

**Minutes of the
POST CONVENTION DEC
April 30, 2023
(4:00 p.m. – River of Life Church)**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:22 p.m. by incoming President April Sinclair.

MOTION: by Lori Fruhwirth (Unit 11) and seconded to dispense with opening ceremonies.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

ROLL CALL

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>National Officers</u>			
NEC Member Penny Mazonna	X		
Alternate NEC Sue Diaz	X		
<u>Department Officers</u>			
President Anarene Robinson	X		
1 st Vice President April Sinclair	X		
2 nd Vice President Lori Fruhwirth.....	X		
Secretary Barbara Nath.....	X		
Treasurer Diana Estrada.....	X		
Chaplain Connie Landmesser	X		
Historian Annette Gwalthney-Jones	X		
Sgt.-at-Arms Frances Bedel.....	X		
Executive Committee Member Robyn Downs	X		
Executive Committee Member Josette Kinslow.....	X		
<u>Standing Committees</u>			
Alaska Girls State – Lori Fruhwirth.....	X		
Americanism – Carole Johnson		X	
Audit – Sue Diaz.....	X		
Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Colleen Newman.....	X		
Children and Youth – Robyn Downs	X		
Community Services – Shirley Shadbolt	X		
Constitution and Bylaws – Sue Diaz	X		
Distinguished Guests – Penny Mazonna.....	X		
Education and Scholarship – Samantha Funk.....	X		
Finance – Lisa Boyles.....			X
History – Annette Gwalthney-Jones	X		
Junior Activities – Nina Ketelsen	X		
Leadership – Keri Black			X

ROLL CALL (continued)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Standing Committees (continued)</u>			
Legislative – Penny Mazonna.....	X		
Membership – April Sinclair.....	X		
National Security – Frances Bedel.....	X		
Past Presidents’ Parley – Jane Larson.....	X		
Poppy – Marge Blankenship.....	X		
Public Relations – Cheryl McKey			X
VA&R – Lori Fruhwirth.....	X		
<u>Units</u>			
Jack Henry Unit 1	X		
Joseph T. Craig 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
Matanuska Valley Unit 15.....	X		
General Buckner Unit 16	X		
Robert G. Blair Unit 17.....	X		
Ninilchik Unit 18			X
George H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20.....	X		
Gladys M. Heintz 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		
Peter Heyano Unit 442.....			X
<u>Past Department Presidents</u>			
Eva Aulston.....			X
Lynn Bash			X
Margaret Blankenship.....	X		
Ruth Brown.....			X
Betty Bumala			X
Susan Caswell.....		X	
Sharon Cherrette		X	
Lavonne Collier			X
Sue Diaz.....	X		
Beverly Eads.....	X		
Lori FitzSimons			X
Rehta Foster		X	
Francisca Guilford			X

ROLL CALL (continued)

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Past Department Presidents</u>			
June Haas			X
Laverne Kearns			X
Jane Larson	X		
Debbie Lowndes			X
Penny Mazonna.....	X		
Carolyn Null.....	X		
Evelyn Oliver.....			X
Jill Pawson			X
Linda Schmitt.....			X
Jean Shandy			X
Etta Singleton.....			X
Sue Waldhaus.....	X		
Lisa Williamson	X		
Barbe Wolkoff.....			X

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY/TREASURER

President April Sinclair indicated that she would like to appoint Anarene Robinson as Department Secretary and Diana Estrada as Department Treasurer.

MOTION: Beverly Eads and seconded to accept the appointments of Anarene Robinson as Department Secretary and Diana Estrada as Department Treasurer.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS

The following committee chair appointments were presented for approval.

Alaska Girls State –

Nina Ketelson, Chair (Unit 35)

Lori Fruhwirth, Co-Chair (Unit 11)

1st Year Board member – Brenda Fiddick (Unit 57)

2nd Year Board member – Annette Gwalthney-Jones (Unit 1)

3rd Year Board member – Sue Diaz (Unit 20)

COMMITTEE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS (continued)

Americanism – Shirley Shadbolt (Unit 29)
Audit – Sue Diaz (Unit 20)
Auxiliary Emergency Fund – Colleen Newman (Unit 35)
Children & Youth
 Robyn Downs, Chair (Unit 1)
 Erin Lamothe, Co-Chair (Unit 1)
Christmas Projects
 Anchorage – **TBD**
 Fairbanks – C. Russel Huber Unit 57
Community Service – Josette Kinslow (Unit 30)
Constitution & Bylaws – Sue Diaz (Unit 20)
Distinguished Guests –
 Penny Mazonna, Chair (Unit 35)
 Sue Diaz, Co-Chair (Unit 20)
Education – **TBD**
Finance
 Sharon Hook, Chair (Unit 33)
 1st Year – Connie Landmesser, Chair (Unit 35)
 2nd Year – Sharon Hook (Unit 33)
 3rd Year – Brenda Fiddick (Unit 57)
History – Nina Ketelsen (Unit 35)
Junior Activities –
 Samantha Funk, Chair (Unit 3)
 Makenzi Grim, Co-Chair (Unit 57)
Leadership – Keri Blace (Unit 33)
Legislative – **TBD**
Membership – Lori Fruhwirth (Unit 11)
National Security – Charlene Martin nit 29)
Past Presidents Parley – Anarene Robinson (Unit33)
Poppy – Frances Bedel (Unit 57)
Public Relations – Beverly Eads (Unit 17)
 PR – Electronic Media – **TBD**
VA&R –Annette Gwalthney-Jones (Unit 1)
 Service to Veterans Sub Committee – Barbara Nath (Unit 35)
VAVS
 Representative – Anarene Robinson (Unit 33)
 Anchorage Deputy – **TBD**
 Fairbanks Deputy – Brenda Fiddick (Unit 57)
 Kenai Peninsula – Donna Brockschmidt (Unit 16)
 Southeast – Samantha Funk (Unit 3)

MOTION: by Beverly Eads (Unit 17) and seconded to accept the Committee Chairs as presented.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

FALL CONFERENCE

Jack Henry Unit 1 asked to host the Fall Conference. It will tie in with the 100th Anniversary of their Unit.

A couple of dates were suggested:

October 20-22, 2023

October 27-28, 2023

It was noted that The American Legion will have their fall meetings in Indianapolis in October before the last weekend.

MOTION: by Lori Fruhwirth (Unit 11) and seconded to hold the Fall Conference the last weekend in October (October 27 and 28).

There will be an open house on Friday evening and all meetings will be held on Saturday. Once meeting locations are determined, they will be announced.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2024 DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

It was announced that the 2024 Department Convention would be held in April, 2024 at George H. Plumley Post 20.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Department Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Nath
Department Secretary