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DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sunday, August 24, 2025

(7:30 a.m. – National Convention—Hospitality Room – Marriott Tampa Water Street)

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER Annette Gwalthney-Jones

From ROLL CALL Sheets

Delegates Present Lori Fruhwirth(11) Annette Gwalthney-Jones(1) Anarene Robinson (33) Brenda Fiddick (57)
Erin Lamothe (1) Robyn Downs (1)Jena Arntzen (3) Hilary Ott (57))

PDP April Sinclair (57) PNP Lisa Williamson(57) NWDVP Beverly Eads (17) PDP Penelope Mazonna (35)

Alternates Present Gianna Varrati (1) Dalene Cordova (1) Sylvia Whipple (1) Lisa Rittinger (3)

Susan Caswell (35) Sandra Toenies (57) Pamela Cawley (1) Michelle Stout (17) Charlene Martin (29)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS The only business to be brought up at this meeting must be related to the National Convention or be the ratification of Committee Chairs per our current C & B which none need to be ratified at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Pre Committee Reports with information pertaining to the Department of Alaska.

Legislative / Penny Mazonna. Alaska was highlighted for Unit 1 project as well as #1 for 2nd and 3rd quarter in the National Chairman's Challenge.

Membership / Annette Gwalthney-Jones Awards to be given in Caucus meetings.

National Security / Brenda Fiddick Western Division Unit Report of the Year C Russell Huber Unit 57. Western Division Department of the year, Department of Alaska. Other information shared included a photo from the USO Baby Shower at Ft Wainwright that received support from units 11, 30 and 57.

Poppy /Frances Bedel A Resolution to use poppy funds to include National Guard and their families was recommended.Poppy Clocks were mentioned as poppy project used across the nation. 52 Departments reported 100% for the poppy program.

Public Relations / Lisa Williamson Alaska. was mentioned for being such a large state relying heavily on technology to get the word out about the ALA, and always wearing branded attire.

Rules Annette Gwalthney-Jones,

Resolutions, Jena Arntzan, We had 3 Resolutions

Credentials, Anarene Robinson, Alaska had 9 Delegates, 4 National Officers, and 9 Alternates as well as 2 guests this year.

Constitution & Bylaws Lisa Williamson 15 Amemdments were presented, and all but 3 were recommended for adoption, #1, #7 & #14 were not recommended. #1 was "How to become an ALA Member"

#7 was "NEC"authority and Executive Committee to the NEC. #14 was to change the composition of the Executive Committee to the NEC. There are no awards in this program. Lisa Williamson asked us to review all of the proposed amendments and to vote from their heart.

Department Treasurer Moved to donate \$1000 to the Hospitality Room. It was 2nd and the motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Hilliary Ott, member of unit 57 is running for National Historian.
- Auxiliary Department of Alaska Pins (2 for \$5) Secretary has those.
- Fall Conference (October 17th-19 C. Russell Huber Unit 57 – Fairbanks)
 - Visitation on Friday evening, October 17th 6 pm Post 57 in Fairbanks
Penny will be chartering a bus to drive from Anchorage to Friday for \$75 each way.
Combined Be The One training.
Joint Session, lunch then ALA Work Session on Saturday, October 18th, Fundraiser Dinner at Post 57.
Girls State meeting 9 am with DEC to follow on Sunday the 19th

ADJOURNMENT at 8:07 am