



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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93rd ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES APRIL 23-26, 2015

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015

The meeting of the 93rd Annual Department Convention was called to order at 11:00AM by President Penelope Mazonna.

The colors were presented by Sergeant-at-Arms Colleen Newman, and member-at-large Patty Mazonna-Jones.

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Chaplain Barbe Wolkoff gave the invocation.

ALA, Department of Alaska 1st Vice President Sharon Cherrette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Auxiliary members sang the National Anthem.

The Auxiliary Preamble was led by 2nd Vice President Susan Waldhaus.

Motion was made by Rehta Foster that if anyone's cell phone rings when the meeting is in session that there will be a \$5.00 fine levied. The motion also includes anyone talking on their cell phone during the meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

President Mazonna introduced National Executive Committeewoman Beverly Eads and asked her to come forward to introduce National President Janet Jefford from the State of Connecticut. National President Jefford brought greetings to those assembled.

President Penny Mazonna welcomed all in attendance to the 93rd Annual Department Convention. President Mazonna requested for all first time members and juniors attending the Convention to stand and be recognized. There are fifteen first time members attending this convention.

President Mazonna dismissed Junior Activities Chairman Adriane Huff and the Junior Auxiliary members to their meeting space at the Holiday Inn conference room. Adriane provided her phone number to the delegation members for parents to be able to contact her regarding their juniors.

Department Convention Committee Appointments

Credentials – Linda Schmitt Unit 33, Donna Brockschmidt Unit 16, Marjorie Noble Unit 35

Rules – Patty Mazonna-Jones Unit 33

Constitution and Bylaws – Lavonne Collier Unit 1, Betty Randall Unit 18, Jane Larson Unit 35

Resolutions – Lori FitzSimons Unit 1, Pat Salcedo Unit 33, Diana Estrada Unit 35

Finance/Budget – Debbie Lowndes Unit 33

Parliamentarian – Sue Caswell Unit 33

Nominations – Eva Aulston and one member from each Unit in attendance.

Distinguished Guests – Beverly Eads Unit 17 and Nancy Porrea of Seward Unit 5

Audit – Sue Diaz Unit 20, Chris Callabrese Unit 18, Jennifer ? Unit 17

History and Scrapbook – Sharon Dillon Unit 5, Carol Johnson Unit 18, Sandy Beck Unit 57

Poppy Book and Poppy Banners – Beth Anderson Unit 16, National President Janet Jefford,

Chaplain Prayer Book – Barbe Wolkoff Unit 17, Barb Zimblecki Unit 57, Zona Gregg Unit 6

Balloting – Lisa Williamson Unit 57, Rehta Foster Unit 28, Yvonne Lamm Unit 33

Scholarships – Lori Fitzsimmons Unit 1, Yvonne Porreca Unit 57, ? (could not hear the third volunteer name and unit due to too much chatter and noise)

Patty Mazonna-Jones Unit 33 read the Convention Rules. Patty made a motion to accept the Convention Rules as read. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Announcements

Please take Silent Auction items upstairs at the Post.

Thank you to Vonn Lamm, Pat Salcedo, Sue Caswell and Seward Unit 5 for the baked goods and candy bowls.

Please sign the two posters for National President Janet Jefford.

Please deposit all Past President Parley items on the table at the front of the room.

Please give all scholarship applications to Lori Fitzsimmons.

Please give all resolutions to Lori FitzSimons.

Please turn in Delegate Certification Forms to Secretary Linda Schmitt.

Units please turn in reports to chairmen.

Please bring your Poppy Projects, Poppy Scrapbooks, Scrapbooks, History Books and Chaplain Books tomorrow (Friday) morning.

RECESS

The Department Convention is in recess at 11:45AM for the Americanism Luncheon until 1:30PM.

RECONVENE

The Department Convention was brought back into order at 1:33PM by Department President Penny Mazonna.

President Mazonna excused everyone for fifteen minutes for Committee meetings prior to reporting.

Secretaries Report

Department President Penny Mazonna called on Department Secretary Linda Schmitt to give her Secretary/Treasurer Report. See the attached report.

Poppy Report – Linda Gunvalson Chairman, Report by Linda Schmitt Unit 33 in Absentia

See the attached report.

Treasurer Report

The balances in the checking accounts are as follows:

Gaming – \$19,070.19

General - \$9,189.94

Girls State – \$7,950.26

Rehabilitation - \$5,489.77

#2 POD Organizational Support

Constitution and Bylaws - Lavonne Collier Unit 1

Department of Alaska Constitution

Those assembled reviewed the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Constitution page by page and made amendments and corrections as follows:

Page 4, Article IV – Department Officers, Section 2, end of paragraph – add a period after “Alaska.”

Page 5, Article IV – Department Officers, Section 3, end of second line – remove extra space after “Committeewoman” and comma.

Page 5, Article V – Department Executive Committee, Section 1, last line-remove comma after “Section 2” hereof.

Page 7, Article VII – Amendments, Section 2, second line – change the word “may” to “will” be adopted....

Page 7, Article VII – Amendments, Section 3, second line – change the word “may” to “will” be adopted....

Secretary Linda Schmitt made a motion to accept the Constitution as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Department of Alaska Bylaws

Those assembled reviewed the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Bylaws page by page and made amendments and corrections as follows:

Page 9, Article III – Duties of Officers, Section 2, remove the extra space between the word “Presidents” and the comma in the second line.

Page 10, Article III – Duties of Officers, Section 7, Sue Diaz made a motion to strike “No elective Department officer shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms....”
Sue Diaz rescinded her motion.

Sue Diaz made a motion to remove the words “two consecutive” in the phrase and insert the word “one”. The statement will read as follows, “No elective Department officer shall hold the same office for more than one term except the Department Secretary-Treasurer. The Department Offices of Chaplain, Secretary-Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms and Executive Committee Member need not be considered line offices and these members serving in these positions will be allowed to serve more than two consecutive terms.” The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Page 10, Article III – duties of Officers, Section 7, change the capital “A” in Sergeant-At-Arms to a lower case “a” at the beginning of the fourth line.

Page 11, Article IV – Department Executive Committee, Section 3, change the period after the word “Quorum”, to a colon.

Page 11, Article IV – Department Executive Committee, Section 4, in the tenth line; strike the words “in October”.

Page 12, Article V – Standing Committees, Section 6, change the period after the word “Education Committee”, to a colon.

Page 13, Article V – Department Executive Committee, Section 7, change the period after the words “Scholarship Sub-Committee”, to a colon.

Page 13, Article V – Department Executive Committee, Section 8, change the period after the words “Finance Committee”, to a colon.

Page 13, Article V – Department Executive Committee, Section 9, change the period after the words “Audit Committee”, to a colon.

Page 16, Article VI – Unit Organizations, Sections 15 and 16, insert a space after the period following the Section numbers and the first words of the phrases.

Page 18, Article X – Amendments, Section 2, change the word “may” in the second line to the word “will” be adopted....

Page 18, Article X – Amendments, Section 3, change the word “may” in the second line to the word “will” be adopted....

Constitution and Bylaws Chairman Lavonne Collier made a motion to accept the American legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Bylaws. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Department of Alaska Standing Rules

Page 1, Preface, third line, capitalize the “l” in the word Legion and the “a” in the word Auxiliary.

Pages 2-6 in their entirety, strike any and all reference to the words “and the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation” and the words “and its Foundation”.

Page 2, Code of Ethics, third paragraph, second and fourth lines, change the word “national” to the word “department”.

Page 2, Code of Ethics, fourth paragraph, fifth line, change the word “national” to the word “department”.

Page 2, Personal and Professional Integrity, second paragraph change the first word of the paragraph from “National” to “Department”.

Page 2, Personal and Professional Integrity, third paragraph, change the first word of the paragraph from “National” to “Department”.

Page 3, Legal Compliance, second paragraph, first and third line, change the word “National” to the word “Department”.

Page 3, Governance, first paragraph, first line, change the word “national” to the word “department”.

Page 3, Governance, second paragraph, first line, remove the word “both”.

Page 3, Responsible Stewardship, at the end of the first line, change the word “are” to the word “is”.

Page 4, Openness and Disclosure, remove the “s” in the word “organization” in the last sentence.

Page 4, Conflict of Interest, in the first line change the word “national” to the word “department” ; in the second line remove the “s” on the word “board”.

Page 4, Fundraising, in the bulleted items, add an apostrophe after the word “organizations” to denote possessiveness.

Page 5, Fundraising, top of the page, advance bulleted item.

Page 6, bottom of the page, re-assign the numbered items to correct the numbering and correct the extra space between the two items numbered III.

Page 6, bottom of the page change the page numbers to the following for the items listed:

I. Calendar	page 7
II. Department Per Capita of Dues	page 8
III. Gaming Permit	page 9
IV. Transmittal of Contributions	page 9
V. National Girls State Conference	page11
VI. National Children and Youth Conference	page 11
VII. Promoting Scholarships	page 12

Page 7, I. Calendar, September, change the word “Work” to the word “Action” after the phrase Plan of....

Page 7, I. Calendar, September, delete the word “oftener” and add the words “more often”.

Page 7, I. Calendar, March, delete the word “Meeting”.

Page 8, I. Calendar, April, change the amount from \$15.00 to \$30.00, add the word "National" before Presidents, add an apostrophe after the "s" on the word Presidents and delete the "etc".

Page 8, I. Calendar, May, add "American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska" before Girls State Chairman in both places where Girls State is mentioned.

Page 8, II. Department Per Capita Dues, delete the letter "A."

Page 9, III. Gaming Permit, delete the letter "A", remove the numeral 10 and insert the word "ten" before the word percent.

Page 9, IV. Transmittal of Contributions, Section B., delete the comma after Washington in Washington D C

Page 10, IV. Transmittal of Contributions, Section E., add an "s" followed by an apostrophe on the word President in the first line; i.e. Presidents', and correct the spelling of the word "Plague" to the word "Plaque" in the last line.

Page 11, V. National Girls State Conference, delete the section letter "A" and add a period following the word "lodging" in the last line. Add "American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska to Girls State Director and add a comma in the \$1,500.00 amount.

Page 11, VI. National Children and Youth Conference, delete the section letter "A" and all a period following the word "lodging" in the last line. Add a comma to the \$1,500.00 amount.

Page 12, correct the roman numeral numbering from VI. to VII. Promoting Scholarships

Page 12, VII. Promoting Scholarships, Section A. second to the last line capitalize the lower case "n" in the word "National".

Constitution and Bylaws chairwoman Lavonne Collier made a motion to accept these standing rules as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Sue Diaz made a motion to continue further Constitution and Bylaws changes tomorrow after lunch. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Sue Diaz and Laurie Scott requested permission to read a letter of endorsement from C. Russell Huber endorsing Lisa Williamson to pursue the office of National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. See attached letter of endorsement. Sue Diaz made a motion for the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska to endorse Lisa Williamson to pursue the office of the American Legion Auxiliary, National President. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

RECESS at 4:15PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015

President Penny Mazonna called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Chaplain Barbe Wolkoff offered prayer.

Jan Scott invited anyone interested to attend the Oratorical Meeting following this morning session over in the lower room of the Post. .

Tickets for Jelly Bean guesses are \$.50 each. See Marge Blankenship to pay for the Past Presidents' Parley luncheon if you are interested in attending the luncheon tomorrow (Saturday) at noon. The luncheon is \$14.00 each and will be right here in this room.

Everyone was reminded to silence their cell phones.

#1 POD Veteran, Military Support and Advocacy

National Security – Beverly Eads Unit 17

The core message for National Security is for active duty military and their families. The ways in which this has been done is by honoring the military veteran through operation home-front, welcome home events, community emergency response teams, tragedy assistance program for the survivors, family readiness groups and operation comfort warriors. All programs are listed on our web site and at www.alaforveterans.org. See attached report. Beverly addressed what happened at the Washington DC Conference in March and what the National Executive Committeewoman's roll at the Conference consisted of. No recommendations or resolutions. Lavonne requested that Beverly write an article as NEC for the Legionnaire.

Legislative Report – Lori Fruhwirth Unit 11

See attached report. No recommendations or resolutions.

VA&R Report – Sharon Cherrette Unit 29

See attached report. No recommendations or resolutions.

VAVS Report – Sharon Cherrette Unit 29

Sharon gave the report for VAVS Representative Linda A. Schmitt. See attached report.

VA&R Service to Veterans – Sharon Cherrette Unit 29

Sharon gave the report for Service to Veterans chairman Marge Blankenship.

Leadership Report – Sue Coup Unit 20

No report.

#2 POD Organizational Support

Finance Committee – Debbie Lowndes Unit 33

Debbie handed out the finance reports for review overnight. Please be ready for discussion tomorrow morning.

Audit Committee – Sue Diaz Unit 20

Sue Diaz reported that the books were in order. No recommendations or resolutions.

#3 POD Youth Development

Children and Youth – Zona Gregg Unit 6

See attached report. Units reported 143 projects with 237 members participating. They spent 10,137 hours and spent \$61,134 to do it all and Zona is at 66% reporting. No recommendations or resolutions.

Alaska Girls State Report – Dianna Estrada Unit 35

The 2014 Session was held at Kings Lake Camp and had 22 girls attending. Kari Jahnsen, one of our Girls Nation delegates was elected as reporter at Girls Nation. No recommendations or resolutions.

Americanism – Eva Aulston Unit 1

See attached report. Eva introduced Rory the lion and he led us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and sang America the Beautiful. Eva will include this in her report. No recommendations or resolutions.

#4 POD Family Support

Community Service – Colleen Newman Unit 17

See attached report. No recommendations or resolutions.

Education – Lori FitzSimons Unit 1

This years' Aggie Parks Scholarship of \$1,000.00 was awarded to MacKenzie Reitz of Eagle River. The Merrilyn Stock Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000.00 was awarded to Julide H. Schansky of Chugiak and the Evelyn Oliver Scholarship of \$750.00 was awarded to Marilyn J. Mork of Wrangell. See attached report. No recommendations or resolutions.

Chaplain – Barbe Wolkoff Unit 17

See attached report. No recommendations or resolutions.

#5 POD Membership Development

Membership Report – Sue Waldhaus Unit 28

It has been a challenging year for membership. Membership strength as of this Wednesday morning 4/22/2015, was 2721 Department goal is 3545. We need 824 members for 100%. Eight of 21 Units has responded to membership chairman request for a report. Membership is everyone's responsibility. The renew/rejoin list does not seem well utilized. The membership year runs until December 31, 2015. The target date is July 24th for department voting strength at National Convention which is thirty days prior to the convention. Sue's membership theme has been "grow your garden/ grow your membership". Sue challenged everyone to sign up one new member. Eva recommended that we need publicity. Tell folks that they can join any Unit in the department. No other recommendations or resolutions.

Several membership awards were presented at last nights' awards ceremony. Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6 has reached 119.67% in October. They were the only Unit in the Department of Alaska to reach 100% thirty days prior to Department Convention.

Public Relations/Electronic Media – Lisa Williamson Unit 57

No report received from Public Relations Chairman Leona Schank. Lisa had no formal report for Electronic Media but addressed a few talking points. See attached report.

Centennial Strategic Plan – Lisa Williamson Unit 57 and Sue Diaz Unit 20

The centennial strategic plan is a simple vision for the future. It is a five year plan to attain one million members by our one hundredth anniversary in 2019. It is the map for reaching our five goals. Goal One – Attain a million members. Goal Two – Create and internal culture of goodwill. Goal Three – Develop leadership at all levels. Goal Four – Strengthen departments and units. Goal Five – With The American Legion, raise awareness to build brand loyalty. See attached report for more information.

Announcements – The Parade of Checks will be here after the Children and Youth luncheon if you would like for your donations to stay with the Auxiliary. Anything presented over at the luncheon will all stay with the Legion.

RECESS at 10:35AM

President Mazonna put the convention into recess at for the delegates to attend the Combined Memorial Service – Post Everlasting; and the Children and Youth luncheon following the service. We will reconvene at 1:30pm.

RECONVENE

President Mazonna called the meeting back into order at 1:30pm.

History and Scrapbook – Sharon Dillon Unit 5

See attached report.

Parade of Checks for Children and Youth

Unit 6 – 156.06
Unit 16 – 116.16
Unit 57 – 1,057.00
Unit 35 – 100.00
Unit 20 – 500.00
Unit 18 – 100.00
Unit 28 – 200.00
Unit 5 - 100.00
Unit 33 – 33.33
Unit 17 – 100.00
Unit ? – 100.00

Total 2,562.55

Michelle Giddings Unit 11 was recognized and stated that she would like to match the Children and Youth donations and would send a check to Department for \$2,500.00 as soon as she got home.

Total Emergency Fund Donations - \$25.00
Total Americanism Donations - \$150.00
Total Scholarship Donations - \$125.00
Total Future Development Donations - \$100.00

Past Presidents Parley Report – Marge Blankenship

See attached report.

Lisa Williamson was recognized by the chair and announced that the American Legion, Department of Alaska, the Sons of the American Legion, Detachment of Alaska and the American Legion Riders of Alaska had also accepted her endorsement for the office of National President.

Strategic Plan – Lisa Williamson Unit 57 and Sue Diaz Unit 20 – (Continued)

Lisa made a recommendation in the form of a motion to form a Department Strategic Plan Committee consisting of the following people:

Penny Mazonna

Susan Waldhaus

Linda Schmitt – Suggested that this committee needs to be represented by at least one member from each Unit as well.

Sharon Cherrette

Newly Elected Second Vice

Patty Mazonna-Jones Unit 33

Colleen Newman Unit 17

Rebecca Bringsley Unit 5

Yvonne Porreca Unit 57

The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Nominations Committee – Eva Aulston Unit 1

First Reading of Nominations – Eva Aulston and one member from each Unit

Eva and the nominations committee placed the following members in good standing of the Department of Alaska into nomination for the following offices for 2015-2016:

President – Sharon Cherrette – Muldoon Unit 29

1st Vice President – Sue Waldhaus – Spenard Unit 28

2nd Vice President – Open

Secretary/Treasurer – Linda Schmitt – Peters Creek Unit 33

Historian – Open

Chaplain – Jane Larson – Susitna Valley Unit 35

Sergeant – at - Arms – Diana Estrada – Susitna Valley Unit 35

Executive Board – Teri Archibald – Susitna Valley Unit 35

Laurie Scott – C. Russell Huber Unit 57

National Executive Committeewoman – Margaret Blankenship – Peters Creek Unit 33

Margaret Blankenship withdrew her name from consideration for National Executive Committeewoman.

Beverly Eads – Robert G. Blair Unit 17

Alternate National Executive Committeewoman – Sue Diaz - George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20

Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Kathy Moore Unit 29

See attached report.

#2 POD – Organizational Support

Constitution and Bylaws – Lavonne Collier Unit 1 - (Continued)

Department of Alaska Policies and Procedures

Page 3 – I. National Organization, Section 1., Second Line, add the word “that” between noticed and Department.

Page 3 – I. National Organization, Section 3, last line, correct the spelling of the word “insure”, should be “ensure”.

Page 4 – II. National Convention, Section F., first line; change the lower case “e” on the word “elect” to an upper case “E” after “The President – Elect...”

Page 5 – III. Department Convention, Sub-Section 2., Section D., second line; strike the words “immediately following” and insert the words “prior to” [the combined opening] (strike the comma) and strike the words “just before the Auxiliary opening” [and must be included with the Call to Convention.]

Section D. will now read:

A notice that the Pre-Convention Department Executive Committee meeting will be held prior to the combined opening and must be included with the Call to Convention.

Page 7 – A. Credentials Committee, second paragraph, insert a paragraph break after “Presidents in attendance.”

Page 14 – I. Audit, delete the section letter “a.”

Page 14 – J. History and Scrapbook Judges, delete the section letter “a.”

Page 15 – L. Chaplains Prayer Book Judges, delete the section letter “a.”

Page 15 - IV. Duties of Officers, Correct the spelling of the word “Stationery” to “Stationary....”

Page 16 – Section b. – sixth line, delete “Presidents and Secretaries” and insert “Department Leadership National Conference”.

Page 16 – B. Department First Vice President, Section a., fifth line, delete the word “four” and insert the word “three”.

Page 17 – C. Department Second Vice President, delete the section letter “a.” and in the second line strike the word “Membership’ after Department. Strike the words “Membership Workshop” and insert the words “Department Leadership National Conference.” In the sixth line, strike the word “Workshop” and insert the word “Conference.”

The newly worded section will now read:

The Department Second Vice President serves as the Department Chairman and attends the Department Leadership National Conference held in May. National contributes some funding toward transportation and hotel; Department funds the balance. When she is a candidate for this office she is expected to prepare a membership program and take it to the Conference. If elected she must present her program at Department Convention. She performs other duties as assigned by the Department President.

Page 18 – Section E., F., G., strike the sub-section letter “a.”

Page 18 – H. National Executive Committeewoman, sub-section b. – strike the letter “t” at the end of the word “Committee.”

Page 21 – V. Standing Committees, Insert a paragraph space between the last line of Section A. and B.

Page 23 – 2. Distinguished Guests, Hospitality, Courtesies; strike the sub-section letter “A.”

Page 25 – VII Life Membership, Section 2. Strike all references to “VIM” and “Very Important Member” and insert “PUFL” and “Paid Up For Life” in all of those same references.

Page 26 – IX. Units, 1. Policy, Sub-Section E.; delete the extra paragraph space between sub-sections E. and F.

Page 28 – 2. Guides for Unit Secretaries and Treasurers, Section C.; insert a period after the words “black ink.” Delete the words “for microfilming.”

Page 29 – 3. Opening and Closing the Meeting, Section F.; in the last sentence, remove the hyphen before the word “do”. Delete the extra paragraph space between sections J. and K.

Page 30 – 4. Distinguished Guest/Hospitality, delete the section letter “A.”

Lavonne made a motion to accept the Policies and Procedures as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Sue Diaz made a motion to accept the Constitution, the Bylaws, the Standing Rules and the Policies and Procedures as presented. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Sue Diaz made a motion to accept the American Legion Junior Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Standing Rules as presented. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Unit Constitution and Bylaws Template

Constitution – No changes.

Bylaws – Advance the Bylaws section so that they begin on page 5. The Constitution serves as the Units’ Articles of Incorporation and must be filed with the State of Alaska. The Bylaws are not filed. Also, at the bottom of page 4 add lines for signatures of the President and Secretary and a Notary section.

Page 6 – Article III – Dues, Section 1. Reduce the extra space between the words “annual membership” in the first line.

Page 7 – Article IV – Unit Meeting, Section 1. Reduce the paragraph space between Section 1. and 2.; and 3.and 4.

Page 7 – Article IV – Unit Meeting, Section 2. Strike the words “as soon as possible after the Department Convention”. Insert a blank after the word “held”. The corrected section will now read: “Installation of officers in this Unit will be held _____and the taking of office shall be after the Department Convention.”

Page 8 – Article V – Election, Section 3. Add an “s” to the word “Election(s) shall (add the word “be” after shall) be the first.... Add a period after the word “elect.” in the second line. Decrease the paragraph space between Section 3 and Section 4.

Page 8 – Article VI – Committees, Add the numeral 1 after the word “Section.”

Page 9 – Article X – Amendments, Section 1; delete the word “may” and add the word “will” after the words “These Bylaws...”

Page 10 – Article X – Amendments, Section 2; delete the word “may” and add the word “will” after the words “Amendments not having been previously read **will** “....

Terry Archibald Unit 35 made a motion to strike all references of “Draft” Unit Constitution and Bylaws. The proper title is “Template.” The document will be known as the “Unit Constitution and Bylaws Template.” The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Lavonne Collier made a motion to accept the Unit Constitution and Bylaws as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

On the Attention! Attention! page will now read:

Regarding the Department of Alaska, Unit Constitution and Bylaws “**Template**”

The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska has a Unit “**Template**” Constitution and Bylaws. All Units are uniform.

The only things that may be changed in the Unit’s Constitution and Bylaws “**Template**” are the following items:

1. Name and number of the Unit.
2. The annual amount of membership dues for senior and junior members.
3. The regular meetings of the Unit – day and time.
4. How many members shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting.
5. **When installation of the Unit officers will be held.**

“This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular Unit Meeting, provided the proposed amendments are to the Date & Time of meetings, Nomination, Election, Installations, amount of dues or number for a Quorum, and shall have been read at the previous regular meeting. All other changes to this Constitution must be made at Department Convention.”

Lavonne requested that the Constitution and Bylaws committee be excused until such time as they are re-appointed. President Penny requested that all members of the Constitution and Bylaws committee please stand and be recognized for their diligence and hard work over the previous year.

American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State Constitution and Bylaws – Linda Schmitt Unit 33

American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State Amended and Restated Articles

Page 2 – Article III – first line – remove the hyphen after the word object and add the word “for” after the words “The object”.

Lisa recommended postponing going any further discussion with the Alaska Girls State governing documents until Saturday morning so as to allow copies to be made for all in attendance. Sharon Dillon will make 20 copies. Recommendation accepted.

RECESS at 4:30PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

President Mazonna called the convention back into order at 9:00AM.

Chaplain Barbe Wolkoff gave the Invocation and Vice President Sharon Cherrette led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#2 POD Organizational Support

Finance Report – Debbie Lowndes Unit 33

The finance committee reported that the bank statements are in balance with the ending account balances as of March 31, 2015. General Account - \$8,835.95, Gaming Account - \$20,928.89, Alaska Girls State FNBA - \$6,383.26, Girls State Savings \$14,049.73, Rehabilitation - \$4,331.57, Evelyn Oliver Scholarship \$5,005.43, Merrilyn Stock Memorial Scholarship \$15,015.74, Edward Jones Investment Accounts \$89,107.56

Proposed Budget – Membership is down \$7,000 less over the previous year.

Linda Schmitt Peters Creek Unit 33 made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 as presented. The motion was seconded.

Lisa Williamson had a question regarding the Membership Conference on page 2 of the Income and Expense Summary – the Membership Conference and the Presidents/Secretaries Conference have been combined into the Department Leadership National Conference. Even though National picks up the air and hotel for the President, Secretary and Membership Chairman to attend the conference, there are a few expenses that National does not reimburse. That is the reason for the \$1,000.00 amount budgeted for the President to attend this Conference.

Motion approved.

Linda Schmitt recommended that due to the projected decrease in membership dues in the future, that the National Executive Committeewomen and the Department President be encouraged to hold fundraisers to help offset some of their expenses for travel. Part of the problem arises for the NEC because the National organization pays for only two days of the Washington DC Conference which is a week-long Conference.

Lavonne Collier made a motion to encourage the National Executive Committeewomen and Department Presidents to hold fundraisers to help with their travel expenses. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

There are no further recommendations or resolutions.

Linda Schmitt reported that SAL Adjutant Kevin Collier gave her \$212.00 in cash from the Detachment of Alaska raffle, a check from Squadron 16 for \$500.00 and \$1,500.00 from the Detachment Steak feed all intended for Girls State. In addition the American Legion Auxilliary, General Buckner Unit 16 paid their registration (\$1,200.00) for four girls to attend this years' Girls State session.

Sergeant-at-Arms Colleen Newman escorted American Legion, Department of Alaska NEC Jim Pisa, Charlie Schmitt from the Department of Oregon who is a candidate for The American Legion National Commander, Sons of the American Legion National Commander Mike Moss and The American Legion National Commander Mike Helm of Nebraska to bring greetings to those assembled. Commander Helm thanked us for our efforts on behalf of our veterans.

Oratorical Contest Report – Jan Scott (This report is a courtesy report only – the Oratorical Contest is a program of the American Legion)

Jan thanked all members of the American Legion Family for their participation in the 78th American Legion, Department of Alaska Oratorical Contest. The Contest is held the last Saturday in February in Anchorage. She reported that the number of participants doubled from four to eight over the previous year due in part to the new format of the contest. The February 28, 2015 results are – 1st Place, Cheyenne Mathews of Ketchikan was awarded a scholarship of \$1,500.00. 2nd Place, Joseph Walker of Anchorage awarded a \$1,000.00 Scholarship. Sierra Smith of Anchorage and Victoria Joslin of Delta Junction were each awarded a \$750.00 scholarship. Jada Claudell and Sarah Wyatt of Anchorage, Clara Kincaid of Soldotna and Troy Liszt of Fairbanks were each awarded a \$500.00 scholarship for their participation. Cheyenne Mathews attended the National Oratorical Contest in Indianapolis on March 10, 2015. She made it to the quarter-final round of the contest but did not advance to the final round. She received \$1,500.00 and all of her expenses paid to attend the National contest for her efforts.

American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State Constitution and Bylaws – Linda Schmitt Unit 33 (Continued)

Amended and Restated Articles of the American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State, Inc. (Continued)

Linda Schmitt made a motion that the American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State, amended and restated Articles of Incorporation be adopted as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State Bylaws

Page 1 – Section 1, last line; delete the extra period at the end of the sentence.

Page 2 – Section 4, second paragraph, first line; correct the spelling of “moneys” to “monies”.

Page 3 – Article VI, Governance; Governance should be underlined.

Linda Schmitt made a motion that the American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State, Bylaws be adopted as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State Standing Rules

Sharon Cherrette made a motion that Section C., Page 1 be stricken in its entirety and re-number the remaining sections. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Page 1 – Section C.; Strike this section in its entirety and re-number the remaining sections.

Linda Schmitt made a motion that the American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State, Inc. standing rules be adopted as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State Policies and Procedures

Page 3 – Sexual Harassment Defined – add punctuation as follows:

“Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors: and/or the inappropriate verbal, written or physical conduct of a sexual nature that takes place under any of the following circumstances:...”

Page 3 – Expectations; add a colon at the end of the third line. In the third bullet, second line, delete the ,Inc. and add an “s” after State.

Page 4 – Actions for Participants; second line add /or to the and at “to your parents and/or verbally”.

Page 5 – II. Definitions, Section B., second line; delete the words “to force” and replace with the word “forcing”.

Page 5 – II. Definitions, Section C., line one; add the word “of” after intentions and delete the word “of” after the word “harming”.

Page 6 – IV. Investigation of Bullying, Section A., second line; remove the comma after the word “designee”.

Page 6 – IV. Investigation of Bullying, Section C., second line; delete the words “in order”.

Page 6 – IV. Investigation of Bullying, Section D., third line; remove the word “harasser” and replace with the word “perpetrator”.

Page 7 – Section 4, Background Screening Policy; third line of the first paragraph, replace the word “or” after custody with the word “of”.

Linda Schmitt made a motion that the American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State Policies and Procedures be accepted as presented with the understanding that the document needs to be fine-tuned over the next year and presented at the next convention. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Linda Schmitt made a motion that the American Legion Auxiliary, Alaska Girls State amended and restated Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Standing Rules and the Policies and Procedures be adopted as presented and amended. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

#4 POD Family Support

Chaplain Prayer Book – Barbe Wolkoff Unit 17

There was one Prayer Book entry and that was by the winner – Peters Creek Unit 33 created by Unit 33 Chaplain Margaret Blankenship. The \$25.00 prize money was donated back to the Alaska Girls State program.

Historian – Sharon Dillon Unit 5

Sharon received two History Books and five Scrapbooks for judging. No recommendations or resolutions.

History Book:

2nd Place – Spenard Unit 28 – Certificate of Participation

1st Place – Jack Henry Unit 1 - \$25.00 – Donated back to Girls State

Scrapbooks:

5th Place – Robert G. Blair Unit 17 – Honorable Mention

4th Place – Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6 – Certificate of Participation

3rd Place – Jack Henry Unit 1 – Certificate of Participation

2nd Place – Spenard Unit 28 – Certificate of Participation

1st Place – Susitna Valley Unit 35 - \$25.00 – Donated back to Girls State

Diana Estrada presented a large scrapbook to Lisa Williamson for her future endeavors.

#5 POD Membership Development

Resolutions – Lori FitzSimons Unit 1

COURTESY RESOLUTION – 2015-01

Seward Post, Unit, Squadron and Chapter 5 are deserving of a standing ovation for a job well done in hosting the 93rd Annual Department Convention. Resolution adopted by show of resounding applause. Motion approved.

COURTESY RESOLUTION – 2015-02

The resolution thanks Penny Mazonna for her outstanding job as Department President for 2014-2015. Resolution adopted by show of resounding applause. Motion approved.

National President Janet Jefford

President Jefford was introduced to those assembled by National Executive Committeewoman Beverly Eads.

#3 POD Children and Youth

Girls State – Yvonne Lamm, Director

Vonn reported that we currently had 16 girls interested in attending the 2015 Girls State session. She was begging for the Units to please work on sending 40 girls. She requested that the Units please get the registration information into her ASAP. Time is growing short.

#1 POD Veteran, Military Support and Advocacy

Poppy Contest Awards – Beth Anderson Unit 16 for Linda Gunvalson Chairman

Poppy Project – “Poppy Banner” Contest Winners

3rd Place – Susitna Valley Unit 35 – Certificate of Participation

2nd Place – Peters Creek Unit 33 – Certificate of Participation

1st Place – Jack Henry Unit 1 - \$25.00

Beth recommended that the President’s project be added to our department website.

#3 POD Children and Youth

Juniors Presentation – Adriane Huff Junior Activities Chairman, Wendy Mendez Co-Chairman

The Junior Auxiliary presented the Thirteen Folds of the American Flag. They also made a collage with facts and what the flag meant to them.

Junior Activities Report – See attached report.

Honorary Department of Alaska Junior Auxiliary Officers for 2015-2016

President – Tina Cruz, Robert G. Blair Unit 17

1st Vice President – Amber Gilbreath, General Buckner Unit 16

2nd Vice President – Kyrsten Grey, Seward Unit 5

Secretary – Destinee Mead, Robert G. Blair Unit 17

Chaplain – Alexis Jimmerson, General Buckner Unit 16

Historian – Jessica Blankenship, Peters Creek Unit 33

Sergeant-at-Arms – Hailee Fisher, General Buckner Unit 16
Asst. Sergeant-at-Arms – Jessica Blankenship – Peters Creek Unit 33
Executive Committee – Jade Ponte, Robert G. Blair Unit 17
Breyan Cathey, General Buckner Unit 16
Avery Cathey, General Buckner Unit 16
Melanie Rodeheaver, Robert G. Blair Unit 17

Junior Counselor Adriane Huff made a motion to accept the Junior Officers as presented. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Junior Activities Chairman Adriane Huff made a motion that the installing team of National President Janet Jefford Installing Officer, Sergeant-at-Arms Lisa Williamson and Chaplain Barbe Wolkoff. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

RECESS

Recess for Past President's Parley Luncheon 12:00PM

RECONVENE

Reconvene Convention 1:45PM

Old Business

Jelly Bean jar guess – The \$81.00 in proceeds will go to Girls State. The number of jelly beans in the jar was 926. The second place winner with a guess of 920 jelly beans is Sue Diaz of George H. Plumley Unit 20. The first place winner with a guess of 925 is Pat Salcedo of Peters Creek Unit 33.

Presidents Report – Penny Mazonna

Madam President's Report was accepted. Please see the attached report.

Delegates and Alternates to National Convention in Baltimore

Delegates and Alternates to attend National Convention in Baltimore, Maryland August 28-September 3, 2015 are:

Penny Mazonna – Red Shirt – 2X
Susan Caswell - Page
Yvonne Lamm - Page
Sharon Cherrette – Red Shirt – 1X
Barbe Wolkoff
Colleen Newman
Beverly Eads
Sue Waldhaus
Lisa Williamson
Sue Diaz – Red Shirt - Medium
Lavonne Collier
Lori Fruhwirth
Marge Blankenship
Linda Schmitt
Jane Larson – Red Shirt - XL
Eva Aulston – Red Shirt - XL
Rehta Foster – Red Shirt - XL

Carolyn Null – Red Shirt – 2X
 Connie Kullander – Red Shirt – 3X

Secretary Linda Schmitt made a motion to accept the delegates and alternates to National Convention in Charlotte. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

We will wear our Red shirt with khaki or white capris, slacks or walking shorts for the parade. We will wear our blue Alaska shirt for the caucus. Delegates with extra blue shirts are requested to bring them for those who will not have them as we can no longer order them.

Roll Call

OFFICERS	NAME	P	A	E	TOTALS
PRESIDENT	PENNY MAZONNA	X			
1ST VICE PRESIDENT	SHARON CHERRETTE	X			
2ND VICE PRESIDENT	SUE WALDHAUS	X			
SEC./TREAS	LINDA SCHMITT	X			
CHAPLAIN	BARBE WOLKOFF	X			
HISTORIAN	SHARON DILLON	X			
SGT-AT-ARMS	COLLEEN NEWMAN	X			
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMEN	SUE COUP		X		
	JANE LARSON	X			
TOTAL OFFICERS					8
STANDING COMMITTEES					
AMERICANISM	EVA AULSTON	X			
AUDIT	LINDA GUNVALSON			X	
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND	KATHY MOORE			X	
CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES	SHARON DILLON	X			
CHILDREN AND YOUTH	ZONA GREGG	X			
COMMUNITY SERVICE	COLLEEN NEWMAN	X			
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS	LAVONNE COLLIER	X			
DISTINGUISHED GUEST	BEVERLY EADS	X			
EDUCATION	LORI FITZSIMONS	X			
FINANCE	DEBBIE LOWNDES	X			
GIRLS STATE	YVONNE LAMM	X			
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES	ADRIANE HUFF			X	
LEADERSHIP	SUE COUP		X		
LEGISLATIVE	LORI FRUHWIRTH	X			
MEMBERSHIP	SUE WALDHAUS	X			
NATIONAL SECURITY	BEVERLY EADS	X			
PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY	MARGE BLANKENSHIP	X			

POPPY	LINDA GUNVALSON			X	
PUBLIC RELATIONS	LEONA SCHANK			X	
VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION	SHARON CHERRETTE	X			
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES					14
UNITS		P	A	E	TOTALS
JACK HENRY	UNIT 1	X			
KETCHIKAN	UNIT 3	X			
SEWARD	UNIT 5	X			
MERLIN ELMER PALMER	UNIT 6	X			
DORMAN H. BAKER	UNIT 11	X			
LYNN CANAL	UNIT 12		X		
SITKA	UNIT 13		X		
MAT. VALLEY	UNIT 15		X		
GENERAL BUCKNER	UNIT 16	X			
ROBERT G. BLAIR	UNIT 17	X			
NINILCHIK	UNIT 18	X			
NOME	UNIT 19		X		
GEO. H.PLUMLEY MEM.	UNIT 20	X			
GLADYS M. HEINTZ MEM.	UNIT 27		X		
SPENARD	UNIT 28	X			
MULDOON	UNIT 29	X			
CON MILLER	UNIT 30		X		
PETERS CREEK	UNIT 33	X			
CHAPPIE JAMES	UNIT 34		X		
SUSITNA VALLEY	UNIT 35	X			
C. RUSSELL HUBER	UNIT 57	X			
TOTAL UNITS					14
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS		P	A	E	TOTALS
LYNN BASH			X		
CAROLYN NULL		X			
SUSAN CASWELL		X			
LAVONNE COLLIER		X			
BETTY RANDALL		X			
JILL PAWSON			X		
LISA WILLIAMSON		X			
JEAN CLAYTON			X		

REHTA FOSTER		X			
JEAN SHANDY			X		
FRANCISCA GUILFORD			X		
LINDA GUNVALSON				X	
EVA AULSTON		X			
JUDY PUSTI			X		
BETTY PORTER			X		
SUE CHERRIER			X		
LORI FITZSIMMONS		X			
JUNE HAAS			X		
SUE DIAZ		X			
BEVERLY EADS		X			
MARGARET BLANKENSHIP		X			
TOTAL PDP'S					11

New Business

Sergeant-at-Arms Colleen Newman verified that all membership cards have been checked and verified.

Credentials

NAME	30 DAY	UNIT	CHARTER	TOTAL
	MEMBERSHIP	STRENGTH	VOTE	
	3/24/2015			
JACK HENRY UNIT 1	225	23	1	24
JOSEPH T. CRAIG UNIT 3	61	7	1	8
SEWARD UNIT 5	149	15	1	16
MERLIN ELMER PALMER UNIT 6	61	7	1	8
DORMAN H. BAKER UNIT 11	76	8	1	9
GENERAL BUCKNER UNIT 16	135	14	1	15
ROBERT G. BLAIR UNIT 17	157	16	1	17
NINILCHIK UNIT 18	114	12	1	13
GEORGE H. PLUMLEY MEMORIAL UNIT 20	131	14	1	15
SPENARD UNIT 28	299	30	1	31
MULDOON UNIT 29	109	11	1	12
PETERS CREEK UNIT 33	144	15	1	16
SUSITNA VALLEY UNIT 35	136	14	1	15
C. RUSSELL HUBER UNIT 57	184	19	1	20
TOTAL UNIT STRENGTH	1981			219
STANDING COMMITTEES				
AMERICANISM – EVA AULSTON				
AUDIT - LINDA GUNVALSON				
AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND -KATHY MOORE				
CAVALCADE OF MEMORIES – SHARON DILLON				

CHILDREN AND YOUTH – ZONA GREGG				1
COMMUNITY SERVICE – COLLEEN NEWMAN				1
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS - LAVONNE COLLIER				
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS – BEVERLY EADS				
EDUCATION - LORI FITZSIMONS				
FINANCE COMMITTEE – DEBBIE LOWNDES				1
GIRLS STATE – YVONNE LAMM				1
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES – ADRIANE HUFF				
LEADERSHIP – SUE COUP				
LEGISLATIVE – LORI FRUHWIRTH				1
NATIONAL SECURITY – BEVERLY EADS				
PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY – MARGE BLANKENSHIP				
POPPY - LINDA GUNVALSON				
PUBLIC RELATIONS-LEONA SCHANK				
VA&R – SHARON CHERRETTE				
TOTAL STANDING COMMITTEES				5
OFFICERS				
PRESIDENT PENNY MAZONNA				1
1ST VICE PRESIDENT SHARON CHERRETTE				1
2ND VICE PRESIDENT SUE WALDHAUS				1
SECRETARY/TREASURER LINDA SCHMITT				1
HISTORIAN SHARON DILLON				1
CHAPLAIN BARBE WOLKOFF				1
SGT-AT-ARMS – COLLEEN NEWMAN				
EXECTIVE BOARD – SUE COUP				
JANE LARSON				1
TOTAL OFFICERS				7
PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS				
LORI FITZSIMONS				1
LAVONNE COLLIER				1
SUSAN CASWELL				1
EVA AULSTON				1
CAROLYN NULL				1
REHTA FOSTER				1
LINDA GUNVALSON				
JILL PAWSON				
BETTY RANDALL				1
LISA WILLIAMSON				1
SUE DIAZ				1
BEVERLY EADS				1

MARGARET BLANKENSHIP				1
TOTAL PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS STRENGTH				11
TOTAL DEPARTMENT VOTING STRENGTH				242

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Sharon Cherrette of Muldoon Unit 29 into nomination for the office of Department President. There were no other nominations. Sharon was declared Department President for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Susan Waldhaus of Spenard Unit 28 into nomination for the office of Department 1st Vice President. There were no other nominations. Susan was declared 1st Vice President for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Barbe Wolkoff of Robert G. Blair Unit 17 into nomination for the office of Department 2nd Vice President. There were no other nominations. Barbe was declared 2nd Vice President for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Linda Schmitt into nomination for the office of Department Secretary/Treasurer. There were no other nominations. Linda was declared Secretary/Treasurer for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Colleen Newman of Robert G. Blair Unit 17 into nomination for the office of Department Historian. There were no other nominations. Colleen was declared Historian for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Jane Larson of Susitna Valley Unit 35 into nomination for the office of Department Chaplain. There were no other nominations. Jane was declared Chaplain for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Diana Estrada of Susitna Valley Unit 35 into nomination for the office of Department Sergeant-at-Arms. There were no other nominations. Diana was declared Sergeant-at-Arms for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the names of Teri Archibald of Susitna Valley Unit 35 and Laurie Scott of C. Russell Huber Unit 57 into nomination for the office of Department Executive Board. There are no other nominations. Teri Archibald and Laurie Scott were declared Executive Board for 2015-2016 by acclimation.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Beverly Eads into nomination for the office of Department of Alaska National Executive Committeewoman for 2015-2017. There are no other nominations. Beverly Eads is declared the Department of Alaska National Executive Committeewoman for 2015-2017.

Nominations Committee Chairman Eva Aulston placed the name of Sue Diaz into nomination for the office of Department of Alaska Alternate National Executive Committeewoman for 2015-2017. There are no other nominations. Sue Diaz is declared the Department of Alaska Alternate National Executive Committeewoman for 2015-2017.

Gaming Permit

Lavonne Collier made a motion that we leave our gaming permit with Loyal Lady Enterprises for the next year. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Linda Schmitt handed out copies of the Impact Report and requested that they be received at Department Headquarters by May 15th.

President Penny Mazonna asked for the Sergeant-at-Arms to come forward and retire the colors.

Barbe Wolkoff offered the closing prayer.

President Mazonna declared the 93rd Annual Department Convention closed at 4:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Schmitt
American Legion Auxiliary,
Department of Alaska
Secretary/Treasurer

**MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF ALASKA EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**

President elect Sharon Cherrette read her list of Chairmen for 2015-2016:

Legislative – Lori Fruhwirth – Unit 11
Membership – Barbe Wolkoff – Unit 17
National Security – Beverly Eads – Unit 17
Past Presidents Parley – Penny Mazonna – Unit 33
Poppy – Margaret Blankenship – Unit 33
Public Relations – Patty Mazonna-Jones – Unit 33
Public Relations Electronic Media – Lisa Williamson – Unit 57
Education and Scholarship – Lori FitzSimons – Unit 1
VA&R – Susan Waldhaus - Unit 28
Service for Veterans – Margaret Blankenship - Unit 33
VAVS – Margaret Blankenship Representative – Unit 33
Marjorie Noble Deputy Anchorage Bowl – Unit 35
Anchorage Gift Shop – Peggy Bateman –Unit 1
Fairbanks Gift Shop – Cassey St. Rose and Unit 57
Finance – Ruth Johnson 1 year - Unit 35
Debbie Lowndes 2 year – Unit 33
Jill Pawson 3 year – Unit 1
Girls State Board – Diana Estrada 3 year – Unit 35
Beverly Eads 2 year – Unit 17
Dee Thomas 1 year – Unit 35
Girls State Director – Yvonne Lamm – Unit 33
Co-Director – TBD
Junior Activities – Adriane Huff Chairman – Unit 16
Wendy Mendez Co-Chairman – Unit 17
Leadership – Eva Aulston – Unit 1
Americanism – Zona Gregg – Unit 6
Audit – Sue Diaz – Unit 20
Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Sue Coup – Unit 20
Cavalcade of Memories – Colleen Newman - Unit 17
Children and Youth – Sue Diaz – Unit 20
Co – Chair – George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20
Community Service – Yvonne Porreca – Unit 57
Constitution and Bylaws – Lavonne Collier – Unit 1
Co – Chair – Jane Larson – Unit 35
Betty Randall – Unit 18
Leona Schank – Unit 1
Distinguished Guests – Beverly Eads – Unit 17
National Executive Committeewoman – Beverly Eads – Unit 17

Sue Caswell made the motion to ratify Sharon's chairmen for 2015-2016. The motion was seconded.
Motion approved.

Sharon's Installation team for this evening is the following:

Installing officer – Jimmy Foster

Chaplain – Kevin Collier

Sergeants-at-Arms – Lisa Williamson and Sue Diaz

Installation begins at 6:00PM with the Junior Auxiliary. Everyone needs to be there no later than 5:30PM.

Betty Randall made the motion to have our Fall Workshop and Department Executive Committee meeting on October 3-4, 2015. The motion was seconded. Motion approved. The Fall Workshop and Department Executive Committee meeting will be hosted once again by Susitna Valley Unit 35.

The Strategic Planning Committee members are appointed as follows:

Penny Mazonna

Sue Waldhaus

Patty Mazonna-Jones

Barbe Wolkoff

Sharon Cherrette

Linda Schmitt

Teri Archibald

Penny Mazonna made a motion to accept the appointees to the Strategic Planning Committee as named. The motion was seconded. Motion approved.

Penny Mazonna presented Sharon with the Department Operations Guide.

Next years' poppy project is a poppy jacket.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Schmitt

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Alaska

Secretary/Treasurer