**Minutes of the**

**Department Executive Committee**

**February 1, 2022 – Teleconference**

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m.

**OPENING CEREMONIES**

**MOTION**: by Sue Caswell and seconded by Joan Matthews to dispense with opening ceremonies.

 The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Department Officers

President Jane Larson

1st Vice President Anarene Robinson

2nd Vice President April Sinclair

Secretary Barbara Nath

Treasurer Diana Estrada

Chaplain Colleen Newman

Historian Lori Fruhwirth

Executive Committee Member Robyn Downs

Standing Committees

Americanism (Vacant)

Alaska Girls State Lori Fruhwirth

Community Service Kathy Moore

Education and Scholarship Lisa Boyles

Membership Anarene Robinson

Past Presidents Parley Jane Larson

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation April Sinclair

Units

Jack Henry Unit 1

Dorman H. Baker Unit 11

Spenard Unit 28

Peters Creek Unit 33

Susitna Valley Unit 35

C. Russell Huber Unit 57

Past Department Presidents

Susan Caswell

**EXCUSED**

National Officers

National Executive Committee Member Penny Mazonna

Alternate National Executive Committee Member Sue Diaz

Standing Committees

Audit Sue Diaz

Constitution and ByLaws Sue Diaz

Distinguished Guests Penny Mazonna

Legislative Penny Mazonna

Past Department Presidents

Sue Diaz Penny Mazonna Linda Schmitt

Lisa Williamson

**ABSENT:**

Department Officers

Sgt.-at-Arms Frances Bedel

Executive Committee Member Sheryl Howe

Standing Committees

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Zona Gregg

Children and Youth Sheryl Howe

Finance (Vacant)

Junior Activities Nina Ketelsen

Leadership Delores “Dee” Stokes

National Security Frances Bedel

Poppy Christine Calabrese

Public Relations Beverly Eads

Units

Joseph T. Craig Unit 3

Seward Unit 5

Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6

Sitka Unit 13

Lynn Canal Unit 12

Muldoon Unit 29

Matanuska Valley Unit 15

General Bucker Unit 16

Robert G. Blair Unit 17

Ninilchik Unit 18

George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20

Gladys M. Heintz Memorial Unit 27

Con Miller Unit 30

Chappie James Unit 34

Past Department Presidents

Eva Aulston Lynn Bash Marge Blankenship

Ruth Brown Betty Bumala Jean Clayton

Lavonne Collier Beverly Eads Lori FitzSimons

Rehta Foster Francisca Guilford June Haas

Laverne Kearns Debbie Lowndes Carolyn Null

Evelyn Oliver Jill Pawson Betty Porter

Jean Shandy Etta Singleton Wilma Stokes

Sue Waldhaus Barbe Wolkoff

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**: by Lori Fruhwirth and seconded by Sue Caswell to approve the minutes of Department Convention held April 15-17, 2021.

Lori Fruhwirth asked a question about the amendments to the ByLaws for Girls State. She believes that a statement was approved to be added to the bottom of Article III, Section which read: “Any exception must be approved by the Girls State Board”. She remembers it was discussed. Barb will check with Sue Diaz and if so, will incorporate it into the minutes and adjust the ByLaws accordingly.

 The motion carried unanimously with the possible correction to the ByLaws.

**MOTION**: by Diana Estrada and seconded by Lori Fruhwirth to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2021 DEC meeting

 The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business to come before the Department Executive Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**MOTION**: by Sue Caswell and seconded by April Sinclair to ratify Barbara Nath as the Chair of the Americanism Committee.

The question was raised as whether or not the Department Secretary can hold the chair of any department committee

 The motion was withdrawn.

This committee will fall to Jane Larson, but Anarene Robinson will fill in if necessary.

**BUDGET FOR 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

**MOTION**: by Lori Fruhwirth and seconded by Joan Matthews to approve a budget of no more than $500 for the 100th Birthday Celebration with the funds coming from the general account.

The birthday cake will be presented at one of the evening events with the entire family.

 The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ann Robinson informed the group that Sharon Cherrette of Unit 29 is not able to get in. She is excused.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be the pre-convention at Spenard Post 28 on April 20, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.