

**AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary
Department of Michigan
CONVENTION 2018**

June 8

The first session of the 2018 Convention was called to order at 8:30am by Chairman Carol Pickett. The Department President Wendy Lynema was escorted to the dais.

Chaplain Linda Marshall called for the Sgt-at-Arms to open the bible. Linda delivered the invocation.

Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe with the Color Guard, PDP Rose Solak and PDP Maureen Jackson presented the Colors. The Sgt-at-Arms led the pledge of allegiance.

President Wendy welcomed everyone to the convention and introduced the Department Officers (which constituted a roll call). All were in attendance.

The first credentials report was given by Credentials Chairman, PDP Pat Whitcher.

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer read the convention rules.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Pat Michalski to accept the convention rules. CARRIED**

At this point, the President left the floor. 1st Vice Kathy Schultz took over.

1st Vice Kathy Schultz has nothing new to report.

2nd Vice Bert Lema stated her bulletin was on page 45 of the convention book. Her activity report is in the back of the room and her Service Report is on page 48 with the youth volunteers on page 49. Bert also stated she thought the Auxiliaries went above and beyond for Penrickton this year.

3rd Vice Allison Aldrich had nothing new to report.

Secretary Nancy Middleton pointed out the activity reports are in the back of the room. Each Officer has hers in a file folder. Take one sheet from each and put them in your convention book.

Treasurer Gloria Hall reported she changed accountants for the tax returns after the problems last year. We have a new checking account for the Texas Hold'ems at the request of the State of Michigan. We had 4 Hold'ems this past year and made profits of \$22,066. This was done with 8 people: Nancy Middleton, Faye Richards-Green, Lee Williamson, Kathy Keizer, Wendy Lynema, Clarice Poisson, Becky Kovach and Gloria Hall. Gloria explained how some locals and

Districts who have Hold'ems provide a \$10 per diem for workers to help cover the cost of food, and travel for the daily events. She suggested the Department might want to do the same because the workers put in a lot of hours and miles to make money for the Department.

****Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Clarice Poisson to allow each Texas Hold'em workers a \$10 per diem from General Fund. CARRIED**

Copies of the proposed budget were distributed to all Officers and delegates. They will be voted on tomorrow.

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer explained the rule for sending the revalidations forms to the Parliamentarian was made 2 years ago. Many Auxiliaries are still sending them to the Secretary even though there has been several bulletins, newsletter articles, etc. about this. Also, all Auxiliaries are to be installed by 4/30 so there's no reason the revalidation forms couldn't be sent in earlier. This has been a major problem this year. We still have 3 Auxiliaries not revalidated. The proposed changes for the By-Laws and Standing Rules were distributed and will be voted on tomorrow.

Chaplain Linda Marshall announced the Sunshine Fund gift allotment has been raised to \$20. The Chaplain is to be contacted to arrange for the gift and she will notify the Secretary.

Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe passed out paddles to be used if you need a Page.

The President returned to the floor.

Americanism Pat Michalski has her activity report on the back table. Her report is on pages 43 and 44 in the convention books. We have 14 winners coming to this convention for the Awards program tomorrow. With the winners and families, we have 43 guests who will be here. The theme for next year is Why We Should Say "Thank You" to Veterans. It will have the same prize structure as this year.

Auxiliaries #23, #126, #1988, #4250 and Dist. V received thank you cards from National for Americanism donations.

Maureen Jackson, National Americanism Officer extended a thank you from herself and the National President for the donations to Freedoms Foundation.

Hospital Officer Harriet Biela has her report on pages 39-41 of the convention books. The total evaluation was \$261,879 with 183 volunteers. Only one person was submitted for a hospital pin or bar. Linda Marshall, Aux. #22, was presented with her 300 hour bar.

Scholarship Officer Sally Abshire has her report on page 42 of the convention book. The total evaluation for 2017/18 was \$32,534. There was only one application received for a Scholarship. It was from Jonathan Swain from Post #23. The committee awarded him a scholarship in the amount of \$5,915.

NEC Woman Pat Michalski talked about the Freedoms Foundation Auxiliary Seminar on October 10-13 2019. She has raffle tickets for a chance to win a free weekend. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. She also has 50/50 tickets and Freedoms Foundation pins at a cost of \$5.

Honors & Awards Chairman Seletha Robertson has her activity report on the back table. She had a question about her award for the PRO scrapbook. There were no submissions this year. **Motion Judy Smith/2nd Linda Marshall move last year's winner will keep the award until a new winner is selected. CARRIED #23 will take the award back.

All the judging forms have been given to the secretary.

Fall Conference Chairman Kathy Keizer has some suggestions she will talk about with the new chairman.

Personnel Chairman Kathy Biela announced next year is the end of the 2 year Secretary's term so if anyone is interested, they can apply before the next convention.

Higgins Lake Lodge Rep Peggy Liss said there have been no meetings or information this year from the Lodge Committee. There is a change in the time for reserving the lodge. Members of the Organization can book six months out and nonmembers can book 3 months out.

Many of those attending the President's weekend at the lodge brought wish list items. Because we held a round table discussion on Saturday, the AMVETS did not charge us for the rooms. The event was held in April this year (in the past it has been in Sept. or Oct.) and everyone seemed to enjoy this time of year.

Website Committee Chairman Pat Michalski stated they had not had a chance to meet much since the committee was formed. They are still working on some ideas and will be reporting back to us later.

District I President Cel Rose Solak has her activity report in the back of the room. She announced Maureen Jackson is running for re-election for National Americanism Officer and Bert Lema is running for Dept. 1st Vice.

District II President Rosemary Perdue has her activity report at the back of the room. She announced Pat Michalski is running for NEC, Linda Marshall is running for Chaplain, Sue Christe is running for Sgt-at-Arms and Peggy Liss is running for National Scholarship Officer.

District V President Faye Richardson-Green stated the District has sent a recommendation to the Constitution and By-law committee. She announced Mike Sapp is retiring as CEO of PAWS and they are searching for a new CEO. She also announced Harold Mast is the AMVET Legislative Director and has been involved with several bills currently in Lansing. Faye

announced Gloria Hall is running for Treasurer and Leora Williamson is running for Hospital Officer. She said she has been delighted to work with President Wendy this year.

District V 1st Vice Gloria Hall announced Faye Richardson-Green is seeking the office of National 3rd Vice President.

District VI President Christine Keenan announced District VI has decided to withdraw from the Department.

District VII President Betty Petitjean announced Kathy Schultz is running for Department President.

Bert Lema announced Allison Aldrich is seeking the office of NEC Woman.

Aleda E Lutz VAVS Linda Marshall thanked all those who made donations and thanked the President for her official visit. The facility is looking for a new CEO and a Volunteer Coordinator. The balance in her account is \$53.56 and savings \$461.09

Ann Arbor VAVS Pat Krzesowik said she is in her 15th year – and still has no Deputy.

Battle Creek VAVS Faye Richardson-Green thanks all for donations. They are trying to promote more volunteers at the hospitals. They also need supplies at the VA clinics and volunteers at the out clinics in Muskegon, Benton Harbor and Lansing. She has \$204 in her checking account.

John Dingell VAVS Harriet Biela reported the Hospital Reps had their books audit and everything looks OK. She thanked all for their donations and the Jr. AMVETS for their volunteer help. She has \$584.17 in her account.

Grand Rapids Home for Veterans Rep Clarice Poisson thanks President Wendy for touring the facility. She received a lot of donations in May which she will be using at the Carnival the 4th Saturday in July (28th) and at a White Caps Baseball game. She has \$1520 in checking and \$249.78 in savings.

Jacobetti Home for Veterans Judy Smith listed \$15.22 as a balance in her account but since that time she has received several donations and now has \$1,373.22 in checking and \$688 in savings (which is finally 1 cent more than it has been in years).

Announcements:

Nancy Middleton stated she has the Auxiliary manuals with her. They are for sale for \$12.

Pat Michalski announced there is an article on the AMVET website stating proof of a 990 is no longer required.

****Motion Pat Michalski/2ndPeggy Liss the NEC Woman take to National: As our parent organization AMVETS do not have to send in with the revalidation form a proof of filing a 990**

that the requirement for having to send proof of filing 990 be removed starting with the 2018/19 year. CARRIED

The Doors will be locked when we adjourn so items can be left in the room.

The Spring SEC will be 2/16 for 2019 and 2/15 for 2020

The Convention will be 6/6-9 in 2019 and 6/11-14 in 2020

Fall Conference will be 9/28-30 in 2018, 9/27-29 in 2019 and 10/2-4 in 2020

All the above will be at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids.

A short discussion was held on continuing the newsletter and keeping the cost at \$10.

**Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Doreen Pierce to continue the newsletter for 2018/19.

CARRIED

Judy Smith questioned who will be putting bulletins on the website. Answer: Pat Michalski.

**Motion Bert Lema/2nd Maureen Jackson the administrator has the discretion of putting items on the website without Presidential approval. CARRIED

Linda Marshall, Chaplain, announced we need to be at the Memorial Service by 5:45.

The closing prayer was given by Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The salute to the colors was led by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 10:15am.

June 9

The 2nd session was called to order at 9:35am by President Wendy. The first order of business was the introduction of Past Department Presidents. Those in attendance were: Pat Michalski, Clarice Poisson, Nancy Middleton, Judy Smith, Cel Rose Solak, Maribeth Wescott, Caroline Pickett, Doreen Pierce, Patricia Witcher, Maureen Jackson, Kathy Biela, Kathy Keizer, Peggy Liss, Allison Aldrich, Faye Richardson-Green and Seletha Robertson.

The invocation was delivered by Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.

Roll call of Officers by Secretary Nancy Middleton showed all in attendance with the exception of Harriet Altherr (working Ways & Means in the atrium).

Credentials Chairman Pat Witcher did the credentials report. There were 41 registered with a total vote of 39. Majority vote was 20 and 2/3 vote was 26.

AMVETS Executive Director Carol Hebert came to the floor with Eric Adams from the AMVET Thrift Store which opened in Westland Michigan in February. They discussed the operation of the store which handles clothing and household items. Right now they have 1 truck for pickup but plan on more. They would like to place bins around Michigan but right now they are servicing the East side of the State within 75 miles from Westland and Madison. The donation line is 833-384-8590. Although this is not owned by the AMVETS, they are using our name on the business and paying a fee to the National Service Foundation who in turn will send a percentage to the Department.

Deb Davis from Paws With A Cause came to the floor with 3 service dogs. She gave an update on Kevin and his service dog Dixon who was trained with Auxiliary donations. They live in Northeast Michigan and Dixon picks up items, turns lights off and on, opens doors and get help when needed.

Deb announced Mike Sapp is retiring at the end of the year. There will be a retirement party for Mike on November 1st (after 40 years). He has worked with the Auxiliary for 30 years. The Board has accepted his resignation and thanks him for the many years of support.

Allison Aldrich, President of the Gaveliers, presented a check from them in the amount of \$50 in memory of PDP/PNP Toni Gomulinski. \$500 is coming to Paws from Allison's employer in recognition of her being honored by them as Volunteer of the Year. Allison also presented a check from the local Auxiliaries in the amount of \$8,111.38.

Treasurer Gloria Hall presented the budget for 2018/2019. This was distributed yesterday for everyone to review. It was voted on by sections:

National Convention Expenses: NEC, Head Delegate, President = total \$3,200.

****Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Christine Keenan to approve the National Convention expenses of \$3,200. CARRIED**

Fall Conference/SEC Expenses: this includes lodging, mileage and misc. items of \$2,240.

****Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Leora Williamson to approve the \$2,240 for Fall Conference. CARRIED**

Spring SEC Expenses - \$900

****Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Clarice Poisson to approve the Spring SEC expense of \$900. CARRIED**

NEC Meeting: NEC Woman's expenses to NEC meeting in March - \$600

****Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Judy Smith to approve the \$600 NEC meeting expense. CARRIED**

Officers (Postage/supplies) in the amount of \$1,340.

****Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Maureen Jackson to approve \$1,340 for Officers supplies. CARRIED**

Department Expenses \$14,425 (Presidents travel, Secretary supplies, website, compensation, equipment, several miscellaneous department expenses. (see budget for complete list).

****Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Peggy Liss to approve \$14,425.**

After a discussion, it was suggested a special projects line item be increased to \$960 **Motion Amendment Gloria Hall/2nd Clarice Poisson to amend the total Department Expenses portion of the budget to \$15,385. CARRIED as amended.

Convention Expenses (2019): lodging, mileage, room expenses, etc. - \$3,777.

**Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Carol Pickett to approve the Convention expenses in the amount of \$3,777. CARRIED.

National Donations (2019) in the amount of \$700.

**Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to approve the National donations \$700. CARRIED

The proposed budget was approved in the amount of \$28,142.00. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

50/50 drawing Seletha Robertson won - \$64.

Officers / Chairman's Awards:

1st Vice Kathy Schultz:

Drawing – 100% life member Hospital donations in: 1st Place #122 / 2nd Place #9

100% renewed by Oct. 31 (\$25 cash prize) – Auxiliary #9

Early Bird Drawing (renewed by 10/31): Jennifer Guthier #4250 / Nancy Allen #121

Child Welfare Chairman's Award: Bert Lema

Drawing from those donating to Penrickton: winner #122

Community Service Chairman's Award: Allison Aldrich

Paws Prints Donations by 3/31: Winner #4250 – Newaygo

Convention Chairman: Carol Pickett

The award was a drawing from the Auxiliaries who had more delegates this year than last year. The winner was Aux. #122.

BY-LAW CHANGES: Kathy Keizer Parliamentarian

Article III, Section 2 now reads: Local Auxiliaries may grant one (1) Honorary membership each year. They need to fill out the Honorary membership form, attach a check in the amount of \$5 (which is a one-time payment for the Honorary membership card) and forward to the Department Secretary. All Department dues are waived. However, the Local Auxiliary may charge the Honorary member an assessment each year, if desired. (6/14)

Change to read: Local Auxiliaries may grant one Honorary Membership each year. A completed Honorary Membership Form and a check for a National one-time payment for the Honorary Membership card shall be mailed to the Department Secretary. The Department waives dues

for Honorary members. However, the Local Auxiliary may charge the Honorary member an assessment each year, if desired.

****Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Maureen Jackson to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article III, Section 3 now reads: A Membership-at-Large may be granted to an individual eligible for membership in our organization. Dues are to be \$25 per year and are to be remitted to the Department Secretary. As such, the member is entitled to all National benefits and privileges as long as her annual dues remain paid. A Member-at-Large may affiliate with an Auxiliary at any time by remitting dues established by the accepting Auxiliary with a properly executed transfer form. (6/05)

- A. Member-at-Large is not eligible to hold an office or vote on any level of AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary.

Add a new B to read: The Department Membership Chairman will be responsible for sending out reminders to all Members-at-Large by September 30 each year. The reminder shall indicate the dues are to be remitted the Department Secretary and received no later than December 31. Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Doreen Pierce to accept the change. CARRIED

Article IV, Section 3-A now reads: The Department portion for all new members will be \$12 and the Local Auxiliary will remit \$28 for each new member. This takes effect October 2014. Annual membership renewals will remain the same at \$23. (6/14)

Change – delete the sentence “This takes effect October 2014.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Maureen Jackson to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article IV, Section 4 now reads: A Life membership in AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary may be granted for a minimum sum of \$253 (\$200 for National, \$50 for Department and \$3 for the Michigan Hospital donation). Any additional amount may be set at the discretion of the Local Auxiliary. (6/13)

Change – replace the word Michigan to Department as in Section 3.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/Maureen Jackson to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article IV, Section 6 now reads: Dues shall be remitted to the Department Secretary monthly by the Local Auxiliary.

Change to read: Local Auxiliaries shall remit dues monthly to the Department Secretary.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/Faye Richardson-Green to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article IV, Section 8 now reads: The Department Executive Secretary shall notify the Department President in the event any Department Officer’s dues are delinquent as of December 31 and they will be replaced immediately.

Change to read: The Department Secretary shall notify the Department President and Parliamentarian in the event a Department Officer's dues are delinquent as of December 31. The President may replace the Officer.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Maureen Jackson to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article IV, Section 9 now reads: All renewals from Department to National must be postmarked by January 31. (7/13)

Change to read: All renewals to National must be received by the date set by National.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Doreen Pierce to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article VI, Section 3 now reads: The following Officers are required to serve on certain Convention Committees and shall not receive mileage and per diem if they don't show up for the meetings. The Chairman of each meeting will inform the Department President if the Officer did not show up and the President will advise the Treasurer if the Officer was excused from the meeting. Honors & Awards Meeting: Immediate Past President as Chairman; 2nd Vice, 3rd Vice Presidents; Americanism, Hospital & Scholarship Officers. Membership Committee Meeting: 1st Vice President, District Presidents and Department Secretary. Finance Committee meeting: Treasurer, District Presidents and Department Secretary. (6/15)

Change – add 'and/or elected Representatives' after District Presidents (Article VII, Section 5-D)

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Kathy Biela to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article VI, Section 9 now reads: When the President puts the notice on the Auxiliary website for the SEC meetings, she shall note that Past Presidents and all Auxiliary members are invited to attend the meeting but have no vote and at no expense to the Department. (6/15)

Change to read: When the President puts the notice on the Auxiliary website and in the Department newsletter for the SEC meetings, she shall note Past Presidents and all Auxiliary members are invited to attend the meeting at no expense to the Department. Past Department Presidents shall have a vote.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Pat Whitcher to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article VII, Section 1 now reads: Except as herein described, the duties of the Department Officers shall be as outlined in the National Constitution and clarified in the AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Manual.

Change – add the word Instruction in front of Manual.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Sally Abshire to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article VII, Section 3 now reads: The duties of the Executive Secretary shall be:

- A. The minutes of the pre-Convention and post-Convention SEC meetings and the Department Convention shall be sent to the President or Presiding Officer and the Parliamentarian not later than fourteen (14) days following the Department Convention,

for approval. The Department President or Presiding Officer and the Department Parliamentarian shall return the minutes within five (5) days. Once approved, the Secretary shall post them on the Department website. (6/15)

Change to read: The minutes of the pre-Convention and post-Convention SEC meetings and the Department Convention shall be sent to the President or Presiding Officer and the Department Parliamentarian within thirty (30) days following the close of the Department Convention for approval. The Department President or Presiding Officer and the Department Parliamentarian shall return the minutes within seven (7) days to the Department Secretary. When approved, the Secretary shall post them on the Department website.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Bert Lema to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article VII, Sections 3-B now reads: B. The Department Secretary is to have the minutes of the Fall and Spring SEC meetings to the Department President or Presiding Officer and the Department Parliamentarian not later than ten (10) days after the meeting for approval. The Department President or Presiding Officer and the Parliamentarian shall return the minutes to the Department Secretary within five (5) days. After approval, the Secretary shall post them on the Department website. (6/15)

Change to read: The minutes of the Fall and Spring SEC meetings shall be sent to the President or Presiding Officer and Department Parliamentarian within fourteen (14) days following the meeting for approval. The Department President or Presiding Officer and Department Parliamentarian shall return the minutes to the Department Secretary within five (5) days. When approved, she shall post them on the Department website.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Peggy Liss to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article VII, Section 4 now reads: The Department Treasurer shall set up four (4) accounts: General Fund, Hospital Fund, a Savings account for all accounts held in reserve and a Savings account for service program donations (excluding Hospital, which shall be put in the Hospital account).

Change to read: The Department Treasurer shall set up five (5) accounts: General Fund account, Hospital Fund account, Texas Hold'em account, a Savings account (#1) for reserve monies and a Savings account (#2) for the donations to the Department service programs (excluding Hospital, which shall be put in the Hospital checking account).

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Becky Kovach to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article VII, Section 4-D now reads: Any Officer wishing reimbursement for a qualified budget item must turn in her receipt to the Department Treasurer for payment. No item will be paid without a receipt. Hand written receipts will not be accepted.

Add this sentence to the end: Anything over the budgeted amount may be approved for payment by the SEC from the miscellaneous fund.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Judy Smith to accept the change as amended. CARRIED**

Article VII, Section 5-F now reads: The First Vice President (in the absence of the District President) shall be afforded the same privileges and benefits of the other State Officers when representing her District and giving the District report at the SEC meetings and/or Convention.

Change - add the word "District" in front of First Vice President and change State to Department. *Automatic Change*

Article VIII, Section 6 now reads: The Representative and Deputy of the State VA Hospitals will meet with the Chief of Voluntary Services in September to hold their annual joint review. Copies of the review will be sent to the National VAVS Representative, the Department President and the Department Hospital chairperson. (6/14)

Change 'chairperson' to 'Officer'. *Automatic Change*

Article IX, Section 4 – A1 now reads: Revalidation form submitted to the Department Parliamentarian, postmarked by May 20.

Change to read: Revalidation form submitted to the Department Parliamentarian, postmarked thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Clarice Poisson to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article IX, Section 8 now reads: All Bylaws and policies enacted upon by the State Convention shall be effective immediately upon adoption and approval of the National Parliamentarian where such approval is necessary.

Change the word – 'State' to 'Department' *Automatic Change*

Article XII, Section 6 now reads: The Local Bylaws or Standing Rules shall stipulate if the outgoing or incoming Secretary is responsible for sending the completed Revalidation Form and e-postcard or 990 to the Department Parliamentarian. They shall be postmarked by May 20th. The Installing Officer is not to sign the form until she has determined it has been completely filled out. (6/14)

Change to read: The Local Bylaws or Standing Rules shall stipulate if the outgoing or incoming Secretary is responsible for sending the completed Revalidation Form and e-postcard or 990 to the Department Parliamentarian. They shall be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Department Convention. The Installing Officer is not to sign the form until she has determined it has been completely filled out.

A. The incoming President and Secretary shall sign the revalidation

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Clarice Poisson to accept the change. CARRIED**

Article XII, Section 8-A now reads: In the event of a forfeiture of a Charter, the Local President or Secretary shall notify the Department President, Department Secretary, Department First Vice President and District President. (6/14)

Change to read: In the event of a forfeiture of a Charter, the Local President or Secretary shall notify the Department President, Department First Vice, Department Secretary, Department Parliamentarian and District President.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Peggy Liss to accept the change.**

If resolution from District V is passed, this is the proposed change:

Article XIII, Section 1 now reads: AMVETS National Ladies Auxiliary recognizes the official uniform as an A-line forest green dress, an A-line forest green skirt or tailored green slacks. Dress to have a jewel neckline. White or gold jewel neckline blouse may be worn with either the shirt or slacks. The dress and skirt shall be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee and not longer than four (4) inches below the knee. White blazer with Auxiliary patch on left breast. Black shoes with a closed heel and toe; heel should be no higher than two (2) inches. Black handbag, white gloves and official Ladies Auxiliary hat. Pearl earrings and single strand pearl necklace or Auxiliary necklace and earrings will be acceptable. White shoes/purse may be worn from April until Labor Day.

- A. The Department Officers are not to wear any pins or decorations on their hats. Earned pins are to be worn on the Auxiliary blazer, on the upper left pocket or a 2"x 4" gold grosgrain ribbon.

Change: Make a new A to read: The Department of Michigan official uniform shall be an A- line black dress, A-line black skirt or tailored black slacks. The dress will have the jewel neckline as will the white or gold blouse which can be worn with the skirt or slacks. The dress and skirt shall be no shorter than two (2) inches above the knee and no longer than two (2) inches below the knee. The blazer, handbag, gloves, hat and jewelry remain the same as the National uniform code.

- A. This uniform code does not apply outside of Michigan.

Current "A" will be the new "B".

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Doreen Pierce to accept the change. CARRIED**

Break for Lunch

When the 2nd session of the convention reconvened, our guest was Kurt Sebaly from Penrickton Center for Blind Children. Kurt discussed the work being done at Penrickton and said how much they appreciate the support of the Auxiliary. This year he is making a presentation to the AMVETS on their convention floor. Our 2nd Vice President Bert Lema presented Kurt with a check in the amount of \$9,094.75 for Penrickton. This is our largest Penrickton donation to date.

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer presented the proposed changes for Standing Rules.

FINANCE: #4 now reads only raffles to be held at Department Convention, Fall Conference and SEC meetings are to be by Ways & Means.

Change to read:: All fundraisers held at Department Convention, Fall Conference and SEC meetings are to be for Ways & Means only.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Faye Richardson-Green**

Friendly amendment made by Nancy Middleton to change the word 'for' to 'by'. *This would then read:* All fundraisers held at Department Convention, Fall Conference and SEC meetings are to be by Ways & Means only.

CARRIED with friendly amendment.

Finance #8 Now reads: money is to be counted at the Department function by two (2) people, the event Chairperson and the Department Secretary and/or Treasurer. If neither is available, the Chairperson is to ask another person to help and verify the count.

Change to read: Money taken in at Department functions is to be counted by the Chairman and one other person to verify, placed in an envelope provided by the Department Secretary with the amount written on the outside and with the signatures of the persons doing the counting. The envelope(s) is/are to be turned in to the Department Secretary as soon as possible.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Becky Kovach to approve the change in Finance #8. CARRIED.**

Fall Conference #2 now reads: The registration fee for Fall Conference shall be \$15. Pre-registration shall be available through the Department Secretary at a cost of \$13; however, it must be received at least fifteen (15) days prior to the Fall Conference. Refunds of pre-registration will be made only in the case of an emergency (6/14)

Change to read: The registration fee for Fall Conference shall be \$20. Pre-registration shall be available for \$15 and must be received by the Department Secretary no less than fifteen (15) prior to the Fall Conference. Refunds of pre-registration will be made only in the case of an emergency .

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Becky Kovach to accept the change. CARRIED**

Department Convention #2 now reads: The registration desk will be open at Convention as listed on the President's tentative agenda in the Convention Digest and also on the Auxiliary website.

Change to read: The registration desk will be open during the times listed on the President's final agenda which will be in the convention book, Department newsletter and on the Department website.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Pat Whitcher to accept the change to Convention #2. CARRIED**

There was a discussion about setting registration times in the future for Convention and Fall Conference. These should be consistent times year after year.

Miscellaneous #2 now reads: The Scholarship Officer shall notify the Department Secretary when her supply of memorial cards is getting low so the Secretary can order more. The Secretary shall determine the selling price of the cards based on the cost and number of cards purchased. The Scholarship Officer shall advise the members of the cost on the Auxiliary website (10/13)

Change to read: The Scholarship Officer shall notify the Department Secretary when her supply of memorial cards is getting low so the Secretary can order or print more cards. The selling price of the cards shall be determined by the Department Secretary based on the cost and number of cards. The Scholarship Officer will put this information in the Department newsletter and in a bulletin for the Department website.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Maureen Jackson to accept the change to Misc. #2.**

Under discussion, it was asked why Scholarship memorial donations to the Department are not made by the majority of the Auxiliaries who purchase the cards. If they are not used to donate to the Dept. Scholarship fund, why do we provide the cards at such a reduced rate. It was stated several local Auxiliaries who purchase the cards send in a donation at the end of the year but only one Auxiliary does it correctly by sending a Memorial List with donations made through the use of the memorial cards. This memorial list is supposed to be printed in the Department Convention Book.

2:30pm – time set for nominations.

The election rules were read by Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer.

****motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Judy Smith to adopt the election rules as read and printed.**

CARRIED.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2018/2019 DEPARTMENT OFFICERS:

Bertha Lema (Aux. #57) was nominated for the office of 1st Vice President by PDP Cel Rose Solak (Aux. #57) and PDP Maureen Jackson (Aux. #57)

There were no nominations for the office of 2nd Vice President.

There were no nominations for the office of 3rd Vice President.

Linda Marshall (Aux. #22) was nominated for the office of Chaplain by PDP Pat Michalski (Aux. #22) and PDP Clarice Poisson (Aux. #126)

Sue Christe (Aux. #22) was nominated for the office of Sgt-at-Arms by PDP Maureen Jackson (Aux. #57) and PDP Clarice Poisson (Aux. #126)

Christine Keenan (Aux. #114) was nominated for the office of Americanism by PDP Maribeth Wescott (Aux. #114) and PDP Pat Michalski (Aux. #22)

Leora Williamson (Aux. #23) was nominated for the office of Hospital by PDP Nancy Middleton (Aux. #23) and PDP Pat Michalski (Aux. #22)

There were no nominations for the office of Scholarship.

Gloria Hall was nominated for the office of Treasurer by PDP Clarice Poisson (Aux. #126) and Pat Krzesowik (Aux. #171)

Pat Michalski (Aux. #22) was nominated for the Office of NEC Woman by PDP Kathy Biela and PDP Faye Richardson-Green (Aux. #23)

Allison Aldrich (Aux. #4064) was nominated for the Office of NEC Woman by PDP Kathy Keizer (Aux. #23) and PDP Judy Smith (Aux. #122)

Kathy Schultz (Aux. #79) was nominated for the office of President by Kathy Biela (Aux. #22) and PDP Maureen Jackson (Aux. #57)

Nominations remain open until the elections on Sunday.

The benediction was delivered by Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The salute to the colors was led by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe

Meeting adjourned at 3:11pm

June 10

The third session of the Department Convention was called to order by President Wendy at 8:35am.

Chaplain Linda Marshall delivered the invocation.

Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe led the salute to the colors.

Roll Call of Officers by Secretary Nancy Middleton showed all in attendance with the exception of Harriet Altherr (Ways & Means) who was in the hallway working and District VII President Christine Keenan who would be a little late for this session - excused. President Wendy asked how many were 'first timers' at convention. There were 5 of them.

President Wendy asked if there were any reports or other business which needed to be finished before elections.

Allison Aldrich presented a check for \$20 to Scholarship Officer Sally Abshire from the Gaveliers for a scholarship donation.

Some questions came up about the change in the by-laws concerning the uniform. We now have the option of wearing black slacks or skirt. If anyone prefers to continue wearing the green slacks, they may do so. This would be in Michigan only. The official uniform at National is the green slacks or skirt.

There were a couple recommendations for the Standing Rules from the Finance Committee.
#1 Mileage for Department Convention, Fall S.E.C and Spring S.E.C. which totals less than \$5 will not be paid.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Linda Marshall to add this new standing rule. CARRIED**

#2 Because Texas Hold'em fundraisers are often set one to two years in advance, the Department Treasurer shall be in charge of approving the event dates.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Faye Richardson-Green to approve this new standing rule. CARRIED**

Because the Dept. AMVETS requested an audit of the Auxiliary books just before convention and there was no budget for it.

****Motion Gloria Hall/2nd Peggy Liss to reimburse the Treasurer \$50 for mileage to Higgins Lake Lodge. CARRIED**

Pat Michalski, Chairman of the Website committee, stated she talked with One on One about our contract. They agreed to extend the contract for 6 months (instead of one year) and have discounted the price by 50%. We will be paying \$12.50 (instead of \$24.99) and that price will remain in effect as long as we are with them.

The committee has set up dates with Dan Bouillard who does the AMVETS Web Design.

****Motion Kathy Keizer/2nd Nancy Middleton to have Pat Michalski take over the duties of the webmaster. Send website bulletins/articles to Pat – NOT the Secretary!! CARRIED**

Clarice Poisson asked about registration times at Convention and Fall Conference. The Parliamentarian has not had a chance to work on anything yet. It will be set up at a later date.

Harriet Biela sadly announced this would be Auxiliary #9's last convention. They will turn in their charter in August. They have been Auxiliary of the Year several times and have had 1st place awards in Child Welfare, Hospital and/or community Service for 36 consecutive years. Several of the members are going to #57 and some will become MAL. Harriet thanked everyone for their support of Aux. #9 throughout the years.

The Department raffle winners were:

1st Place (150 lottery tickets) – Kathy Schultz (Aux. #79)

2nd Place (100 lottery tickets) – Auxiliary #23

3rd Place (50 lottery tickets) – Auxiliary #1957

Break before elections until 9:25pm. The doors will be locked at 9:30am for the elections.

Pat Whitcher gave the final credentials report. A count down was done for each Auxiliary. The final registration was 52 and the final vote count was 46.

The following Officers were elected for the 2018/2019 Auxiliary years:

1st Vice President: Bert Lema was nominated on Saturday. There were no further nominations. **Motion Cel Rose Solak/2nd Maureen Jackson to elect Bert Lema to the Office of Dept. 1st Vice President by affirmation. CARRIED

2nd Vice President: There were no nominations on Saturday. There were no further nominations. **Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Clarice Poisson to close nominations and the 2nd Vice President will be an appointment by the incoming President. CARRIED

3rd Vice President: There were no nominations on Saturday. 3rd Vice – Clarice Poisson was nominated by Maureen Jackson/2nd Kathy Biela. There were no further nominations. **Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Kathy Biela to elect Clarice Poisson to the Office of 3rd Vice President by affirmation. CARRIED

Chaplain: Linda Marshall was nominated on Saturday. There were no further nominations. **Motion Pat Michalski/2nd Clarice Poisson to elect Linda Marshall to the Office of Chaplain by affirmation. CARRIED

Sgt-at-Arms: Sue Christe was nominated on Saturday. There were no further nominations. **Motion Maureen Jackson/2nd Clarice Poisson to elect Sue Christe to the Office of Sgt-at-Arms by affirmation. CARRIED

Americanism: Christine Keenan was nominated on Saturday. There were no further nominations. **Motion Maribeth Wescott/2nd Pat Michalski to elect Christine Keenan to the Office of Americanism by affirmation. CARRIED

Hospital: Leora Williamson was nominated on Saturday. There were no further nominations. **Motion Nancy Middleton/2nd Pat Michalski to elect Leora Williamson to the Office of Hospital by affirmation. CARRIED

Scholarship: There were no nominations on Saturday. There were no further nominations. **Motion Clarice Poisson /2nd Kathy Biela to close nominations and the Scholarship Officer will be an appointment by the incoming President. CARRIED

Treasurer: Gloria Hall was nominated on Saturday. There were no further nominations.

****Motion** Clarice Poisson/2nd Pat Krzesowik to elect Gloria Hall to the Office of Treasurer by affirmation. CARRIED

NEC Woman: Pat Michalski and Allison Aldrich were nominated on Saturday. A written ballot was called for. Pat Michalski was elected to the Office of NEC Woman

Department President. Kathy Schultz was nominated on Saturday. There were no further nominations. ****Motion** Kathy Biela/2nd Betty Petitjean to elect Kathy Schultz to the Office of Department President by affirmation.

Five minutes of Hoorays! Hollers! Congratulations! And Singing (led by Maureen Jackson).

Back to business.....

Parliamentarian Kathy Keizer announced the AMVETS would let us know when it was time for the joint installation. The Gaveliers President (Allison Aldrich) will present the new President her hat as soon as she is installed.

Convention Chairman Carol Pickett presented President Wendy with a gift from the Auxiliary. In addition to the fruit basket, she received a bird sun catcher/wind chime and a little bird knick knack. She also received a basket with a bird nest (not real!) and eggs which were full of money!! President Wendy liked her gifts – especially the eggs!

Gaveliers President Allison Aldrich announced the Gaveliers voted to accept President Wendy into the group of PDPs.

President Wendy thanked Carol Pickett for serving as Convention Chairman and Pat Whitcher and Doreen Pierce for their help (registration and attendance prizes).

The gas card winner was Linda Marshall.

The Benediction was given by Chaplain Linda Marshall.

The Colors were retired by Sgt-at-Arms Sue Christe.

Post Convention SEC will begin ½ hour following the installation.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Middleton
Secretary
7/20/2018

Approved with corrections: President 7/23/18

Approved with corrections: Parliamentarian 7/23/18

AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY DEPT. OF MICHIGAN BUDGET 2018-2019	BUDGET 2018-2019	PAID EXPENSES	BALANCE IN ACCOUNT
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NATIONAL CONVENTION (August, 2018)	Orlando FL		
NEC's travel/expenses/registration (4 days max)	\$1,200.00		1,200.00
Head Delegate's travel/expenses/reg (3 days max)	\$1,000.00		1,000.00
President's travel/expenses/reg. (3 days max)	\$1,000.00		1,000.00
Total National Convention Expenses	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	3,200.00

FALL CONFERENCE / SEC (September, 2018)	Crowne Plaza		
Conference Mileage	\$700.00		\$700.00
President's hotel lodging x 2 nights	\$235.00		\$235.00
Ways & Means hotel lodging	\$235.00		\$235.00
Conference Chairman's hotel lodging	\$235.00		\$235.00
National President's hotel lodging	\$235.00		\$235.00
Conference Chairman's hotel site Mileage	\$50.00		\$50.00
Hotel meeting room rentals	\$500.00		\$500.00
National President's Hospitality	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total Fall Conference Expenses	\$2,240.00	\$0.00	\$2,240.00

SPRING / SEC (February, 2018)	Crowne Plaza		
Mileage	\$600.00		
Meeting Room Expense	\$300.00		
Total Spring SEC	\$900.00	\$0.00	

NEC MEETING (March, 2018)			
NEC's travel/expenses/registration	\$600.00		
Total NEC Expenses	\$600.00	\$0.00	

OFFICER'S (postage / supplies)			
President	\$10.00		
1st Vice President	\$150.00		
2nd Vice President	\$10.00		
3rd Vice President	\$10.00		
Hospital Officer	\$10.00		
Americanism/SOS	\$10.00		
Scholarship Officer	\$10.00		
Chaplain	\$50.00		
Parliamentarian	\$100.00		
Treasurer	\$250.00		
Ways & Means Chairman	\$300.00		
PRO/Historian	\$400.00		
NEC Woman	\$10.00		
Honors & Awards Chairman	\$20.00		
Total Officer's Expenses	\$1,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Department Expenses			
President's Travel	\$1,700.00		
Secretary's Supplies & Postage	\$4,200.00		
Website	\$300.00		
Secretary's Compensation	\$5,000.00		
AMVET Audit	\$50.00		
Auxiliary Audit	\$100.00		
President's Gifts (Cmdr/SOA/Riders)	\$250.00		
Past President's Pin	\$25.00		
Equipment Expenses	\$1,500.00		
President's Life Membership	\$200.00		
Miscellaneous	\$600.00		

Tax preparation	\$200.00		
National 3rd Vice Hospitality	\$25.00		
Raffle ticket stock	\$200.00		
Raffle license fees	\$75.00		
Special Project	\$960.00		
Total Dept. Expenses	\$15,385.00	\$0.00	

Convention Expenses Gd Rpds MI May, 2018		Crowne Plaza	
Mileage	\$750.00		
Dept. President's lodging x 4	\$472.00		
Dept. Secretary's lodging x 3	\$360.00		
Ways & Means lodging x 3	\$360.00		
Convention Chairman's lodging x 3	\$360.00		
Dept. Treasurer's lodging	\$120.00		
Conv. Chairman Site Visit mileage	\$50.00		
Dept. Presidents banquet ticket	\$70.00		
Convention Chairman's banquet ticket	\$35.00		
Meeting room expenses	\$1,200.00		
Total Dept. Conv. Expenses	\$3,777.00	\$0.00	

National Donations 2018			
John Tracy Clinic	\$100.00		
Freedoms Foundation	\$100.00		
Paws With A Cause	\$100.00		
Parke Youth Scholarship	\$100.00		
St. Judes Research	\$100.00		
Scholarship	\$100.00		
President's Project	\$100.00		
Total National Donations	\$700.00	\$0.00	
Total column pages	\$28,142.00		