

**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION OF IOWA**  
**JUNE 24, 2023 – 1:00 PM, Department Headquarters**

**1. Call to Order**

Department Commander Randy Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A hand salute was rendered to the colors followed by an invocation given by Department Chaplain Whitney Smith McIntosh. The POW/MIA flag was placed by Sgt-at-Arms Steve Colcord. After a moment of silence to honor our departed comrades, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble.

**2. Roll Call**

Department Adjutant John Derner read the roll call:

Department Commander	Randy Johnson
NEC	Dennis Soppe
Alt. NEC	Ken Rochholz
Department Vice Commanders	Dan Boberg
	Marvin Carr
	Sam Johnson
	Jennifer Rehbein
	Gary Whipple
Department Adjutant	John Derner
Department Finance Officer	Charlie Bowser (Excused)
Department Judge Advocate	Dwight Dinkla
Department Historian	Steve Dixon
Department Chaplain	Whitney Smith McIntosh
Department Service Officer	Shane Pankonen
Department Sgt-at-Arms	Steve Colcord
Past Department Commanders	Scott Moline
	James Kessler
	Bob Waugh
1 <sup>st</sup> District Commander	Jerry Bennet
2 <sup>nd</sup> District Commander	Jerry Becker (Excused) – Represented by Dick Bries
3 <sup>rd</sup> District Commander	Jeff Large
4 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Fritz Kies (Excused)
5 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Sam Blumer
6 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Tim McLaughlin
7 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Amy Muse (Excused) – Represented by Terry Joynes
8 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Ken Fields
9 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Chris Weinreich

Guest(s) in attendance: Candidate for Department Commander Stan Elliott, Past National Commander Dave Rehbein, staff member Ann Haack, various Commission/Committee Chairs

**3. Reading of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Bob Waugh motioned to suspend the reading of the minutes and approve as published. Marvin Carr seconded. Minutes were corrected for a name change. Motion carried.

**4. Finance Commission Report**

Scott Moline presented the Finance Commission Report, including the recommendations to the DEC (see attachment). Discussion over recommendations and the budget were raised. Jim Kessler motioned to accept the finance report. Jeff Large seconded. Motion carried.

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Past National Commander Rehbein requested permission of the DEC to use portions of the finance recommendations as examples to other Departments. Tim McLaughlin made the motion to allow Dave Rehbein to take items out of the recommendations to share with other Departments. Chris Weinreich seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Appointment of Department Finance Officer**

Adjutant Derner advised the DEC that Finance Officer, Charlie Bowser, is stepping down, but will serve as a consultant. The Department has advertised the position for a new Finance Officer.

**6. Report of Department Operating Structure Ad hoc Committee**

Dave Rehbein presented proposed changes to the Operating Structure (see attachment) from the Ad hoc Committee (Dave Rehbein, Gina Lyle, Dwight Dinkla, John Derner).

**7. Resolutions**

Bob Waugh presented two resolutions (see attachment):

Resolution 1

Subject: Department Dues Increase

Submitted by: Department Finance Commission

Jim Kessler motioned to adopt Resolution 1. Jeff Large seconded. Discussion over the details of implementing the dues increase, a possible dues increase from National, and more ensued. The Department Adjutant noted that the dues increase will still need to be voted on at Convention before it can be enacted. The motion carried. Dwight Dinkla motioned to correct the date January 10, 2023 to January 10, 2024. Ken Fields seconded. Motion carried.

Resolution 2

Subject: Department Operation Structure Changes

Submitted by: Department Operating Structure Ad hoc Committee & Department Finance Commission

Jim Kessler motioned to adopt Resolution 2. Marvin Car seconded. Motion carried.

Tim McLaughlin motioned to allow the Department Adjutant to make corrections to the Operating Structure, as long as it does not change the intent of the document. Sam Blumer seconded. Motion carried.

**8. Department Personnel Policy**

Sam Johnson motioned to approve the personnel policy (see attachment). Bob Waugh seconded. Motion carried.

**9. Department Officer Reports**

- a. Department Service Officer – Presented by Shane Pankonen. Jim Kessler motioned to receive and file the report. Jeff Large seconded. Motion carried.
- b. Department Adjutant – Presented by John Derner. Jeff Large motioned to receive and file the report. Sam Blumer seconded. Motion carried.
- c. National Executive Committee Member – Presented by Dennis Soppe. Dennis Soppe moved to receive and file the report. Dan Boberg seconded. Motion carried.

**10. Consent Agenda**

Bob Waugh motioned to approve the consent agenda (see attached). Sam Johnson seconded. Mention made of the legislative priorities doing well in the year. Motion carried.

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**11. Reports to the DEC**

- a. Internal Affairs Commission (Chuck Brunsting) – Bob Waugh motioned to receive and file the reports (Internal Affairs, Membership, ALR). Jim Kessler seconded. Motion carried.
  - i. Strategic Planning Committee - Presented by Dennis Soppe. Jim Kessler moved to receive and file the report. Bob Waugh seconded. Motion carried.
  - ii. Membership Committee - Presented by Brian Ring.
  - iii. American Legion Riders Committee – Presented by Kevin Huseboe.
- b. Americanism Commission (Jim Kessler) – Sam Johnson motioned to receive and file the reports (Americanism, C&Y, Community Service, Oratorical, Baseball). Scott Moline seconded. Motion carried.
  - i. Community Service – Presented by Wayne Frauenholtz.
  - ii. Children & Youth – Presented by Rick Williams.
  - iii. Baseball Committee - Presented by Dick Meiners.
  - iv. Oratorical Contest Committee - Presented by Bob Waugh.
- c. Marketing Commission (Sam Johnson) – Ken Fields moved to receive and file the reports (Marketing, Promo & Revenue Enhancement, Media & Comm). Marvin Carr seconded. Motion carried.
  - i. Promotions & Revenue Enhancement Committee
  - ii. Media & Communications Committee – Presented by Jim Kearney.
- d. Liaison Committee – Presented by Brian Ring. Jim Kessler moved to receive and file the report. Steve Dixon seconded. Motion carried.
- e. American Legion of Iowa Foundation – Presented by Dave Rehbein. Ken Rochholz motioned to receive and file the report. Bob Waugh seconded. Motion carried.  
Ken Rochholz motioned to approve Harlan Yoder as the 1<sup>st</sup> District Foundation Board representative. Steve Colcord seconded. Motion carried.
- f. American Legion of Iowa Boys State – Presented by Brian Ring. Dennis Soppe moved to receive and file the report. Marvin Carr seconded. Discussions of the latest Boys State program and the need for more Legionnaire counselors and a description of the counselor role, followed. Motion carried.
- g. USS Iowa Commissioning Ad hoc Committee - *Not presented*.

**12. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was presented.

**13. New Business**

- a. Post & Squadron Cancellations/Requests
  - i. Permanent Application for Charter – Post 739 (Marshalltown, Iowa Vets Home)  
Sam Johnson motioned to grant the permanent charter. Marvin Carr seconded. Motion carried.
  - ii. Post Cancellation – Post 87 (Liscomb, Dist. 3)  
Jeff Large motioned to cancel the charter, dependent upon the last 5 members transferring out. Sam Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
  - iii. Post Cancellation – Post 177 (Mt. Auburn, Dist. 3)  
Due to 23 paid members for the membership year still showing in the Post, cancellation request held for another time.
  - iv. Post Cancellation – Post 253 (Allison, Dist. 3)  
Jeff Large motioned to cancel the charter. Dan Boberg seconded. Motion carried.
  - v. Post Cancellation – Post 539 (Rake, Dist. 8)  
Ken Fields motioned to cancel the charter. Sam Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
  - vi. Post Cancellation – Post 651 (Oto, Dist. 9)  
Chris Weinreich motioned to cancel the charter. Sam Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

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- vii. Squadron Cancellation – Squadron 350 (Brayton, Dist. 7)  
Jim Kessler motioned to cancel the charter. Sam Johnson seconded. Motion carried.
- viii. Squadron Cancellation – Squadron 140 (Kingsley, Dist. 9)  
Chris Weinreich motioned to cancel the charter. Marvin Carr seconded. Motion carried.
- b. National Convention Shirts  
Department Adjutant noted shirts available through Auxiliary.
- c. Department Service Office Fund  
Due to the recent sizable donations to the Service Office, members discussed how the funds could be managed. Marvin Carr motioned to create an ad hoc committee to decide what to do and report at Convention. Jim Kessler seconded. Motion did not carry. Ken Fields motioned for the Strategic Planning Committee to discuss management of the funds. Dan Boberg seconded. Motion carried.
- d. The recommendation was made to send a card to Advocacy Strategies thanking them for the work they've done in helping the legislative priorities of the Legion being passed.
- e. Recommendation made to have representatives visit vets homes to assist vets with finding what medals they can receive.

**14. Adjournment**

With no further business, Department Chaplain Whitney Smith McIntosh gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
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**JULY 16, 2023 – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION, IOWA B & C**

**1. Call to Order**

Department Commander Stanley Elliott called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m. A hand salute was rendered to the colors followed by an invocation given by Department Chaplain Whitney Smith McIntosh. The POW/MIA flag was placed by Sgt-at-Arms Kandice Miller. After a moment of silence to honor our departed comrades, all recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble.

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5 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Gary Quinlan
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7 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Terry Joynes
8 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Ken Fields
9 <sup>th</sup> District Commander	Jim Rolfes

Guest(s) in attendance: Staff member Ann Haack, various Commission/Committee Chairs appointees

**3. Appointments by Department Commander**

The commander announced appointments of Department officers (see attachments):

Sergeant-at-Arms – Kandice Miller  
Historian – Julius Sisco  
Judge Advocate – Dwight Dinkla  
Chaplain – Whitney Smith McIntosh  
Finance Officer – Candice Lanning  
Department Adjutant — John Derner (exp. 2024)  
Service Officer – Shane Pankonen (exp. 2026)  
DEC Representative on Finance Commission – Dwight Dinkla  
Legionnaires Insurance Trust Director – John Derner  
Commission/Committee Appointments

Jim Kessler motioned to ratify the appointments. Ken Fields seconded. Motion carried.

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Vice Commander District Assignments as follows:

Steve Colcord	Districts 1 & 2
Jeff Large	Districts 3 & 6
Fritz Kies	Districts 4 & 8
Sam Blumer	District 5
Amy Muse	District 7 & 9

Ken Fields motioned to approve the assignments. Jim Rolfes seconded. Motion carried.

**4. Adoption of Operating Structure**

Jim Kessler motioned to adopt the Operating Structure. Steve Colcord seconded. Motion carried.

**5. National Membership Workshop**

Adjutant Derner presented information regarding the upcoming membership workshop.

**6. New Business**

Members were informed that the Legion will be hosting the Air Force RAGBRAI team on Wednesday, July 26. A banquet will be held at the Air Guard Building at the airport.

Brian Ring announced that the membership incentive from the last year will again be happening (pay by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to be entered in a drawing; see attachment).

**7. Adjournment**

With no further business, Department Chaplain Whitney Smith McIntosh gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.