

**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

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| 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.