

2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION MOTIONS

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

National Parliamentarian PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA) moved to accept the Convention Rules as read/printed. National First Vice President Evelyn McElvin (FL) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

PNP Patty Piening (OH) moved to accept the agenda as printed in the book. Honors and Award Chairman PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Hospital Officer Leslie Nell (IL) moved to accept the 2016 NEC minutes as printed. National Americanism Officer Dee Baggett (FL) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

Thursday, August 11, 2016

National Americanism Officer Dee Baggett (FL) moved to change Freedoms Foundation Month from May to October. Gloria George (WA) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

Proposed Constitution Changes

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA) moved to:

Accept the following modification to Page 5: Article IV: Membership: Section I: after stepdaughters add (A step-daughter must have been a dependent of an AMVET or deceased veteran prior to their eighteenth birthday to be eligible). It will now read: Eligibility for membership in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary shall be limited to the mothers, wives, grandmothers, regardless of age, and to the daughters, stepdaughters (A step-daughter must have been a dependent of an AMVET or deceased veteran prior to their eighteenth birthday to be eligible), sisters and granddaughters, not less than 18 years of age, of regular members of AMVETS; and to the mothers, and widows, regardless of age. and to the daughters, sisters, and granddaughters, not less than 18 years of age, of deceased veterans who would have been eligible for membership in AMVETS, and female veterans, who served honorably.

- Note this is not a change but a clarification of the term stepdaughters as stated when stepdaughters was previously added to eligibility.

Accept the following change to Page 8: Article V, Section I, g: change triplicate to duplicate and add: Including a separate page indicating where the changes are within the Bylaws. This will now read: "Department Bylaws shall be reviewed every three (3) years. Any amendments to the Bylaws, including a separate page indicating where the changes are within the Bylaws, shall be submitted. in duplicate, to the National Parliamentarian by July 15 after adoption for approval, at which time they shall become effective. Bylaws that are updates to conform to National Bylaw changes need not be submitted to the National Parliamentarian for approval.

- Note this will allow the Parliamentarian to review the Bylaws and to ensure the Department is in good standing prior to National Convention

Accept the following change to Page 10: Article V, Section 3, c: delete but not serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms. It would read: A Department President may be re-elected. All other officers may be re-elected or re-appointed, as provided in Department Bylaws.

- Note: Many Departments are having a difficult time filling offices.

Accept the following change to Article VI, Section 5: add after three years in the first sentence "with notification to National." It will now read "in the event of the surrender, cancellation or forfeiture of an Auxiliary Charter, all money, official records and property shall be surrendered to the Department to be held in trust for a period of no longer than three (3) years with notification to National Headquarters.

Accept the following change to Page 16: Article IX, Section I a: change to read: Past National Presidents shall be invited to attend all National Executive Committee Meetings and National Conventions with a vote and registration fee paid, without compensation. providing they are members in good standing. PNPs should not have to pay for registration fees to attend meetings.

- Note: Anywhere the word Gaveliers appears add Board of Trustees

Second by National First Vice President Evelyn McElvin (FL). After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

Proposed Bylaws Changes

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis moved to:

Accept the following change to Page 6: Article III, Section 2: under the duties of the First Vice President: delete Insurance Coordinator. This information can be found on the AMVETS webpage

Accept the following change to Page 8: Section 10 b: delete and forwarding one copy to the national president. It would now read: interpret the Constitution and Bylaws in regards to legal matters; approve Department Bylaws, returning a signed and dated copy to the Department, retaining one (1) copy for her files. Note: The parliamentarian can send the National President the information if needed.

Accept the following change to Page 14: Article VI, Section 3: change nine (9) to ten (10), according to Article V d-The finance committee is made up of ten members.

Accept the following change to Article VII, Section 2 b (at the request of the auditor) change \$5.00 to \$6.00 and \$50.00 to \$75.00.

Second by PNP Linda McGriff (TX). After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

Proposed Changes to Standing Rules

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis moved to accept the following change to #1 Change to read: In the event of a death of a National AMVETS or Auxiliary Officer, Past National President or Past National Commander, proper respect shall be shown by National with a donation to a National Program or a program of the family's request, not to exceed \$50 dollars. Second by PNP Linda McGriff (TX). After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

- Note delete immediate family—donations should only be made to officers or past leaders of the organization. Increase donation from \$ 25 to \$ 50

Proposed Changes to the Manual

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis moved to:

Accept the following change to Page 20: Under Federal Regulations bullet: change \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Second by PNP Patty Piening (OH).

Accept the following change to Page 21: change \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00.

Accept the following change to Page 105: Under Youth Program add: Youth volunteers are those youths (under the age of 18) who work in the name of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

Under Reporting Guidelines

Accept the following change to Delete Betty Crocker coupons.

Accept the following change to Add Milk/Plastic Caps \$0.05 per item.

Second by PNP Patty Piening (OH). After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis moved to accept the Resolution from the Department of Maryland to change the official uniform from hunter green to black. Second by Clarice Poisson (MI) second. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Denied**

WHEREAS, we the Department of Maryland AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary finds that is very difficult to consistently find "hunter green" to complete the official Auxiliary uniform; and

WHEREAS, Auxiliary members want, and need, to wear the official uniform. We wear various shades of green, therefore the uniform is not "official" due to this; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the official uniform be changed to replace the hunter green portions of the uniform, the dress, skirt and slacks, be replaced by black. As there are not varying shades of black, Auxiliary members would be able to assemble their official uniform easier using black in the place of the hunter green; and be it further

RESOLVED that AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary membership take this resolution into consideration granting the Auxiliary members the ability to have a cohesive uniform to wear for official Auxiliary business.

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis moved to accept the Resolution from the Department of Florida regarding the Discipline Procedure. Second by PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) second. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Denied

WHEREAS the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, Department of Florida feels that the responsibility of Local Trusteeships and the removal of a Local Charter should be with the Department, and

WHEREAS in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Constitution Article III – Organization and Structure (page 4, Section 1) reads "There shall be but one constitution governing all levels. National, Department, districts and Local Auxiliaries shall have their own Bylaws by which to govern their membership", and

WHEREAS the Department shall take ownership of placing a Local Auxiliary under Trusteeship not the National organization. Any decision of the Department shall be sent to the National President and National Parliamentarian.

NOW THEREFORE,

Be it resolved that the Department of Florida recommends changes to Article XII – Discipline (updated September 1, 2014) in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Constitution on Page 5 under "Department Level"

ADD a new paragraph to read: The Department Executive Board after notification from the Department President and Department Parliamentarian may suspend or revoke the Charter or place under Trusteeship any Local Auxiliary for good or sufficient cause and notify the National President and Parliamentarian.

Paragraph 2 would become paragraph 3 to read: For good and sufficient reasons the National President with the approval of the National Executive Board may designate a Trusteeship of a Department. This is to help with the operations and help solve problems by overseeing the actions within the Department.

ADD a new paragraph 4 to read: For good and sufficient reasons the Department President with the approval of the Department Executive Board may designate a Trusteeship of a Local Auxiliary. This is to help with the operations and help solve problems by overseeing the actions within the Local Auxiliary. Copies of any action shall be provided to the National President and Parliamentarian.

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis reported that the resolution from Wisconsin was defeated in committee.

Resolution to uphold the Constitution of the United States

Whereas for the past two years Auxiliary Department History Books have been disqualified for not having signed copies of their By-Laws included although this was not written as part of the rules of submission

Whereas the Department of Wisconsin was eliminated from receiving any National Awards due to National Headquarters not receiving the Revalidation/Officers form on time; even though there was nothing stated in the National Constitution & By-Laws regarding ineligibility for awards only that Departments could not be seated (Article V Sec. 3 (b))

Whereas the AMVETS Auxiliary Preamble states "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America"

Whereas the United States Constitution Article 1, Section 9. Clause 3 states "No Ex post facto Law shall be passed".

Be it Resolved - that AMVETS Ladies Local Auxiliaries, Districts, or Department will no longer be penalized in advance of a formal review of the National Constitution & By-Laws committee. Any changes or recommendations stemming from this review will be placed in writing to be effective the following year: not retroactive.

Submitted by AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin

Friday, August 12, 2016

National Snappiest Clarice Poisson (MI) moved that the Sackettes be allowed to be under the umbrella along with the Sons of AMVETS and Sad Sacks becoming one subordinate organization. Mary Lou Maslo (FL) seconded. After calling for discussion National President Kathy Berning called for the question. NEC Denise Rodzen (ME) moved that the motion be tabled until the Spring NEC. PNP Carol King (IL) seconded. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) moved that the 2016– 2017 Budget line item "Total Income" be \$471,725.00. PNP Carol King (IL) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) moved that the 2016 - 2017 Budget line item "Headquarters" be \$245,812.00. PNP Patty Piening (OH) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) moved that the 2016 - 2017 Budget line item "National President" be \$40,000.00. National First Vice President Evelyn McElvin (FL) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) moved that the 2016 - 2017 Budget line item "National Officers" be \$65,900.00. Honors and Awards Chairman PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) moved that the 2016 - 2017 Budget line item for "Program/Services" be \$12,800.00. Cindy Rice (OH). After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) moved that the 2016 - 2017 Budget line item for "Publications" be \$34,500.00. Karin Simmons (AK) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) moved that the 2016 - 2017 Budget line item for "Miscellaneous" be \$800. IPNP Sylvia Rowland (NC) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015

National Parliamentarian Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA) moved to accept the Election Rules as printed and read. PNP Patty Piening (OH) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

POST CONVENTION NEC – SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2015

National Treasurer Barbara Guth moved that the 2017 Convention Budget line item for "Income" be \$25,075.00. Sharon Osborne (IN) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Treasurer Barbara Guth moved that the 2017 Convention Budget line item for "Expenses" be \$25,075. PNP Linda McGriff (TX) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

PNP Linda McGriff (TX) and IPNP Sylvia Rowland (NC) were nominated for a one-year term on the National Finance Committee. IPNP Sylvia Rowland was elected to a one-year term to the National Finance Committee.

Marvell Ruppel (WI) moved to accept her program and theme, "Building and Sustaining Membership", for the office of National First Vice President. National Second Vice President Barbara Valley (OH) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question. **Motion Carried**

National Auxiliary Award

Largest percentage of renewals based on:

Class A: 30 – 350 members

Class B: 351 – 700 members

Class C: 701 – 2,500 members

Class D: 2,501 members and above

\$250.00 will be given to the Department who has the highest percentage of renewals as of December 31st (membership due to National Headquarters postmarked no later than January 31). In case of a tie, the award will be divided evenly.

Departments shall be reimbursed up to \$100.00 for their local membership awards paid after receipt of awards list and amount. Verified awards list (including a description of the award(s), the name of the recipient and amount given) must be sent to National Headquarters by July 1. Departments having their conventions the last weekend of the month will have five (5) days grace.

Barbara Valley (OH) moved to accept her program and theme, "Our Future is Our Children", for the office of National Second Vice President. National Treasurer PNP Barbara Guth (KY) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Dee Baggett (FL) moved to accept her program and theme, "Reach Out and Make a Difference", for the office of National Third Vice President. Charon Dunn (CA) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Joan Sirek (WI) moved to accept her program and theme, "Patriotism and Love of Country" and having an Americanism vest contest, for the office of National Americanism Officer. Mary Lanphere (NY) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Sheila Jackson (AZ) moved to accept her program and theme, "Smiling Faces Cures All Cases", for the office of National Hospital Officer. PNP Patty Piening (OH) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Karin Simmons (AK) moved to accept her program and theme, "Don't Shortchange Scholarship; Share Some Change and Change a Life", for the office of National Scholarship Officer. Tracy Hays (KY) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Peggy Liss (MI) moved to accept her theme, "Worshipping with Others in Love and Faith", for the office of National Chaplain. PNP Lynda Taylor (WI) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Amy Stopyra (PA) moved to accept her program, Flag Etiquette, for the office of National Sergeant-at-Arms. PNP Patty Piening (OH) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Evelyn Mcelvin (FL) moved to accept her project, "John Tracy Clinic Preschool Program" and theme, "Together We'll Rock the Nation", for the office of National President. PNP Carol King (IL) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

National President-elect Evelyn McElvin announced the following appointments:

Parliamentarian - PNP Heidi Dineen-Serpis (MA)
Finance Committee – Donnajeanne Hakler (FL)
Junior AMVETS Coordinator – Fran McGurk (FL)
Honors & Awards Chairman – PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA)
History/Scrapbook Chairman – Mary Lou Maslo (FL)
President's Scrapbook – Meltonia Presley (FL)
Training Chairman – PNP Betty Lawson (TN)
2018 National Convention Chairman – PNP Charlene Kee (FL)

National President-elect Evelyn McElvin (FL) moved to accept her appointments. PNP Leslie Wunderle (WA) seconded. After calling for discussion and hearing none, National President Kathy Berning called for the question.

Motion Carried

Carol Akers

Motions submitted by National Executive Director

16 November 2016

Date

Kathryn M. Berning

Approved by 2015 – 2016 National President

16 November 2016

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Approved by National Parliamentarian

16 November 2015

Date