17 If adopted it will read: "Department
18 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms: The
19 Department Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
20 Sergeant-At-Arms shall advance the colors at the opening
21 of Department Convention and furl them at the close.
22 They shall perform other duties as requested by the
23 Department President."

24 Is there any discussion?

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
2 we'll vote. All those in favor say aye.

3 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you.

8 Madam President, Proposal 13, Article 4, Section 8
9 currently reads: "Department Parliamentarian: The
10 Department Parliamentarian may serve as the Constitution
11 & Bylaws Chairman with no vote at the Executive
12 Committee meeting. Questions for higher decision shall
13 be forwarded to National for final Counsel General's
14 final decision over the signature of the Department
15 President or Department Secretary."

16 If adopted it will read for the Department
17 Parliamentarian: "The Department Parliamentarian may
18 serve as the Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, with no
19 vote at the Executive Committee meeting. Questions for
20 higher decisions shall be forwarded to National for
21 Counsel General's final decision accompanied with the
22 signature of the Department President or Department
23 Secretary."

24 By direction of the committee, I move to accept
25 this change.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
2 on the floor for Article 4, Section 8. It currently
3 reads: "Department Parliamentarian: The Department
4 Parliamentarian may serve as the Constitution & Bylaws
5 Chairman with no vote at the Executive Committee
6 meeting. Questions for higher decision shall be
7 forwarded to National for final Counsel General's final
8 decision over the signature of the Department President
9 or Department Secretary."

10 If adopted it will read: "Department
11 Parliamentarian: The Department Parliamentarian may
12 serve as the Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, with no
13 vote at the Executive Committee meeting. Questions for
14 higher decisions shall be forwarded to National for
15 Counsel General's final decision accompanied with the
16 signature of the Department President or Department
17 Secretary."

18 Is there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
21 favor.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second it.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Oh, I'm sorry.
24 Okay. Any discussion?

25 Hi, Melinda.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Hi, Glenda.
2 Just a clarification. Did that say General Counsel's
3 final decision accompanied by the signature of the
4 Department President or Department Secretary?
5 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I'm sorry.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It should have
7 said "with." I said it wrong.
8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah. Sharon,
9 did you say "by" or "with"?
10 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: It should say
11 "with."
12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Thank
13 you.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
15 Oh, we didn't vote. All those in favor.
16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm in a hurry.
18 We have a lot to do. All those in favor.
19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
21 (No response.)
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay.
24 Article 6, Section --
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Sharon, I'm sorry,

1 we're going to have to recess at this time and continue
2 after lunch. We have -- ladies, we have a lot of, a lot
3 of work to get done. We have to be out of this room by
4 3:30 so they can set up for the banquet tonight. So if
5 we want to get these reports done and not have to go all
6 day tomorrow, then we need to go, go, go.

7 So at this time we're recessed until 1:30. Do
8 you want an hour or an hour and a half? I'm sorry, I
9 didn't allow for the Golden Notes yet, so just hold one
10 second. Hour. Okay. So we will reconvene at 1:00
11 o'clock after Golden Notes.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Just a reminder
13 that Kathie, Terri, Diane's, and Harriet's District
14 Presidents will meet in the back of the room today at
15 lunch.

16 Reminder that Donna Mattox has Diane DeLashmit's
17 pins.

18 Anita's District Presidents will meet in -- in
19 the restaurant today at noon.

20 If anybody was in hospitality Room 509 last
21 night, somebody lost their brown purse. So if anyone
22 was there and saw anything or somebody has it, it would
23 be appreciated to be returned to Danielle Romero.

24 Please pick up your history and chaplain books
25 today before you leave.

1	(Recess.)
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AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:06 P.M.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We need to get the districts lined up for our parade.

(Parade.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Before we reconvene, I would like all of you to know that from the bottom of my heart, I truly appreciate how generous that you all are. And yesterday when we said there was \$600 for Lisa Giordano, it is \$2,160.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sure she will appreciate you so, so much. And I'm understanding she is in a lot of distress and having a hard time dealing with it all. So thank you, thank you so much.

And I would like to say before we start too, maybe I should do this after Anita, in the essence of time, when we have a code change, I'm not going to read how it exists now, if that's okay with all of you.

DELEGATES: Yes.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. Madam President, can I resume?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: This session is

1 reconvened.

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3 **CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)**

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5 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Proposal No.

6 14. Article 6, Section 3. "The immediate Past

7 Department President is automatically the Legislative

8 Chairman."

9 If adopted it will read: "The immediate Past

10 Department President may be appointed a standing

11 committee by the Department President."

12 By the direction of the committee I move for this

13 change.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

16 on the floor Article 6, Section 3: "The immediate" --

17 oh. "The immediate" -- if adopted it will read: "The

18 immediate Past Department President may be appointed a

19 standing committee by the Department President."

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,

23 we'll vote. All those in favor.

24 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Article 6,

4 Section 4: "After three years the Past Department

5 President is the Past Presidents Parley Chairman."

6 If adopted it will read: "The Past President

7 Parley Chairman shall be filled by the Past Department

8 President three years after serving as Department

9 President or the choice of the Department President, as

10 necessary."

11 By direction of the committee I move for this

12 change.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second it.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

15 on the floor, Article 6, Section 4 if adopted will read:

16 "The Past Presidents Parley Chairman shall be filled by

17 the Past Department President three years after serving

18 as Department President or the choice of the Department

19 President, as necessary."

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,

23 we'll vote. All those in favor.

24 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
4 Madam President. Proposal 16 is Article 8, Section 5.
5 Current reading is: "A quorum shall exist at District
6 meetings when one-third of the Units in good standing
7 are wholly or partially represented."

8 If adopted it will read: "A quorum shall exist
9 at District meetings when one-third of the Units in good
10 standing are wholly or partially represented. If the
11 District has three or less Units, the quorum shall be
12 five members."

13 By the direction of the committee I move for this
14 change.

15 DELEGATES: I'll second.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: There's a motion
17 on the floor for Article 8, Section 5. If adopted it
18 will read: "A quorum shall exist at District meetings
19 when one-third (1/3) of the Units in good standing are
20 wholly or partially represented. If the District has
21 three or less Units, the quorum shall be five members."

22 Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
25 favor.

1 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Sorry.

3 NEC PERSON MARTINEZ: We tried. I'm sorry. I
4 tried to talk her out of it. Kathie Martinez, Past
5 Department President, Unit 46, District 24. I
6 understand that we have a lot of small districts,
7 however, my concern is if you have one large unit or a
8 good-sized unit within that district and two smaller
9 units, one unit can rule the district. That's my
10 concern.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: My seat mate,
12 I tried to explain it because that's happening anyway.
13 Because if you think about it, you have districts that
14 may have three or less and the bylaws state you only
15 need a third which would be one unit, one person could
16 run the district. So now we're trying to fix that
17 instead of just one person running the district, it
18 would at least need to be five people, so --

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any further
20 discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
23 we'll vote. All those in favor.

24 DELEGATES: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

1 DELEGATES: Aye.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
5 Madam President. Okay. Proposal 17, Article 9, Section
6 1. "Those who desire to form an Auxiliary Unit of this
7 Department shall make application for charter to
8 Department President. Application must be approved by
9 the Commander and Adjutant of the Post to which the unit
10 is to be attached and certified by the District
11 President. Application must be accompanied by at least
12 ten properly executed senior applications and required
13 Department and National per capita tax for each as well
14 as a charter fee of \$10. Charters must be closed 30
15 days after they have been signed by the Commander and
16 Adjutant of The American Legion Post."

17 If adopted, the only thing we're changing instead
18 of accompanied by -- I'm sorry. I went too far.
19 Instead of "application must be accompanied by" it just
20 changes it to say "Charter application must be
21 accompanied by."

22 By direction of the committee, I approve this
23 change.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

1 on the floor, Article 9, Section 1 if adopted will read:
2 "Those who desire to form an Auxiliary unit of this
3 Department shall make application for charter to
4 Department President. Application must be approved by
5 the Commander and Adjutant of the Post to which the Unit
6 is to be attached and certified by the District
7 President. Charter application must be accompanied by
8 at least ten properly executed senior applications and
9 require Department and National per capita tax for each
10 as well as a charter fee of \$10. Charters must be
11 closed 30 days after they had been signed by the
12 Commander and the Adjutant of The American Legion Post.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
16 we'll vote. All those in favor.

17 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

21 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Article 11, Section 1: "Charters may
23 be cancelled, suspended, or a Unit placed on probation.
24 The Department Executive Committee may order the
25 suspension of a charter for a period not to exceed

1 beyond the closing of the next succeeding Department
2 Convention, as a disciplinary measure or pending action
3 relative to final cancellation providing notice of such
4 proposed action has been sent to the Unit from
5 Department Headquarters, bearing the signature of the
6 Department President at least 30 days prior to the
7 Department Executive Committee meeting, and an
8 opportunity given for a hearing before action is taken.
9 During the suspension of a charter, Department may
10 provide for the government and administration of the
11 Unit."

12 If adopted: "Charters may be cancelled or a Unit
13 placed on probation. The Department Executive Committee
14 may order the probation of a Unit for a period not to
15 exceed beyond the closing of the next succeeding
16 Department Convention as a disciplinary measure or
17 pending action relative to final cancellation, providing
18 notice of such proposed action has been sent to the Unit
19 from Department Headquarters bearing the signature of
20 the Department President at least 30 days prior to the
21 Department Executive Committee meeting, and an
22 opportunity is given for a hearing before action is
23 taken. During the probation of a Unit, Department may
24 provide for the governing and administration of the
25 Unit."

1 By direction of the committee, I move for this
2 change.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
5 on the floor for Article 11, Section 1. If adopted it
6 will read: "Charters may be cancelled or a Unit placed
7 on probation. The Department Executive Committee may
8 order the probation of a Unit for a period not to exceed
9 beyond the closing of the next succeeding Department
10 Convention as a disciplinary measure or pending action
11 relative to final cancellation, providing notice of such
12 proposed action has been sent to the Unit from
13 Department Headquarters bearing the signature of the
14 Department President at least 30 days prior to the
15 Department Executive Committee meeting, and an
16 opportunity is given for a hearing before action is
17 taken. During the probation of a Unit, Department may
18 provide for the governing and administration of the
19 Unit."

20 Is there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
23 we'll vote. All those in favor.

24 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
4 Madam President. This is Proposal No. 20, Article 11,
5 Section 1a which reads currently: "Prior to suspension,
6 a Unit may be placed on probation by the Department
7 Executive Committee or President under the supervision
8 of a committee of three, one of whom shall be the
9 District President and two appointed by the Department
10 President. The Department Office shall notify the unit
11 immediately following the date of such probation.
12 During probationary period, Units shall be expected to
13 continue all programs they have previously followed and
14 shall be accountable to the committee for a proper
15 report when requested."

16 And this one is to take that out in total. And
17 the rationale for that is following National guidance,
18 we no longer suspend charters. So by direction of the
19 committee, I move that we accept this change.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
22 on the floor Article 11, Section 1a to delete it. Is
23 there any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in

1 favor.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

6 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: We're up to

7 No. 21, ladies. Getting there. Article 11, Section 2

8 currently reads: "The Department Executive Committee

9 may suspend or cancel Unit charters for good cause."

10 If adopted it will say: "The Department

11 Executive Committee may place on probation or cancel

12 Unit charters for good cause."

13 By direction of the committee, I move for this

14 change.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

17 on the floor for Article 11, Section 2. If adopted it

18 will read: "The Department Executive Committee may

19 place on probation or cancel Unit charters for a good

20 cause."

21 Is there any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,

24 we'll vote. All those in favor.

25 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. No.

5 22. Article 11, Section 4 currently read: "An American
6 Legion Auxiliary whose charter has been suspended or
7 cancelled by the Department may appeal the decision of
8 the Department Executive Committee to the National
9 Executive Committee as provided in the Standing Rules.
10 See National Standing Rules in the method of procedure
11 and appeal."

12 If adopted it will read: "An American Legion
13 Auxiliary Unit whose charter has been placed on
14 probation or cancelled by the Department may appeal the
15 decision of the Department Executive Committee to the
16 National Executive Committee as provided in the Standing
17 Rules. See National Standing Rules in the method of
18 procedure and appeal."

19 By direction of the committee, I move that we
20 accept this change.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'll second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
23 on the floor for Article 11, Section 4. If adopted it
24 will read: "An American Legion Auxiliary Unit whose
25 charter has been placed on probation or cancelled by the

1 Department may appeal the decision of the Department
2 Executive Committee to the National Executive Committee
3 as provided in the Standing Rules. See National
4 Standing Rules in the method of procedure and appeal."

5 Is there any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
8 we'll vote. All those in favor.

9 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Moving onto Proposal 23, Article 11,
15 Section 5 currently reads: "Upon suspension of an
16 American Legion Auxiliary Unit, the Department Executive
17 Committee is authorized, empowered, and directed by and
18 through its duly authorized agents to take possession,
19 custody, and control of all records, assets, property,
20 and belongings of the Unit and to provide for the
21 governance and administration of the Unit during said
22 suspension."

23 If adopted, basically we're taking out the word
24 "suspension" and just saying "cancellation." "Upon
25 cancellation of an American Legion Auxiliary Unit

1 charter, the Department Executive Committee is
2 authorized, empowered, and directed by and through its
3 duly authorized agents to take possession, custody, and
4 control of all records, assets, property, and belongings
5 of the Unit and to provide the governance and
6 administration of the Unit during said suspension."

7 And by direction of the committee, I move for
8 this change.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
11 on the floor for Article 11, Section 5. If adopted it
12 will read: "Upon cancellation of an American Legion
13 Auxiliary Unit charter, the Department Executive
14 Committee is authorized, empowered and directed by and
15 through its duly authorized agents to take possession,
16 custody, and control of all records, assets, property,
17 and belongings of the Unit and to provide for the
18 governance and administration of the Unit during said
19 suspension."

20 Any -- I was -- okay. Is there any discussion?

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
22 President, Anita Biggs, Past Department President. I
23 think we need to change that last word to
24 "cancellation." I move to amend that from "suspension"
25 to "cancellation."

1 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Yes, sorry.
2 Missed that one.
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Do you want me to
4 read it again?
5 DELEGATES: No.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. All those
7 in favor.
8 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
10 (No response.)
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay.
13 Proposal 24 is Article 11, Section 6. And this is again
14 just changing the words "suspension" to "probation."
15 "With regard to suspensions" -- it currently reads:
16 "With regards to suspensions or cancellation of Unit
17 charters, in no event shall the Department organization
18 be required to assume any financial obligation with
19 regard to records, assets, property, and belongings."
20 If adopted it shall read: "With regard to
21 probation or cancellations of the Unit charters, in no
22 event shall the Department organization be required to
23 assume any financial obligation with regard to records,
24 assets, property, and belongings."
25 And by the direction of the committee, I move to

1 accept this change.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

4 on the floor for Article 11, Section 6. If adopted it

5 will read: "With regard to probation or cancellations

6 of the Unit charters, in no event shall the Department

7 organization be required to assume any financial

8 obligation with regard to records, assets, property, and

9 belongings."

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,

13 we'll vote. All those in favor.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

18 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Proposal 25.

19 Article 11, Section 8 currently reads: "The National

20 Executive Committee may prescribe rules of procedures to

21 be followed in the suspension or cancellation of Unit

22 charters, with full power from time to time to revise or

23 amend such rules provided, however, that such rules

24 that" -- "until such rules have been adopted. The

25 procedure now in existence shall be applicable. All

1 rules and procedures shall be in accordance with the
2 principles of due process of law."

3 If adopted it shall read: "With regard to
4 probation or cancellations of Unit charters, in no event
5 shall the Department organization be required to assume
6 any obligation" -- "financial obligation with regards to
7 records, assets, property, and belongings."

8 That is not right. It should say the National --
9 it should say, if adopted: "The National Executive
10 Committee may prescribe rules of procedures to be
11 followed in the probation or cancellation of unit
12 charters with full power from time to time to revise or
13 amend such rules provided, however, that until such
14 rules have been adopted, the procedure now in existence
15 shall be applicable. All rules and procedures shall be
16 in accordance with the principles of due process of
17 law."

18 As once again I stated we're taking out just the
19 word "suspension" and switching it out to "probation."
20 It just didn't get corrected in the right column.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Do you have a
22 motion, Sharon?

23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Oh, I'm
24 sorry, Madam President. By direction of the committee,
25 I move for this change.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
3 on the floor for Article 11, Section 8. If adopted it
4 will read: "The National Executive Committee may
5 prescribe rules of procedures to be followed in the
6 probation or cancellation of unit charters with full
7 power from time to time to revise or amend such rules
8 provided, however, that until such rules have been
9 adopted, the procedure now in existence shall be
10 applicable. All rules and procedures shall be in
11 accordance with the principles of due process of law."

12 Is there any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
15 we'll vote. All those in favor.

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
21 Madam President. That ends the Bylaws.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hold on just a
24 minute. Don't get too excited.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam

1 Chairman, can you check, did you do Proposal 18?

2 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Did I?

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I don't think

4 so. And then when you do it, on the --

5 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Oh, I did

6 miss it. I'm so sorry.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That's okay.

8 But on the final if adopted has been corrected. Just

9 read the middle. As the other one, it wasn't fixed.

10 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. So

11 Proposal No. 18, which I inadvertently skipped, which is

12 Article 11, Section 3. Current wording: "A Unit shall

13 be given the name, location, and number of The American

14 Legion Post to which it is attached."

15 If adopted it will read: "A Unit shall be given

16 the same name, location, and number of The American

17 Legion Post to which it is attached."

18 By direction of the committee, I move for this

19 change.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

22 on the floor for Article 11, Section 3. If adopted it

23 will read: "A Unit shall be given the same name,

24 location, and number of The American Legion Post to

25 which it is attached."

1 Any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in

4 favor.

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,

10 Madam President. Now I'll move on to the changes for

11 our Standing Rules. And I have 18 of them, but most of

12 them are just simple changes, not a lot of --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Don't scare them,

14 Sharon.

15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I just want

16 them to know. Just be patient, we're going to get

17 through this and it's going to be all right.

18 Okay. So Standing Rules ALA Code of Ethics.

19 Proposal No. 1. Current wording: "The ALA Code of

20 Ethics applies to the ALA as an entity and serves as a

21 guide for conduct acceptable within the American Legion

22 Auxiliary. As stated elsewhere in the ALA departmental

23 governing documents, Units and Departments have

24 responsibility for member discipline." And in

25 parentheses, "(It's up to the Units)."

1 If adopted it shall say: "The ALA Code of Ethics
2 applies to the ALA as an entity and serves as a guide
3 for conduct acceptable within the American Legion
4 Auxiliary. As stated elsewhere in the ALA departmental
5 governing documents, Units have responsibility for
6 member discipline. (It's up to the Units)."

7 By direction of the committee, I move for this
8 change.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
11 on the floor for Standing Rules ALA Code of Ethics. If
12 adopted it will read: "The ALA Code of Ethics applies
13 to the ALA as an entity and serves as a guide for
14 conduct acceptable within the American Legion Auxiliary.
15 As stated elsewhere in the ALA departmental governing
16 documents, Units have responsibility for member
17 discipline. (It's up to the Units)."

18 Is there any discussion?

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
20 Department President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department
21 President, Unit 293, District 5. A member has a right
22 to appeal the decision of the Unit to the Department
23 Executive Committee. So the Department will in fact be
24 responsible for that member's discipline also.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam

1 President, Chairman, and Melanie, National is trying to
2 divest the Department from the responsibility of
3 disciplining the members. They wanted the Units to be
4 responsible for the discipline. And we do have in our
5 governing documents that the members have a right to
6 appeal any decision made by the Unit and that the
7 decision is final once it comes to the Department
8 Executive Committee. But part of the discipline, we
9 don't discipline the member, not at the Department
10 level. There's no discipline that we enact. We just
11 support --

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We hear their
13 complaint.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Say again.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: We hear their
16 complaint.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We hear their
18 complaint. We just support what the Unit did or reverse
19 what the Unit did.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yeah.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
23 further discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,

1 we'll vote. All those in favor.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

6 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. This
7 next one is basically dealing just with the -- let me
8 read it for you. It is regarding, "Preconvention
9 Committee shall exist for the Department Chaplain and
10 Department Historian and for the following Department
11 Committees: Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund,
12 Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution &
13 Bylaws, Education, Finance, American Legion Auxiliary
14 California Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership,
15 Legislative, Membership, Music, National Security, Past
16 Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, and VA&R."
17 And that was 2018.

18 And the amendment just basically adds, "Public
19 Relations/Editor," and that's the only change there. By
20 the direction of the committee, I move to accept this
21 change.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
24 on the floor for Standing Rules Preconvention Committee
25 Meetings. If adopted it will read. The first paragraph

1 if adopted it will read: "Preconvention Committee shall
2 exist for the Department Chaplain and Department
3 Historian and for the following Department Committees:
4 Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Children & Youth,
5 Community Service, Constitution & Bylaws, Education,
6 Finance, American Legion Auxiliary California Girls
7 State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative,
8 Membership, Music, National Security, Past Presidents
9 Parley, Poppy, Public Relations/Editor and VA&R."

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT: Hearing none -- oops.
13 Sorry.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Madam
15 Governor, Linda Fercho, Past Department President,
16 District 16/741. Are we going to be able to add the
17 Unit Development & Revitalization? Because if it
18 doesn't get added now, it's going to be another year
19 before that will be recognized.

20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. Madam
21 President, can I move to amend?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We're checking to
23 see. She thinks it might be that we would have to go
24 back to the Bylaws and add it under Standing Committees.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Madam

1 President, Susie Tozier, Past Department President,
2 District 22, Unit 255. UD&R is part of Membership. It
3 is a subpart of Membership. It's not a program. No,
4 it's not. It's part of Membership. It's always been
5 part of Membership. It's a support of Membership, yeah.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madam
7 President, Linda Workman, Past Department President.
8 This only says preconvention committees. I don't
9 believe that UD&R does a precon meeting.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Oh.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
12 further discussion?

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: No.

14 UD&R CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Tracy Varnell-Fercho,
15 current UD&R Chairman for Department. No, we do not
16 have a precon. And when we discussed doing this on a
17 trial basis last year, we had discussed doing it as its
18 own chairmanship, not under Membership. And last year
19 at convention it was grouped with Membership and I
20 remember we had that changed. And then next year going
21 on my understanding is that we're going to, you know,
22 work on getting a code and all that. So that's just me.
23 Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
25 Department President, Anita Biggs, Past Department

1 President. With regard -- I just want to go back to
2 Susie Tozier's statement that UD&R is part of
3 Membership. I was the first -- when Madeline Lee was
4 Department President, I was the first Chairman selected
5 from Department of California for Unit Development &
6 Revitalization. That's UD&R. I was also a National
7 Chairman in 2005 for UD&R and I traveled the country to
8 try to help stop the slide of losing members.

9 It was a really good program, however, National,
10 for whatever reason, they did not want to make it a
11 standing committee and I want to say because they felt
12 Leadership and Membership was supposed to be doing what
13 UD&R is doing.

14 But we see in the State of California, we have
15 the right of -- our delegation has the right to add the
16 program if we see fit. There are other departments that
17 keep UD&R, they have UD&R. If we do this, we need to
18 fix the Bylaws Article 6, Section 5: "The Department
19 President shall appoint the following Standing Committee
20 Chairmen," and add UD&R as a standing committee.

21 If we want to do that, that's what has been
22 bounced around, and then we would then be able to fix
23 the precon so add the UD&R.

24 So that's something the membership here, the
25 delegates need to decide. Do we want to have another

1 Standing Committee under Unit Development &
2 Revitalization?

3 DELEGATES: Yes.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: So, Madam
5 Chairman, I can make the motion I guess since I'm
6 standing here. So I move that we change Article 6,
7 Section 5 of our Bylaws to state: "The Department
8 President shall appoint the following Standing Committee
9 Chairmen: Americanism, Auxiliary, Emergency Fund,
10 Children & Youth, Community Service, Constitution &
11 Bylaws, Convention Commission, Editor, Education, Girls
12 State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative,
13 Membership, Music, National Security, Past Presidents
14 Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, Unit Development &
15 Revitalization, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation."

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN WORKMAN: Hang on just
18 a minute. We already have a motion on the floor.

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Oh, we do? My
20 bad. Strike all that.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
22 District 22. Don't we have a motion on the floor?

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That's what
24 she just said. She just said that.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I didn't hear

1 her. I'm back here.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Well, now you
3 know.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: But I am out
6 of order with that motion, but they need to -- we can't
7 really do that motion without it being a Standing
8 Committee. So she can withdraw that and bring it back.

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. I
10 withdraw that.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Did you hear that,
12 Sharon? We need to withdraw your motion first.

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. I
14 withdraw that motion. For Standing Rules Preconvention
15 Committee Meetings, I withdraw the motion.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Now you can
17 make your motion.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Okay. Now
19 that that motion is withdrawn, I move that we amend
20 Article 6, Section 5 of the bylaws to state, to read:
21 "The Department President shall appoint the following
22 Standing Committee Chairmen: Americanism, Auxiliary
23 Emergency Fund, Children & Youth, Community Service,
24 Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Finance, American
25 Legion Auxiliary California Girls State, Junior

1 Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Membership, Music,
2 National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public
3 Relations, Unit Development & Revitalization and
4 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation."

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
7 on the floor to add UD&R Chairman. Is there any
8 discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
11 favor.

12 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those opposed.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

16 Okay. Now, Sharon, you can add it.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. No.
18 3, Standing Rules Preconvention Committee Meetings.
19 This is another one just changing the words.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: No. Sharon, we
21 need to go back to No. 2 and just add UD&R Chairman.
22 You can just read if adopted it will --

23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. If
24 adopted, we will add "UD&R Chairman." By the direction
25 of the committee chairman, I move to accept.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Do we have any
3 discussion? We are adding, if adopted, "UD&R Chairman"
4 will be added. Is there any discussion?

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT HAYES: When Anita came
6 up and read the list of the Chairmen, she put in
7 "Editor" which I don't see in here unless I'm
8 overlooking it.

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Public
10 Relations/Editor.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT HAYES: Public
12 Relations/Editor. Okay.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It was right there
14 under Public Relations/Editor.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Slash, Editor.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay, Sharon.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Did we take
18 the vote?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
20 favor.

21 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

25 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you.

1 Now moving right along, getting through this quickly.
2 This is another one, like I said, it's just a change of
3 the wording: "The Preconvention Committee for the
4 Department Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees
5 shall be comprised of the Officer or Chairman plus one
6 member assigned by each District, appointed by the
7 District Presidents from Unit delegates, and approved at
8 the District preconvention caucus. Any vacancy
9 occurring after the preconvention caucus shall be filled
10 from the delegation appointment made by the District
11 President who shall notify the Department Chairman in
12 charge of the convention committee to which the delegate
13 was appointed."

14 If adopted, it would change from saying: "The
15 Preconvention Committees for the Department Officers and
16 Chairmen of Standing Committees shall be comprised of
17 the Officer or Chairmen plus one delegate assigned by
18 each member," and the rest stays the same.

19 By direction of the committee, I move for this
20 change -- move to approve this change.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Sorry, Madam
23 President. Anita Biggs, Past Department President. I
24 think you misread that. We're striking out "member" to
25 add "delegate."

1 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Add

2 "delegate." Isn't that what I said?

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No, you said

4 "member." You added the word in there.

5 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. Let me
6 reread it. "The Preconvention Committees for the
7 Department Officers and Chairmen of Standing Committees
8 shall be comprised of the Officer or Chairman plus one
9 delegate assigned by each District, appointed by the
10 District Presidents from Unit delegates and approved at
11 the District preconvention caucus. Any vacancy
12 occurring after the preconvention caucus shall be filled
13 from the delegation appointment made by the District
14 President who shall notify the Department Chairman in
15 charge of the convention committee to which the delegate
16 was appointed."

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

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
21 on the floor. Standing Rules Preconvention Committee
22 Meetings No. 1 if adopted will read: "The Preconvention
23 Committees for the Department Officers and Chairmen of
24 Standing Committees shall be comprised of the Officer or
25 Chairman plus one delegate assigned by each District,

1 appointed by the District Presidents from Unit delegates
2 and approved at the District preconvention caucus. Any
3 vacancy occurring after the preconvention caucus shall
4 be filled from the delegation appointment made by the
5 District President who shall notify the Department
6 Chairman in charge of the convention committee to which
7 the delegate was appointed."

8 Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
11 we'll vote. All those in favor.

12 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

16 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. We're
17 still in Standing Rules for Preconvention Committee
18 Meetings. "The purpose of these Preconvention Committee
19 meetings is to consider and is to make recommendations
20 upon subject matter assigned to receive reports from
21 their corresponding committees and to review
22 accomplishments and best practices of the year to
23 recognize committee members, Districts, Units or others
24 for exemplary achievements to ensure smooth transition
25 to the incoming Standing Committee and to offer

1 recommendations on each proposal assigned to it by the
2 Resolutions Committee."

3 If adopted it shall read: "The purpose of these
4 Preconvention Committee meetings is to consider and to
5 make recommendations as indicated in the Department
6 Code." That's the change. "To receive reports from
7 their corresponding committees, and to review
8 accomplishments and best practices of the year, to
9 recognize committee members, Districts, Units or others
10 for exemplary achievements, to ensure a smooth
11 transition to the incoming standing committee, and to
12 offer recommendations on each proposals assigned to it
13 by the Resolutions Committee."

14 By the direction of the committee, I move for
15 this change.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
18 on the floor. Standing Rules Preconvention Committee
19 Meetings No. 2. If adopted it would read: "The purpose
20 of these Preconvention Committee meetings is to consider
21 and to make recommendations as indicated in the
22 Department Code, to receive reports from their
23 corresponding committees, and to review accomplishments
24 and best practices of the year, to recognize committee
25 members, Districts, Units or others for exemplary

1 achievements, to ensure a smooth transition to the
2 incoming standing committee and to offer recommendations
3 on each proposals assigned to it by the Resolutions
4 Committee."

5 Is there any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
8 we'll vote. All those in favor.

9 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
14 Madam President. Proposal No. 5, and this is also under
15 No. 2. The current reading: "The Department
16 Parliamentarian should not hold any other officers or
17 chairman positions at the Department." And that's 2024.
18 I don't know that that meant to be there.

19 And the amendment is to strike that. And the
20 rationale is it contradicts the Constitution because the
21 Parliamentarian may serve as Constitution & Bylaws
22 Chairman or any other one I guess.

23 By the direction of the committee, I move for
24 this change.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
2 on the floor under Standing Rules Department
3 Parliamentarian No. 2 to delete it. Is there any
4 discussion?

5 There is a little confusion, Liz, because current
6 wording shows 2024. She's looking quickly.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
8 Department President, Anita Biggs, Past Department
9 President. This Proposal No. 5 for the Standing Rules
10 for Department Parliamentarian does not match our
11 Standing Rules. This is nowhere in the Standing Rules
12 that I can find.

13 So, Liz, if you have them somewhere, you need to
14 find them and let us know, but --

15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Madam
16 President, does it --

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
18 President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President,
19 District 5, Unit 293. In the 2019 original and current
20 bylaws it's: "Department Parliamentarian shall give the
21 presiding officer advice on parliamentary procedures.
22 The Parliamentarian shall advise members when asked.
23 The Parliamentarian shall keep the Department President
24 informed of any referred major infractions." That needs
25 to stay there. That is her job description.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yep.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It cannot be
3 deleted.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Just to
5 clarify, Melanie is reading from the Standing Rules, not
6 the Bylaws, and we're on the Standing Rules. And that
7 is correct. What she just read is what now is in the
8 Standing Rules.

9 Liz cannot find where this statement is. It
10 might have been something that was discussed, but it
11 needs to be, I would suggest, withdrawn because it's not
12 relevant to our Standing Rules. It's nowhere.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Do you want to
15 withdraw it, Sharon?

16 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I can just
17 withdraw it, but I just want to understand myself
18 because from what I read here, this is just saying that
19 the Parliamentarian can hold another chairmanship
20 outside of Parliamentarian.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: But it says
22 2024.

23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: I think
24 that's the problem. I don't know how that got there
25 because we're just in 2024 right now.

1 NEC CHAIR MARTINEZ: It's not in the Standing
2 Rules.

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. So I'd
4 be happy to withdraw and move on. So withdrawn.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That line doesn't
6 exist in the Standing Rules. I have no clue where I
7 pulled it from. So that's why we're --

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. That's
9 fine. So we can X that out.

10 Okay. No. 6. Proposal No. 6 is Standing Rules
11 No. 3. Current wording. You guys want to -- Chairmen
12 and Officers, you might want to hear this: "Mileage
13 shall be 25 cents" -- this is the current wording --
14 "per mile in route to and from called meetings not to
15 exceed \$500 provided expense sheets have been filled" --
16 I mean "filed with the Department Office."

17 If adopted it will read: "Mileage shall be 40
18 cents per mile in route to and from called meetings and
19 not to exceed \$500 provided expense sheets have been
20 filed with the Department office."

21 By direction of the committee I move to accept
22 this change.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
25 on the floor. Standing Rules Finance No. 3: "Mileage

1 shall be 25" -- I'm sorry. It still says 25 in here --
2 "40 cents per mile in route to and from called meetings
3 not to exceed \$500 provided expense sheets have been
4 filed with the Department office."

5 Any discussion?

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madam
7 President, Linda Workman. I forgot what my name was.
8 Duh. Linda Workman, Past Department President and
9 Finance Chairman. Because this has not come up in
10 Finance -- I mean it has come up, but we haven't
11 reported Finance yet, do we have to wait until it's
12 approved in Finance and the budget?

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. So can
14 we table this?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You can just
16 rescind it and we'll come back to it.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. So
18 I'll rescind it and come back. Okay. Let's see now.
19 Seven. This is pertaining to Leadership. Item No. 1.
20 And this is adding to Leadership. There is no current
21 wording. We would like to add: "The Chairman shall
22 promote the Member of the Year Award with the Department
23 President making the final choice."

24 By direction of the committee, I move for this
25 change.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion on the
3 floor, Standing Rules Leadership No. 1 if adopted will
4 be added and read: "The Chairman shall promote the
5 Member of the Year Award with the Department President
6 making the final choice."

7 Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
10 we'll vote. All those in favor say aye.

11 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. And
16 then next proposal is under National Security, Item No.
17 1. And this is an addition as well to add: "The
18 Chairman shall promote the recognition of active duty
19 service personnel."

20 By direction of the committee I move for this
21 change -- addition.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
23 Standing Rules National Security No. 1 if adopted will
24 read -- will be added and read: "The Chairman shall
25 promote the recognition of activity duty service

1 personnel."

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
5 we'll vote. All those in favor.

6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay.

9 Proposal No. 9 which is Standing Rules for Past
10 Presidents Parley. Item No. 1 currently reads: "The
11 Chairman shall promote the Member of the Year Award with
12 the Department President making the final choice."

13 And as previously indicated, the change would be
14 to strike that because now it's under a different
15 program. So by direction of the committee I move to
16 accept this change.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
19 on the floor, Standing Rules Past Presidents Parley No.
20 1 if adopted will be deleted. Sorry. Is there any
21 discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
24 we'll vote. All those in favor say aye.

25 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
2 (No response.)
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. The
5 next one, Standing Rules for Past Presidents Parley No.
6 2. Current wording: "The Chairman shall promote the
7 recognition of activity duty service personnel."
8 And the change is to strike that because now it's
9 under another program. So by the direction of the
10 committee, I move for this change.
11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
13 on the floor, Standing Rules Past Presidents Parley No.
14 2 to be deleted. Is there any discussion?
15 (No response.)
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
17 we'll vote. All those in favor.
18 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.
20 (No response.)
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.
22 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. The
23 next one is under Standing Rules Subsidiary
24 Organizations. And this is we're adding 3d. This is in
25 addition to that Standing Rules which would read: "If

1 the subsidiary organization is required to file taxes, a
2 copy must be provided to the Department Executive
3 Committee."

4 And by the direction of the committee, I move for
5 this change.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
8 on the floor. Standing Rules Subsidiary Organizations
9 No. 3d if adopted will read and add: "If the subsidiary
10 organization is required to file taxes, a copy must be
11 provided to the Department Executive Committee."

12 Is there any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
15 we'll vote. All those in favor.

16 DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

20 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MCGINNIS: Madam President,
21 could we -- could I have a 20-second break to clear out
22 the back room? They're getting a little noisy. They
23 want to sit down.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry, Jean.
25 You were too close and you were a little mumbled and I

1 didn't hear it. But I get it. They told me. Yes,
2 we're going to take a break to sit down and not
3 interrupt. Thank you. Thank you for being so
4 respectful of the Chairman.

5 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: We're almost
6 done with these.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay, Sharon.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: And this is
9 Standing Rules for Department. The current wording is
10 -- and this is to technically combine Nos. 8 and 9. And
11 as it currently reads for No. 8: "Names and addresses
12 for all elected Department Officers and Department
13 Secretary, whether elected or appointed, must be
14 provided to National Headquarters no later than 30 days
15 after Department Convention. (2018)."

16 And then No. 9 says: "Names and complete contact
17 information of all Department Chairman must be entered
18 into the American Legion Auxiliary Management System by
19 the Department no later than the date established by
20 National Headquarters. (2018)."

21 If adopted it shall now read: "Names and
22 addresses of all Department Officers and Chairman,
23 whether elected or appointed, must be entered into the
24 American Legion Auxiliary Management System by the
25 Department no later than the date established by

1 National Headquarters. (2018)."

2 By direction of the committee, I move to accept
3 this change.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
6 on the floor, Standing Rules Department No. 8 and 9. If
7 adopted will be No. 8, and it will read: "Names and
8 addresses of all Department Officers and Chairman,
9 whether elected or appointed, must be entered into the
10 American Legion Auxiliary Management System by the
11 Department no later than the date established by
12 National Headquarters."

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
16 we'll vote. All those in favor.

17 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

21 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. Standing Rules - Districts. And this
23 is No. 5. Current wording No. 1: "Each District shall
24 have Bylaws to cover the needs of the District, so long
25 as they do not conflict with the Department or National

1 Constitution and Bylaws rulings. Districts may have
2 Standing Rules to cover situations not covered by the
3 bylaws, providing they do not conflict with the
4 Department or National Constitution and Bylaws rulings.
5 District Bylaws and amendments before becoming effective
6 must be approved by the Department Constitution and
7 Bylaws Chairman and signed by the Department President.
8 Districts shall submit two complete copies of Bylaws and
9 four signature pages or four copies of proposed
10 amendments bearing dates of first and second reading and
11 signature of District President and District
12 Constitution and Bylaws Chairman and Department
13 President. The Department Chairman will keep one copy
14 on file, send one copy to the Department Office file,
15 and return two signature pages to the District to be
16 attached to District President's file and to District
17 Constitution and Bylaws file."

18 If adopted it shall read: "Each District should
19 have bylaws to cover the needs of the District so long
20 as they do not conflict with the Department or National
21 and Constitution and Bylaws or rulings. Districts may
22 have standing rules to cover situations not covered by
23 the bylaws providing they do not conflict with the
24 Department or National Constitution and Bylaws or
25 rulings. District Bylaws and amendments before becoming

1 effective must be approved by the Department
2 Constitution and Bylaws Chairman and signed by the
3 Department President." And here's the change: "If
4 submitting via mail, District shall submit two complete
5 copies of Bylaws and four signature pages or four copies
6 of proposed amendments bearing dates of first and second
7 reading and signature of District President and District
8 Constitution and Bylaws Chairman and Department
9 President. If submitting via email, only one full copy
10 or amendment is required." And that's the change. "The
11 Department Chairman will keep one copy on file and send
12 one copy to Department Office file and two signature
13 pages to District to be attached to District President's
14 file and to District Constitution and Bylaws file."

15 By direction of the committee I move to accept
16 this change.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
19 on the floor. Standing Rules - Districts No. 5 if
20 adopted will read: "Each District should have bylaws to
21 cover the needs of the District so long as they do not
22 conflict with the Department or National Constitution
23 and Bylaws or rulings. Districts may have Standing
24 Rules to cover situations not covered by the bylaws
25 providing they do not conflict with the Department or

1 National Constitution and Bylaws or rulings. District
2 Bylaws and amendments before becoming effective must be
3 approved by the Department Constitution and Bylaws
4 Chairman and signed by the Department President. If
5 submitting via mail District shall submit two complete
6 copies of Bylaws and four signature pages or four copies
7 of proposed amendments bearing dates of first and second
8 reading and signature of District President and District
9 Constitution and Bylaws Chairman and Department
10 President. If submitting via email, only one full copy
11 of the amendment is required. The Department Chairman
12 will keep one copy on file and send one copy to
13 Department Office file and return two signature pages to
14 District to be attached to District President's file and
15 to District Constitution and Bylaws file."

16 Is there any discussion?

17 NEC PERSON MARTINEZ: It's not too bad. Kathie
18 Martinez, District 24, Unit 46. I would just like a
19 point of clarification if I may. If you are submitting
20 by email, do we still not require original or wet
21 signatures in the District and Unit files going forward?
22 Do we just send signature pages to be returned to us or
23 how is that working?

24 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Well, I can
25 tell you what I've been doing. If I get it by email, I

1 print it out, I sign it, President -- well, of course I
2 had a presigned stamp because I'm way over there and
3 she's way over there, and then I would print them out,
4 sign them, and mail the originals to the Unit and email
5 the copy to the Department.

6 NEC PERSON MARTINEZ: Okay. So the Units will
7 still get original signatures.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Oh, yeah.

9 NEC PERSON MARTINEZ: That's what I wanted to
10 know. Okay. Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is there any
12 further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
15 we'll vote. All those in favor.

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. So
21 moving onto No. 15, we have Standing Rules for Unit
22 Charters. No. 3: "In addition to cancellation as
23 provided in the National Constitution, a Unit placed on
24 probation. The Department Executive Committee may order
25 the suspension of a charter for a period not to exceed

1 12 months, as a disciplinary measure, or pending action
2 relative to final revocation, providing notice of such
3 proposed action has been sent to the Unit from
4 Department headquarters, bearing the signature of the
5 Department President, at least 30 days prior to the
6 Department Executive Committee Meeting, and an
7 opportunity is given for hearing before action is taken.
8 (2023). During the suspension of the Charter,
9 Department may provide for the governance and
10 administration of the Unit."

11 If adopted it shall read: "In addition to
12 cancellation as provided in the National Constitution, a
13 Unit can be placed on probation. The Department
14 Executive Committee may order the probation of a charter
15 for a period not to exceed 12 months, as a disciplinary
16 measure, or pending action relative to final revocation,
17 providing notice of such proposed action has been sent
18 to the Unit from Department headquarters, bearing the
19 signature of the Department President, at least 30 days
20 prior to the Department Executive Committee Meeting, and
21 an opportunity is given for a hearing before action is
22 taken. (2023). During the probation of the Unit
23 Charter, Department may provide for the governance and
24 administration of the Unit."

25 By direction of the committee I move to accept

1 this change.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
4 on the floor. Standing Rules - Unit Charters No. 3 if
5 adopted will read: "In addition to cancellation as
6 provided in the National Constitution, a Unit can be
7 placed on probation. The Department Executive Committee
8 may order the probation of a charter for a period not to
9 exceed 12 months, as a disciplinary measure, or pending
10 action relative to final revocation, providing notice of
11 such proposed action has been sent to the Unit from
12 Department headquarters, bearing the signature of the
13 Department President, at least 30 days prior to the
14 Department Executive Committee Meeting, and an
15 opportunity is given for a hearing before action is
16 taken. (2023)."

17 Is there any discussion?

18 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: The second
19 part, Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Oh, sorry.
21 There's one down. "During the probation of the Unit
22 Charter, Department may provide for the governance and
23 administration of the Unit."

24 Is there any discussion?

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I know we're

1 really pressed for time and I apologize, but I need to
2 get this straight.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, we need to
4 do it right.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah. No. 3
6 as I show it is: "In addition to revocation as provided
7 in the National Constitution, charters may be cancelled,
8 suspended, or unit placed on probation. The Department
9 Executive Committee may order the suspension of a
10 charter for a period not to exceed 12 months as a
11 disciplinary measure or pending action relative to final
12 revocation providing notice of such proposed action has
13 been sent to the Unit from the Department Headquarters
14 bearing the signature of the Department President at
15 least 30 days prior to the Department Executive
16 Committee Meeting and an opportunity is given for a
17 hearing before action is taken."

18 There was some confusion in the first two or
19 three sentences that you -- excuse me-- that you had
20 read, Sharon. That was a little different than what I
21 have here.

22 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Yeah, I see
23 that.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So I don't
25 know where that verbiage came from, but that was not

1 what was in the original or on the website.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. The way it
3 was read is incorrect. Melanie's reading was correct as
4 to how it stands now, so do you need that reread?

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Do you want it
6 reread?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Guys, come on.
8 You guys need to listen up. Do you want it reread?

9 DELEGATES: No.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, thank
11 you.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: But the way
13 she amended it is the correct amendment.

14 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: So the
15 amendment would just be changing "Unit placed on
16 probation" should say "a Unit can be placed on
17 probation," and then taking out "suspension" and putting
18 "probation" in that space. Other than that, what
19 Melanie said would be correct. Is that correct,
20 Melanie?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'm so
22 confused. So, Sharon, what you are proposing, and
23 correct me if I am incorrect, it should say: "In
24 addition to cancellation as provided in the National
25 Constitution, charters can be cancelled"?

1 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: No. "Can be
2 placed on probation."
3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. So we
4 are eliminating "cancelled," "suspended" and just leave
5 "placed on probation."
6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yeah, because
7 it was revocation.
8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah. Okay.
9 Thank you.
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.
11 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE YOUNG: Hi, ladies. Sandra
12 Young here, District 20, Unit President 377. My
13 question is it's also in our Bylaws and Standing Rules
14 so it's kind of repetitive. Is that how it should be or
15 is it only in one or the other? Because I just saw that
16 it was there also, so --
17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: It's in the
18 Bylaws and the Standing Rules because it's breaking down
19 what the Unit --
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, both place.
21 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE YOUNG: It has to be both
22 places.
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Uh-huh.
24 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE YOUNG: Thank you.
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any further

1 discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
4 we'll vote. All those in favor.

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: We have two
10 more and they're short, I promise. I know, huh, I lie.

11 Okay. Standing Rules still on the Unit Charters,
12 No. 9d: "The Department upon notification of the Unit's
13 appeal shall provide a written copy of its actions
14 regarding the suspension, cancellation, or revocation of
15 the Unit's charters to both the National President and
16 National Secretary and a full copy of the file of the
17 Department's proceedings."

18 If adopted it will read, and once again we're
19 just changing "suspension" to "probation." "The
20 Department upon notification of the Unit's appeal shall
21 provide a written copy of its action regarding the
22 probation, cancellation" -- "or cancellation" -- hold on
23 a second. "The probation, cancellation, or revocation
24 of the Unit's charter to both the National President and
25 National Secretary and a full copy of the file of the

1 Department's proceedings."

2 By the direction of the committee, I --

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You have to
4 take "revocation" out.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, Sharon, you
6 have to take "revocation" out.

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Can you tell
8 we were getting tired by the time we got done with this?
9 Sorry, ladies.

10 Okay. Let me say it again. "The Department upon
11 notification of the Unit's appeal shall provide a
12 written copy of its actions regarding the probation,
13 cancellation of the Unit's charter to both National
14 President and National Secretary and a full copy of the
15 file of the Department's proceedings."

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

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
20 on the floor. Standing Rules - Unit Charters if adopted
21 will read: "The Department upon notification of the
22 Unit's appeal shall provide a written copy of its
23 actions regarding the probation, cancellation of the
24 Unit's charter to both National President and National
25 Secretary and a full copy of the file of the

1 Department's proceedings."

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none, all
5 those in favor.

6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

10 And, Sharon, can I just add one thing quickly.
11 Because of time we're going to try to get in two or
12 three more, but we have to be out of here by 3:30, so
13 can we leave have our Education Chairman, Junior
14 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and
15 then we'll try to squeeze in AEF. So if those can be
16 ready. I'm sorry. I went down -- what I meant to say
17 was Americanism. I meant to say Americanism. So, yeah,
18 if you guys can be ready as soon as Sharon is done.
19 Thank you.

20 Sorry, Sharon.

21 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Thank you,
22 Madam President. And last but not least --

23 (Applause.)

24 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: -- Standing
25 Rules - Dues and Assessments. And this is item No. 1a

1 currently reads: "Per capita tax shall be paid in
2 advance annually. The National Senior per capita dues
3 shall be \$18, Department Senior per capita dues shall be
4 \$10 and Auxiliary News assessment shall be \$1 and
5 National Junior dues are \$1.50. (2023)."

6 If adopted it will read: "Per capita tax shall
7 be paid in advance annually. The National Senior per
8 capita dues shall be \$18, Department Senior per capita
9 dues shall be \$10 and National Junior dues are \$1.50."

10 And this is just basically to take out the
11 Auxiliary News Assessment because that's part of the \$18
12 we pay to National.

13 By direction of the committee I move for that
14 final change.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It's not final,
16 baby, you have one more.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Oh, no. Oh,
18 no. You see, I lied again.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Did we get a
20 second?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
23 on the floor. Standing Rules - Due and Assessments 1a
24 if adopted will read: "Per capita tax shall be paid in
25 advance annually. The National Senior per capita dues

1 shall be \$18, Department Senior per capita dues shall be
2 \$10 and National Junior dues are \$1.50."

3 Is there any discussion?

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes. Sorry, guys.
5 National junior dues are 2.50 and I think we should also
6 list Department Junior per capita at 1.50 since we're
7 listing the Department Senior per capita.

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Say that
9 again.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Seniors are 28
11 total, juniors are four total.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: So it's the
13 National.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The National where
15 it says 1.50 should be 2.50 and then Department Junior
16 per capita is 1.50.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: That would be
18 No. B, Liz, not No. A.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: No. 3.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is it 1b, Melanie,
22 or 1a?

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I think our
24 court reporter probably knows who I am by now. 1a, yes.
25 "Per capita tax shall be paid in advance annually. The

1 National Senior per capita dues shall be" -- and I'm
2 reading the original -- "shall be \$12, Department Senior
3 per capita dues shall be \$7, and Auxiliary News
4 assessment shall be \$1 and National Junior dues are
5 \$2.50 and Department Junior dues are 75 cents."

6 Sharon is proposing that the National Senior per
7 capita dues be \$18, Department Senior per capita dues
8 shall be \$10, eliminating the Auxiliary News assessment
9 of \$1, and National Junior dues are still \$2.50.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: And
11 Department.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And Department
13 dues are \$1.50.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: So you move to
15 amend that?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
17 President, I move to amend this --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: What is this?
20 I move to amend.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: There's a motion
23 on the floor. Standing Rules - Dues and Assessment 1a
24 if adopted will read: "Per capita tax shall be paid in
25 advance annually. The National Senior per capita dues

1 shall be \$18, Department Senior per capita dues shall be
2 \$10, and National Junior dues are \$2.50, Department
3 \$1.50."

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: But it should
5 say "per capita dues." "National Junior per capita
6 dues." It was just not worded right. We're trying to
7 make it worded right.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So I'm going to go
9 to the last sentence. "The National per capita Junior
10 dues are \$2.50. The Department per capita Junior dues
11 are \$1.50."

12 Is there any further discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: If not, let's
15 vote. All those in favor.

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Okay. And
21 then as Madam President stated, I forgot about the one
22 on the backside of the page. This is the last one for
23 Standing Rules, guys. No. 5 currently reads: "All
24 units in good standing shall pay a registration fee not
25 to exceed \$20 per delegate. Fee shall cover full voting

1 strength of the Unit prior to the District preconvension
2 caucus. (2023)."

3 If adopted it should read: "All units in good
4 standing shall pay a registration fee not to exceed \$30
5 per delegate. Fee shall cover full voting strength of
6 the Unit prior to the District preconvension caucus."

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We have a
9 motion on the floor. Standing Rules - Unit Charters No.
10 5 if adopted will read: "All units in good standing
11 shall pay a registration fee not to exceed \$30 per
12 delegate. Fee shall cover full voting strength of the
13 Unit prior to the District preconvension caucus."

14 Do we have any discussion?

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Oh, you know I
16 do, Madam President. We voted on this and it was
17 changed in 2019 to change it to read: "All units in
18 good standing shall pay a registration fee not to exceed
19 \$30 per delegate." This was changed back in 2019.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: But it was never
21 updated in our documents. But I've also just realized
22 part of our problem today is online we have the 2019
23 bylaws. We made changes last year and apparently that's
24 never been uploaded online so that's why we're off in
25 what we're doing today.

1 And so I was reading what's on my computer which
2 is 2023 when I made these changes when I did the
3 original code, but online it's 2019 so it's wrong.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: But it's still
6 not been updated.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No, that's correct.
8 This one still needs a vote.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We voted the
10 budget to change it to 30.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Right.

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: The Standing
13 Rules never --

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: It was never
15 uploaded.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So what Anita is
17 saying, it was voted to change in the budget, but the
18 Standing Rules were not changed so we're catching them
19 up.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay. Thank
21 you.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any further
23 discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in

1 favor.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

6 Whoa-whoa.

7 (Applause.)

8 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Madam

9 President, may I move forward with my statistical

10 report?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: The good

13 stuff. Thank you, Madam President.

14 As you all are aware, our theme this year is

15 United as One and President Glenda's motto is --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Ladies.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Is California

18 - the Golden State. Districts and Units have been very

19 busy making sure the governing documents are current and

20 in order. We have a total of 29 districts and year-end

21 reports where we see from 27 of them. There were 15

22 Districts that had 100 percent reporting. Information

23 compiled from 162 units confirms they are using Robert's

24 Rules of Order to assist with parliamentary procedure in

25 addition to adhering to District and Unit Standing Rules

1 and Constitution & Bylaws while staying in compliance
2 with Department and National.

3 Several Districts and Units have reported ten
4 year rewrites as well as amendments. Most pertain to
5 the relocation of the dues amount to their Standing
6 Rules and reviewing them to confirm which officers are
7 elected versus appointed. Additionally, changes were
8 made to reflect a change in eligibility to read "spouse"
9 instead of "wife" as mandated by National. One district
10 refers to this process as spring cleaning season,
11 referring to reviewing documents for compliance as well
12 as the paperwork necessary to be seated at convention.

13 It has been reported that most members have
14 memorized the preamble to the Constitution and it is
15 recited at meetings. It has also been reported that
16 most Units and Districts provide copies of Standing
17 Rules and Bylaws to new members. They also recommend
18 all members review them throughout the year for possible
19 updates. Districts and Units have reported maintaining
20 procedure books for the President, Secretary, and
21 Constitution & Bylaws and some include other officers as
22 well.

23 I am happy to report a success story. One
24 District was in the process of losing two units.
25 However, all members, except one who moved out of state

1 with plans to join a unit there, have transferred or are
2 in the process of transferring to another unit within
3 the District. This Unit had voted to close last year,
4 but with the hard work of the District thinking outside
5 the box, Unit members elected new officers to fulfill
6 the term through June 2024 and have had regular meetings
7 since February 2024.

8 (Applause.)

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Constitution
10 Day is September 17th. To commemorate the signing of
11 the United States Constitution in 1787, one unit
12 celebrated a local Orange County Elementary School of
13 368 students. Their Post Color Guard presented colors
14 for the school-wide assembly. A Unit member gave an
15 informative speech about the history and meaning of the
16 United States Constitution. Each grade level
17 participated by presenting a patriotic song, poem, or
18 reciting the preamble of the constitution. This
19 District also had an exciting and engaging pop quiz
20 after a brief review of the purpose of the Constitution
21 & Bylaws and Standing Rules and members were given tasty
22 candy rewards for their correct answers.

23 As quoted from one Unit Constitution & Bylaws
24 chairman: "Let us remember the people we met, the
25 places we visited and the sacrifices so many gave of

1 themselves for our Country. Throughout our future
2 travels in the spirit of service, not self for veterans,
3 God and Country, may we continue our ongoing commitment,
4 integrity, honesty, fairness, openness, responsibility
5 and respect."

6 Madam President, that ends my report.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Sharon.

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: May I move to
10 my first place awards?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Madam
13 President, for Best Overall Unit Program, first place
14 Constitution & Bylaws goes to Unit 291, District 29. I
15 don't want to mess this name up. Janet du Monceau de
16 Bergendal.

17 (Applause.)

18 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: And, Madam
19 President, for Best Overall District Program for
20 Constitution & Bylaws, first place goes to District 29
21 Cynthia Edes, Chairman.

22 (Applause.)

23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR MOORE: Madam
24 President, I think I thank you for this appointment.
25 But I certainly would like to take a special privilege

1 to thank the committee. We -- thank you, ladies. We
2 spent a long time and we got through it. Thank the
3 entire body here and I really want to thank Anita Biggs
4 and Liz Doidge. I couldn't have done it without you.
5 Thank you so much.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Fantastic job
8 getting us caught up, Sharon.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
10 President, I think Sharon has done a phenomenal job this
11 year and she needs to be commended for a job well done.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: And we thank all
14 of you who sat through this. Thank you.

15 Next we're going to have Linda Workman,
16 Distinguished Guest Chairman, give her report so that
17 she can go get ready for the banquet. She just came and
18 threw it on the floor and said, here, pass it out.

19

20 **DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT**

21

22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam
23 President, it has been an extreme pleasure to serve as
24 your Distinguished Guest Chairman this year. We've
25 traveled together to various wonderful spots and had a

1 great time. I've enjoyed being your roomy, and although
2 you can't seem to find your shoe, we worked well
3 together.

4 Our travel with National President Lisa had some
5 long days, but fun adventures. I wanted to thank all of
6 those who chauffeured us and set up fabulous visitations
7 to the Capitol meeting with legislative members,
8 dinners, VA facilities, and fabulous sightings,
9 sightseeing. Your service to this Department and
10 especially your veterans is greatly appreciated.

11 Now as cute as a button our Department President
12 is, sometimes she just loses her belongings and can't
13 find out where -- what to wear to the next function. So
14 I know we are not supposed to give you gifts at the
15 podium, but I want witnesses so that the next time you
16 are 400 miles from where you started, you won't have to
17 worry about what blingy shoes to wear. Keep these in
18 your suitcase and not under the bed and all will be
19 good.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Thank you
22 again for this appointment, the wonderful time we had
23 this year, and the memories that we will always have of
24 our adventure. I hope to see you all at the banquet
25 tonight.

1 And, Madam President, this concludes my platform
2 remarks.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Linda.
4 It was quite embarrassing when we went to the Hollywood
5 Post, and I apologize, Lisa, I had to wear pants because
6 I left one of the shoes that I was going to wear with my
7 dress at home. So thank you.

8 Donna Mattox, Legislative, do you want to --
9 Leadership. I'm sorry. I know I didn't call you, but
10 I'm looking at you. So I didn't see anybody else over
11 there. They may be there, but I don't mean to ignore
12 you. Martha will be next, please.

13 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: It's a long walk.

14

15 **LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT**

16

17 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: Good afternoon,
18 everyone. The statistical report for Leadership program
19 can be found on page 32 in the Book of Reports. The
20 preconvention committee met -- for Leadership met in the
21 Sequoia B Room on Thursday, June 27th, 2024. The
22 committee agreed upon the following report.

23 The meeting was called to order at 9:13 in the
24 Sequoia B Room of the Marriott Convention Center in
25 Visalia. Pamela Dixon-Hicks, District 18, was appointed

1 secretary, Diana Livas, District 19, was appointed
2 chaplain, and Donna Smith, District 22, was appointed
3 sergeant-at-arms. Roll call showed 15 District
4 representatives and five guests in attendance.

5 The code was read and the following code changes
6 were presented. Code 13 current reads: "The Department
7 Chairman shall maintain a current list of names and
8 addresses of certified instructors and shall provide
9 each District with the approved list at Department
10 Convention."

11 If adopted Code 13 will read: "The Department
12 Chairman shall maintain a current list of names,
13 District and Unit information of certified instructors
14 and it shall be posted on the Department website.
15 (2024)."

16 By direction of the committee, I move for the
17 acceptance of this code change.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
20 on the floor. Leadership Code No. 13 if adopted will
21 read: "The Department Chairman shall maintain a current
22 list of names, District and Unit information of
23 certified instructors and it shall be posted on the
24 Department website. (2024)."

25 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none we'll

3 vote. All those in favor.

4 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

8 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: Okay. Code 17

9 currently reads: "The corsage and Past President Parley

10 luncheon ticket for the Auxiliary Member of the Year who

11 attends the luncheon will be paid out of the convention

12 expenses."

13 If adopted Code 17 will read: "The

14 corsage/boutonniere and the Past Presidents Parley

15 luncheon ticket for the Auxiliary Member of the Year who

16 attends the luncheon will be paid out of the convention

17 expenses."

18 By direction of the committee I move for the

19 acceptance of this code change.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion

22 on the floor. Leadership Department Code No. 17 if

23 adopted will read: "The corsage/boutonniere and the

24 Past Presidents Parley luncheon ticket for the Auxiliary

25 Member of the Year who attends the luncheon will be paid

1 out of the convention expenses."

2 Is there any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
5 we'll vote. All those in favor.

6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

10 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: Second and third place
11 awards for District and Unit supplementals were handed
12 out and 100 percent certificates were given to Districts
13 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 23, 24, and 26.

14 Madam President, may I continue with my
15 supplemental?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

17 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: What is leadership?
18 According to the dictionary, it is the action of leading
19 a group of people or an organization. For the American
20 Legion Auxiliary it is several things rolled into one:
21 mentoring, guiding, teaching, and helping the Units or
22 members to understand our policies, procedures, and
23 programs. This can be accomplished by a group of
24 members or as an individual on a one-on-one basis.

25 This year the Leadership program was known as the

1 Department of Community Services and Development. We
2 started our year in Clovis with a promise of a great
3 year and many trips up and down the great state of
4 California which included our Southern and Northern
5 Workshop. Now was the time for the work to begin.

6 Talking with the Districts, what they'd like to
7 see in the program and the answers were pretty much
8 unanimous. Go back to basics. And so we did. Many of
9 the Units held ten-minute mini workshops on our
10 programs. We had districts holding regular workshops
11 with presenters focusing on report writing, programs,
12 and how to conduct a meeting.

13 We were able to hold two Leadership workshops
14 this year: one in Chino and the other in Bakersfield.
15 We had the Junior Conference. We had a great time
16 learning with the three Past Department Presidents and
17 four Department Chairmen presenting.

18 The highlight of our Chino workshop was the
19 Jeopardy game. Everyone had a fun time with that and it
20 was a very competitive game. Boy, was it. Thank you to
21 the 25th District for hosting at Chino.

22 This year we had four new certified leaders and
23 nine leaders that recertified. Great job to all the
24 members that participated. I would like to leave you
25 with a quote from Henry Ford. "Coming together is a

1 beginning; keeping together is a process; working
2 together is success."

3 Thank you, Madam President, for this appointment.
4 It has been a wonderful learning year.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You're welcome,
7 Donna. You've done a great job.

8 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: May I proceed with my
9 first place awards?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

11 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: First Place Unit
12 Supplemental is Unit 741, Linda Fercho.

13 (Applause.)

14 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: 4th of July birthday.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: 4th of July
16 birthday, yes.

17 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: First Place District
18 Supplemental is District 22, Susie Tozier.

19 (Applause.)

20 LEADERSHIP CHAIR MATTOX: Thank you again, Madam
21 President.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: You're welcome,
23 Donna. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Next we will have

1 Junior Activities.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Don't kill me. I
3 have code changes. Only four.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. Ladies, we
5 still have to do the recession of the flags so the Pages
6 that are taking down the flags need to be ready. We're
7 going to do Martha and then we're going to do
8 Americanism, so we have to hurry to be out of here by
9 3:30.

10 So if the Pages could very quietly get ready
11 while these two are talking, it would be greatly
12 appreciated.

13 Sorry, Martha, go ahead. The flag bearers I
14 meant. Pages, sorry.

15

16 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONVENTION REPORT

17

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Junior Activities
19 preconvention meeting met on Thursday, June 27th at 9:27
20 a.m. in Room Mineral King B. Twelve delegates were in
21 attendance and two visitors. Rosa Hernandez served as
22 secretary, Fran Brossman served as chaplain, and Lucy
23 Hunt served as sergeant-at-arms.

24 Can I proceed with my code changes?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Under Program:
2 Junior Activities/Junior Conference, the -- I'm sorry.
3 Let me go back.

4 Junior Activities Department Code No. 8. The
5 current wording: "The Department Chairman shall be
6 responsible for the promotion of Junior Conference and
7 all fundraising efforts in support of the conference.
8 All ticket stubs and all funds will be earmarked Junior
9 Conference and made payable to ALA Department of
10 California and sent to Department Treasurer. The
11 Department Treasurer will provide Junior Activities a
12 report on the collected funds and forward ticket stubs
13 monthly."

14 The proposed change if approved would read: "The
15 Department Chairman shall be responsible for the
16 promotion of Junior Conference and all fundraising
17 efforts in support of the conference. All ticket stubs
18 and all funds will be earmarked Junior Conference and
19 made payable to ALA Department of California and sent to
20 the Department Secretary. The Department Treasurer will
21 provide Junior Activities Chairman a report on the
22 collected funds."

23 So the rationale for just changing it to
24 centralize everything to the Department was because what
25 happened this year is I got payments, I got checks, I

1 got stubs, the Treasurer got payments and stubs, and Liz
2 got stubs and payments. So now if we centralize it, it
3 just goes to one location so we can track everything.
4 We hope to eliminate the confusion where things are
5 going.

6 So at the direction of the committee, I move for
7 that code change.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
10 on the floor. Junior Activities Department Code No. 8
11 if adopted will read: "The Department Chairman shall be
12 responsible for the promotion of Junior Conference and
13 all fundraising efforts in support of the conference.
14 All ticket stubs and all funds will be earmarked Junior
15 Conference and made payable to ALA Department of
16 California and sent to the Department Secretary. The
17 Department Treasurer will provide Junior Activities
18 Chairman a report on the collected funds."

19 Is there any discussion?

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I don't know,
21 did you discuss this -- Anita Biggs, Past Department
22 President. So you would prefer that the ticket stubs
23 and the money all go to the Secretary instead of the
24 Treasurer?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It wasn't going to

1 her. At least half of them came to me still, at least.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Because there was nowhere
3 to send the money.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I mean so then
5 you're going to have to send the money to the Treasurer
6 for deposit?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: This past year most
8 of them did still continue coming to me, so I don't have
9 a problem continuing that. I know that Susie's goal
10 last year was to take a task out my hands. I'm already
11 sending money to her. It's not a problem adding these
12 checks to it. Stubs I give to Martha or to whomever the
13 chairman is at DEC and then whenever I see them.
14 Workshop, DEC, Junior Conference, whatever it is.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
16 District 22/245. Just to clarify Liz's statement, it
17 was a code change to send it to the Treasurer by when
18 Maureen was Junior Conference, involved in the Junior
19 Conference. That's why I got them. I didn't want to
20 take your work away.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I was fine with it.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I know.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The other thing
24 that's been noted is we have an issue with the Units,
25 the Districts not knowing where to send the money.

1 Because it's in the code, it's not put anywhere else,
2 we're going to put out a form. I will likely not have
3 it when you get your tickets tomorrow, but there will be
4 a form for Junior Conference tickets that says send it
5 to Department.

6 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: So Liz and I did
7 discuss it and we agreed this probably would be the best
8 course of action. I know the code was changed in 2022,
9 but it didn't alleviate the problem. So most of the
10 stuff is still going to Liz, so we thought if it's
11 already happening and she's okay with it. So it was
12 actually at her request. I'm not going to give her
13 extra work.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any further
15 discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
18 we'll vote. All those in favor.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

23 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: So the next
24 proposed change is something that affects not just
25 Junior Activities but it affects Americanism. So

1 Proposal No. 2 under Junior Activities/Junior
2 Conference, Department Code 2 currently reads: "The
3 Junior Conference shall be self-supporting and the
4 current income from the fundraising projects and
5 contributions shall be used for planning and conducting
6 the Junior Conference. There will be no exceptions.
7 The Junior Conference Committee will add a line item of
8 \$120 to the Veronica Spence Americanism Essay Awards for
9 Junior members adhering to rules as outlined in
10 Department Americanism Code. The Department Junior
11 Activities Chairman will be responsible for the
12 promotion of the conference and all fundraising efforts
13 to support the conference. (2015)."

14 If adopted it will read: "The Junior Conference
15 shall be self-supporting and the current income from the
16 fundraising project and contributions shall be used for
17 planning and conducting the Junior Conference. There
18 will be no exceptions. The Department Junior Activities
19 Chairman will be responsible for the promotion of the
20 conference and all fundraising efforts in support of the
21 conference. (2024)."

22 So basically we took out: "The Junior Conference
23 Committee will add a line item of \$120 to the Junior
24 Conference budget for the Veronica Spence Americanism
25 Essay Awards for Junior members adhering to rules as

1 outlined in the Department Americanism Code." So that
2 was taken out. I -- it is my understanding that there
3 is no funding for the -- that particular award and we
4 haven't had participation in many, many years.

5 By the direction or at the direction of the
6 committee, I move to accept the code change.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
9 on the floor. Junior Activities/Junior Conference
10 Department Code 2 if adopt will read: "The Junior
11 Conference shall be self-supporting and the current
12 income from the fundraising project and contributions
13 shall be used for planning and conducting the Junior
14 Conference. There will be no exceptions. The
15 Department Junior Activities Chairman will be
16 responsible for the promotion of the conference and all
17 fundraising efforts in support of the conference.
18 (2024)."

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
22 we'll vote. All those in favor.

23 DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Okay. Proposal
3 No. 3. It's under Junior Activities/Junior Conference
4 Department Code 21 currently reads: "The candidate for
5 Honorary Junior President must be a minimum of 15 years
6 old."

7 If adopted the change will read: "The candidate
8 for Honorary Junior President must be a minimum of 14
9 years old. (2022)."

10 We're lowering it by one year. We will have --
11 it was very difficult to find candidates at this year's
12 Junior Conference and I think next year we will have
13 several candidates by lowering it to 14, by one year.

14 At the direction of the committee I move
15 acceptance of this code change.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
18 on the floor. Junior Activities/Junior Conference
19 Department Code No. 21 if adopted will read: "The
20 candidate for Honorary Junior President must be a
21 minimum of 14 years old."

22 Is there any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hearing none,
25 we'll vote. All those in favor.

1 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion carried.

5 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Last change.

6 Rules No. 4 under Junior Activities/Junior Mission

7 Training. The current wording --

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Martha, is that

9 No. 4 or No. 2?

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Proposal No. 4,

11 Department Code 2. It's under Junior Activities/Junior

12 Mission Training, Code No. 2. It's Proposal No. 4.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm sorry. I'm

14 getting rummy. I can't imagine you guys aren't.

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: So currently it

16 reads: "Airfare, \$100 per diem for two days and the

17 registration fee will be paid by the Department Office

18 for the first representative to Junior Mission Training.

19 Should the first representative not be able to attend,

20 the second representative will move up to first

21 representative. The Department President, Junior

22 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Chairman and

23 Junior Conference Committee will select a Junior that

24 attended the current Junior Conference to attend as the

25 second representative. In the event that both the

1 representatives are unable to attend Junior Mission
2 Training, the Department President, Junior Activities
3 Chairman, Junior Conference Director and Junior
4 Conference Committee will select two Junior members that
5 attached the current year" -- it should be "attended,"
6 -- "attended the current year Junior Conference to
7 attend as the first and second representative. (2017)."

8 If adopted the code will read: "Travel, plus
9 \$100 per diem for two days and the registration fee will
10 be paid for by the Department Office for two
11 representatives to Junior Mission Training. Should the
12 representatives not be able to attend, two alternates
13 will move up to representatives. The Department
14 President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior Conference
15 Director and Junior Conference Committee will select the
16 Juniors that attend the current year Junior Conference
17 to attend as the representatives and alternates.
18 (2024)."

19 This was to clarify language that did not exist
20 on reimbursing the Juniors that participated. One of
21 the issues because it had "airfare" instead of "travel,"
22 only the Juniors that actually flew were able to get
23 reimbursed. So if they drove, say, for example, if
24 they're close to Vegas and they drove, there was no
25 reimbursement opportunity. So this is just changing

1 "airfare" to "travel" would allow that.

2 And we are increasing it from one representative
3 to two representatives and also having two alternates
4 with the intent to allow more Juniors to participate.

5 At the direction of the committee, I move
6 acceptance of the code change.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
9 on the floor. Junior Activities/Junior Mission Training
10 Department Code 2 if adopted will read: "Travel, plus
11 \$100 per diem for two days and the registration fee will
12 be paid for by the Department Office for two
13 representatives to Junior Mission Training. Should the
14 representatives not be able to attend, two alternates
15 will move up to representatives. The Department
16 President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior Conference
17 Director and Junior Conference Committee will select the
18 Juniors that attend the current year Junior Conference
19 to attend as the representatives and alternates."

20 Do you want to say it "Junior Conference" or do
21 you want to say "Mission Training"?

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Training.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: The last sentence.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: The last
25 sentence --

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: It says, "Junior
2 Mission Training."

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: That attended,
4 yes.

5 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: That would have
6 attended. Sorry.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a motion
8 -- oh, do we have any further discussion?

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Anita Biggs,
10 Past Department President. Okay. I just need to
11 clarify or at least to be clarified, when you say
12 "travel" instead of "airfare," travel because a child
13 can't -- you know, they're not driving, most of them,
14 and so now we're going from one representative to be
15 reimbursed to two?

16 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Correct.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That's --
18 okay. And you all have already put that in your budget
19 to -- to --

20 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: There's plenty of
21 money in the reserves and in their general fund to
22 cover.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I have to call
24 the Finance Chairman to help me out with this because
25 has it already gone to Finance to increase this budget?

1 And when you talk about and that includes travel, when
2 you talk about travel, are you talking about mileage per
3 mile from where they're going? As we get or -- because
4 the airfare covers airfare. Now we're talking about
5 mileage, so that would be toward to reimburse the Senior
6 that was getting the child to the Mission Training.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: In regards to the
8 airfare --

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: If you're
10 driving. Because you said "travel." It could be a
11 train, a bus, any kind of traveling, but if it's
12 driving, it's based on miles or -- I just need
13 clarification.

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: My understanding
15 for reimbursement for driving, it's always mileage.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That's not in
17 here.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: It would mirror
19 our requirements for Seniors. I don't think that we
20 have another rule for Juniors. Because a parent is
21 driving they can't drive themselves usually, but I don't
22 think that we would do that.

23 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Linda
24 Workman, Finance Chairman. It should state mileage at
25 45 -- 40 cents per -- you know, per mile en route for

1 just the junior. I mean we're not going to pay for
2 Mommy to drive her as well. And please make sure that
3 -- I know we have reserves, and everybody understands
4 reserves, we must have a year in reserves for every
5 program just in case. So we can't keep hitting reserves
6 unless we have -- we have to leave at least a year's
7 funding in that reserve account for the next year's
8 function.

9 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: Madam
10 President, Deloris Artis, District 24, Unit 283. The
11 Mission Training to Las Vegas is only one day so what
12 travel and flying or whatever we're talking about.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: They can't do it
14 all in one day, Deloris. They have to get there the day
15 before.

16 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: Well,
17 some of us that live in Los Angeles leave early in the
18 morning and get there in time for just the one day.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: They still have
20 two days that they have to eat and --

21 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: Okay. I
22 just needed for clarification because I do take my
23 Juniors and we have more than one that goes. Okay. So
24 you're talking about the Juniors that live in the north
25 and/or just all the of the Juniors?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Just the
2 representative.

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Representative.

4 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: Because
5 just this year alone I had four Juniors go to Mission
6 Training.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: But the
8 Department only would sponsor two.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We only
10 sponsored one, now we're sponsoring two.

11 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: So for
12 January or February in 2025, I should only have one
13 Junior to go?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: No, no. This is
15 just talking about the Junior delegates going to Mission
16 Training. They have to be delegates.

17 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: That's
18 what I'm speaking of.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It's not the rest.

20 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: That's
21 what I'm speaking about, the Junior that goes to Mission
22 Training.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: But yours is not
24 the delegate?

25 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: No,

1 they're just --

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. This is
3 just talking about delegates.

4 DISTRICT 24 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ARTIS: Okay.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.

6 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: So any Junior can
7 sign up to go too.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah, any Junior
9 can sign up to go.

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: But to be a
11 delegate, you have to go to Junior Conferences and be
12 selected.

13 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE OLMSTEAD-BOWEN: My question
14 is --

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Can you please
16 tell us your name and district?

17 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE OLMSTEAD-BOWEN: I'm sorry.
18 Susan Olmstead-Bowen, District 21, Unit 328. My
19 question is why can't it be mileage at the same rate
20 approved by the Department, something vague instead of
21 having to change it every year.

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: And that's my --
23 that was my intent in putting "travel" because if we
24 make it very restrictive and we put a dollar amount, we
25 have to keep changing the code. So if you provide a

1 mileage reimbursement amount this year and then you
2 change it next year, then we have to change the code to
3 reflect that.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: One last --
5 let me -- one more time and then you can -- I said I
6 amend this amendment, this request this code change to
7 state mileage at 40 cents as we just approved because --
8 and the reason being, this particular code was
9 originally because of the travel to the National
10 Convention when they had Mission Training there. Now
11 we're talking about going to the Mission Trainings that
12 are local to our region and the airfare was the way that
13 we would get the Juniors there mostly. The ones that
14 were selected they could fly because they were going to
15 pay for their airfare. So only one girl we're talking
16 about. Now we're talking about two and we want to
17 accommodate two so you want to do it with mileage since
18 you want to strike airfare.

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: We're not
20 striking airfare. We want to change it to "travel"
21 because we want to incorporate both. Because I may fly
22 and you may drive.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: But you need
24 to be specific. When you start talking about which mode
25 of transportation, you need to say airfare and if you're

1 driving, you know, you can say travel by air, you can go
2 by bus, by train. But then also, and you get
3 reimbursed, but also when you talk about mileage, it's
4 different from where the child lives. So that's -- I
5 think we need to incorporate that in the code to add
6 mileage per the Finance Committee 40 cents per hour.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: I don't want to
8 be that specific. I would rather stipulate travel as
9 prescribed in the Department -- where is it? It's
10 department code, but it's under Finance. Where is my
11 Finance person?

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Maybe Melanie
13 knows.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Melanie.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
16 Department President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department
17 President.

18 Martha, has -- has this been run by Finance to
19 increase the per diem and the airfare whether it's
20 mileage by the Finance Committee? Because if it hasn't,
21 you can't present this on the floor yet.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: May I please
23 answer that? I did speak to Linda Workman about this
24 and she did feel that -- is she still over there? No.
25 She thought at that point that it was in the Junior

1 budget so she thought this was okay. So maybe we need
2 to go back to committee with this one.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Okay.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. So -- go
5 ahead, Susie.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: If you do not
7 -- like in normal code for the transportation of the
8 chairman, there is a cap. You need to cap the travel or
9 they will -- you will get charged -- you will have to
10 pay whatever they tell you if you do not cap it.

11 Because it did happen. I had one person try to
12 ask for a lot of money and I said, no, I can only give
13 you this amount per the code. So if you don't put a
14 ceiling like 40 cents a mile or something on there, even
15 though you don't want to change it in the future, it
16 will get changed no matter how often, but you need to
17 cap it or else we have -- we might have to pay a bigger
18 bill.

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Okay. Susie,
20 what is the code amount right now?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Forty cents a
22 mile not to exceed \$500.

23 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: No, the cap, not
24 the mileage. For airfare. What's the cap for airfare?

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Not to exceed

1 \$500. The code for travel is 40 cents a mile and then
2 not to exceed \$500.

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Because I want to
4 include airfare, so --

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: The airfare is
6 in the \$500.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: \$500?

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: The airfare is
9 not to exceed \$500 because we have people that live out
10 of state and they fly in. They cannot get more than
11 \$500. If their ticket is 1,000, we only pay them five.

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: I would be
13 willing to amend my --

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I still agree
15 it needs to go to the Finance Committee.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yeah.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Okay.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So do you want to
19 discuss it with Linda and then back to the -- your
20 committee and then bring it back tomorrow?

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: Sure.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

23 And, Cindy, I'm sorry, we're not going to be able
24 to do yours today. We've got 15 minutes to get out of
25 here.

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: May I finish with
2 my platform remarks?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITES CHAIR ROMANO: The Department of
5 California 2023-2024 year began with our annual workshop
6 hosted at the Veteran Memorial in Clovis, California.
7 Packets with written materials and web links were
8 provided to the Junior Activities Chairmen in attendance
9 from the 30 Districts.

10 Additionally, the same packets and materials were
11 made available for other workshop participants in
12 attendance. These packets contained Junior Activities
13 handbooks, Junior Activities Department of California
14 Codes/Rules, Department and National publications along
15 with other resources available to members from both the
16 Department and National websites.

17 For this year, the Junior Activities also adopted
18 the Wonder Woman theme complete with baseball T-shirts.
19 Lastly, Junior Conference raffle tickets were
20 distributed as it has been the program's annual major
21 fundraiser for Junior Conference.

22 Subsequently, email and text notifications were
23 sent out to Junior members regarding regular monthly
24 Department of California Junior Activities Zoom
25 meetings. This was to serve as an opportunity for

1 Juniors to engage, share ideas and work collectively on
2 projects relating to the American Legion Auxiliary
3 programs.

4 Our Junior Activities this year was known as the
5 Youth Council Commission which stayed connected
6 statewide through these Zoom meetings discussing a
7 variety of topics and programs while at the same time
8 assisting other Juniors with their special projects at
9 their Units, Districts and Department.

10 Furthermore, through the Zoom meetings the
11 Juniors were learning about the Patch Program and/or
12 earning and collecting patches, Mission Training
13 participation, attendance at meetings, Mid-Year,
14 Department Convention and fundraising activities.

15 The Junior's activities were regularly featured
16 in the Department of California newsletter, the Hub,
17 under the Juniors Rock page which allowed for additional
18 participation and excitement from other Junior and
19 Senior members.

20 Early on this year Juniors were strongly
21 encouraged to work with Senior Auxiliary members and the
22 Legion Family in promoting the ALA Mission and working
23 with the Legion Family on all levels. At the end of the
24 year, 16 of the 30 American Legion Auxiliary Districts
25 and six Units submitted their end-of-the-year reports.

1 And of the 220 units, over 100 responded, five districts
2 and three units reporting with some narrative
3 supplemental and pictures which included Junior
4 participation in the Patch Program, service projects,
5 technology assistance, scholarship awareness, folding
6 pocket flags, blanket and sock VA delivery, school
7 supplies drives, bake sales, food bank drives, Post and
8 Unit dinners, Valentine and Christmas card deliveries to
9 active duty members at home and abroad, also to veterans
10 in homes and hospitals, Veterans and Memorial Day
11 ceremonies and activities.

12 I am happy to further report that Senior members
13 are reporting that they are actively mentoring, coaching
14 and providing leadership opportunities and training to
15 those future leaders and rock stars. From these
16 reports, volunteer hours from Junior members were
17 counted at over 6,540 hours, service to more than 630
18 military families, 43 service projects, 77 Junior
19 participation in those service projects, collecting \$395
20 from the Junior Conference tickets fundraiser,
21 fundraising activities of \$6,900 for other programs.
22 Five noted Junior participation at Junior Conference in
23 April 2024 and two attended Mission Training in Las
24 Vegas, Nevada in January 2024.

25 Some of the highlights of Junior projects by

1 Mid-Year: Olivia, Unit 716 Christmas Art for Barstow
2 Veterans Home with Legion Riders delivery and
3 art/pizza/ice cream event at Los Alamitos Post 716 to
4 work on art pieces.

5 Brooklyn, Unit 521, donation of Veterans Day
6 cards/personal delivery and spaghetti dinner Junior and
7 Sons fundraising dinner at Post 447.

8 Rebeka, Unit 299, Christmas cards for
9 veterans/service members, international care packages to
10 service members overseas for fundraiser event at Elmer
11 C. Jertberg Post 299 and donations to Junior Activities,
12 Patient Remembrance/gift shop and President's Special
13 Project.

14 Maddison and Kairi, Unit 180, held a bake sale
15 raising money for ALA scholarship funds.

16 Additionally, the reports included a total of 243
17 patches already awarded across the Red, Gold and Blue
18 levels of the Patch Program from Districts across the
19 state, which also included collaboration and service
20 projects, assisting with regular dinners, backpack
21 drives, district baby shower, flag placing, service dog
22 donations, assisting with fundraisers, participation in
23 Veterans and Memorial days and special theme parties
24 which included the volunteer hours previously stated.

25 Some of the Department of California Junior

1 activities mentioned at the end-of-the-year reports were
2 featured on social media locally, statewide and through
3 the National ALA Juniors Western Division Facebook and
4 Instagram accounts.

5 Some of those highlights of Junior Projects by
6 end of the year: Juniors in Unit 716 actively
7 participated in several American Legion Auxiliary
8 program focused activities: Americanism, Community
9 Service, Children & Youth, VA&R, and Education.

10 Junior Unit 589, a Junior participated in Poppy
11 centerpiece contest and awarded \$10. Junior also passed
12 out flags at the Salinas Day Parade.

13 Juniors in Unit 790 raised \$200 by selling candy
14 apples and popcorn to donate to local veterans food
15 bank. They also assisted in packaging Thanksgiving
16 baskets for a local school and veterans in need.

17 Juniors Unit 81 baked and decorated dozen of
18 cupcakes for the Unit's fundraising events during the
19 Memorial Day and Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) along
20 with flag placement at the Gonzales Cemetery for
21 Veterans and Memorial Days.

22 This chairman has participated in the National
23 Western Division Zoom meetings which include breakout
24 sessions. Information shared included school
25 scholarship information, upcoming webinars such as the

1 Lunch and Learn, ALA Academy online training portal with
2 video recordings and more opportunities for Juniors as
3 ALA has introduced a new purple level as part of the
4 patch program this year.

5 I have enjoyed the growth of many of the Juniors
6 and more importantly their engagement with the Legion
7 Family at all levels with the encouragement and support
8 of their Senior counterparts. That concludes my
9 platform remarks.

10 (Applause.)

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: May I proceed
12 with my first place awards?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes.

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: Yes. First
15 place, Erika Hernandez, Unit 302.

16 (Applause.)

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: First place for
18 District, District 29 Joanna Garcia.

19 (Applause.)

20 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR ROMANO: That concludes my
21 report. Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you, Martha.
24 Do we have any Golden Notes?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I've got the answer

1 to the question you guys have been be asking me all day.
2 Where do you get your banquet tickets. Sharon will be
3 out here in the hall for about an hour and a half when
4 we get out of here or from 6:00 o'clock on. See Sharon
5 and she will get them to you.

6 We have one chicken dinner for sell if anyone
7 wants a ticket and still does not have one. Please see
8 Sharon again, she has it. Cindy Mayfield, if you're
9 still looking for one.

10 And then last, National Delegates and Alternates,
11 I have your packets. Come see me in the office and
12 those like Phyllis that want the guest pass, come see
13 me, I have it in the office.

14 There is an Arizona Jeep Tail Hawk white Arizona
15 plate LZA or 2AUCTA in the Chase parking lot. It's
16 illegally parked in front of the hotel. You need to
17 move it ASAP before they tow it.

18 Delegates to the PPP committee meeting, please
19 meet with Kathie Martinez in the lobby outside of
20 registration at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. They are
22 going to take everything out of here to set up for the
23 banquet tonight so you need to take everything with you.
24 Don't leave anything of your personal stuff here. And
25 please pick up the trash off the floor if you have some.

1 Yeah, I'm not sure what we're going to do about
2 the poles. Okay. We're not done yet. Please, we have
3 to retire the flags. We will reconvene tomorrow morning
4 at 8:30. 8:30, not 9:00 o'clock. 8:30.

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6 **RECESSIONAL OF DISTRICT AND UNIT COLORS**

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8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Sergeant-at-Arms,
9 Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms, and the Color Bearers,
10 please retire the Unit and District Colors.

11 (ProceSSIONal.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Hope to see you
13 all at the banquet. No host cocktails at 5:30, dinner
14 at 6:00 p.m. Please, we haven't recessed yet.

15 The American Legion Department of California is
16 sponsoring great entertainment for us.

17 The session is in recess until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow
18 morning. Hope you have an enjoyable evening.

19 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
20 was adjourned at 3:26 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
2 COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN)

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I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California 103rd Annual Convention was taken Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the time 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 103rd Annual Convention members were written down by me
14 in stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer
15 under my supervision; that the foregoing is a true and
16 correct transcript of the oratory given by the American
17 Legion Auxiliary - Department of California 103rd 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 17th day of July, 2024, at Ripon,
23 California.

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Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919