



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

In the Spirit of Service, Not Self for our Veterans, God and Country

**MINUTES DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONVENTION MEETING**

(Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.)

Post 20 Kenai, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER (Lori Fruhwirth)

PRAYER (Carrie Hinz)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PREAMBLE

ROLL CALL (Ann Robinson)

NEC Penny Mazonna

Alt. NEC Sue Diaz

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NEC Penny Mazonna introduced and welcomed National President Lisa Williamson. Lori Fruhwirht Introduction of A L A Past Department Presidents , Department Executive Committee, Junior Members and all members attending the Department Convention for the first time,

Lisa Williamson conducted an Initiation Ceremony for all those who have not been initiated into the organization yet.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Credentials Unit Voting Strength

Department Secretary.....	Anarene Robinson + 2
Rules	Lori Fruhwirht
Constitution and Bylaws	Sue Diaz + 2
Resolutions.....	Jane Larson + 2
Finance.....	Brenda Fiddict chair+2
Nominations	Sue Caswell
	Plus Unit President/Delegate from each unit in attendance
Audit	Sue Diaz and one member from each unit.
History and Scrapbook.....	Nina Ketelson Chrysti Leah, Sabrina Schmidt
Poppy Book.....	Francis Bidel +2
Chaplain Prayer Book.....	Carrie Hintz. BZ, PEG, SCM



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Balloting/Count.....Lisa Williamson + 2
Scholarship..... Brenda Fiddick + 2

Convention Rules were read by Chair Lori Fruhwirth.

Membership (ALA MIS) – Diana Estrada provided a report.

**Governing Documents Recommended Amendments Read by Constitution & Bylaws Chair Sue Diaz. Sue Diaz moved to change the necessary items. It was seconded and passed.
Changes passed:**

An AEF Committee (AEF Chair, PDP, Finance, all different units) will recommend or decline assistance as the AEF Committee. (Add to standing rules for Auxiliary Executive Fund prior to the statement Department Secretary will poll 6 units for a vote.)

Updates to Calendar

(Reminder that changes at National level do not get voted on and we cannot insert items which conflict with National policy.)

4:30 p.m. **RECESS** until Friday, April 28th at 9:00 a.m.



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Minutes

FRIDAY, April 26th, 2024

9:00 a.m. **Convention Reconvened** – Chair Lori Fruhwirth

Invocation – Chaplain Carrie Hintz
Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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First Reading of Nominations – Nominating Committee

First Reading of Resolutions – No Resolutions this convention. Curtesy Resolutions will come later.

Governing Documents Amendments:

The following amendments were moved by Sue Diaz, seconded and passed without reading again:

AEF Committee (AEF Chair, PDP, Finance, all different units) will recommend or decline assistance as the AEF Committee. (Add to standing rules for Auxiliary Executive Fund prior to the statement Department Secretary will poll 6 units for a vote.)

Updates to Calendar

Replace all “audit” with Risk and Compliance.

Add minimum number of members to charter a new unit to 10 Senior members.

**11:30
NOON**

RECESS

Past Presidents’ Parley

Unit Member of the Year – Jena Arntzen Joseph T Craig Unit 3



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(No Service Member of the Year submitted)

1:30 **CONVENTION RECONVENED** by Chair Lori Fruwirth

Donations made, including Parade of Checks –

Spirit of Youth Unit 1 \$301 Unit 5 \$500 Unit 16 \$116 & \$46 Unit 18 \$165 Unit 20 \$200
Unit 35 \$350 Unit 57 \$157 Anarene Robinson \$580 Department of Alaska \$165
Total \$2580

Girls State Unit 1 \$500 Unit 20 \$150 Unit 28 \$1028 Unit 35 \$800 Unit 57 \$257 Unknown Don. \$242
Lisa Klemisch \$500
Total \$3477 plus \$5000 from Department of Alaska and \$1242 President April Sinclair's
popcorn fund raiser.

Poppies Unit 1 \$250 Unit 6 \$50 Unit 28 \$228
Total \$528

Children & Youth Unit 1 \$500 Unit 6 \$106 Unit 11 \$150 Unit 16 \$116 Unit 18 \$200 Unit 28 \$2028
Unit 29 \$100 Unit 33 \$333 Unit 35 \$100 Unit 57 \$157
Total \$3,790

Dept AEF **Unit 1 \$500** Unit 6 \$106 Unit 11 \$150 Unit 18 \$100 Unit 20 \$150 Unit 28 \$728
Unit 29 \$500 Unit 35 \$100 Unit 57 \$257
Total \$2091

Juniors Unit 11 \$150 Unit 16 \$75 Unit 20 \$150 Anarene Robinson \$20

National AEF Unit 6 \$106 Unit 11 \$150 Unit 20 \$100
Total \$356 Sue Caswell moved to give \$500 to National AEF Seconded and Passed

VAVS/VA&R Folding machine valued at \$500 by Unit 1

Popcorn Fundraiser by President April Sinclair raised \$1242.

No Finance/Budget presented by Treasurer Diana Estrada including the Finance Committee.

Finance recommended and moved by Chair Brenda Fiddict that the Treasurer purchase a new computer for a maximum of \$2500. It was seconded and passed.



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Finance recommended and moved by Chair Brenda Fiddict that a Christmas Project for Peninsula Unit 16 can take place with the Department paying \$1000 this year and \$1000 next year to Unit 16 when receipts are presented for this cause as it was presented at the Pre DEC at this convention. It was seconded and pass

Announcements

Winners of Poppy Poster, Chaplains Prayer Book Unit 35
History/Scrapbook Unit 1

4:30 p.m.

RECESS until Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

SATURDAY, April 27th, 2024

9:00 a.m.

CONVENTION RECONVENED by Chair Lori Fruhwirth

Invocation – Department Chaplain Carrie Hinz

Pledge of Allegiance – Department Chair Lori Fruhwirth

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National Dignitaries were introduced.

October 25-26, 2024 will be the dates for Fall Conference and will be held at Spenard Unit 28.

April , 2025 will be the dates for Department Convention and will be held at Palmer Unit 15

President April Sinclair 2024 membership Huskie was presented to Unit 30 Grace Scott.

Penny Mazonna moved that the Department of Alaska pay up to \$600 for our Past Western Division Vice President Sue Diaz lost PWDVP Pin that was lost at this convention. It was seconded and passed.

NOTE: A donation was collected by those attending this convention and more than \$600 was collected so no funds from Department should be needed.

Diana moved we use Rippleworld for our rippies and it was seconded and passed.

Diana moved we provide our Girls State \$5000 it was seconded and passed.

Sue Caswell moved \$3000 to go to National Convention Department of Alaska Hospitality room cost. It was seconded and passed.



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Reading of Curtesy Resolutions – Resolutions Committee

Jane Larson moved the following 3 resolutions be adopted. It was seconded and passed.

2024-1 Department of AK to Lisa Williamson

2024-2 Department of AK to April Sinclair

2024-3 Department of AK to Unit 20.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Ann Robinson, Secretary

Diana Estrada, Treasurer Gaming Permit – Loyal Ladies

Department President Report – April Sinclair read by Chair Lori Fruhwirth.

RECESS at 11:30 for Children and Youth Luncheon

CONVENTION RECONVENED by Lori Fruhwirth 2 pm

OLD BUSINESS

3 pins were selected for a vote of the members attending this convention via email in May.

New Business

Election Roll Call of Officers, Chairs, and Units Unit Voting Strength provided by Secretary Anarene Robinson;

Present:

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A check of Current Membership Cards was completed by Department Sergeant-at-Arms Fran Bedel.

2nd Reading of Nominations was conducted by Sue Caswell and the Nomination Committee.

Election of Officers for 2024-2025: All positions were Elected by Acclimation, as we only had one nominee for each position.

President Lori Fruhwirth Unit 11

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2nd Vice President Nina Ketelson unit 35
Historian Charlene Martin Unit 29
Chaplain Carrie Hintz Unit 35
Sgt. At Arms Sabrina Schmidt Unit 29
EC Brenda Fiddeck
EC Erin Lamothe

Susan Caswell moved to increase the Secretary and Treasurer's pay by \$100 for their work for our department. It was seconded and passed.

Presentation and approval of 2024-2025 American Legion Auxiliary Honorary Junior Officers:

President Alize Coyle Unit 35
1st Vice Teyven Unit 35
2nd Vice Melanie Rodeheaver 35
Secretary Sadie Panamaroff Unit 20
Chaplain Azalea Chya-Folmar Unit 35
Historian Melanie Rodeheaver Unit 35
Sgt At Arms Zoey Baker Unit 20

The indications for those wishing to attend the 2025 National Convention in Tampa are as follows:

Anarene Robinson Department, Dawn DeWall Unit 34, Susan Caswell Unit 35, Patty Mazona-Jones Unit 35, Penny Mazonna NEC, Jeanne Ostnes Unit 1, Robyn Downs Unit 1, Erin Lamothe Unit 1, Shayla Teague Unit 28, Christa Davis Unit 28, Chrysti Leigh Unit 28, Sue Waldhaus Unit 28, Lisa Klemisch Unit 20, Lori Fruwirth Department, Diana Estrada Department, Beverly Eads Department, Robyn Downs Unit 1, Jena Arntzin unit 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE were:

Girls State Board Meeting following this meeting.

Post Convention DEC Meeting following Girls State meeting.

Newly Elected 2024-2025 President Lori Fruhwirth.

Adjournment of ALA 102nd Department Convention by Chair Lori Fruhwirth 4 pm